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New Council Meets in Love Fest, Selects Mayor, Thanks Supporters

by Sandy Smith

New councilmembers were welcomed, returning councilmembers greeted and departing members thanked for their service at the charter meeting of the newly-elected Greenbelt City Council on November 10. There were warm wishes, poignant farewells, hearty welcomes, sentimental remembrances, frequent applause and a few standing ovations as long-time Councilmember Tom White and six-year veteran Alan Turnbull said their farewells and newly elected members Konrad Herling and Leta Mach took their places at the council table. As top vote getter, Mayor Judith Davis was re-elected to that position and next-in-line Rodney Roberts selected as mayor pro tem. Councilmember Ed Putens served as temporary chair while this transition took place.

Farewells

Before the new council was sworn in, departing members White and Turnbull spoke. White thanked voters for their

support in his 15 elections and during his 30 years of service. First elected to the council in 1973, he highlighted many achievements over that time, from the construction of the parkway overpass, Green Ridge House and the Aquatic Center to the more recent Schrom Hills Park and the acquisition of the Old Greenbelt Theatre. He credited the citizens of Greenbelt who organize and make the initial push to make the good things happen. He said council can often stand back and let Greenbelt residents and groups take charge. He thanked a very able city staff for its hard work and his wife Helen for her patience and support.

Alan Turnbull also had thanks for the family, his parents and his wife Wendy, whom he said made it possible for him to serve on the council. He was grateful to Julia Eichhorst and Barbara Havekost, who had initially encouraged him to seek a seat on the council. He was gratified to have been able to work with people for the common

good. Turnbull had good words for the democratic process and the participation of citizens in their city's government. When some people asked him, "How did you stand it this long?" he said he replied that he cared about the city as so many in Greenbelt do. Davis invited those present and those watching at home to the reception for White and Turnbull immediately after the meeting.

Certification and Oaths

Kathleen Gallagher, city clerk, certified the election results. She said that 2,073 ballots were cast and five candidates were elected to council. In order of the votes received, they are: Judith F. Davis, Rodney M. Roberts, Edward V. J. Putens, Konrad E. Herling and Leta M. Mach. Davis administered the oath of office to councilmembers. Rosalyn E. Pugh, clerk of the Seventh Judicial Circuit Court, administered the oath of office to Davis upon her re-election.

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Forest Preserve: Some History And How Parcels Were Acquired

by James Giese

On October 27 the Greenbelt City Council created a forest preserve out of 214 acres of city parkland. The forest preserve is located east of the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) properties and west of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. The city's boundary with the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) forms the northern border of this somewhat triangular shaped property. Property not included in the forest preserve that is in this area consists of a five-acre tract once used as a city landfill and now used for ball fields (Wolfe Field), a 10-acre tract withheld for city recycling use and for an observatory and the right-of-way for Northway which runs from Ridge

Road to the ball fields.

The Greenbelt forest preserve is second-growth woodland of uncertain age. As with the rest of the land within the Greenbelt city limits, the original woodlands, inhabited only by nomadic Native Americans, was cleared for the most part to permit farming. Early European settlers in this area were the Hamilton family. The family dates back to the era of the Revolutionary War. Their family burial ground lies near the end of Hamilton Place within the forest preserve. At the time these lands were purchased in the 1930s by the federal government for the planned community of Greenbelt, the Oldham farm was

located in that area and Hamilton Place was known as the Oldham Farm Road.

Tobacco farming was the principle agricultural industry. This crop took a lot of nutrients out of the soil. The marginal farmlands here were pretty much abandoned and the land allowed to lie fallow and return to woodland. Only a small part of the existing woodland was being used for farming in the 1930s. A United States Coast and Geodetic map showed that there was once a lead mine on what is now the forest preserve property.

When the federal government bought five square miles of farm-

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City Voters Are Queried On Our Election Coverage

by Carla Ferris

Two-thirds of people questioned by this reporter after casting their ballots in the November 4 Greenbelt City Council elections reported that coverage of the candidates by the Greenbelt News Review assisted them in their decision on who to vote for.

Thirty people were interviewed in exit polls at Precincts 3, 6 and 13. Of those who answered questions, only four said that deciding who to vote for was difficult.

Running for election were Judith Davis, Rodney Roberts, Edward Putens, Konrad Herling, Leta Mach, Richard Santos and James Inzeo, Sr. The winners of this year's elections were Davis, Roberts, Putens, Herling and Mach.

The Greenbelt News Review published biographies submitted by candidates in the weeks after the candidates filed for election. The paper also gave questions to the candidates and published their responses as well as covering candidate question nights.

"I like the Greenbelt News Review, I read it cover to cover every week," said voter Mark Gitlis, after casting his votes.

One election judge, who declined to be named, said that the coverage was "excellent."

Of the one-third of voters who said that the News Review did not help them to make their decisions in the election, half indicated that they felt the coverage was inadequate.

Four people said that while the coverage was good, they are active in local politics and already knew the positions of the candidates. Only one person said that he did not read the paper.

"The coverage of the candidates was excellent, it was very well done. I was impressed," said voter Pauline Grant.

One voter who said that the News Review did not help in the decision making process went on to say that the coverage was good, but did not go beyond what she already knew as a po-

The Write-ins

Fifty write-in names were recorded on official ballots in last week's election, including those of retiring Councilmembers Tom White (2) votes and Alan Turnbull (4). Most of the 50 were Green-belters. "Hillray" Clin-ton, John Wayne and Mickey Mouse, all on absentee ballots, were also listed. Names of two employees, Chris Cherry and Kenneth Hall (2), also appeared in the write-in list.

Others receiving more than one vote are Paul Downs, 6 (probably), Bob Auerbach, 2, Steve Moore, 2, Silke Pope, 2, Lola Skolnik, 2 and Bill Wilkerson, 2.

Almost all write-ins came from Precinct 3, though 13 were recorded in Precinct 7 and 10 in Precinct 13.

litionally active citizen.

"The paper did a wonderful job with it, but it is for voters who do not already know who the candidates are," said the voter, who declined to be named.

Voter Dan Byrd said that despite coverage, the decision was difficult.

"They were all good candidates. The paper helped some, but the decision was still hard," said Byrd.

Only one person, who declined to be named, expressed distaste for the paper.

"The News Review didn't help my decision at all. Whatever they are for, I am against," said the voter.

For the most part, voters were enthusiastic about the paper.

"Coverage was very good, it was excellent. I love my News Review," exclaimed one anonymous voter.

What Goes On

Monday, November 17
8 p.m., Orientation Meeting for New Council, Municipal Building

Tuesday, November 18
1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Greenbelt Assistance Program, "Holiday Blues and Beyond," Community Center, Senior Gallery

Wednesday, November 19
8 p.m., Joint Meeting of PRAB and APB Committees on Springhill Lake Recreation Addition and Renovation, Community Center

Thursday, November 20
7:30 p.m., GHI Board of Directors meeting, Hamilton Place

City Official Vote Count by Precinct

	Precinct 3	Precinct 6	Precinct 8	Precinct 13	Absentee	Total Votes	Total Voters
For City Council							
Judith F. Davis	563	580	64	434	36	1677	
Rodney M. Roberts	516	542	45	340	26	1469	
Edward V.J. Putens	480	488	51	403	22	1444	
Konrad E. Herling	490	493	30	248	29	1290	
Leta M. Mach	439	420	42	244	26	1171	
Richard J. Santos	346	340	42	264	19	1011	
James H. Inzeo, Sr.	222	238	27	195	12	694	
# of Voters	721	726	76	510	40		2073
% of reg. voters voting	28.7%	35.3%	3.6%	12.9%			19.2%

Letters to the Editor

THANKS

First I wish to express my sincere thanks to all who voted for me in the council election on November 4. My deep gratitude also goes to those who contributed to my campaign and/or worked on my behalf.

In addition, thanks to all six other candidates whose qualifications gave such a wide choice to Greenbelt's voters.

Finally, I join with all who are wishing well to both Tom White and Alan Turnbull in all their future endeavors. I pledge to work hard with the new council to serve the changing needs of our city and I remain "Committed to Community."

J Davis

THANKS

I want to thank my fellow Greenbelters for the opportunity to serve Greenbelt at a time of great challenge. I also wish to express my thanks to those who helped give shape to my campaign: Marc & Shane Siegel, Robert Shafer, Rachel McMullin, Leonie Penney, Tom Renahan, Richard McMullin, Tom White, Suzanne Plogman, Jack and Betty Maffay, Rennie Mihalovic, Carolyn Karch, Marian Holland, Bob Zugby, Rick and Barbara Ransom, Chris White, the Hammett family, the Habermans, the Keplers, John Henry and Elaine Jones, as well as Kelly Ivy and Paul Downs. Yes, I said both Kelly Ivy and Paul Downs. While never in the same room at the same time, I listened to both of them and benefited from their respective viewpoints.

I feel very fortunate to have been elected by my fellow citizens and am committed to making a positive contribution to the well being of our city. As an integral part in decision making, I will be seeking the input from each of you on a continual basis. My decisions will be guided by these principles:

I will listen with respect to the wide array of opinions we have in Greenbelt. Not only is it the fair thing to do, it's part of the homework we must perform in order to come to a reasoned decision.

My conclusions will be based on reason, and will take into consideration our budget, the impact on the environment and the impact on our quality of life.

I will use common sense and try to nourish with the community at large, a common sense of decency.

And when I disagree with others, I hope to disagree without being disagreeable.

It is my contention that these principles will serve all of us when we discuss the variety of issues before us. If we truly listen to each other, we will increase the chances that we'll see that there is more that unites us than what separates us and allow us to develop the consensus necessary to effectively address our challenges. Let us be committed to work together for a greater Greenbelt.

Konrad Herling

THANKS

A couple months ago, I accepted the challenge of running for the Greenbelt City Council unaware of what to expect. The experience was truly rewarding and educational and would have

been regardless of the outcome.

I'd like to again thank all those who advised me and supported me. I'd also like to recognize the work of the News Review in keeping citizens informed during the campaign. The News Review is truly the glue that holds the city together.

As I take on the role of your new Greenbelt City Council member, I will strive to always listen, consider and act in the best interests of the city. The spirit of Greenbelt is great and together we can make it better.

Leta Mach

Need Rent Control

It is a fact that apartment complexes are increasing their rent with not much thought of the monetary means of their tenants. I lived in a Greenbelt apartment complex which I really loved for 11 years, but in 2001 I was socked with a \$70/month increase and then again in 2002 I was socked with another \$70/month increase. The second \$70/month increase was becoming a hardship as I had to dip into my savings to make ends meet. The years before those increases, the rent only went up \$10/month.

Sad to say, when the rents went up in that community, many of the old timers left and found more affordable housing. So this year I too took the plunge and moved. My monthly expenses are less than what my new rent per month would have been.

I believe the Landlord-Tenant Commission should be reinstated with rent control. Many people are not able to buy or to move and also many people enjoy the amenities of apartment living. In either case, something should be done to limit tremendous rent hikes.

Joyce M. Yarwood

Only One Side Of the Story?

James Giese's article on the city election results in the November 6 News Review did a disservice not only to the citizens of Greenbelt, but to himself and to the other News Review staff members. In the article, he reports that "... there were a number of write-in votes for Lola Skolnik and Mark Siegel..." and from that concluded that "This apparently reflected dissatisfaction by some to council's enactment of a forest preserve ordinance..." What he did not report was that Paul Downs, who spearheaded the citizen effort to enact the forest preserve legislation, was the highest write-in vote getter. Mr. Downs received

five write-in votes, to Ms. Skolnik's two votes and Mr. Siegel's one vote. It is striking that Mr. Giese chose to focus only on the three write-in votes apparently opposing council's action.

This should alert News Review readers that they may only be getting the one side of the story that the News Review wants them to hear. I can only hope that this paper will soon improve its journalistic standards and remove such glaring bias from its reporting.

Charles P. Hagelgans

Editor's Note: Actually Paul Downs may have received six votes as a vote was cast for "Paul." Not mentioned were four votes cast for former council member Alan Turnbull. Some others receiving two votes were Bob Auerbach, Steve Moore, Kenneth Hall and Tom White.

The late night story had some verbal information in it that was to be verified by receipt of an expected listing of absentee ballots. The list was not received and the information, as written, should have been deleted. It was not.

The journalistic efforts of this paper are dependent on an adequate staff of dedicated volunteers. Those willing to help are always welcome.

THANKS

I want to thank you for your repeated coverage of the candidates before the recent elections for the City of Greenbelt. I used the information provided by your paper as my sole source to compare the candidates. Because you provided more than one series of articles on the candidates, I had the confidence to vote.

Thank you for your comprehensive coverage.

Lora E. Katz

Israeli Water Dance In College Park

College Park Arts Exchange presents an afternoon of Israeli dance for kids starting at 3 p.m. on Sunday, November 16 at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Rd. in College Park.

Members of Avirah, the University of Maryland's Israeli dance troupe, will teach children Mayim, a dance that celebrates water as a scarce resource central to life. The event is free.

For more information contact Gariele Strauch at 301-405-2090 or Deborah Levenson at 301-927-4282.

Corrections

The three photographs that accompanied the story about the Springhill Lake Elementary School Hispanic Heritage festival in the November 6 issue were taken by Rachel Freedenberg (previously misidentified).

The photograph of the ghost and pumpkins on the front page of the October 23 issue, which accompanied the "Trick or Treat" announcement was taken by Karl G. Pena.

The News Review regrets the errors in crediting our photographers.

In last week's review of the GAC play "Brainstorm," the statement at the end of the story that the show would be extended through November 14 and 15 was incorrect. The play, which had closed after the October 31, November 1 weekend, was extended through November 8. The News Review regrets any inconvenience the confusing information presented.

The Old Curmudgeon



"I want to thank my supporters for electing me to this odious and thankless job . . ."

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, November 20, 2003

7:30 p.m.

GHI Board Room

Key Agenda Items

- Proposed Water Supply Relining Pilot Project – 62A & P Crescent
- Underground Utility Repairs – 14G-P Laurel Hill – 2nd Reading
- Purchase of New Pick-up Truck – 2nd Reading
- Proposed 2004 Budget – 1st Reading
- Proposed Shed – 37B Ridge
- Proposed Addition – 6N Hillside
- Existing Shed Installation – 12K Ridge Road

Regular board meetings are open to members.

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

Boy Scouts to Pick Up Food Bags

Boy Scouts will pick up bags filled with non-perishable food items from residents' doorsteps this Saturday, November 15.

Legion Participates In Education Week

by Verna Rupert
Greenbelt Unit #136, American Legion Auxiliary has announced plans for participation in the observance of American Education Week, November 16 to 21. This year's theme, "Making Public Schools Great for Every Child," reflects years of concern and interest by the American Legion family and other professional groups. Greenbelt Unit #136 will express its thanks to the teachers of local schools by delivering baskets of apples and a poem of appreciation, thank you cards with McDonald's gift certificates in them and bookmarks encouraging students to read. Throughout the year, publications encouraging patriotism, civic pride and scholarships will be distributed to the schools and the public library.

We urge all citizens of Greenbelt to support our local schools, to reaffirm their commitment to improving and supporting education at all levels and to translate this commitment into action by visiting Greenbelt schools during American Education Week, November 16 to 21.

Food for a Song At New Deal Café

Three singer/song writers will be singing to gather food and raise awareness for the Capitol Area Food Bank at the New Deal Café at 8 p.m. on Friday, November 21. David Alberding, Rachel Cross and Alicia Deeney will share their music in an in-the-round format at the Café. The price of admission is a non-perishable food item.

"This is the third time I have hosted a food drive," said Cross. "I feel that nourishing the body with good food is akin to nourishing the spirit with good music and combining the two is really fulfilling."

Suggested items to donate are: canned meat/fish/poultry, peanut butter, canned fruits/vegetables, canned soup and dry pasta.

"Sandcastles" Play Starts Nov. 14

"Sandcastles" by thunderous productions in conjunction with the Greenbelt Arts Center is a serio-comic play written and directed by Rick Starkweather. The play promotes family solidarity by contrasting two sisters who are as different as night and day.

It will held at the Greenbelt Arts Center on Fridays and Saturdays, Nov. 14, 15, 21 and 22 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 16 at 2 p.m.

Community Events

Explorations to Hear About Hosteling

Explorations Unlimited will present a program by Dr. Donald Messersmith on Friday, November 21. Messersmith is the president of the Potomac Area Council Hosteling International/USA. He has traveled all over the world. His traveling adventures started through this hosteling movement.

Messersmith's presentation will include slides and describe the Hosteling International/USA organization and how it promotes international travel with an emphasis on youth, cultural understanding and environmental awareness. Hosteling International/USA is part of the international youth hostel federation which has 70 member countries with approximately 150 hostels scattered across the U.S.

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.

Lacrosse Clinic Sat. At Greenbelt Middle

A lacrosse clinic will be held at Greenbelt Middle School at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 16. The clinic will focus on basic skills: throwing and catching, dodging, shooting, scooping and passing under the direction of PG Lacrosse coaches and high school players. Scrimmages for experienced players with equipment will follow the clinic.

PG Lacrosse supports teams for boys from grades 3 through 9 in the Southern Maryland Youth Lacrosse Association. Practices and games begin in February. Registration will take place in January. Check out the website www.pglacrosse.com or call Carolyn Fink at 240-603-8322. For girls lacrosse, call Jim Ulwick at 301-927-7943.

At the Library

Children's Programs
Wednesday, November 19, 10:30 a.m. Cuddletime for two-year-olds with caregiver.

Thursday, November 20, 10:30 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5.

Adult Programs
Wednesday, November 19, 2 p.m. Book discussion on Sinclair Lewis' "Main Street."

In the display case for November is an exhibit on Historic Recreation in Greenbelt by the Greenbelt Museum.

Al-Anon Meets

Bothered by someone else's drinking? Al-Anon can help. Meetings are held every Friday, 8:30 p.m. at Mowatt United Methodist Church, upstairs. All are welcome.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald
When November arrives we all seem to be very busy with Thanksgiving and Christmas activities. But it's always nice to see friends and socialize at the Golden Age Club meetings.

The greeter for November 5 was Mary Hooper and the 50/50 winners were Dorothea Leslie and Mary Hooper.

JoAnn McCarthy was welcomed back and we were glad to learn Ernie Varda will be back and staying in Adelphi.

A trip to the Midway Slots in Delaware is planned for January 22. February 29 we will go to see "42nd Street" at the Chesapeake Dinner Theater.

November 19 will be the November birthday lunch. Remember the November 26 meeting is cancelled.

Lecture on Dealing With Holiday Blues

A free lecture, "Holiday Blues and Beyond," will be presented by the Greenbelt Assistance in Living program on Tuesday, November 18 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. The lecture will take place in the Senior Gallery, Room 112, of the Greenbelt Community Center.

Guest speakers will be Helen Barnes, MA, RN-C, a geropsychiatric nurse counselor at Prince George's County Department of Family Services and Tom Buckley, director of community services for Community Crisis Services, Inc. This lecture is open to the general public as well as to health care and crisis professionals. For more information call Christal Parker Batey at 301-474-8000, ext. 2012.

GHI Notes

Events for the week of November 17 through 21 are: Member & Community Relations Committee November 18 at 7 p.m., Architecture & Environment Committee November 19 at 7 p.m., and Board of Directors meeting November 20 at 7:30 p.m. All meetings are in the Board Room and are open to the public.

GMA Needs Tutors

The Greenbelt Moving Ahead Program (GMA) at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center is so popular that additional tutors are needed. GMA grades 7 to 12 meets Saturdays during the school year from 9:30 a.m. to noon and is free.

Call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212 for more information.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

Week of Nov. 14

Mystic River (R)

Friday
*4:30, 7:15, 9:50

Saturday
*1:45, *4:30, 7:15, 9:50

Sunday
*1:45, *4:30, 7:15

Monday - Thursday
*4:45, 7:30

*These shows at \$5.00

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Public Hearing Set On Transportation

The Maryland Municipal League has been monitoring the activities of the governor's Transportation Task Force (the Hellmann Commission), a group convened to study current state transportation revenues, expenditures and needs.

The task force has scheduled six public hearings around the state to give citizens a chance to voice their concerns regarding state transportation issues and about the recent and anticipated cuts in municipal highway user revenues.

A public hearing regarding these issues will be held Monday, November 17 in the SHA District 3 Office on Kenilworth Avenue in Greenbelt. The hearing will start at 6 p.m. with an overview of the proposed changes. Public comment will begin at 7 p.m. and conclude by 10 p.m.

The recommendations from this task force will have an impact on the direction and funding of projects over the next six years in Maryland.

Poetry Workshop Offered by GWG

The Greenbelt Writers Group will have a special activity at their next meeting on Friday, November 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center. Poet Marjorie Gray will be leading a poetry workshop. Participants are encouraged to bring paper and pencil. GWG president Amy Hansen described Gray as "a sharp, exact, descriptive, as well as published, poet. When she's reading, I sit back and enjoy every second." Members and non-members are encouraged to participate.

Democratic Club To Hear Glenn Ivey

The monthly meeting of the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will be held on Friday, November 21, at 8 p.m., in the Terrace Room of the Greenbriar Community Building. The guest speaker will be Prince George's County States Attorney, Glenn Ivey. He will discuss the aspects of criminal justice in the county and take questions as time permits. The general public is invited to attend. Call President Kurt Walter, 301-345-3088, for transportation or information.

In addition, the club will be congratulating its current Corresponding Secretary and Past President Patricia Unger on her assumption of the presidency of the United Democratic Women's Clubs of Maryland, the statewide organization of Democratic women which holds the Women's Constituency seat on the Executive Committee of the Maryland Democratic Party. Pat was elected at the group's convention in Ocean City on October 30. Her two-year term runs until the fall of 2005.

The club will cover a short business agenda before adjourning for the speaker and a social hour. Members are reminded to bring a dessert or snack to share. Coffee, tea and soft drinks will be provided by the Hospitality Committee under the direction of Mary Chapman.

Interested persons also are welcome to attend the monthly meeting of the Governor Oden Bowie Democratic Club on Thursday, Nov. 20. Their speaker will be Lowell Owens of Greenbelt, representing the American Civil Liberties Union, in a discussion of the Patriot Act. That meeting is from 7 to 9 p.m. at Woodward Estates, 14997 Health Center Drive, Bowie. For further information, call Tom Clabby, program chair, 301-261-0826.

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Church Bazaar & Auction

Greenbelt Community Church

Saturday, November 15, 2003

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

(Auction begins at 1:00 p.m.)

Decorative Items
Holiday Crafts
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Obituaries

Allan E. Foxwell

Former Greenbelter Allan Foxwell, 51, died on October 14, 2003, of multiple injuries suffered in a vehicular accident in Anne Arundel County.

Mr. Foxwell grew up in Greenbelt and attended Center Elementary, Greenbelt Junior High and Parkdale High Schools. He played on the Boys' Club football and Little League baseball teams.

Upon graduation he worked for Potomac Electric Power Company before working at nuclear power plants in Kansas, Minnesota and Connecticut. He returned to the Washington Metropolitan Area to do high voltage testing for Substation Test Co.

Mr. Foxwell was a lifetime member of the NRA.

Mr. Foxwell is survived by two sons Jeffrey and Jason, grandson Jordan, mother Carolyn Foxwell, sisters Carol Archambeault and Linda Morgan and three nieces. His father Milton Foxwell of Greenbelt preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, October 18, 2003, in Elkridge, Md.



Arthur F. Horsman

Arthur F. Horsman (Art), 72, of Bradenton, Florida, died on October 30, 2003. He was a resident of Greenbelt for over 20 years.

Born in Washington, D.C., on December 25, 1930, Mr. Horsman graduated from Eastern High School. He served in the United States Naval Reserves. He worked for 20 years for Giant Food Stores followed by a 32-year career with Equitable Life Assurance/AXA with degrees in financial planning, CHFC, CLU.

Mr. Horsman and his wife Patsy were married for 53 years. They enjoyed living in Greenbelt until their retirement two years ago to Bradenton.

He is survived by his wife Patsy, son Michael, daughters Valorie and Beverly, seven grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, sister Virginia Grier and brother Jesse Horsman.

A private memorial is scheduled on Anna Maria Island, Florida. A celebration of his life will be scheduled at the Greenbriar Terrace Room in January 2004.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Southwest Florida, 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34238.

Baha'i Faith

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Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road,
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*Welcomes you to our open,
nurturing community*
November 16, 10 a.m.

"Neo-family Values, Part II
Beyond Home"

by Jaco B. ten Hove, co-minister
with John Bartoli, worship associate



Barbara Wells,
Jaco B. ten Hove,
co-ministers

Local Artists' "Birds" Will Be Auctioned

Five artists with connections to Greenbelt will have their sculptures sold this month, as birds-i-view, one of the largest public art exhibits ever mounted in the county, winds up its experience with an online and live auction to benefit the Prince George's Arts Council education grant program.

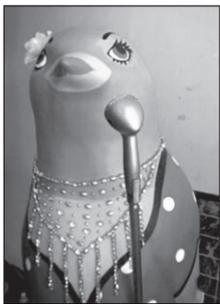


PHOTO BY TOM SIMON

On November 20, 14 of the over 70 five-foot-tall bird sculptures that have dotted the area over the past few months, including in front of Greenbelt's Community Center, will be auctioned at a gala reception. A total of 50 birds will be sold.

The online auction (on www.birdsiviewauction.com) has already begun, but the group of 14 will be sold the night of the gala only. Nora Simon, Dick Brown and Sandy Dwiggin - Greenbelt artists - will watch their birds being auctioned. Resident Sheril Ann Gross and former Miss Greenbelt Alice Plaster, now living in Bowie, will have their creations sold online through November 25.

This past week, the entire bird collection was brought together for viewing at the Arena Showplace in Upper Marlboro.

Holiday Ad Deadline

To have notice of special Thanksgiving worship services appear in the paper in advance of the holiday, those events need to be printed in the November 20 issue. Any special Thanksgiving service information must be provided to the News Review before 10 p.m. next Tuesday, November 18 to accommodate our print deadlines.

NAMI Workshop On Enabling

The Prince George's Chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) will present a workshop, "Enabling: When Is It Helpful? When Is It Not?" on Thursday, November 20 from 7 to 9 p.m. at 6016 Princess Garden Parkway, New Carrollton.

The workshop will address the fact that in trying to be helpful, family members of the mentally ill may act in ways which prevent growth in these persons. How this pattern develops and prevails will be discussed.

This workshop is free and open to the public and refreshments will be served. For more information, call 301-577-6026.



Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of former Greenbelters Allan Foxwell and Arthur Horsman. Our sympathy to their families.

Congratulations to the Prince George's County School Board, who were awarded the 2003 School Board of the Year by the National Alliance of Black School Educators.

Congratulations also to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission's Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation, which received the National Recreation and Park Association Kudos Award at its Annual Congress.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Tony McCarthy of Ridge Road as he recovers from

bypass surgery.

Paula and Robert Luddy of Lastner Lane proudly announce the birth of their second grandson, Kyle Fitzgerald. Kyle was born at Greater Baltimore Medical Center on October 27, 2003, weighing in at 7 lbs, 12.6 oz. He is the first child of their son Shawn and his wife Valerie, who now live in Bel Air, Md. The Luddys have lived in Greenbelt for 34 years. Shawn graduated from ERHS and Towson U. Kyle's uncle Scott lives in Christianburg, Va., with Kyle's cousin, 7-year-old Troy Robert.

In Loving Memory of My Mother Dorothy V. Reamy

"The World's Greatest Mom"

The love of a wonderful mother is something that always lives on, filling the days with sweet memories long after her presence is gone . . . I still feel the warmth of her caring, her wisdom will never depart, for the love of my wonderful mother forever lives on in my heart. I love you and I miss you.
- Sandra



Catholic Community of Greenbelt

MASS
Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

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



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

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

MASS SCHEDULE:

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

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

ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Md.



St. George's Episcopal/Anglican Church

7010 Glenn Dale Road
(Lanham-Severn Road and Glenn Dale Road)
301-262-3285 | stgeogd@aol.com | www.stgeo.org

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



Nursery Provided 9:00-11:30 am

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Family, 7:30 first Friday of the month

Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Hillside & Crescent Roads
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings
www.greenbelt.com/gcucc/
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

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

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40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
301-474-9410

SUNDAY

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

HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE
www.gbmgm-UMC.org/mowatt

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

Rev. DaeHwa Park, Pastor

November 16 "Stories Ever Told"
Contemporary Praise Sunday



Many messengers have been sent, but they all had the very same message.

"And We did not send any apostle before you (O Muhammed) but We revealed to him that there is none who has the right to be worshipped but I (God) so worship Me (alone and none else)."
- The Holy Qur'an, 21:25

Muslims believe that Prophet Muhammed (peace be upon him) was the last in a long line of prophets who were sent to guide mankind. Twenty-five of these prophets are specifically named in the Qur'an, including Noah, Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob, Moses and Jesus. Though they came at different times to different lands and people, all were sent with signs of their divine inspiration and the same message - There is no one worthy of worship but one God. To find out more about the prophets or about Islam, contact 301-982-9463 or visit www.islamworld.net.

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land for Greenbelt there was no clear delineation of what was to be the greenbelt. The greenbelt concept of Ebenezer Howard, who first promulgated the concept of greenbelt towns, was that of small farms surrounding a planned community. The farms would provide fresh produce for the community.

The original planned community, built in 1937, was surrounded by woodland and abandoned farms purchased by the government. However, the planners expected that there would be other neighborhoods of the town built at a later date. While there were some concept plans for expansion of the original community, there never was an official plan. When the government built additional housing in 1941 (the GHI frame homes), the homes were built immediately adjacent to the original housing without any buffer.

Not long after Greenbelt and its two sister cities were built, Congress declared that the government should not own the towns and directed that they be sold off. War, however, delayed selling the land until the 1950s. By that time there was no official concern about preserving the town's greenbelt.

When Greenbelt was sold in 1953 most of the original housing was sold to the Greenbelt Veterans Housing Cooperative (the name of which was later changed to Greenbelt Homes, Inc.). At the same time, the government sold to the cooperative 709 acres of vacant land surrounding the town. This land could have been considered to be a greenbelt, but there were no restrictions placed upon its use and most people at that time regarded it as developable land.

Much of the remaining vacant land was sold in large tracts for private development without any restrictions. One large tract, however, was withheld from sale and became Greenbelt Park of the National Park Service. Other land was withheld for the Parkway and the Beltway.

Second Sale

After the residents of the housing cooperative received their first tax bill (as renters from the U.S. there were no taxes to pay) and found that the many services provided by the city cost a lot of money, a great demand arose to cut home-ownership costs. Many of the residents were war veterans going to the University of Maryland under the GI Bill while trying to raise new families at the same time.

In 1955, GHI sold most of this vacant land to Warner-Kanter, a large private developer who later resold the land to others. Those who favored the sale argued that the cooperative should not be in the land development business. Preservation of the land as a greenbelt was not a significant issue then. Included in this sale were two large parcels, 1 and 2, which later were bought back by the city and now have become (except for 10 acres), the city's forest preserve along with another 13 acre parcel.

Repurchase

Buying back the forest preserve land was a long process that began in 1972 and was not completed until 1990. The acquisition of this land was a piecemeal effort. The city councils that first bought some of the land never expected that the city

would be able to afford buying all of it. Fortunately, past city councils were able to seek and get financial help from other jurisdictions.

The first acquisition in this area was a 13-acre parcel of surplus BARC land in the northeast corner. It was given to the city under a Nixon Administration Legacy of Parks program with a condition that it be developed as an actively used park. Due to this land's separation from the city by a stream and floodplain, the city was never able to honor this commitment. Next, 28 acres were purchased by the city using state and federal Program Open Space grant funds. This enabled the city to connect the 13-acre parcel to city streets and provide the access needed for it to be used by the public. Located along the northern boundary of the city and next to the Parkway, the plan at that time was to provide a perimeter trail park, a narrow greenbelt of woodland with a walking trail and picnic shelters extending from Laurel Hill Road to Northway, and later, to McDonald Field near Southway.

The central part of the forest preserve on both sides of Northway was purchased by the county board of education for a three-school complex, including a high school for the city. When, after strong citizen protest, the school board bought land east of the Parkway for Eleanor Roosevelt High School, the school board abandoned the use of this land for schools. The land was later declared surplus and, as a result of city and citizen efforts, ownership was transferred to the county and then to the city in 1989. The county has required that the 72 acres be used for public uses.

The 20-acre southern part of the forest preserve located south of and at the end of Hamilton Place was purchased by the city, half of it to replace parkland used to build the city police station. A Program Open Space grant funded the purchase of the other half in 1988.

This still left a large piece of land privately owned. When development plans for single-family homes were presented to the city for review, citizen protests, led by the Committee to Save the Green Belt, spurred the city council to buy this land even though it did not have the money to do so. A complicated deal was put together with the aid of the city's representatives in Congress and the state legislature. Half the money needed came from Program Open Space funds designated for woodland preservation for which the city was required to give a woodland preservation easement to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. The National Park Service provided another \$553,050 for which it received a scenic easement adjacent to the Parkway. The city bought this last piece of land in 1990 at a cost to the city of only \$396,472 or 18 percent of the total purchase price.

Since the land was acquired by the city it has remained unused. One small area is used for the city's leaf recycling program. Other small areas are being used for resident garden plots, a use that began when the town was built and has continued to this day. It is believed that a portion of the Wolfe ball fields and adjacent parking lot are also located on designated forest preserve land.



City Information

MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER 17-21

Monday, November 17, 8:00pm, Orientation Meeting for New Council, Municipal Building

Wednesday, November 19, 8:00pm, Joint Meeting of PRAB and APB Committees, Re: Springhill Lake Recreation Addition & Renovation, Community Center



**America Recycles Day
November 15th**

Help celebrate the seventh annual AMERICA RECYCLES DAY. Businesses, industries, government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and individuals are joining together to focus attention on the importance of recycling and closing the loop.

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Visit the RECYCLING Display at the Community Center during the month of November and learn more about **Recycling in Greenbelt**. Be sure to fill out a recycling pledge card. By pledging to recycle and to buy recycled you will be eligible to win national prizes:

- Ford Focus PZEV (Partial Zero Emission Vehicle)
- Five (5) Aluminum TREK 24-Speed Bicycles
- Two (2) "Recycle Yourself Weekend" Spa Vacation Packages

Or to save paper – pledge online at www.americarecyclesday.org.

For more information call the Public Works Office at 301-474-8004.

**Recycle Right Contest
"WIN WITH YOUR BIN!"**

You can win prizes just by properly preparing your recycling bin during the week of November 17th. Five winners will be selected – one winner from each of the four city collection routes and one winner from a contractual collection route within the city. Just make sure that you have clean, properly prepared recyclables set out on your collection day.

Part of the AMERICA RECYCLES DAY celebration!

Sponsored by the City of Greenbelt and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. For more information call the Public Works Office at 301-474-8004.

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS 301-474-8000: Monday, November 17 at 8pm Orientation Meeting for New Council "live" Tuesday & Thursday, November 18 & 20: 6:00pm "ACE Reading Club Presents Greenbelt Elementary 2nd Grade" 7:00pm Replay of Council Orientation Meeting PUBLIC ACCESS 301-507-6581 Wednesday & Friday, November 21 & 23: Call for Schedule

Notice of Charter Amendment Resolution

At its regular meeting on October 27, 2003, the City Council adopted a resolution to amend the City Charter. As required by state law, this resolution will be posted in its entirety for forty (40) days, until December 6, 2003, at the Municipal Building. It can also be found on the City's Web site at <http://www.ci.greenbelt.md.us>. A copy may also be requested from the City Clerk. The charter amendment resolution will become effective on December 16, 2003, unless a proper petition to submit the amendment to the voters on a referendum is filed as permitted by law. This notice is to provide a fair summary of the resolution, as also required by state law.

Charter Amendment Resolution Number 2003-1

A Resolution of the City of Greenbelt Adopted Pursuant to the Authority of Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland and Section 13 of Article 23a of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1957 Edition as Amended), Title "Corporation-Municipal," Subtitle "Home Rule, to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt Found, in Whole or in Part, in the Compilation of Municipal Charters of Maryland (1983 Edition as Amended), as Prepared by the Department of Legislative Reference Pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1983, by Repealing and Reenacting with Amendments Section 8, Titled "Same—Quorum, Procedure"

This resolution will amend the Charter to require a vote of at least four members of the five-member City Council to remove lands from the Greenbelt Forest Preserve, as established in Ordinance Number 1243. The purpose of this amendment is to require a stricter standard for removing lands from the Forest Preserve designation than is required by the Charter for most Council actions.

The Forest Preserve Ordinance is also posted on the Web site and in the Municipal Building. For additional information, call Kathleen Gallagher, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000.

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.

GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER

American Red Cross Lifeguard Training

December 1-20, 2003 (Fall-Mini Session)
12/1 Pre-Test 8-9:30pm
12/2-12/20 Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:30-10pm and Saturdays 11-6pm
Cost: \$125.00
Call for registration info 301-397-2204

Fall Mini-Session Classes

Session Dates: Dec 1 to Dec 23
Registration Dates: Residents and Passholders, November 17 & 18
Non-Residents, November 19 -21

Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program presents: HOLIDAY BLUES AND BEYOND

Tuesday, November 18 1:30-3:30pm Greenbelt Community Center Senior Gallery

Greenbelt Consumer Co-op Ad

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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.

Assault

October 31, in reference to an assault reported October 8 in the 9100 block of Springhill Lane, an arrest warrant has been obtained charging a nonresident man with attempted first degree murder, attempted second degree murder, first degree assault and use of a handgun during the commission of a violent crime.

500 block Crescent Road, November 1, 2:53 a.m., a Greenbelt youth was arrested for assault and disorderly intoxication. Police observed the youth at the wood line near the parking lot of Buddy Attick Park, which was closed for the evening. He attempted to flee the area on foot when police approached him and was apprehended after a short foot chase. As the officer was placing the youth into custody he spit on the officer on two separate occasions. The youth was released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

7200 Hanover Parkway, November 1, 2:58 a.m., a nonresident man was arrested and charged with assault, trespass, malicious destruction and resisting arrest. Police responded to a report of a patron refusing to leave Willy K's Bar and Restaurant at closing time. When police asked the man to leave he assaulted one of the officers, tackling him to the ground and fighting both officers who were attempting to place him under arrest. He also damaged a police radio and a cellular telephone during the incident. The suspect was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner. An officer was treated on the scene by ambulance personnel for a back injury.

Robbery

40 block of Crescent Road, November 4, 11:03 p.m., investigation by police revealed that the victims were walking in a parking lot when they were approached by two people, who demanded the keys to their car. One of them assaulted the male victim, striking him several times in the face with a metal rod. Both suspects then fled the area on foot. A vehicle parked near the scene of the attempted robbery had what appeared to be tampering damage, leading police to believe that the suspects were interrupted by the victims while attempting to steal the vehicle. While investigating the attempted robbery, the United States Park Police reported that a pedestrian matching the description of one of the suspects was struck by a car and killed on the Baltimore/Washington Parkway near the Spellman Overpass. Witnesses reported seeing a person matching the description of the second suspect standing over the fatally injured person, then fleeing the area on foot. That person returned to the scene a short time later and was released pending further investigation. The victim was transported to Doctor's Community Hospital for treatment of facial lacerations.

Breezewood Drive and Cherrywood Lane, November 4, 11:49 p.m., a man reported that

he was walking to his residence when he was approached by a person who identified himself as an undercover police officer. He then displayed a handgun and ordered the victim to the ground. He took the victim's wallet and fled the area on foot toward Cherrywood Terrace. The suspect is described as a black male, 5'6" to 5'8", 185 pounds with black hair in cornrows and brown eyes, wearing a black leather jacket, a white T-shirt and khaki pants.

7800 block Hanover Parkway, November 5, 5:31 p.m., a resident woman reported that she was walking into the entrance of her condominium building when a man held the entrance door open for her. As she walked through the door, the man pushed her to the ground and took her purse. He then fled the scene on foot. The suspect is described as a black male in his twenties, 5'8", 250 pounds with black hair, wearing a blue jersey type shirt and blue pants.

6000 block Springhill Drive, November 6, 10:50 p.m., a man reported that he was walking home when he was approached from behind by two people, one of whom displayed a handgun and announced a robbery. After obtaining money and his wallet, both suspects fled the scene on foot. They are described as a black male in his teens, 5'6" with a thin build, black hair and brown eyes, wearing a gray sweat jacket with a hood, blue jeans with a logo on the seat of the pants and a blue bandanna over his face and a black male in his teens, 6' with a thin build, black hair and brown eyes, wearing a gray sweat jacket with a hood, black jeans and a blue bandanna with white striping.

Unattended Child

6000 block Springhill Drive, November 5, 3:31 p.m., a resident woman was arrested and charged with leaving a child unattended. Police responded to a report of an unattended three-year-old child who was missing. The child was soon located behind the apartment building. The suspect, the child's mother, was released on citation pending trial.

Drugs

October 30, in reference to a person arrested for an open warrant October 15 in the 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace, a nonresident man was transported to the Department of Corrections for service of the warrant. He was found to have in his possession a quantity of suspected marijuana that he had hidden on his person. A warrant has since been obtained charging the suspect with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute.

Burglary

5800 block Cherrywood Lane, October 29, 8:28 p.m., entry was gained by forcing open the front door, but nothing was taken. The suspect is known to the victim. Investigation is continuing.

9100 block Edmonston Court, November 4, 4:43 p.m., unknown person(s) used unknown means to enter a residence. A video game player was taken.

Theft

October 30, in reference to a recovered stolen dirt bike reported September 19 in the 8000 block of Mandan Road, an arrest warrant has been obtained charging a resident man with theft.

October 30, in reference to an uttering reported September 26 at the Columbia Bank, 7505 Greenway Center Drive, an arrest warrant has been obtained charging a nonresident woman with forgery, uttering and theft.

Co-op Supermarket, November 3, 9:55 a.m., a man of no fixed address was arrested and charged with theft, motor vehicle theft and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Police responded to a report of a possible shoplifter. The man had left the store and run from the area when approached by police. He was apprehended in the area of Eastway and Crescent Road. The shoplifting was unconfirmed, but a computer check revealed that the vehicle he had driven to the scene had been reported stolen to the Pennsylvania State Police. He was in the company of a 16-year-old female who was listed as an active runaway in Pennsylvania. The suspect was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner. The girl was transported to Waxter Children's Center.

Trespass

6200 block Springhill Court, November 6, 4:40 p.m., a nonresident youth was arrested for trespass. He was seen on the property of Springhill Lake Apartments after he had previously been banned by agents of the property. The youth was released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

5900 block Cherrywood Lane, November 6, 7:06 p.m., a nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespass. He was seen on the property of Springhill Lake Apartments after he had previously been banned by agents of the property. The suspect was released on citation pending trial.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were stolen: a 1999 Acura 3.0CL 2-door, October 31, from Beltway Plaza Mall, recovered November 3 by the Metropolitan Police, no arrests; a 1992 Ford Econoline van, October 31, from Beltway Plaza Mall, recovered November 4 by the Prince George's County Police, two arrests made; a green 1998 Toyota Avalon 4-door, Maryland tags KNM926, November 2, from the 7900 block Green Walk Drive; a green 1996 Honda Civic 4-door, Maryland tags DFH738, November 4, from the 9100 block Springhill Lane; a silver 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe, Georgia tags 649ZXA, November 5, from the 6400 block Ivy Lane; a blue 1994 Honda Accord 4-door, Maryland tags JTV185, November 5, from the 9200 block Edmonston Road

Five vehicles were recovered; no arrests were made.

Vandalisms to and thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 11 court Laurel Hill, 7800 block Hanover Parkway, 7500 block Greenway Center Drive, 5600 block Greenbelt Metro Drive, 6000 block Breezewood Drive, 6100 block Breezewood Drive and 9100 block Springhill Lane.

Doug Sappington in Iraq To Train Local Police

Retired Greenbelt Police Sergeant Marr "Doug" Sappington is now in Iraq after a 16-hour trip, according to Public Information Officer George Mathews of the Greenbelt Police Department.

Sappington, 60, will be spending a one-year tour of duty in Iraq, where he will serve as a police advisor. He will join more than 1,000 other advisors coming from the United States, England and Australia to help train new police forces for the country.

"I gather from what I've read that the citizens are really afraid of the police there and I have some ideas about how to gain their trust again," he told the News Review.

Sappington knows computers, having started learning in 1963 during two years in the Air Force Strategic Air Command.

During his years in the

Greenbelt force, Sappington sampled many police specialty units, spending 12 years in the Patrol Division and 13 years in the Criminal Investigations Unit as well as working in crime prevention. At various times he served as commander of both Patrol and Criminal Investigations.

Ten years ago he had occasion to work long and closely with the State Department and other government agencies to arrange the return from Iraq of eight-year-old Greenbelter Quassay Luay Nuaimy, who was abducted and taken to Baghdad by his father in 1992. It took three years of careful work, but in 1995 Sappington was at JFK Airport in New York when the little boy was returned to America.

His wife will not be permitted to go to Iraq, but if all goes well, the couple plans to meet in Europe about every four months.

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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.

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Mayor's Statement

Mayor Judith Davis began by thanking all the candidates who ran for council. She said they offered voters an excellent field of candidates and sparked a good discussion of the important issues. She also had good words for those who ran the election – Greenbelt judges, workers and, of course, voters and the Prince George's Board of Supervisors of Elections.

She welcomed Delegate Tawana Gaines and former councilmembers Bob Zugby and Elizabeth Maffay (after prompting by Emory Harman when Davis failed to see Maffay sitting in the back). Maffay responded to the late acknowledgment by saying, "Why are the women always neglected?" She reminded the audience that she was the first woman elected to the council. (In fact, the first female member of council was Ruth Taylor, who was elected to the third council – 1938-39. Elizabeth Harrington, the second to be elected, became mayor in 1949. Maffay was the first woman to be elected in many years.)

Davis thanked her family in far-flung locations – Arizona, Pennsylvania, California and Egypt – for their support and also thanked her significant other, Neil, and her effective campaign committee with a long list of members. She hailed door knocking as an essential part of the campaign and an opportunity to meet and hear from voters.

The mayor declared she was ready to take on the challenges, to reach out to all neighborhoods and to ensure that city services are provided on an equitable basis to all parts of the city. She said that in her meetings with other government officials, Greenbelt is held in very high es-

teem. Greenbelt is such an innovative city that she's often tempted to say, "been there, done that," when people suggest a "new" approach.

There is no shortage, she said, of challenges – the Greenbelt Station plan, Springhill Lake redevelopment, the economy and cuts in funding and the urban pressures of traffic and crime. Davis praised the excellent city staff – city manager, assistant to the manager, city clerk, department heads – for their loyalty, experience and expertise. She said she also looked forward to working with citizen and citizen organizations to get things done. "Greenbelt is my home," she said. "I can't imagine living anywhere else."

Council Remarks

Promising shorter remarks, Mayor pro tem Rodney Roberts began by thanking his mother and other special women, including campaign treasurer Yoni Siegel. He also thanked the citizens of Greenbelt. He said, "You can't do the job unless people communicate with you." He said you don't always "get the smiling face when you go door-to-door, but many times people take the time to talk with you, tell you what they care about and that makes it all worthwhile."

Roberts related that he was somewhat of a "black sheep" when first elected to council and that he often had trouble getting a second on any of his motions. He thanked White for his guidance in those early days and both White and Turnbull for their service on council. He welcomed the new members and said he was ready to go to work.

Actually giving shorter remarks, Ed Putens thanked the citizens of Greenbelt, his family and re-election committee headed by

Sheldon Goldberg. He said he looked forward to helping bring the new councilmembers up to speed. He said with White's retirement he was now the "old man" of the council.

Konrad Herling also began by thanking the citizens of Greenbelt who make Greenbelt even greater. He read a long list of committee members and supporters and thanked them. He also introduced his two sister, who were present. He recalled two special Greenbelters when he remembered his parents, Al and Fran Herling, whom he credited with giving him the principles to apply to life in general and his work in city government.

Herling said that those principles called for listening and respecting a wide array of opinions – and there's no shortage of opinions in Greenbelt – evaluating fairly and using common sense. He said that many important issues are now challenging the city and singled out affordable housing as critical. He thanked voters for their support and said he was glad he had won on his fourth try for office or otherwise he would be known as the "Harold Stassen" of Greenbelt. He envisioned that the good things that have been, and can be, achieved in Greenbelt can send ripples of hope to cities throughout the nation.

Leta Mach described the past few months as rewarding. She thanked all of the candidates who ran, all those who helped with her campaign and her family. She said it was an honor to be elected and represent the citizens of Greenbelt. She promised to act in the city's best interests. She said Greenbelt is great and can be even greater.

The meeting adjourned and the reception began, with much celebration and good will.

GIVES to Meet, Plan Leaf Raking, Brown Bag Projects

by Virginia Beauchamp

All GIVES members are invited to attend the next quarterly meeting of the organization, to be held on Saturday, November 15 at 10 a.m. in the Community Center. In the spirit of the group's full name (Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service), its next major project, to be discussed at that meeting, will bring together some of Greenbelt's young people and some of the GIVES membership to deal with an annual autumnal chore – clearing leaves away.

President John Taylor has already been lining up young volunteers – primarily students of Eleanor Roosevelt High School – to do the raking on behalf of GIVES members no longer able to do such work. Members seeking help with leaf raking are asked to call GIVES at 301-507-6580 to get their names on the list. Work will be done on Saturday, November 22, weather permitting.

How many requests can be accommodated will depend upon the size of the work force available. Senior members of GIVES will supervise the young people.

Food Program

GIVES has already agreed to assist with the Brown Bag Food Program for low income Greenbelt seniors. This program, jointly sponsored by the Capital Area Food Bank and the City of Greenbelt's Assistance in Living Program, has been arranged by Community Resource Advocate Christal Parker Batey. Non-perishable food items and toiletries will be distributed on the third Tuesday of each month, beginning November 18, for those who have signed up for the program.

Some GIVES volunteers and members of other organizations will assist in assembling items for the bags, which will be distributed at the Community Center. In a few cases volunteer GIVES drivers will also take bags to homebound recipients, primarily at Green Ridge House.

At the October 30 GIVES board meeting, Taylor reported that the recent AARP-sponsored refresher driving course drew some 25 participants. Those attending were especially pleased that the course could be completed in one day. (In previous years a format of two half-day sessions had been scheduled.) Taylor said he would make arrangements for a second training course, also on a full-day schedule, sometime early in 2004.

At present about 196 members belong to GIVES. The group is a cooperative. Each member provides services for another member measured on an hourly basis. The provider is then repaid in similar or different services offered by another member. The exchange is arranged and recorded through a central booking office. For information on how to participate, call 301-507-6580.

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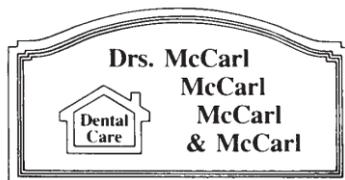
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Scary Halloween Displays Boys' Frightful Project

by Judy Bell

Many trick-or-treaters got the chance to experience "things that go bump in the night" this past Halloween at an elaborate haunted yard in the 11 court of Ridge Road. For the last four years Kevin Matovich, 21, and Anthony Ladnier, 17, have worked tirelessly for weeks before October 31 to create an impressive Halloween display.

At the entrance to the yard a dummy appeared, hanging out of a court-side window. Scarecrows with hand-painted faces were seen throughout, as were tombstones. A wooden electric chair, complete with occupant, was rigged up on the porch with lights. The creators used a fan motor attached to dowel rods coming up through a hole in the seat to shake the victim's chest. This was my favorite.

The path then led to a fog-filled hallway with "spider webs" and strobe lights flashing to eerie music. The hall had been set up using wood and black plastic



Curses, it's the guillotine!

Next was a handcrafted wooden coffin over six feet long that was filled with a real body (Matovich's dad Nick) who popped up wearing a Chuckie mask whenever a "victim" went to get candy. "This is cool," a trick-or-treater was heard to say.

Seven beautifully carved pumpkins adorned the yard as well as many colored lights and candles. A rubber hand that walked around when touched was creepy. Toward the back of the yard was a cage containing a tiny hanging skeleton; sounds of a baby's cries could be heard.

Each year, after all the trick-

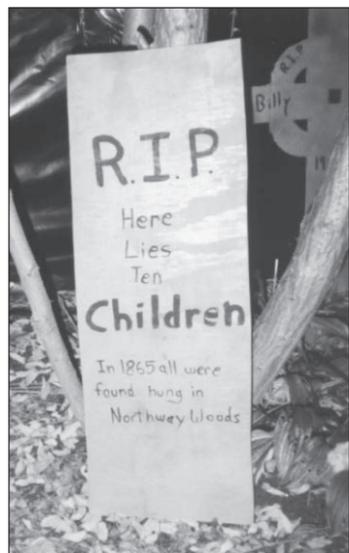


The electric chair with dummy victim was this author's favorite.

sheeting and as the "victims" passed through a figure in an evil clown mask reached out through a wall with bars.

While passing out candy Matovich's friend Jamie Bailey saw a mother come through with her young son, who was afraid to enter. The mom told the boy not to be scared, that she would go first. As she proceeded through the hallway the clown reached out through the bars and she screamed. "I guess I'm a bad mom now," she lamented.

"Every year they build something different," commented Ladnier's mom, Patty Ladnier. A "bloody" guillotine equipped with plexiglass was this year's project. When the blade was released, it made a realistically loud bang. A severed head could be seen in the basket below.



One of several tombstones



Creators of the Halloween displays in the 11 court of Ridge Rd. Anthony Ladnier (left) and Kevin Matovich pose in their regular clothes.

Veterans' Day Services at the War Memorial

Veterans proudly participated in uniform, including Rick Ransom (pictured center front).



Jay Osterfeld at the podium.



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Flags took center stage. But so did many old-timers. Above in white coat sits Julia Stratchko with her five-year-old granddaughter Britney. At right, Eddie Byrd carries the flag.



or-treaters are gone and Halloween comes to an end, the display is taken apart and stored in Matovich's attic. It takes up half the space, according to his mom, AnnaMarie. "We may have to look for someone's attic to rent next year," she said, as the display continues to grow and become more elaborate. If you missed it, there's always next Halloween.



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