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County Schools Reopen Monday Two Weeks before Labor Day

by Mary Moien

Prince George's County public schools will open next Monday, August 22 – two weeks before Labor Day. Parents are encouraged to walk with their children to school or to meet them at school when they arrive by bus. At the other end of the calendar, schools will close much earlier than usual, June 7, if no make-up dates are needed.

Last year the school system integrated make-up days into the school calendar. This year the school system is returning to the policy of adding make-up days to the end of the school year.

Starting Age

The specific ages of children entering preschool and kindergarten are changing. To be eligible for preschool, a student must be four on or before September 1, although parents of children who will be four by October 31 can apply for admission.

For kindergarten, children must be five on or before September 30. Parents of children who will be five by November 30 may ask to have their child evaluated for admission.

For first graders, ages for admission are December 1, 1998, through October 31, 1999. Because of complexities with ages

School Times, Websites, Meetings

The following is a listing of local public schools, opening and closing times, official websites and the dates for the upcoming Back to School night meetings.

Berwyn Heights Elementary
Opens 9:15 a.m.;
Closes 3:25 p.m.
www.pgcps.org/~berwyn/
Meeting – Sept. 8, 6 p.m.

Greenbelt Elementary
Opens 9:15 a.m.;
Closes 3:25 p.m.
www.pgcps.org/~gbeltes/
Meeting – Sept. 14, 7 p.m.

Magnolia Elementary
Opens 9:15 a.m.;
Closes 3:25 p.m.
www.pgcps.org/~magnolia/
Meeting – Aug. 31, 7 p.m.

Springhill Lake Elementary
Opens 8:15 a.m.;
Closes 2:25 p.m.
www.pgcps.org/~spring/
Meeting – Sept. 21, 6:30 p.m.

Greenbelt Middle School
Opens 9 a.m.;
Closes 3:40 p.m.
www.pgcps.org/~gbms/
Meeting – Sept. 7, 7 p.m.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School
Opens 8:30 a.m.; Closes 3:10 p.m.
<http://erosevelths.pgcps.org/>
Meeting – Sept. 20, 7 p.m.

of children, parents can call the school system at 301-808-4000 for more information.

Registration

The need for new students to bring all of the necessary paperwork to register for school was emphasized by school staff. This applies to new students and transferring students at all age levels.

Students must have six specific documents with them when registering. These include birth certificate, immunization record, child's

social security number, proof of residency, name and address of previous school and the child's last report card.

Immunizations needed include diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, poliomyelitis, measles (rubeola) and rubella (German measles). Pre-schoolers may need additional immunizations. Newly enrolled preschoolers through first graders also need a lead

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Beasts Win in Benefit Game; Score Late against Beauties

by Matt Johnson

After a hard-fought battle lasting eight-and-a-half innings and just under three hours, the ladies had the final word and the final run.

The Beasts' heart-pounding 7 to 6 comeback victory was overshadowed by the memory of the late Sgt. Steven F. Gaughan in the minds of hundreds of people filling the bleachers and standing areas of Braden Field on Friday night.

The audience included firefighters, police officers of Greenbelt and Prince George's County, park rangers, softball fans and sponsors, local citizens and Donna, Daniel and Rachel Gaughan.

Donna Gaughan threw out the ceremonial first pitch – and the ceremonial second pitch after moving a couple of steps closer to home plate. She then gave the ball to her son Daniel. Moments before, the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club took the field to dedicate its upcoming football season to "Steve."

The opening festivities gave way to the Beauties vs. the Beasts around 7:15 p.m. "Let's get ready to rumble! Let's play ball!" Percy Alston, president of the Fra-

ternal Order of Police (FOP) in Prince George's County, boomed over the loudspeaker following the national anthem.

The Beasts took the field in defense of their home turf and last year's victory over the supposedly bigger, stronger and faster men. They wore white T-shirts that read "Beauty and the Beast." The Beauties/FOP stepped to the plate with the dispatch "In Memory of Sgt. Steven Gaughan ID 1734" embroidered on their backs.

Beasts starting pitcher Liz Gall got ahead of center fielder Tom Keifline with a called strike but Keifline smacked the second offering up the middle for a base hit. The men were seemingly off to a good start until Keifline got picked off at first base and Timmy Cordero struck out on three pitches.

Gall, a recent graduate of the University of Maryland, held the men to only one run in three innings. She got into trouble in the second but was able to minimize the damage. She retired the FOP in order in the third.

"I'm ok with it. I would always like to do better but they were tough," the curveball specialist

said regarding her performance. "The name of the game is putting the ball in play and they did it."

Cory Karcesky, pitching for the Beauties, had a similar performance. She gave up no runs in her three innings of work but struggled just enough to feel the need to criticize the umpire on his balls and strikes.

"He's actually not calling anything 'cause they want the girls to win, so I have to throw it right down the middle. I'm not used to that," Karcesky said after pitching out of a bases-loaded jam in the first by striking out Joy Mascetti and corraling Mo Berard's comebacker. The striking blonde slinger from Dunkirk said it wasn't her idea to pitch against her fellow fastpitch All Stars.

"I kind of feel like a traitor but it's all right," she said. "They'll still like me." She said the ladies told her to go easy – which she did not.

Opportunities arose for the Beasts when Jill Holz came in to relieve Karcesky in the

See **BEASTS**, page 9

Council Changes Its Rules For Electioneering, Signs

by Barbara Hopkins

It's summertime but that doesn't mean the living is easy for members of the Greenbelt City Council. On Monday, August 8 council met until after 11 p.m. to address an agenda packed with new ordinances and resolutions, development issues, budget issues and other city business, not the least of which was a birthday commemoration for Councilmember Edward Putens. Putens' birthday was that very day and though a certain cloak of secrecy and decorum veiled his actual age, there were references that he has now entered a "significant decade" that apparently starts with the letter "s."

Electioneering Limits

By a vote of three to two, council adopted an ordinance changing the radius for permitted electioneering activities on election day from 300 feet to 150 feet from the polling place. Some councilmembers resisted

this change from the outset. Councilmember Leta Mach said voters come to the polls already knowing how they will vote and some feel harassed by active campaigning at the polls.

Putens said he is not convinced the change will increase voter turn-out. In a previous agenda item, council unanimously passed an ordinance to revise a section of the city code to allow implementation of a resolution (adopted by council in July) allowing all qualified Greenbelt voters to vote by absentee ballot. Putens wanted to see the effect of this change before making a change in electioneering rules.

The majority of councilmembers, however, viewed the change positively. Councilmember Rodney Roberts said his vote in favor of the ordinance

See **COUNCIL**, page 2

Council Takes No Position On Greenbelt Station Bill

by Barbara Hopkins

At its July meeting, the Greenbelt City Council deferred consideration of a proposed county bill that would change approval requirements concerning the adequacy of transportation infrastructure (called facilities in the bill) for Metro Planned Communities. Council postponed until its August 8 meeting discussion of the bill in order to give neighboring communities that could be affected by the development at Greenbelt Station time to address their concerns with the developers.

The bill, CB-36-2005, has been proposed by County Councilmembers Thomas E. Dernoga, Thomas R. Hendershot and Douglas J.J. Peters. Its effect would be to expedite the Greenbelt Station development, according to City Solicitor Robert Manzi, by permitting the developer to proceed to the next stage of development review by posting a bond of 10 percent of the construction costs for required transportation facilities.

Unless transportation facilities serving a development are found adequate at the time of prelimi-

nary plat approval, current zoning law requires the development to be adequately served by such facilities "within a reasonable period of time with existing or programmed public facilities shown" in documents specified within the zoning code or "to be provided by the applicant [developer]." With passage of CB-36, the project could proceed and the conceptual site plan could be approved with the developer having only to post a 10 percent bond instead of having to fund the transportation improvements outright. If a local, state or federal entity then agrees to fund the needed transportation facilities, the developer will not have to do so.

Director of Planning and Community Development Celia Craze attended the August 8 meeting and told council she thought the provision requiring the 10 percent bond was "relatively meaningless." The main incentive for the developer to ensure transportation needs are met is that if they are not either built

See **METROLAND**, page 5

Submit Council Nominations

Monday, August 22 is the first day on which candidates for the office of Greenbelt City Council can file nomination papers with the Greenbelt Board of Elections. All petitions for candidacy must be filed before 5 p.m. on Monday, September 26.

What Goes On

Sunday, August 21
5 p.m., Shakespeare on the Green 2005 "Henry IV, Part 1," Schrom Hills Park
Monday, August 22 through Sunday, August 28 – Indoor Pool Closed. Outdoor Pool Open 6 a.m. to 10:15 p.m., weekdays, 8 a.m. to 9:45 p.m., weekend

Letters

THANKS!

On August 18 at Springhill Lake Elementary the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union will present donations of school supplies collected from credit union members and Greenbelt residents to the school for kids in need.

The credit union would like to express appreciation to its members and Greenbelt residents for their contributions. Special thanks are offered to the Greenbelt Co-op for allowing the credit union to put a collection box inside the Co-op. A major portion of the donations were received in the Co-op box. Contributions can still be made at the credit union before Labor Day weekend or at the school.

Cynthia A. Comproni,
General Manager
Greenbelt Federal
Credit Union

Phenomenal Support

We are grateful for the outpouring of support from the whole community on the occasion of the loss of our husband-father-grandfather. The response of the police, rescue squad, park ranger and our neighbors was phenomenal.

The wonderful support of friends, neighbors and community members helped us get through our hardest days.

Greenbelt is such a special place to live. Flying the city flag at half mast deeply touched us and others as well.

Thank you all!

Resa, Stephen, Leigh,
Amy and Austin Jascourt

P.G. Running Club Sponsors 5K Race

The Prince George's Running Club's "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" 5K race will be held Saturday, August 27 at 8 a.m. at the 94th Aero Squadron on 5420 Paint Branch Parkway in College Park. The five-kilometer course (3.1 miles), which runs through Paint Branch Stream Valley Park past historic College Park Airport and looping around Lake Artemesia, is certified by USA Track & Field, the regulating body for running sports. For the safety of all runners, no strollers, baby joggers, pets or headphones are permitted in the race.

All registrants receive T-shirts and post-race refreshments.

Awards will be given to the top three male and female finishers, the top three masters (age 40 and over) finishers and the top three finishers in each 10-year age group. All runners will also be eligible to receive random merchandise prizes.

There will be a 5K estimated time fun run/walk starting at 8:45 a.m. that is open to all. The winners of this event are not necessarily the fastest. Registration and packet pick-up on race day will be in the parking lot of 94th Aero Squadron. There is also a "bring a friend" discount for those registering with someone else.

For additional information call Lucy Younes at 301-927-1924 or visit www.pgrc.org. The Prince George's Running Club, an affiliate of the Road Runners Club of America, sponsors races, training and fun runs in Prince George's County. The event is a fundraiser for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the National Capital Area.

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was a compromise because he thinks the city should adopt the state standard of 100 feet in order to provide consistency. To him, it is a matter of freedom of speech. He thinks the 300-foot rule infringes on these First Amendment rights since several of Greenbelt's polling sites do not have space for electioneering at 300 feet.

Election Signs

Council addressed other election-related topics that arose from its June 1 worksession with the Board of Elections.

At the request of Mayor Judith Davis, public works staff have identified additional locations where election signs may be placed on public property. Council approved the use of these new locations, once they have been approved by Miss Utility. Roberts cast a sole dissenting vote, saying he did not approve of city staff spending time erecting campaign signs for candidates.

Since the installation of signs at additional sites will require more staff time and city materials, council then considered increasing the candidate participation fee from \$50 to \$75. Even if additional sign sites were not added, staff recommended raising the fee to \$60. The fee has not been raised since its inception in 1991. Council unanimously approved this fee increase.

City Clerk Kathleen Gallagher had suggested changes to the practice of removing candidates' signs a day before the election, since some of the signs were within the area then prohibited for electioneering and at the same time putting up signs to remind citizens of the upcoming election day. If each candidate has provided a sign for each public location, Gallagher suggested, these could be considered information, combined in an area with the city's election-reminder sign and so remain in place during the election, thus creating more visibility about the election. Councilmembers supported this change.

Additional Clerks

A final election-related resolution that passed provides for an increase in the number of absentee ballot clerks the Board of Elections is permitted to appoint. Since absentee ballots may now be more widely used, the board will be permitted to appoint up to six clerks instead of the two previously permitted. This resolution, on the agenda for second reading and adoption, was passed unanimously.

Budget Change

Introduced by Putens for first reading was an ordinance to

amend the Fiscal Year 2006 capital projects budget to cover changes in programming and increases in several projects. Costs for animal control are now estimated to run \$20,000 over previous estimates. The Greenbelt trails project is also apparently underfunded by \$11,000. In addition, staff recommends adding \$10,000 for a stage-lighting project that was included in the Fiscal Year 2005 budget but deferred because of workload constraints.

Costs to repair city drainage problems have been increased by \$10,000. And, finally, the city has paid the last \$1,000 on the clean natural gas fast-fill appliance for public works. The total of these changes brings the capital projects appropriation for FY06 to \$1,416,000.

Following an established procedure, council will hold a public hearing on this budget-increasing ordinance on September 12, when it will be on the agenda for second reading and adoption.

New Fees

Two revenue-producing ordinances were presented for second reading and adoption and passed unanimously. Together, the ordinances will change the city code to permit the city to collect filing fees for planning, zoning and development review projects and to be reimbursed for engineering review costs created by construction plan review in city rights-of-way. This will enable the city to recover costs incurred by development projects that are often profit motivated or producing. This practice is in line with those found in most other government agencies.

Legacy College Offers Classes and More

The University of Maryland Legacy College for Lifelong Learning announces registration for the new semester. Legacy College offers a comprehensive array of educational opportunities including study groups, cultural and social events, University privileges, leadership and civic engagement opportunities and free on-site parking for adults age 50 and over.

Experience the joy of learning and personal growth without the constraints of tests, grades or credits. Graduation from college is not required.

For a catalog and registration information, call 301-403-4467 or email ssimson@umd.edu.

Corrections

In last week's News Review in the Prince George's article on page 2, the News Review gave an incorrect date for the "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" 5K race. The race is actually Saturday, August 27 at 8 a.m.

The News Review has been informed that the website address printed in the box in Festival Notes was not the correct address. The correct address is www.greenbelt.com/laborday.

The News Review regrets the errors.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

Week of AUGUST 19

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"These honey-roasted acorns will be a big hit at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival."

Annual Jazz under the Stars

Saturday, August 27, 6:45 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Outdoors in Roosevelt Center

10:00 to 11:30 p.m. inside Café

Free Concert (see story on page 3)
(Inside Café in case of prolonged rain.)

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Community Events

Register for 15K Labor Day Run

Take part in a tradition this Labor Day Weekend. Hills for the strong and straight-aways for the swift make this course both fun and a challenge. The T-shaped main part of the 15K course runs through the USDA's Beltsville Agricultural Research Center and offers sights and scents of the experiments being conducted there plus three opportunities to pass the refreshment station and keep hydrated. The Race & Run helps celebrate the 51st Annual Greenbelt Labor Day Festival. (For more information see <http://www.greenbelt.com/laborday/>.)

The 47th running of the Larry Noel Greenbelt 15K Run will begin on Northway at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 4. There is also a 3K around the lake. Race day registration will begin at the Youth Center at 4 p.m. There is a fee which is somewhat reduced for mail-in registrations made before August 26. For cost, registration form and more information visit <http://www.dcroadrunners.org>, call the DC Roadrunners hotline at 703-241-0395 or call Joe Broderick at 301-661-5019.

T-shirts are guaranteed to all pre-registered for 3K and 15K events. There will be awards to the first three overall winners – master (over 40); male and female; and first, second and third place for 10-year age group. Refreshments will be available after the race at the finish line (weather permitting) and in the Greenbelt Youth Center.

Planning Underway For Art & Craft Fair

Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA) invites all local artists and crafters to take part in the second annual Fall Harvest Festival Arts and Crafts Fair in Roosevelt Center on Saturday, October 1 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, October 2 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The arts and crafts fair will occur at the same time and place as the annual free outdoor Fall Harvest Concert, which is also sponsored by FONDCA.

Crafters who are interested in demonstrating but not necessarily in selling are also welcome. FONDCA is interested in children and teens as well and hopes to have a special table for them at the fair. Space is limited so call FONDCA now to request an application. The application deadline is September 1. There is a booth fee which will go toward publicity costs for the festival. For information call Barbara Logan at 301-474-1979.

Give Blood, Give Life

The Red Cross has put out an urgent call for blood donors. Blood supplies are critically low. Contact 1-800-GIVE-LIFE today to make an appointment.

Summer Tutoring Is Complete

The free summer tutoring program at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center was successfully completed on August 13. The program was for grades 1 through 12. The levels of tutoring were remedial, review and advanced, as needed. SAT help was provided upon request and computers were used as necessary. The program was patterned after the homework and tutoring programs and the Greenbelt Moving Ahead program which are held during the school year. There were often 25 students present and the program was fortunate to have four tutors to help these people.

With the start of the fall 2005 school semester the free Tutoring and Homework Club and the Greenbelt Moving Ahead program are scheduled as follows: Tuesday, August 30, Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 2:45 to 5 p.m., Tutoring and Homework Club; Wednesday, August 31, Schrom Hills Park, 3:45 to 6 p.m., Tutoring and Homework Club; Saturday, August 24, Springhill Lake Recreation Center from 9:30 a.m. to noon, Greenbelt Moving Ahead Program.

Elementary school students will be accepted on Saturday, depending on availability of space.

Look in the fall brochure of the Recreation Department or call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212 for more information.

A reminder will be included in an article in the August 25 News Review.

Art Gallery Seeks Volunteer Manager

Mary Seng, the current volunteer manager of the Greenbelt Arts Center Gallery, wants to retire from the position to pursue other interests. Candidates should like to organize and be interested in voluntary service to the community and the arts. For more information email galler@greenbeltartscenter.org or call 301-441-8770, ext. 5.

GATE FilmWorks Festival Sept. 4-5

Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATE) will sponsor the 4th Annual GATE FilmWorks Festival at the Old Greenbelt P&G Theatre at Roosevelt Center. There will be an adults-only screening Sunday, September 4 beginning at midnight. Monday's family-oriented screening will begin at noon September 5. There is a fee for both events.

The FilmWorks Festival allows local artists and filmmakers to show productions on the big screen. The Monday line-up will include videos produced by the Children's Animation program.

For more information call the GATE Studio at 301-507-6581.

New Deal Expanding, \$2,500 Gifts in Hand

Members of the New Deal Café cooperative donated over \$2,500 of in-kind labor and materials during the first week of preparations for expansion of the popular gathering spot in Roosevelt Center. The Café is expanding into the space formerly occupied by a video store. The project will create more seating and an expanded kitchen space.

The windows of the new space are covered in large graphics which reflect the things residents find in the Café – good food, music and a chance to meet friends and neighbors. Clean up and repair of the space is ongoing in preparation for a projected Labor Day opening.

For more information call Bill Wilkerson, project manager, at 240-462-5369.

Writers Group Meets Friday

The Greenbelt Writers Group (GWG) will hold its monthly meeting this Friday, August 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center. All Greenbelt writers are invited to come read and to listen to others in the open readings. The highlights of the GWG Showcase will be presented.

GreenBELT Pride Meeting Aug. 22

GreenBELT Pride, a new organization of Greenbelt's gay, bisexual, lesbian, transgender citizens and supporters, will host a "meet and greet" night on Monday, August 22 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the New Deal Café. All are welcome for this informal and informative evening of socializing and sharing. For more information contact Frank DeBernardo at FDeBernardo@aol.com or 301-474-5294 or

Life Line Screening At Baptist Church

Greenbelt Baptist Church will be the host site for a visit from Life Line Screening on Friday, August 26 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Life Line Screening is painless and non-invasive and will screen for stroke, abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease and osteoporosis risk, using ultrasound. Over 2 million people have been screened by Life Line Screening for these risks since 1995. Those who have a family history and are not being seen by a doctor for any one of these conditions may be at risk.

Open to the entire community, appointments are required and there is a fee. For more information, questions or to make an appointment, call Hope Williams, the coordinator, at 1-800-897-9177, ext. 1616. Visit the website at www.lifelinescreening.com for more information on this service.

At the Movies

Up Next, "Broken Flowers"

Sometimes life brings some strange surprises. As the devoutly single Don Johnston (Bill Murray) is dumped by his latest girlfriend (Julie Delpy), he receives an anonymous pink letter informing him that he has a son who may be looking for him. The situation causes Don to examine his relationships with women instead of moving on to the next one and he embarks on a cross-country search for his old flames who might possess clues to the mystery at hand. The four women involved are played by Sharon Stone, Frances Conroy, Jessica Lange and Tilda Swinton. The film is directed by Jim Jarmusch.

"Probably the most non-mainstream/mainstream film of the summer and one of Jarmusch's (and Murray's) best," say movie goers. The film is rated R for language, some nudity and drug use, 105 minutes.

(Editor's Note: In the absence of Eli Flam who provides the "On Screen" column and is on vacation, credit for this week's movie summary goes to the Internet Movie Data Base.)

Play Game Trivia At Labor Day Festival

How does one play a farmer? What's Atari? What's a Keeper's color? How many colors are there in the Quinto game pieces? What's the other name for Weiqi and Baduk? What's the spy? What's en passant? What's a Blokus playing piece look like? How does a player open in Rumikub? Name two games that use railroad pieces to play. What uses a boat as the goal?

Those who don't know the answers to these game trivia questions should come to the Youth Center on Saturday and Sunday, September 3 and 4, from 1 to 4 p.m. during the Labor Day Festival to learn the answers! Members of the Greenbelt and Beltsville Strategy Games Clubs will be on hand to teach a variety of strategy games.

The above questions will be available at the games tables. Those who answer all the questions correctly will have the opportunity to win a prize. Don't miss out on all the fun! Get a head start on answering these questions by coming to the Greenbelt Strategy Games Club on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Youth Center.

This event is sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department. Call 301-397-2208 for information.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

We are proud to say neither heat nor humidity can keep the Golden Age Club from meeting. The August 10 meeting was well attended and included a very informative presentation by our firefighters on fire safety, smoke alarms and tips for exiting a burning building. Thanks to the brave firefighters who give so much to keep us safe.

August 24 we'll play Quinto, Scrabble and other games. There will be a "memory test" with prizes for seniors on August 31. Not quite "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" but should be fun. Get those memories ready and join in.

The club sends condolences to the family of Charlie Nash, a longtime member of the Golden Age Club.

Labor Day Festival Used Book Sale

Raising funds for:
Greenbelt Elementary School PTA
Book donation drop-off at
Co-op Supermarket
August 1 to August 31
Large donation pickup available
For information
call 301-351-4832

Jazz in Roosevelt Center August 27

"Jazz Under the Stars," the annual evening of music in Roosevelt Center, will run from 6:45 to 10 p.m. on the outdoor stage Saturday, August 27. (In case of bad weather, the concert will move inside the Café.)

At 6:45 p.m. the "George Oakley Quartet" will begin the free concert with traditional mid-20th-century American jazz.

"Cliff Art," a modern upbeat jazz trio that is a frequent visitor to the Greenbelt music scene will go on stage at 7:45 p.m. The group will bring a mix of unusual instruments, including the "Chapman Stick" (a combination 8-string guitar and 6-string bass).

At 9 p.m. the "Alex Martin Experience" will present Brazilian jazz, with Alex Martin on guitar and Nathan Garrett on bass.

Jam Session

From 10 to 11:30 p.m. musicians will move inside the New Deal Café for a jam session.

This will be the fifth of seven once-a-month outdoor concerts in Roosevelt Center that began in April. The series is produced by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts, with additional funding grants from the City of Greenbelt, Prince George's County and the Prince George's County Arts Council.

Film

"Mayors for Peace"

About Nuclear Nonproliferation
in Memory of Hiroshima
Sunday, August 21
5 pm
Community Center
Peace & Justice Coalition

Greenbelt City Stars Accepting New Members

The Greenbelt City Stars Jump Rope Team is starting its new competitive season on Monday, August 29, 2005. New members are now accepted from ages 8 to adult for the 2005-2006 jump rope season. This Competitive Travel Team demonstrates and competes in and out of state. Members of the team train three days per week preparing for performances and competitions and are encouraged to strive for athletic and academic excellence.

For registration information, visit www.greenbeltcitystars.com

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It's coming soon!
The 51st Annual Labor Day Festival
September 3, 4, 5 and 6.
Read all about it in the pull-out program in next week's News Review.

Obituaries

Norma Mousley

Norma Mousley, 88, of 6 Court Hillside Road died Saturday, August 13, 2005. Services will be held in Atlantic City, N.J., today, Thursday, August 18.

William F. Donahue, Jr.

William F. Donahue, Jr., died on Tuesday, August 9, 2005, at his home in Littlestown, Pa. He was 72. A memorial service is planned for late October.

Although not a Greenbelt pioneer, he was an early resident in the 1940s, returning later to live in Greenbelt again before retiring to Pennsylvania.

Charles James Nash

Charles James (Charlie) Nash, 81, died July 27, 2005, at Prince George's Hospital Center. He and his wife Elizabeth Pels Nash had been living at Rexford Place the past five months due to his health conditions.



Mr. Nash was born August 11, 1923, in Washington, D.C. After attending schools there, he started work at the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company (later Bell Atlantic, now Verizon), retiring over 40 years later in February 1984. His work in his later years included being part of the White House communications team, a job which took him to many parts of the world with several presidents. Because he was always willing to help others, he was nicknamed "Charlie Brown."

Mr. Nash served in the Army Air Corps in World War II as a telecommunications technician, field lineman and driver for anti-aircraft. He was in Normandy on D-Day but, fortunately, was "in the right place" and returned home safely to Fort George G. Meade, where he was honorably discharged on December 25, 1945. He brought friends who could not reach their homes for Christmas Day home to share his home and family – an example of the kind, unselfish life he was to live throughout his 81 years.

He met and married Ora Elizabeth Spillman ("Lib") of Farmington, N.C., and together they raised a family in Wheaton,

Md. They were both active in Hughes United Methodist Church, a relationship which lasted throughout their lives. Mr. Nash was head usher for many years and helped out in many other ways – including folding bulletins "with the ladies." After his wife's death in 1984, he continued the church activities, adding annual "Christmas in April" projects and took on other services with the Telephone Pioneers of America (TPA) such as new wiring for the Ronald McDonald House in Washington and the Adopt-a-Highway project. He also attended most of the spring and fall luncheons of the TPA until his later years.

In doing the paperwork for his wife's estate, Mr. Nash called on a lady he had met while working on the phones at the Federal Trade Commission. She had offered help and medical equipment or supplies to anyone needing them when she returned from burying her mother. Almost five years later Mr. Nash called her and asked if the offer was meant for government people only; she replied it was to help anyone – and that's how Elizabeth Ann (Liz) Pels came into his life. They became friends doing the paperwork. Meeting for dinner and meeting his family, the friendship blossomed into love and a marriage of more than 15 years. Charles and Elizabeth Ann Pels (a child of a Greenbelt pioneer family), were married at St. Hugh's Catholic Church on March 3, 1990, and he proudly became "a Greenbelter" instantly.

He entered into life in Greenbelt with gusto, joining Post #136 of the American Legion and also Squadron 136 of the Sons of the American Legion (SAL) (in honor of his father, a World War I veteran). He was honored when his son and grandson also became members of the SAL and his wife, daughter and granddaughter joined Post 136's Auxiliary Unit. He enjoyed the Legion crab and shrimp feasts, worked at the bingo games, sup-

ported the "Nights at the Races" and was always willing to help out wherever needed, even baking a cake or two for the Auxiliary cake wheels. He also volunteered to protect the Mother and Child statue at Halloween. Many Greenbelters will remember him as the "guardian" of the shoe shop in Roosevelt Center when the owner needed to run an errand. He especially enjoyed the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival as well as picnics and walks at "Buddy" Attick Lake Park and the Fourth of July concert and fireworks. He walked two miles every morning with a dear friend, Selenia Bonebrake, until her health caused them to shorten and then cancel their walks. They then moved inside to join other "seniors" at Generous Joe's where he made more Greenbelt friends.

Mr. Nash was a life member of the Alexander Graham Bell chapter of the Telephone Pioneers of America and the Greenbelt Golden Age Club and was a member of the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum and the Greenbelt Arts Center in addition to his membership in the American Legion units.

Mr. Nash is survived by his wife Elizabeth (Liz), son C.J., Jr., ("Jim") and daughter-in-law Susan Nash, daughter Nash Simonet and grandchildren Chase Simonet and Morgan Simonet. He is also survived by many loving relatives and friends.

A celebration of his life was held August 1 at Hughes United Methodist Church, with burial in Gate of Heaven cemetery.

Memorial contributions in his name may be made to: National Kidney Foundation (Dialysis Funds), 5335 Wisconsin Ave., NW #380, Washington, DC 20036; Hughes United Methodist Church (HUMC), 10700 Georgia Ave., Wheaton, MD 20902; American Heart Association, P.O.Box 5216, Glen Allen, VA 23058; Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM), P.O.Box 1025, Greenbelt, MD 20768; or any charity of choice.

Ruth Hilda Osborn

Ruth Hilda Osborn, a long-time resident of Greenbelt, died in her sleep on August 14, 2005. She recently celebrated her 90th birthday.



Originally from the Germantown and Elkins Park neighborhoods of Philadelphia, Miss Osborn attended the Ogontz School and then Bryn Mawr College. When the Great Depression caused her to leave college early, she took a job in Baltimore with the U.S. government. She remained a dedicated federal employee for over 30 years, during which time she worked in Japan and the National Capital area. After retirement, Miss Osborn took care of her aging mother and remained in close contact with her sister and family.

Continuing to live on Forestway where she had lived for around 40 years until 2003, she was fond of gardening, travel and fine dining. She was also known around her community for her kind words and vintage turquoise Buick. She spent her final years at Sunrize at Countryside in Sterling, Va.

Baldauf – Singley

Harry Baldauf and Tammy Singley of Shady Side, formerly of Greenbelt, have announced their engagement.

Baldauf, son of Jean Baldauf of Bayonne, N.J., and the late Harold B. Baldauf, is a graduate of the University of Maryland and Central Michigan University and is the Human Resources Officer for the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Washington, D.C. Singley, daughter of Larry Lodato of Gilberton, Pa., and Darlene Lodato of Friedensburg, Pa., is a graduate of Carroll Community College and is employed as a physical therapist assistant in Hyattsville.

An October wedding is being planned.

She is survived by two nieces, three nephews, eight grandnieces, five grandnephews, one great-grandniece and two great-grandnephews.

Visitation will be at 1:30 p.m. with a funeral service held at 2 p.m. Saturday, August 20 at Ft. Lincoln Funeral Home and Cemetery, 3401 Bladensburg Road.

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 10:30 a.m. Worship Service



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Dr. Mark Johnson, Pastor

(starting July 3)
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 Worship Service: 10:15 am

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 (Adult Bible Study/Prayer & Children's Ministry)

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301-474-9410 www.gbmg-umc.org/mowatt



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Sunday School 9:45 am Worship Service 11:00 am
 Handicapped accessible Easy parking

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 135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
 301-474-4322



Mass Schedule:

Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Pastor: Fr. Walter J. Tappe

Pastoral Associate: Fr. R. Scott Hurd



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Sundays: 8:00 am Simple, quiet Mass
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 10:00 am Sung Mass with organ and folk music, ASL interpreted
 1:30 pm Signed Mass (last Sunday of each month only)
Wednesdays: 7:00 pm Simple, quiet Mass

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Giving in charity is one of the important teachings of Islam, greatly rewarded by God and an obligation on every individual who has the means to do so.

"And the likeness of those, who spend their substance, seeking to please God and to strengthen their souls, is as a garden, high and fertile; heavy rain falls on it, but makes it yield a double increase in harvest, and if it does not receive heavy rain, light moisture suffices it. God sees well whatever you do . . . O you who believe, give of the good things which you have earned, and of the fruits of the earth which we have produced for you . . ."

- The Holy Qur'an, 2:265 & 267

To find out more about Islam, call 301-982-9463 or e-mail us at muslimguide@mail.com or visit the website www.islam-guide.com.

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or programmed for as outlined in the bill, the project will have to be on a much smaller scale. She noted that an interchange near the project at the Capital Beltway is estimated to run some \$65 million; she thought \$6.5 million as a bond from the developer may be a show of good faith, but it won't make the interchange happen.

Craze also noted that the proposed amendment does not address other concerns about the county zoning ordinance as it applies to Metro Planned Communities.

One of those concerns was voiced by Kap Kapastin, owner representative of Beltway Plaza, who expressed concerns about language in the bill preventing any anchor department store in the development from "initially" operating under a name characterized as a discount department store. Kapastin found agreement from the city council that the term, "initially," should be deleted. He remains concerned, as he has been, that the development will present competition to Beltway Plaza.

Kapastin is concerned that the changes proposed by the county bill "open the door" for other changes. He said he has appeared before the county zoning committee to seek confirmation that the new development will not present a duplication of services to those found in Beltway Plaza.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts made a motion to oppose the new bill but this was defeated three to two, with only Councilmember Konrad Herling joining Roberts in voting for it. A later motion to take a position of "no position" passed 4 to 1 with Roberts dissenting.

Annexation Petition

Councilmembers readily agreed to accept a petition from Greenbelt Metropark L.L.C., developers of the Greenbelt Station project, to incorporate into the city land acquired by the developer from the Smith family. The parcels, approximately 85 vacant acres south of the Metro station near Branchville Road, form the South Core of the development project. After other procedural steps, council will consider a resolution authorizing the annexation. Council anticipated having this resolution introduced at its meeting on September 12. A City Charter amendment changing the city's boundaries will also be prepared.

After discussion and procedural explanations from Manzi and City Manager Michael McLaughlin, council also unanimously agreed to have staff look into annexing other nearby properties at the same time. Some of the additional parcels are state property, which must be included to avoid creating an "illegal enclave" in which the city would surround an unincorporated parcel. This could complicate adding more land to the annexation, as state representatives are reported to be reluctant to agree to the process at this time. Manzi assured council that annexation really poses no consequence to the state, which will not have to pay city taxes nor abide by city laws. The addition of more land to the annexation could delay the process, Manzi added. Staff will look into the additional annexation and council will reconsider the matter in September.



Condolences to Terry Mousley of 6 Court Hillside Road on the death of her mother, Norma Mousley.

Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the deaths of former long-time Greenbelter Ruth Osborn and William F. Donahue, Jr.

Congratulations to Ed Chapman, general manager of the Greenbelt TGI Friday's, who was awarded a regional Risk Taking Leadership Award at the East Division General Managers Conference held in Newport, R.I., August 1 through 3. The award is a recognition given to individuals who take risks within the company's designated parameters to improve overall business performance.

July was a special month for Mat Amberg and family of 6 Court Hillside Road.

July 21 was the 60th wedding anniversary for Mat and Rose Amberg. They were married July 21, 1945. Cheers!

July 23 was also a special day for the Amberg family. Their granddaughter Anna Rachel Lantelme, daughter of Ruth (Amberg) and James Lantelme, who had had a naming ceremony at Mishkan Torah when she was seven days old, now, at age 13 years, celebrated her Bat Mitzvah at her temple in Arlington, Va. It was a joyous occasion. Family and friends came from all over the United States. Her paternal grandparents came from Florida, her Aunt Maggie from Wisconsin and others from California, New York and other states.

We wish speedy recoveries to:

- Facilities Maintenance Supervisor Tim Houchens following corrective neck surgery.

- Jim Link of Ridge Road who is recovering from surgery.

- News Review News Editor Elaine Skolnik following a brief hospitalization for illness.

- News Review Proofreader Emma Mendoza who is recovering from recent surgery.



City Notes

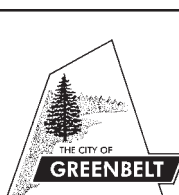
Code enforcement staff investigated a complaint of campers in the forest preserve, provided for erosion control for a water main break on Ridge Road and met with the manager of Greenbriar about parking issues.

Animal control officers removed a dog that was tied to a pole in front of Beltway Plaza and transported it to the county animal shelter. Animal control currently has two cats available for adoption.

At the Youth Center, Camp Explorer ended on August 12 with a cookout at Buddy Attick Lake and a final swim at the pool. There are 27 campers registered for the new basketball camp, where campers will learn basketball skills, go swimming and take a trip to the Comcast Center.

CARES

Teresa Smithson and Christal Batey welcomed Nailah Gubern to an internship in the GAIL program. Gubern is a Master of Social Work student at the University of Maryland at Baltimore and will be working with GAIL and CARES two days a week for the 2005-2006 academic year.



City Information

OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups. Vacancies exist on the:

Advisory Committee on Education
Employee Relations Board
Park and Recreation Advisory Board

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

Greenbelt Arts Center presents:

Shakespeare on the Green 2005
Henry IV
part one

*Aug 21, 5pm Schrom Hills Park
*Aug 28, 5pm Springhill Lake Rec Ctr.
*Sept 3-4, 5pm Greenbelt Arts Center for the Labor Day Festival

Info: 301-441-8770 or 301-220-0552



CALLING ALL CAMPERS FOR THE CREATIVE KIDS CAMP REUNION CHORUS!

Creative Kids Camp will help the Community Center celebrate its 10th Anniversary on Sunday afternoon, October 2 by performing selected songs from *The Cookie Caper*, a previous camp production about the wonderful activities that take place at the Center. Come to the Community Center on the following dates to join in the fun!

FREE!

Sunday, Sept. 18
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Rehearsal in Room 201
Sunday, Sept. 25
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Rehearsal in Room 201
Sunday, Oct. 2
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Rehearsal in Room 201
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm Concert in the Gymnasium

NOTICE

The Greenbelt Community Center will be closing at 7pm on Sundays beginning September 11, 2005.

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR CITY ELECTION
OCTOBER 10, 2005

Greenbelt residents are reminded that to participate in the 2005 City election—whether as a voter, a candidate for City Council, or a signer of a petition for a candidate—you must be registered to vote in Prince George's County.

To register to vote in Prince George's County, you must:

- Be a citizen of the United States of America;
- Be at least 18 years of age as of November 8, 2005;
- Be domiciled within the corporate limits of the City of Greenbelt as of the date of registration;
- Not have been convicted more than once of an infamous crime and not be currently under sentence or on probation pursuant to a conviction of an infamous crime; and
- Not be under guardianship for mental disability.

For information about registering to vote in Prince George's County, call 301-430-8020. Forms to be mailed or carried to the county may be downloaded from the Web or picked up at the Municipal Building at 25 Crescent Road or the public library at 11 Crescent Road. All forms must be received by the County Board of Elections in Upper Marlboro no later than 4:30 p.m., Monday, October 10.

If you are already registered to vote in Prince George's but have moved within the county, you may pick up a "Change of Voter Registration Data" form at the Municipal Building or request one from the county.

For additional information, call Kathleen Gallagher, City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or send e-mail to kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov.

GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER

The Indoor Pool will be closed for its Annual Cleaning Monday, August 22 through Sunday August 28. We will re-open Monday August 29 at 6:00am. During this time the outdoor pool will be open 6:00am- 10:15pm on weekdays and 8:00am-9:45pm on the weekend.

FIT 'N FUN AEROBICS

M, W, F from 9:30am-10:45am

Class starts August 22nd Call Greenbelt Community Center at 301-397-2208 for registration information
Babysitters wanted for Fit 'N Fun Aerobics Class at Greenbelt Community Center. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9:30am to 11:00am. \$7.25/hour. Call 301-397-2208 for more info.

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/ PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Tuesday & Thursday, August 23 & 25: 10am & 5:30pm "Ask the Expert- Proper Body Mechanics," **6:00pm** "Controlling Mosquitoes In Your Yard," **6:05pm** "How Can Mediation Help Me?" **7:00pm** Greenbelt Recreation Department presents "Radio WOOF with Bill Wellington." **PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, August 24 & 26: 7pm** "Medicare Partnerships in Action," **7:30pm** "Glenda's 18th Birthday Party," **8:15pm** "Hawaii: Land of Volcanoes."

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screening certificate.

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

Attendance

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

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

A six-year-old child who moves into Maryland who has not had a kindergarten experience may be enrolled in kindergarten or first grade. The local school system will determine the appropriate grade placement.

Meal Prices

Lunch and breakfast prices will remain the same as for the last several years. Elementary school children's lunch will be \$1.75. Lunch for middle and high schoolers will be \$1.85. Reduced price lunches will be 40 cents for all grades. Breakfast in elementary schools will be \$1.10; in middle and high schools it will be \$1.25. Reduced price breakfast is 30 cents. Milk prices will also stay the same — 40 cents. Adult meals will be priced a la carte.

Children will be bringing home information about free or reduced cost lunches close to the first day of school. (A detailed report of new income requirements is in a separate article in this issue.)

Rights/Responsibilities

The school system is drafting new and greatly expanded guidelines on the rights and responsibilities of students, their parents and guardians. The draft had been on the school system website over the summer; it has now been removed to incorporate comments that were received. It will then be posted on the site again. It will formalize rights and responsibilities, access to records and privacy concerns and issues related to conduct and disciplinary measures.

One section is "Conduct warranting disciplinary measures resulting in denial of educational participation;" it describes levels of misconduct and levels of discipline ranging from detention to parent conferences, peer mediation, etc. The draft indicates that principals have the authority to assess suspensions of one to 10 days. Until these

guidelines are finalized, the information below is expected to remain in effect.

Extracurricular

High school students need to have a 2.0 or better grade point average in order to participate in extracurricular sports or activities. Averages will be computed quarterly.

Expulsion Policy

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

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

Medication Policy

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

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

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

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

Websites

All schools in Greenbelt have a website (see box for website addresses). Some are more detailed than others and, as of mid-August, most had not been updated to reflect the new school year. Some schools have a list of needed school supplies on their sites.

The Prince George's County school system has an elaborate website (www.pgcps.org) containing general information about the school system as well as detailed information on bus schedules, policy issues, future plans, school board meetings and agendas and information about individual schools in the system.

The most popular site at the county level is a listing of lunch menus for an entire month. Students, parents and community members are encouraged to access their school website.

Bring Kids to School Parents Are Urged

As part of the "Embracing Our Village" initiative, the Prince George's County government and the public school system are encouraging everyone — parents, grandparents, teachers, government employees, elected officials and neighbors — to join in the first "Bring Your Child to School on the First Day" celebration to show support for the hard work of students and educators at all county public schools when they arrive on August 22.

Parents are encouraged to walk their children to school. If driving, parents are urged to walk inside the building with their child when they arrive. If children ride a school bus, parents are asked to meet their students at school in the morning. By joining their children at school on the first day, parents will have an opportunity to establish mutually beneficial relations with principals, teachers, bus drivers and members of their school's community.

"The children in Prince George's County Public Schools have made great strides, particularly over the last two years," said Board of Education Chair Beatrice P. Tignor, referring to the increases in Maryland School Assessment scores during each of the last two years. "We want to encourage them to keep that momentum moving forward. With even greater parental, community and business involvement, our students will reach new heights."

Parents are invited to attend Back to School Night activities; join or organize a PTA or PTSO in their child's school, volunteer at their child's school, attend parent-teacher conferences, chaperone field trips, attend awards assemblies and attend community meetings hosted by the Board of Education, the CEO or Regional Assistant Superintendents.

Schools Available For Community Use

Public school facilities are available to non-profit community groups and organizations for use after school hours. Rental fees are set according to school board policy. The use of classrooms, gymnasiums, auditoriums, cafeterias and conference rooms is not only allowed by the school system but encouraged. School events receive priority consideration in scheduling.

Initial contact should be made at the desired school office to request the facilities and to determine if they are available at the desired time. Any custodial or rental fees must be paid in advance. Nominal fees have been set by the Board of Education.

Greenbelters without children in school may want to access this site to learn more about the school system and its philosophy and activities.

One particularly useful service available to parents is an email notification that is issued if schools close early for any reason. Parents can find this service on the parents page under weather-related closings.

Dress for Success At County Schools

Springhill Lake Elementary School is the only public school in Greenbelt with a voluntary uniform system. Berwyn Heights Elementary School, a school attended by some Springhill Lake students, has a uniform requirement. For other Prince George's County schools, the following dress code has been in effect for over six years.

- A headdress can be worn indoors for religious or health reasons only.

- Shirts and blouses should be continuous from neckline to waist. The entire mid-section should be covered. There can be no tank tops or muscle shirts; no clothing with vulgar language, obscene pictures, weapons, drug/alcohol products; and no see-through clothing.

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

- Pants should be secured at the waist — no sagging below the waist to expose undergarments.

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

- Shoes must be worn.

Head Start

The Prince George's County School System participates in Head Start. Head Start is a national program that provides comprehensive child development programs to disadvantaged children from birth to age 5 and to their families. The purpose of the program is to increase school readiness of young children in low-income families. Parents who have children who may be eligible for the Head Start program can contact the school system at 301-406-7100 for more information. Families must meet program income eligibility guidelines.

Volunteer at School

Volunteers help enhance education for students in the Prince George's County school system. Parents, students, neighbors, friends, business and government employees, crafts people, retirees and anyone who has time to share is invited to be a volunteer.

Volunteer activities include tutoring children individually or in small groups; aiding teachers in reading, mathematics, handwriting, science, English as a Second Language or any area of interest or sharing skills and talents, job expertise or life experience, as special resources for classroom instruction. The volunteer could also assist staff in the school office, media center, health room or cafeteria. Those unable to travel to a school could volunteer to help from home by making instructional materials and displays, typing and many other activities.

Contact the local school to offer assistance.

County Recruits More Male Teachers

In a ceremony on Friday August 26 at Bowie State University (BSU), a line-up of dignitaries will launch a partnership to recruit and train more male teachers for the Public George's County schools. The event, which is open to the public, will be held at 11:30 a.m. in the Thurgood Marshall Library at BSU, 14000 Jericho Park Road, Bowie. Congressman Steny H. Hoyer; Calvin Lowe, president of BSU; Dr. Scott Dantley, acting dean of BSU's School of Education; Dr. Beatrice P. Tignor, chair of the county Board of Education; Howard A. Burnett, interim CEO of the county public schools; and Homer McCall, a former county teacher and program coordinator will all participate in the ceremony.

Bus Schedules

Since school bus schedules have been computerized, the school system has been unable to provide Greenbelt bus schedules to the News Review. Elementary students are considered "walkers" if they live within 1.5 miles of school: the radius for middle school and high school students is two miles. For information call the school Dept. of Transportation at 301-952-6570.

For more school related stories, see page 12.



For Members of the community who are interested in spending 10 minutes that can save your life, **Life Line Screening** will be in the Greenbelt area at **Greenbelt Baptist Church** on Friday **August 26, 2005**. Appointment times are between **9:00 am and 4:00 pm—by appointment ONLY!** This event is open to the entire community.

Life Line Screening will be screening for stroke, abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease, and osteoporosis risk, using Ultrasound. It is completely painless and non-invasive. Over 2 million people have been screened by Life Line Screening for the above risks since 1995. If you are not being seen by a doctor for any one of these conditions, and you have these conditions in your family, you may be at risk.

For more information, or to answer any questions or to reserve an appointment and get \$10.00 off, call Hope Williams, the coordinator, at 1-800-897-9177, ext. 1616 to schedule your appointment. There is no fee to reserve your appointment. There is a fee for the screening. Please check their website for more information on this beneficial health service. www.lifelinescreening.com

Greenbelt Consumer Co-op Ad

POLICE BLOTTER

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

Robberies

August 7, 1:26 p.m., 6156 Greenbelt Road, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with strong arm robbery, theft and second degree assault. The owner of Gold Plaza Jewelers reported that he was showing the man various items of jewelry. The man was looking at two bracelets when he punched the store owner in the face and attempted to leave the store with the merchandise. The suspect was wrestled to the ground and detained by security personnel until police arrived. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

August 8, 12:23 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, a man reported that he was walking to a residence when he was approached by as many as six men. One of them had a tan and white pit bull on a leash and began to chase the man. The suspect then produced a handgun. The victim fled the area on foot and called police. The one suspect is described as a black male 20 to 25 years of age, 6' with a thin build, long black hair, brown eyes and a small beard, wearing a black military style hat, a black shirt and black pants.

Drugs

August 5, 6:47 p.m., 100 block Westway, a nonresident man and a resident youth were arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. A second resident youth was arrested for possession of marijuana. A bike officer observed an occupied vehicle with a registration violation in a parking lot and upon approaching it he detected the odor of what he believed to be marijuana. One youth was found to be in possession of suspected marijuana and paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana. A K-9 and handler checked the interior of the vehicle and located more suspected marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Both youths were released to parents pending action by the juvenile justice system. The adult was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

August 5, 8:39 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of cocaine when police observed him (knowing he had no license) driving a vehicle. The vehicle was stopped and a quantity of suspected cocaine was found in the vehicle. The man was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

August 10, 7:15 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, a resident youth was arrested for possession of marijuana after police responded to a report of people smoking marijuana in front of a building. When police arrived on the scene the youth fled the area on foot. After a foot chase, which ended in a laundry room in the 6200 block of Springhill Drive, a quantity of suspected marijuana was found next to the

youth. The youth was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

DWI

August 6, 11:10 p.m., 6200 block Greenbelt Road, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with driving while impaired, driving under the influence and other traffic charges after being stopped for a traffic violation. He was released on citations pending trial.

August 6, 11:55 p.m., Greenbelt Road and Frankfort Drive, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with driving while impaired, driving while impaired by a controlled dangerous substance and other traffic charges after he was stopped for a registration violation. He was released on citations pending trial.

August 7, 6:12 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, a resident man was arrested and charged with driving while impaired, driving under the influence and other traffic charges after being stopped for a traffic violation. He was released on citations pending trial.

Theft

August 9, Greenway Center, a nonresident woman was arrested and charged with theft. Police observed an occupied vehicle sitting in the parking lot, bearing a temporary tag that belonged to a lot of temporary tags that had been reported stolen. The woman was released on citation pending trail.

August 10, Kenilworth Avenue and Pontiac Street, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with theft. Police observed a suspicious occupied vehicle and a computer check revealed that the tag on the vehicle had been reported stolen. The man was released on citation pending trial.

August 10, Kenilworth Avenue and I-495, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with theft as a result of the investigation of a motor vehicle accident. He was released on citation pending trial.

Trespass

August 5, 12:52 p.m., Roosevelt Center, a resident man and woman were arrested and charged with trespass. They were observed in the Greenbelt Co-op after they had been banned by agents of the property. Both were released on citations pending trial.

August 9, 4:59 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespass. He was observed on the grounds of the mall after having been banned by agents of the property. The man was released on citation pending trial.

August 11, 2:46 p.m., Greenway Center, a resident man was arrested and charged with trespass. He had been fired from Safeway and had been banned from the store by agents of the property. The man was arrested when he returned to the store and was released on citation pending trial.

August 11, 7:04 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespass. He was observed on the grounds

of the mall after having been banned by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

False ID

August 6, 10:11 a.m., 5700 block Cherrywood Lane, a man of no fixed address was arrested and charged with possession of false government ID when police stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. Investigation revealed that the driver had no license and that he was in possession of a fake resident alien card. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Burglaries

August 7, 3:27 p.m., 400 block Ridge Road, it was reported that unknown person(s) broke into a storage room. Bicycle equipment was taken.

August 7, 11:35 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, it was reported that unknown person(s) possibly entered a residence by forcing open a bedroom window. Two laptop computers and a cell phone were taken.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a 2001 Chrysler Sebring convertible and a dark blue 2003 Dodge Straus 4-door, Maryland tags 7AGB85, both from the 6000 block Springhill Drive; a blue 2000 Jaguar S Type 4-door, Virginia tags 659455 from the 7900 block Mandan Road; a 1999 Dodge Intrepid 4-door from the 8200 block Canning Terrace; a 1995 Mercury 4-door from the 7300 block Morrison Drive; a black Ford Crown Victoria 4-door, Virginia tags 670031 from the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace; a teal 2002 Dodge van, Maryland tags 411M558 from the 7900 block Lakecrest Drive; a 1997 Dodge Stratus 4-door from the 6200 block Breezewood Drive; a 2003 Toyota Corolla 4-door from the 7900 block Good Luck Road; and a white 1998 Chrysler Concord 4-door, Maryland tags MXG532 from the 9200 block Springhill Lane.

Eight vehicles were recovered, two by Greenbelt police and six by other police departments with no arrests in any of the recoveries. One reported vehicle was found to have been repossessed, not stolen.

Vandalism to, theft from and attempted theft of vehicles were reported in the following areas: Beltway Plaza Mall (two incidents), 6200 block Breezewood Drive, 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, 6200 block Springhill Court, 9100 block Springhill Court, 6000 block Springhill Drive, 9100 block Springhill Lane, 6100 block Springhill Terrace, 8100 block Lakecrest Drive, 6600 block Lake Park Drive, 6900 block Lady Anne Court, 53 Court Crescent Road, 56 Court Ridge Road, 6 Court Research Road, 7500 block Greenway Center Drive, 6900 block Hanover Parkway, 7600 block Hanover Parkway, 7500 block Mandan Road, 7900 block Mandan Road, 7300 block Morrison Drive and 8200 block Canning Terrace.



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fourth. Holz was instrumental in the first Beauties vs. Beasts fastpitch contest, pitching the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department Beauties to an upset win. But Friday night belonged to the Beasts. A costly wild pitch and a throwing error led to a three-run inning, which put the Beasts on top 3 to 1.

Memories

Watching from behind the backstop was Joe Comproni, who lived only two doors up from Sgt. Gaughan in Boxwood Village. Comproni praised his fallen neighbor for being "funny all the time." His favorite memory is the time Gaughan came to his Christmas party dressed in a Santa Claus suit.

The game slowed in the fifth inning, giving fans more time for remembrance. "[Sgt. Gaughan] once pulled me over in Bowie Town Center and said 'no shopping,'" 18-year-old Lizzy Sankar recalled.

In the sixth, John Maloney of the FOP reached first on an error and later rode home on a double by Billy Norris. Norris stole third and jogged home to score the tying run after a hard single by "Daddy Longlegs" Chuck Richardson. Designated hitter Lenny Sage drew a walk with the bases loaded to give the men a 4 to 3 lead.

Beauties Lead

The heat refused to stop. Keifline's infield single and an error led to two more runs. The Beauties' 6 to 3 lead appeared almost insurmountable after the Beasts went three up, three down in their half of the sixth thanks

to spectacular fielding by Cordero and Maloney.

Donnie Bell, 2nd vice president of the Prince George's County FOP and primary spokesman for the event, did not play but talked tough from the bleachers. He said he was not surprised to see that his team was winning, though he could hardly keep track of the score while suiting the needs of 300 fans wanting food, commemorative T-shirts and information. He commented on the high concentration of police officers, estimating that there were at least 50 - a few on-duty, many off-duty.

"I think it's a safe bet to say there aren't going to be any homicides tonight."

Andrew McKenney, a Branchville firefighter who played for the Beauties last year, recalled his team's fastpitch struggles as both the Beauties and the Beasts failed to score in the seventh.

"We just couldn't hit the ball last year," he said.

McKenney's words were foreboding, for the Beauties would not score for the rest of the game.

The Beasts, on the other hand,



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Crystal Tweedy (holding trophy) went 4-4 in the Beasts' 7-6 victory Friday night.

would score four runs in the eighth to take a 7 to 6 lead that would become final after the Beauties failed to answer in the ninth.

"It was great. Everyone looked like they had a good time," said Beasts Head Coach Tony Callaway. "I don't think winning was the key. Everyone [now] sees women on a closer playing field."

Crystal Tweedy of the Beasts had perhaps the greatest time of anyone, going 4 for 4 with a walk and scoring a run.

"I just came to play and have fun. Whatever happens happens," said Tweedy. "I knew we could do it sooner or later. We just had to get the hits in the right spots."

Tweedy mentioned that she will represent the Regional Electric Tor-

nadoes in the Greenbelt Recreation Department's Fastpitch League Championship doubleheader against the State Farm Angels.

"I'll make sure I get rest," she said.

Tweedy's performance was only one ingredient of the Beasts' recipe of success. A blunder at shortstop started the eighth-inning rally and a double steal later in the inning put two runners in scoring position - both would score. The Beasts' aggressive base running would prove decisive as third baseman Molly Bender scored the go-ahead run on a groundout.

Amanda Baldwin, the 2004 Rookie of the Year and the only player with her own personal sign-holding fan, was retired by pitcher Andrea Van Engan to end the eighth.

Van Engan would end up with the loss, while Lacey Trossback snagged the win. Trossback tossed three scoreless innings, giving up only one hit and striking out five officers.

Jennifer Ivy, a Prince George's County police officer, worked concessions throughout most of the game, selling hotdogs, hamburgers, sodas and snowballs. All proceeds went to the Gaughan family. Approximately \$6,500 was raised at the game with thousands more coming from ticket and T-shirt sales.

Ivy said the event was critical in "making people realize the sacrifices officers make and Steve [Gaughan] made the ultimate sacrifice for the community."

Paul Evans, who played second base for the Beauties, going

Springhill Lake Student Changes

When school opens next week, two major changes will affect students living in Springhill Lake apartments. Rising sixth graders will now attend Greenbelt Middle School instead of finishing their elementary careers at Springhill Lake Elementary School. Judy Austin, principal of Greenbelt Middle School, told the News Review, "We are happy to have 6th grade again. Four years ago we had 6th grade and we were able to measure their growth both academically and physically."

All students from kindergarten through 5th grade who live in the apartments will now attend Springhill Lake Elementary. When Berwyn Elementary reopened a few years ago, a small number of Springhill Lake students were assigned there. These students have now been reassigned to Springhill Lake Elementary School.

However, students from Springhill Lake apartments who would have been in the 6th grade at Berwyn Heights Elementary will be able to finish their elementary education there if they choose, instead of going to Greenbelt Middle School.

2 for 4 at the plate, was once Gaughan's captain. He spoke of how Gaughan caught drug dealers almost every day while serving as half of a partnership referred to as the "Two-man Terror." He said he and his fellow officers "always think of Steve."

"The game is just fun, Steve is serious," Evans said.

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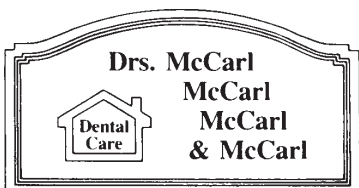
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The Policy and Planning Committee of the Prince George's County Board of Education will meet in open session on Wednesday, August 24 at 5:15 p.m. in the Board Executive Room at the Sasscer Administration Building in Upper Marlboro.

The Policy and Planning Committee continues to monitor the process of reviewing and proposing updates as necessary to Board of Education policies, Standing Resolutions of the board and board bylaws. The meeting will be open to the public; however, there will be no public participation.

For additional information call Lucy Ament, executive assistant at 301-952-6118.

School Board Holds CIP Session Aug. 23

The Prince George's County Board of Education will hold a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) worksession on Tuesday, August 23 at 6 p.m. in the board meeting room at the Sasscer Administration Building in Upper Marlboro.

The primary focus of the worksession will be to discuss Fiscal Year 2007-2012 funding for the capital improvement program for the Prince George's County public schools. The meeting is open to the public; however, there will be no public participation.

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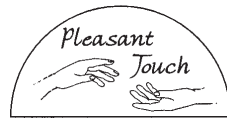
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Split Foyer with 4 bedrooms and 3 full baths. Fenced backyard with 16'x16' deck. Newer washer, dryer & hot water heater. \$424,900 U.C.

Westchester Park

Two bedroom garden-style brick condominium in College Park. Large rooms, balcony, lots of closet space and remodeled kitchen. SOLD

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Three Bedroom With Large Corner Lot

GHI frame townhome with one of the largest yards in GHI. Completely fenced with lots of shade trees. Hardwood floors. \$184,900 U.C.

Corner Lot

This 2 bedroom townhome is close to Roosevelt Center and Swimming Pool. The large fenced yard is perfect for your family and pets. SOLD

Three Bedroom Townhome

This GHI Co-op home has a fenced yard with a large deck. Refinished oak hardwood flooring, w/d, window a/c units & fresh paint. \$169,900

Two Bedroom Greenbelt Townhome

Wooded setting with fenced yard and great neighbors. Own this home for a lower monthly payment than rent; call to find out. \$140,000 SOLD

Loft Condominium

Great location in Gaithersburg with views overlooking a flowing stream. One bedroom unit with large sitting room and balcony. \$179,900 SOLD

One Bedroom Lower Level

This one will go fast! One bedroom townhome with all the extras. True single-level living in the heart of Greenbelt. Priced to sell at \$95K. SOLD

Two Bedroom Townhome

GHI Townhome - Two bedroom frame unit; long floorplan with updated kitchen and bathroom. Fenced yard & shed; backs to woodlands. SOLD

U.C. = Under contract; seller may consider back-up offers



GES Bids Adieu To Longtime Staff



PHOTO BY DAVID LANGE

At the end-of-the-year breakfast, Principal Kathy Curl says farewell to longtime staff members leaving Greenbelt Elementary School – Barbara Packer, Carolyn Anderson and Diane Eades. Barbara Packer later decided not to retire after all but to instead become a Title I Language Arts teacher at Port Towns Elementary. Because of her retire-rehire status, Carolyn Anderson has had to move back to a Title I school. Diane Eades will be teaching Reading Recovery at schools closer to her home.

GPS, Bus Rider Identifications Add Safety to School Buses

As students prepare to start school on August 22, Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) will launch a new safety initiative for young bus riders this year by providing identification cards and encouraging parents to meet their child's bus driver. PGCPS is preparing to transport more than 97,000 daily riders more safely and efficiently than ever. In addition to completing installation of GPS tracking on all school buses, they are adding more operators to the Transportation Helpdesk and providing rigorous training for drivers.

When parents of bus-riding elementary and middle school students receive letters informing them of their child's bus stops for the 2005-06 school year, they will also receive an identification card to fill out with bus route and emergency contact information. These identification cards should be placed on the students' clothing or in their backpacks. Not only will this help bus drivers learn new names and faces, in the event that a child gets on a wrong bus, the driver can use the identification card to immediately assist in getting the student home safely.

"The safety of our students is vital to their access to a quality education," said Howard A. Burnett, interim chief executive officer. "With the expansion of pre-kindergarten classes and nearly 6,000 three- and four-year-old students, we must make

every effort to transport our students to and from school safely."

With installation complete, the next phase of implementation of the new GPS tracking system will provide real-time locations of all school buses. This will help parents and school personnel to know the exact locations of buses at all times and keep school administrators as well as parents informed when a bus is running late. This phase should be completed early during the second semester of the 2005-06 school year.

In addition six full-time operators will be assigned to the Transportation Helpdesk to assist parents who call with inquiries about late or other bus situations.

PGCPS has a fleet of more than 1,350 school buses and has the fifth largest daily ridership in the nation. During the 2004-05 school year, PGCPS school buses provided service for more than 83,000 field trips. Nearly 1,700 drivers and attendants work from 13 bus lots with almost 1,200 buses on more than 6,000 routes daily.

See the box below for school bus safety tips.

For additional information about school buses or school bus routes, call the Transportation Helpdesk at 301-952-6570 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays. To locate the assigned bus stop or for more information about transportation services, visit the PGCPS website at <http://www.pgcps.org>.

10 Bus Safety Tips

1. Younger children should wear PGCPS-provided identification cards during the first month of school.
2. Make a dry run to the bus stop with your child prior to the first day of school.
3. Learn the bus route numbers and refer to them when making inquiries.
4. Parents should meet their children's bus drivers.
5. Parents should tell their children to talk quietly, be courteous to the driver and follow the driver's instructions.
6. Also tell children to obey school bus rules and to stay seated during the entire ride.
7. Walk children to the bus stop in the mornings and meet them there in the afternoons.
8. Riders should arrive at the bus stop at least five minutes early and walk in groups.
9. Children should not play, run, push or shove at the bus stop because there may be dangerous traffic nearby.
10. Children should stand at least 10 feet (five giant steps) from the road while waiting for the bus.

St. Hugh's Opens On August 30

St. Hugh's School will open on Tuesday, August 30. The first week will be half days. Summer uniforms are required.

Back to school night for the junior high grades (6 to 8) will be held on September 7 at 7 p.m. Back to school night for grades K to 5 will be held on September 13 at 7 p.m.

There are still a few openings in the lower grades.

Income Guidelines for School Lunches

Prince George's County Public Schools has announced revised income eligibility guidelines for free and reduced-price meals for the coming school year. Meals include lunch in all schools and breakfast in those schools where it is served. Household size and income determine eligibility.

A child in a family or household of two would be eligible for a free meal if the household's current annual income is below \$16,679. For each additional family member, \$4,238 is added to this figure to compute eligibility. To be eligible for a reduced-price meal, a family of two must have an income of less than \$23,736 with \$6,031 added for each additional member of a family. Reduced-price lunch is 40 cents and breakfast, where available, is 30 cents.

This year some families have been directly certified for free or reduced meals. They should have already received notification by mail. For others, new application procedures have gone into effect. Detailed guidelines on the program and the new procedures are available at each public school. Information should also be sent home with each child the first day of school.

Additional information can also be obtained by calling the school system at 301-952-6580 or for the hearing impaired, through the Maryland Relay at 1-800-735-2258.

Evening/Saturday High School

The Prince George's County public school system will open the registration process for evening/Saturday high school earlier this year. Detailed information on course offerings, tuition, waivers and registration is currently available in all high schools and regional offices. Registration dates, locations and semester start and end dates for the 2005-2006 school are as follows:

Registration dates for the first semester are August 29 to 31 and September 1, late registration is September 6 to 14. Registration will be held for second semester January 14 and 17 to 19, late registration will be January 21 to 26.

The start and end dates for the first semester evening high school program will be September 6 through December 22 and for the second semester, January 23 through May 20.

The Saturday high school program first semester will be September 10 through December 17 and the second semester, January 21 through May 20.

The locations of the evening and Saturday programs are Crossland High School in Temple Hills and Northwestern High School in Hyattsville.

Rotary Club Supports SHLES



The Greenbelt Rotary Club recently established a school supply closet for Springhill Lake Elementary. The school's principal and faculty acknowledged the need for this kind of help and expressed gratitude for the club's contribution. The Rotary's goal in this campaign is to ensure all students arrive with the tools necessary to succeed in class and that this support continues throughout the year. In front of the supply cabinet are Dr. Linda Sherwood, principal of Springhill Lake Elementary; Chris Wichtendahl, special education coordinator; and Jennifer Jones, president of the Greenbelt Rotary Club.

New ACE School Activities Planned for 2005-06 Year

by Mary Moien

The Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) announced new plans for the coming school year. Two major new projects are International Pen Pals and City Books.

Pen Pals

International Pen Pals, a new project through the ACE Reading Club, is a unique new reading incentive project. Expected to start this fall, the pen pal program will match elementary age students with British pen pals. Students will learn about British culture while sharing their own experiences of life in the United States by means of letter-writing, video and audio tapes and creative art projects. Greenbelt Elementary School will be the pilot school for the project. Other schools will be added each year as the project grows.

City Books

City Councilmember Leta Mach gave the ACE Reading Club an article highlighting a city in Ohio that created a series of children's books based on their city government. After ACE members researched the idea further, they came up with a plan to create a fun new reading

and writing project for the students of Greenbelt.

Beginning in the fall, Greenbelt schools will have the opportunity to participate in creating a book about Greenbelt to be printed and published by the ACE Reading Club. Each Greenbelt school will produce one chapter about the city, including topics such as city government, public works, recreation, the history of Greenbelt, fire, rescue and police and the people of Greenbelt. The schools will spend the year working on the project with a hoped-for publication date of Spring 2006.

Writing Contests

The ACE Reading Club will continue to host the annual Youth Writing Contest and Greenbelt Youth Literary Showcase. These programs have been a success each year and are a way for high school students to participate in the ACE Reading Club.

Labor Day Festival

The ACE Reading Club members will participate in the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival in an attempt to publicize and sign up students early for the programs.

Back to School Nights Are Planned

Prince George's County Public Schools will host Back to School activities in each school to welcome students and parents to the new school year. These meetings provide an opportunity for parents and students to meet with administrators and teachers, learn more about their school and receive a variety of information regarding academics and student activities.

"All parents are encouraged to get involved in their child's education" said Howard Burnett, In-

terim Chief Executive Officer of the school system. "There are tremendous opportunities for parents to become a part of our school communities." Parents are invited to join or organize a PTA or PTSA in their child's school, volunteer at the school, chaperone field trips, attend awards assemblies or attend communities meetings.

A list of the dates of the Back to School nights at local schools is shown on page 6.

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