

Council Puts Collective Bargaining For Police on November Ballot

by Marat Moore

On November 8 Greenbelt voters will decide whether Greenbelt's Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge 32 will be able to engage in collective bargaining with the city. At the regular city council meeting on September 26 councilmembers and the FOP worked out the language of a resolution that will appear on a ballot initiative during the November city elections.

The resolution passed 4-0 after lengthy discussion, with strong opinions voiced by council and FOP representatives. Councilmember Leta Mach was absent from the meeting.

The vote capped months of discussion about the FOP's request for recognition of collective bargaining. Currently the police department has a "meet and confer" relationship with city council, through which the FOP asks for improvements in terms and conditions of work but has no written contract.

Why Words Matter

Finding common ground on the final resolution wasn't easy and reflected the ongoing negotiation process that is at the heart of collective bargaining and another truth inherent in the process – that words matter and some more than others. One word that helped bring consen-

The Resolution

The resolution that will appear on the November 8 ballot, if passed, would amend the city charter "to recognize and engage in collective bargaining with one or more designated bargaining representatives of non-managerial, sworn police officers of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, Police Department; to enter into a binding collective bargaining agreement with said representatives; and to enact by ordinance or amendment a system of rules and regulations to govern this process. The City Council shall approve all collective bargaining agreements entered into by the City with a collective bargaining representative prior to their becoming effective. In the event the parties negotiating a collective bargaining agreement are unable to reach agreement on one or more terms of a collective bargaining agreement, the City Council shall have the authority to set those terms and conditions of employment that remain in dispute upon a majority vote."

sus in the final text was "non-managerial," to replace "non-su-

pervisory," a term which threatened to derail the resolution because it would have excluded sergeants and corporals from the collective bargaining process.

John Rogers, the chair of collective bargaining for Lodge 32 and a Greenbelt police officer, stressed the importance of including sergeants and corporals. "They are not management and should be included. As we've told you from day one, our goal is to include everyone from sergeants and below," he said.

Mayor Judith Davis expressed concerns about supervisors with disciplinary powers being in the same bargaining unit with officers they supervise. "We feel that is putting an unfair burden on some of the officers in your particular unit," she said, adding that the city's labor lawyer Stephen Silvestri, who was not present at the meeting, had advised council that the duties of police sergeants in Greenbelt differed from sergeants in other municipalities.

Jeffrey Gibbs, the FOP's labor counsel, disagreed. "Your police department is not that

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We Pose Three Questions To Candidates for Council

The candidates are off and running. Six candidates, including all five incumbents, have filed for the office of city council with the election to be held November 8.

This paper assumes responsibility for helping voters make the decision. We have printed biographies for each candidate who has submitted the material for publication. Now we ask the candidates to answer three questions. Their answers will be printed in the next three issues of the News Review. In addition, we will report on what takes place at any timely candidate nights held in the city.

Three Questions

These are the three questions we ask the candidates to answer:

1. What are the three most important goals that you expect to accomplish as a city councilmember in the next term if elected?

2. In his last budget message, the city manager identified a "structural issue" caused by the city's expenses growing more quickly than revenues thereby necessitating increases in the property tax rate each year. What approach will you take to address this structural issue?

3. Explain why you support or oppose the referendum question on whether or not to establish collective bargaining for non-managerial sworn Greenbelt police officers and is it appropriate to give this recognition, as set forth in the referendum question, to one group of city employees and not any others?

Candidates are required to submit their answers to the News Review before 9 p.m. on the Monday preceding the question's publication date, preferably on disk or by email. Answers will be limited to 300 words. If an answer exceeds the limit, the answer will be cut off.

The answers to question 1 will be published in the October 13 issue of the News Review. Question 2 answers will be published on October 20 and question 3 answers will appear in the October 27 issue.

Rodney M. Roberts to Run For Re-Election to Council

Rodney M. Roberts, 47 years old, is a lifelong Greenbelt resident. He attended Greenbelt schools and was active in sports with the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club. Roberts is the sole proprietor of a small business that specializes in on-site repairs of various types of equipment and vehicles.



Councilmember
Rodney Roberts

Roberts is serving his seventh term on council, the last two terms as mayor pro tem. He attended nearly every council meeting during the four years prior to his being elected to city council in 1991, becoming known as an outspoken community activist. During his 14 years on council Roberts has

missed only one council meeting (a worksession). In 1991 Roberts proposed and worked through to implementation community policing and police bicycle patrols. Since then he has worked to increase bike patrols throughout the city. Roberts was a leader in the citizen movement resulting in the city's acquisition of 184 acres of woodland, part of the original Green Belt. Roberts continued to advocate for long-term protection of city-owned forests. This resulted in the 2003 passage of a city ordinance establishing a Greenbelt Forest Preserve

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Colar Family of New Orleans Finds Shelter with Greenbelters

by Natalie McGill

The Greenbelt community is singing praises of Greenbriar Condominium resident Martha Moore and has every reason to do so.

Moore, among a number of Greenbelt citizens, has committed to and is continuing to support James Colar, his wife Mildred and their daughter Jamil after an evacuation from their New Orleans home during Hurricane Katrina's aftermath.

Moore, James' aunt, tried searching for the family upon learning of the hurricane's destruction.

"I was looking for them and I located their son in the Navy, James Colar, III," Moore said. "He located them and [Mildred and Jamil] were at the [Louisiana] Superdome."

James was separated from Mildred and Jamil throughout the ordeal. Their younger son, Adrian Colar of Baton Rouge, La., had to rescue James from their home after Mildred and Jamil were already in the Louisiana Superdome. James was relocated from the family home to the New Orleans Convention Center.

During their stay in the

Superdome, Mildred said she and Jamil had to be aware of their surroundings because the area was prone to looting. Hurricane victims had anything taken from toothbrushes to cell phone chargers.

"They were actually searching people's bags," Mildred said. "If you had to take a shower, you had to take a shower in groups. You had to go in groups of two or three at a time."

James' mother Welhermina Hooks, along with her husband George Hooks, were caught in the storm while staying in a New Orleans nursing home. After being transported to the New Orleans Hyatt Regency, then back to another nursing home in Shreveport, La., George died in the storm's aftermath. After George's burial, Welhermina's flight was due to arrive in Maryland also to stay with Moore.

"I think the trauma from moving around in the hurricane did him in," Moore said.

Though the Colar family is starting to adjust to life in Greenbelt, vivid memories of the storm's aftermath still linger in Mildred's thoughts.

"The sound of the wind and rain, the sound of that metal peeling off the top sounded like someone was dropping bombs on the building," Mildred said. "Sometimes I hear it in my sleep." Mildred and Jamil stayed in the Superdome for five days before being transported to the Houston Astro-dome, where Moore wired the two plane tickets to come live with her in her Greenbriar condominium. Soon thereafter, Moore found James and bought his plane ticket for arrival in Maryland.

Within two days of their arrival, Moore secured the family an apartment at Brittany Place in Greenbelt, with two months free rent.

Local Assistance

Other Greenbelt residents have stepped up and helped the Colars. Dan Hamlin of the Greenbelt Community Church asked the community to make donations. On October 9 the Greenbriar community plans to present the Colars with money

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What Goes On

Saturday, October 8

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot between Municipal Building and Community Center

2 to 6 p.m., Fall Fest, Schrom Hills Park

Monday, October 10

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

Thursday, October 13

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

Letters to the Editor

Thanking a City

How do you thank a city? The Colar family not only survived Hurricane Katrina when it destroyed their home and all their belongings in New Orleans but they survived the chaos in the Superdome where the family became separated. The mother (Mildred) and daughter (Jamil) ended up in Houston, while the father (James) made it to Baton Rouge. They were finally reunited here in Greenbriar where they stayed with a family member.

When we learned they were here we wanted to help. In the past couple of weeks I have seen humanity at its best. I'd like to thank: the City of Greenbelt for helping us move donated furniture; Dan Hamlin and the area churches for asking for a list of items needed to get our "family" set up, then getting commitments for everything on that list; Brittany Place apartments for donating two months rent on an apartment; our Greenbriar neighbors for cleaning their closets, gathering furniture, getting gift cards, helping Jamil enroll at Eleanor Roosevelt High School and holding a fundraiser for the Colar Family Fund; Marty Moore for buying plane tickets for the family to come to Greenbelt and housing them for as long as needed; Bob Davis at the Co-op for providing a gift certificate to get them started; the people at the GHI yard sale for filling my van with household items from their tables; friends whom I called or ran into for recognizing a need and giving generously and Tony for his expertise in getting a donated computer ready for a new home.

Greenbelt, your response and generosity has been nothing short of amazing! We look at the abundance that surrounds us and we need to give. The Colar family has benefited greatly from all of you who saw a need and helped. I think the truly lucky ones are the people who got the opportunity to help in whatever capacity they were able. We are blessed!

Thank you, Greenbelt — you've done very good work.

Missy Dodd

Thanks to All

The Greenbelt Community Center staff would like to thank all those who assisted the Greenbelt Recreation Department and the Greenbelt Museum in hosting the Community Center's Tenth Anniversary Celebration at the Sunday, October 2 Artful Afternoon. The Community Center is a tribute to Greenbelt residents' commitment to a rich and lively civic life and it was wonderful to have so many individuals and organizations involved in the historical evolution and contemporary life of the Center join us in honoring the great accomplishment that this facility represents.

The entire Center came alive for the celebration and we would like to thank the following groups based here for hosting open houses: the Greenbelt New Review, Greenbelt Adult Day Care, the Greenbelt Co-op Nursery School, Greenbelt Access Television (GATE), Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES), the Community Center's Artists-in-residence and the Department of Planning and Community Development. The Knit for Charity

class also volunteered their time to discuss their program; members present included Eve Gresser, Pearl Siegel and Carole Siegel. Members of Greenbelt Pottery, Inc. also helped welcome guests to the studios.

We would like to thank moderator Gil Weidenfeld and the participants in the Greenbelt Museum's Chautauqua for the interesting perspectives they provided on the Community Center's history. Panelists included: Antoinette Bram (former mayor), Philip Esocoff (renovation architect), James Giese (former city manager), David Lange (chair of citizens for Education and Community), Cathy Salgado (first Community Center supervisor) and Barbara Simon (Community Center Task Force member).

The day's schedule included activities led by Recreation Department program instructors. Our thanks go to: Gina Denn (ceramics), Steve Bernheisel (wood working), Amanda Gordon (stationery crafts), John Norden (darkroom), Jesse Folks (improv) and Monica Mische (dance). The instructors were assisted by community volunteers including Lois Gorman, Kimberlyn Hall, Pam Hagerhorst, Jeri Holloway and arts program intern Noah Gitlis. Thanks also to the Greenbelt Writers Group for the reading and the writing workshop they provided and the Strategy Games club including members Paul Sabol, Kevin Townsend and Forrest and Tina Lamonna.

Special thanks are extended to the Greenbelt Concert Band, Spelkamraterna and the Creative Kids Camp and Camp Encore Reunion Chorus for their wonderful musical contributions. Thanks to the fourth and fifth grade students at St. Hugh's School along with their classroom teachers and their art teacher, Colleen Reed, for the students' creation of original prints for the current exhibition in the Community Center Art Gallery celebrating daily life at the Center. And thanks to artists Barbara Logan, Barbara Crammer, Amanda Gordon, Sondra Holland and Barbara Davis, who also donated original prints for the exhibition.

Several lucky visitors won prizes to take home through the arts program scholarship fund raffle. We raised nearly \$190 to provide need-based assistance to Greenbelt residents who wish to participate in visual and performing arts classes. A big thank you to the Greenbelt Golden Age Club, which donated the grand prize picnic baskets and also helped run the raffle throughout the afternoon. Volunteers included Bunny Fitzgerald, Mary Hooper, Lori Moran, Ima and Don Davis, Ruth Huggins, Dorothea Leslie, Louvain Townsend, Ellie Rimar, Solange Hess, Phyllis Budin and Bill Souser. Thanks to the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum for donating a popular Museum Tote filled with Greenbelt-themed items as a raffle prize and also the many artists who donated original creations as prizes. Contributing artists included: Community Center Artists-in-residence Elizabeth Morissette, Celestine Ranney-Howes, Tom Baker, Mary Gawlik, Pam Hagerhorst, Marla Mclean, Loraine DiPietro and Jean Newcomb; Open Studio participants Thelma Forte and Diane McDaniel; Norma Belt, president,

Greenbelt Photo Club; Festival of Lights Art and Craft Fair exhibitor Ann Clough; Greenbelt Recreation Department instructors Gina Mai Denn and Eve Gresser; Barbara Tyroler, an alumna of the Community Center Art Gallery exhibition program; the Knit for Charity Class and the Crochet for Charity class.

Our thanks go to Emily Ivy, Miss Greenbelt, and to Devin Fendlay, Junior Miss Greenbelt, in addition to any contributors we may have neglected to name. Finally, our thanks to all who have attended the anniversary event and the many activities taking place year round. We appreciate your participation and we look forward to serving you during the next 10 years.

*Nicole DeWald,
Arts Coordinator for
Community Center Staff*

Supports the FOP

I wish to express my full support for the Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) and their collective bargaining proposal.

As I travel through Prince George's County, I am reassured time and time again what gifts our community has been given and how truly fortunate we are. Without a doubt we have the finest public services right here. All of our city officials, city office staff, fire department and certainly our police department work hard to maintain that standard.

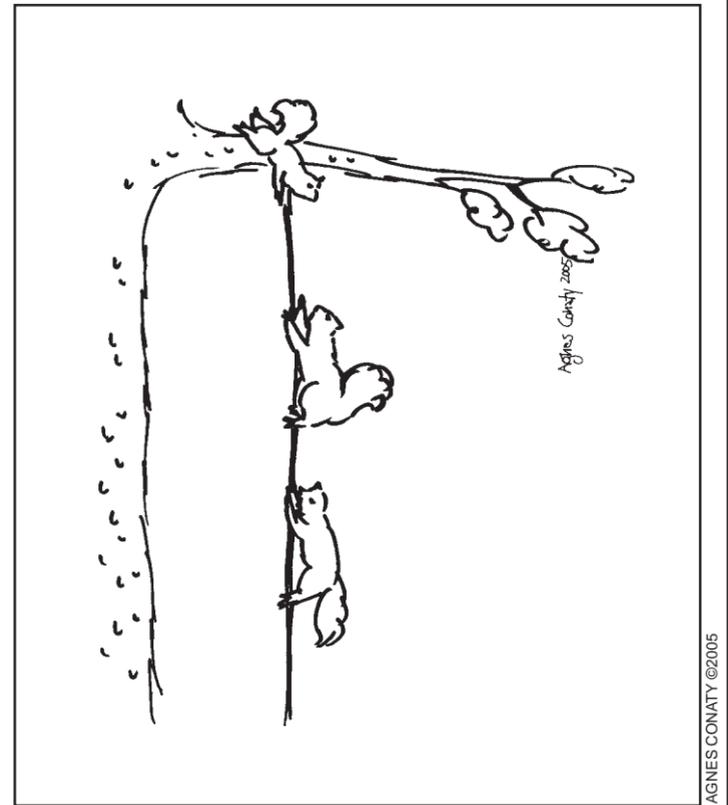
I attended our city council meeting on September 12 and listened as Officers Marty Parker and John Rogers gave an outstanding, detailed report on the school resource programs that they have been working on for the past several years at our Greenbelt schools. I sat in my chair much taller and was so very proud of their work and dedication. I wish to thank Officers Parker and Rogers and Chief Craze for providing another example of why Greenbelt is great and our police department is top-notch.

Also at that meeting I learned that the Greenbelt FOP has requested to be given the right of collective bargaining for their pay, benefits and working conditions. They feel that this is a basic right of employees everywhere. By being able to bargain for these things, they feel that it will be easier to attract qualified candidates and to be able to retain those officers once the investment has been made in their training.

As officers hug and kiss their loved ones before they go to work, it is unknown whether they have hugged, kissed and seen them for the last time. They put their lives on the line each and every day. They are here to protect you and me. Several months ago, Officer Steven Gaughan, a Prince George's County police officer and resident of Greenbelt, never made it home to his loved ones. He was killed in the line of duty following a traffic stop. Because of this tragic, senseless and cowardly act committed by the accused gunman, his wife and children will never feel his hugs, see his smile and receive his kisses ever again. Our Greenbelt officers face this scenario 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

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Grin Belt



"Is this a fire drill or part of the Emergency Preparedness Plan?"

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of Greenbelt citizens, want to keep all of our present police officers with the Greenbelt Police Department. We don't want them going to another jurisdiction for better benefits and the protection of collective bargaining. We have the cream of the crop right here. At the November city election, there will be a question on the ballot to determine if the officers of our police department should be given the right of collective bargaining. This is our chance to show our officers, our heroes, that we support them in every way possible.

Please vote for collective bargaining on November 8.
Kathy Reynolds

Correction

Oops, a case of mistaken identity. The big fuzzy bear of a dog held by Sharon Lefkowitz in the Pooch Plunge photo on page 12 last week is a "hunk of fluff" by any standard. But the name is actually Taanka. The News Review regrets attaching the wrong moniker to this handsome water puppy who we're assured enjoyed the Pooch Plunge immensely.

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
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Community Events

Explore Public Safety

On Friday, October 14 Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation by Corporal Tom Moreland from the Greenbelt Police Department. Moreland will explore public safety with those in attendance. He will discuss such issues as home security, pedestrian and cyclist safety as well as disseminating information on how to report issues to the police department. What kind of information needs to be relayed when reporting incidents to the police department?

Moreland has worked for the Greenbelt Police Department for 18 years. He has worked with the narcotics division, the department's Emergency Response Unit, Patrol Division and is a fire arms instructor. He is currently the supervisor for the bike patrol and patrol squad supervisor.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom, Room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

GATE Workshop Is On Film Aesthetics

On Thursday, October 13 at 7:30 p.m. GATE's Chris Lynn will present the first of a series of workshop/class discussions on the aesthetics of film. The topic will be the history of narrative/non-narrative cinema.

Lynn has screened his productions across the United States and internationally. He will be presenting his current projects, "Seasonal Movements," experimental video and a piece on London, in process, at the Greenbelt Utopia Film and Video Festival November 11 to 13. For information about his previous works, visit his website at www.marblevenus.net.

The monthly series will begin with a lecture and film clip presentation followed by a class discussion. The presentation will be held in the GATE Studio, 2nd floor of the Greenbelt Community Center. This event is free and open to the public. Reservations are recommended but not required. For more information call the GATE Studio at 301-507-6581.

At the Library

Tuesday, October 11, 10:30 a.m. – Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, October 12, 10:30 a.m. – Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 toddlers.

4 p.m. – Bookids Book Discussion, ages 8 to 12, Diane Stanley's "Mysterious Matter of I. M. Fine."

Thursday, October 13, 10:30 a.m. – Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years, limit 20 children.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald
The Golden Age Club meeting was held on September 28 with Betty Down as the greeter. Ima Davis and Solange Hess won the 50/50 raffle. Members enjoyed playing board games and were assigned duties for the Community Center anniversary celebration on October 2.

Christal Batey, senior resource advocate in Greenbelt, will be the speaker on October 12. It is hoped she will help clarify the Medicare prescription program.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the baskets for the raffle at the Community Center for the Art Scholarship fund. Golden Ager Dorothea Leslie had the lucky ticket and won the baskets. Special thanks to Solange Hess for shopping, collecting and assembling.

The club sends condolences to the family of Martha Chester.

Park Seeks Help With Trail Repair

The National Park Service in cooperation with REI Outfitters will sponsor a volunteer service event to repair trails in Greenbelt Park. The event will take place Saturday, October 15 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the park's Holly picnic area. The rain date is November 5.

At least 100 people are needed to resurface and redirect trails in the park. Volunteers should be at least 14 years old due to the nature of the work. Chaperones are necessary for 14- to 17- year-olds. Participants should wear heavy shoes and dress for the weather. Gloves will be provided. REI will provide lunch at the end of the day.

Community service hour credits can be provided. Interested persons should contact Mal Fordham at 301-982-9681.

Greenbelt Hosts Health Fair 2005

On Thursday, October 13 the City of Greenbelt will hold the 4th annual Health Fair. The event will be held in the Community Center. Free and nominally priced health screenings, information and give-aways will be offered by a host of providers.

Bone density, cholesterol, blood pressure, body fat, vision and glaucoma screenings, flu shots and pneumonia vaccines will be offered free to all Medicare recipients with a Medicare card. Admission is free and transportation is available via the Greenbelt Connection for a small fee. Call the Connection in advance at 301-474-4100.

Information workshops will be offered including the following: 10 to 10:45 a.m., State of Maryland Insurance Agency; 11 to 11:45 a.m., Maryland Energy Assistance – How to save money on heating and cooling bills; 1 to 1:45 p.m., Exercise and Balance – How to prevent falls.

Lunch will be provided by Prince George's County Food and Friendship Program. Call 301-397-2208 to reserve a meal. All meal reservations must be received by Tuesday, October 11. There is a fee for the meal.

Student Recital At New Deal Café

Izolda Trakhtenberg will host a free student recital at the New Deal Café on Wednesday, October 12 at 7 p.m. featuring solo vocal performances. For more information call Trakhtenberg at 301-441-3005.

ASG Star Party Saturday at Dusk

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) will host a star party this Saturday evening, October 8. Members of the society will begin setting up to view a variety of celestial objects at approximately 6:30 p.m. In the event of rain or hopelessly cloudy skies, the event will be canceled without further notice. Information about other ASG events can be found on its website at: <http://www.greenbeltastro.org/events.shtml>.

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GIAC to Hold Monthly Meeting

The Greenbelt Internet Access Cooperative (GIAC) open board meeting will be Thursday, October 12 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt police station. New and old members are encouraged to attend to discuss and plan for the future. There is a special need for interested people to serve in this all-volunteer organization as officers, members of the board or assorted individual task leaders and helpers throughout the year. If the organization is to continue to thrive, GIAC needs member interest and time. No special technical computer skills are necessary.

Greenbriar Meetings

Monday, October 10, 3 to 7 p.m., Central Plant Open House, 7814-A Hanover Parkway.

Tuesday, October 11, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Phase III Board Meeting, in the Commons Room.

Tuesday, October 11, 7:30 to 9 p.m., Phase I & II Board Meeting, in the Commons Room.

Fire Dept. to Benefit From Dog Testing

AKC Canine Good Citizen Testing will be sponsored by Greenbelt Dog Training on Saturday, October 15 from noon to 3 p.m. The event is open to all dogs and mixed breeds are welcome. All dogs need proof of rabies shots. Pet/owner photos available and also a microchip clinic for dogs and cats. The fire department is located at 125 Crescent Road. There is a fee that will go directly to benefit the fire department. For more information call 301-345-6999.

FREE Lacrosse Clinics
For Girls 4 - 8 grade
Greenbelt Middle School
Oct. 22, 3:15 - 4:30 p.m.
Try throwing, catching, shooting and playing defense. Learner sticks. No experience needed.
301-699-9183,
kit@mkso.net



Greenbelt Elementary School
Lunch & Recess Monitors Needed
Mon-Fri. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$8.81 hourly
Call Ms. Sanders, 301-513-5911

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church is having a
Spaghetti Dinner on October 8, 2005
from 5 to 8 p.m.
at 40 Ridge Road.
All You Can Eat of Spaghetti, Salad, Dessert
BENEFIT OF HEAT PUMP DEBT
Adults \$8.00/ 5-12 yrs. \$5.00/ Under 5 yrs. Free
Homemade Pies For Sale

Closets are For Clothes
Celebrate National "Coming Out" Day
Tuesday, Oct. 11, 6-9 p.m., at the New Deal Café
GREENBELT PRIDE

GreenBeLT Pride, an organization of gay, bisexual, lesbian, and transgendered (GLBT) citizens, will celebrate National "Coming Out" Day, Tuesday, October 11, 2005, with a social event from 6-9 p.m., at the New Deal Café, 113 Centerway, Greenbelt. "Closets are for Clothes" is the theme of the celebration of people "coming out of the closet," or the process of recognizing, acknowledging, affirming, and disclosing their sexual identity and orientation. A clothing exchange will be part of the festivities, and participants are asked to bring up to three items of clothing to exchange with other participants. Excess clothing at the end of the evening will be donated to Gulf Coast hurricane relief efforts.

6:00-9:00 PM, Oct. 11th
For more information, call Frank DeBernardo at 301-474-5294 or email at FDeBernardo@aol.com

GreenBeLT Pride: You can't spell Greenbelt without GLBT!

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE
Week of OCTOBER 7
JUNE BUG (R)
SKY HIGH (PG)
Friday
June Bug *5:15, 7:30, 9:45
Saturday
Sky High *3:00
June Bug *5:15, 7:30, 9:45
Sunday
Sky High *3:00
June Bug *5:15, 7:30
Monday - Thursday
June Bug *5:15, 7:30
*These shows at \$5.00
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To Bring You into Fall.
Friday, October 7 through Monday, October 10

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Target, Value City Dept. Store, Burlington Coat Factory, Giant Food, Gallo Clothing, Marshall's, AMC Theatres, Jeepers, Gold's Gym, Jo-Ann Fabrics, CVS



Congratulations –
To Larry White on his promotion to the rank of Adjunct Associate Professor in the graduate school of Management & Technology, UMUC. Larry and wife Marie, now living on Research Road, have been Greenbelt residents for 40 years, another great milestone.

To Mariela, Andres and Victoria Kwasinski of Charles-towne Village on the birth of a second daughter. Emma was born on August 23, 2005, at Anne Arundel Medical Center, weighing 9 lbs., 3 oz. She joins big sister Victoria, 5, who is as excited as can be, as are all four grandparents, Susana and Norberto Regoli in Greenbelt and Delia and Natalio Kwasinski in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Emma's arrival has also thrilled aunts and uncles in Maryland, California, Illinois and Argentina, as well as great-grandmother Elvira, age 91, also in Buenos Aires.

Brian Choper of Northway will be performing with the Kol Haruach Klezmer Band in a special double set at the Annapolis Jewish Festival on November 7 at the Annapolis Middle School, 1399 Forest Drive in Annapolis.

Non-Violence Class During Peace Month

A class on non-violence, sponsored by the Prince George's Peace and Justice Coalition, will meet Tuesday, October 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center. This is the second of the coalition's sessions during Greenbelt's Peace Month. The session will be led by Dr. Bertram Donn who initiated Greenbelt's Peace Month. "With the widespread occurrence of violence in society, in each community and by the nation, the coalition believes this is an appropriate time to present training in the theory and practice of non-violence," said Donn. Everyone is invited.

Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS
Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

Pray for Bryan
Bryan is now into his 18th month of remission. Bryan continues receiving his treatments at Children's Hospital in Washington, D.C.



Parent Loss Support Group Forms

Hospice of the Chesapeake's Spiritual and Bereavement Care Center will offer a six-week support group for adults grieving the death of one or both parents. This group provides an opportunity to share with others who have lost a parent and strategies for coping with the emotions that accompany such a loss.

Meetings will be from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays from October 18 through November 22 at the Hospice of the Chesapeake office located at 8724 Jericho City Drive in Landover. There is no fee for those whose parent received care from Hospice of the Chesapeake.

Call 301-499-4500 to register.

Board Members Sought by Co-op

The Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative will hold elections for two positions on its board of directors. Candidates will be presented and voting will take place at the Co-op's annual meeting to be held Saturday, October 29 in the Community Center Multipurpose Room.

Any voting member of the Co-op may be nominated for a position on the board. The completed application forms must be returned to the office by October 10. Board members are responsible for the operation of the supermarket and meet once a month. For information call Mimi Noorani at 301-446-0397 or 301-474-0522.

Parks & Recreation Seeks Volunteers

Volunteering with the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission's Department of Parks and Recreation can occur in some very interesting and fun locations throughout Prince George's County.

A partial list of available volunteer opportunities for a number of age groups includes archeological excavations and help in the laboratory, black history theatrical assistants, adult scorekeepers/program assistants to help in bowling programs for adults with developmental disabilities, fashion show, festival and event assistants and volunteers to assist staff with swimming activities for individuals with disabilities.

Call the Volunteer Services Office at 301-249-7208, TTY 301-699-2544 for information.

Arboretum Presents Herbal Program

On Saturday, October 15 from 1 to 4 p.m., stop by the National Herb Garden at the U.S. National Arboretum for an afternoon of family fun as members of the Herb Society of America demonstrate how to collect, preserve and use an herbal harvest. This free demonstration includes instructions and some materials for creating a dried herbal wreath. Visit www.usna.usda.gov or call 202-245-4523 for information.

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. the day before participants are planning to eat to assure sufficient quantities of food are ordered. Call 301-397-2008, ext. 4125 for information about the program and to make reservations.

Meals are served beginning at noon. All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and 1 percent milk. Menus for the week of October 11 through 14 (the program is closed on October 10 for the Columbus Day holiday) include:

Tuesday – Apple juice, wild salmon with creamy dill sauce, wild rice mix, green beans, sliced pears.

Wednesday – Minestrone soup with crackers, veal pattie with tomato sauce, seasoned spaghetti, broccoli, (2) almond cookies.

Thursday – Cranberry juice, beef pattie with gravy, scalloped potatoes, okra/corn/tomatoes, fresh banana.

Friday – Orange juice, oven fried chicken, potato salad, mixed greens, peach supreme.

Columbus Day Week Program on Monday

On Monday, October 10 (Columbus Day) from noon to 4 p.m., the National Archives will offer a day of fun family programs and activities celebrating the theme "Coming to America" with performances, demonstrations and activities related to genealogy, immigration and preserving family history. Visitors can experience the sights, sounds and excitement of arriving in a new place by attending "Destination: American" in the McGowan Theater, design a colorful fraktur (folk art), trace their family's origin through maps and create their own family tree.

The programs are free and open to all. The National Archives Building is located on Constitution Avenue between 7th and 9th Streets, NW, Washington, D.C.

Baha'i Faith
"O Lord! I am a broken-winged bird and desire to soar in Thy limitless space. How is it possible for me to do this save through Thy providence and grace, Thy confirmation and assistance."
– Baha'i Sacred Writings

Greenbelt Baha'i Community
P.O. Box 245
Greenbelt, MD 20770
301-345-2918 301-220-3160
www.bahai.org www.us.bahai.org

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church
40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
301-474-9410 www.gbmg-umc.org/mowatt

Rev. Dr. Paul C. Kim, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 am Worship Service 11:00 am
Handicapped accessible Easy parking

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

(starting July 3)
Sunday School: 9:00 am
Worship Service: 10:15 am
Weds. Worship: 7:00 pm
(Adult Bible Study/Prayer & Children's Ministry)

Helping People Connect with Christ and His Family through Loving Service

St. George's Episcopal/Anglican Church
7010 Glenn Dale Road
(Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)
301-262-3285 | rector@stgeo.org | www.stgeo.org

Sundays: 8:00 am Simple, quiet Mass
9:00 am Christian education for all ages
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

An inclusive congregation!

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
6905 Greenbelt Road • 301-345-5111

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:15 a.m. Sunday School/
Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Fax 301-220-0694 • E-mail myholycross@verizon.net

ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
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

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

Learn About Islam

What is Ramadan?

October 2, 2005, marked the beginning of the lunar month of Ramadan when Muslims all over the world fast from dawn to dusk. It is described in the Holy Qur'an as, "... the month in which was sent down the Qur'an as a guide to mankind and clear signs for guidance and judgment (between right and wrong). So whoever among you witnesses this month, should fast in it, but if anyone is ill or on a journey, (they should make up) the prescribed period by days later. God intends ease for you. He does not want to put you to difficulties. (He wants you) to complete the prescribed period and to glorify Him, in that He has guided you; and perchance you shall be grateful."
– The Holy Quran 2:185

To learn more about Ramadan, contact us by email at searchislam@mail.com or by phone at 301-982-9463 or visit www.islamguide.com.

Congregation Mishkan Torah
10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 301-474-4223
An unpretentious, historic, welcoming, liberal, egalitarian synagogue that respects tradition and becomes your extended family in the 21st century.

Shabbat services: Friday evening at 8:00 PM, except 1st Friday of the month, i.e. family service at 7:30 PM. Saturday morning services at 9:30 AM.
Educational programs for children K-12 and for adults.
Combined innovative full family educational program for parents and children.
Conversion classes. Concert choir. Social Action program.
Opportunity for leadership development.
Moderate, flexible dues. High holiday seating for visitors.
Sisterhood. Men's Club. Other Social Activities.
Interfaith families are welcome.

Historic synagogue dually affiliated with United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation

Voter Registration Closes Monday

Electioneering signs were beginning to sprout up around town last week, though only on predetermined poles erected by city crews. Long gone are the days when candidates competed – prior to actual voting – with scores of yard signs in bright colors. The city council election campaign weeks ahead will be full of opportunities for Greenbelt voters to review what each of the individual incumbents – Judith Davis, Rodney Roberts, Edward Putens, Konrad Herling and Leta Mach – have done during the past two-year term and to examine the new challenger – Kelly Ivy – to see what he may offer.

The election will be held Tuesday, November 8 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. For the first time any voter may request an absentee ballot.

Registration

But first, one must be registered in order to vote. The last day to register is Monday, October 10.

In order to vote in Greenbelt and to be registered with Prince George's County, one must be a citizen of the United States of America; at least 18 years of age as of November 8, 2005; domiciled within the corporate limits of the City of Greenbelt as of the date of registration; not convicted more than once of an infamous crime and not currently under a sentence imposed pursuant to a conviction of an infamous crime; and not under guardianship for mental disability.

Although the county Board of Elections will handle all registrations, registration forms may be picked up during regular office hours at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road or at the Greenbelt Library on Crescent Road. Voters may call the Board of Elections at 301-430-8020 to request a form by mail or print from the web at <http://www.elections.state.md.us/citizens/registration/application.html>.

All completed forms must be received by the Board of Elections in Upper Marlboro by 4 p.m. October 10. Residents may also register to vote at Motor Vehicle Administration offices from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or at the Board of Elections, 16201 Trade Zone Ave., Suite 108, Upper Marlboro from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Absentee Voting

New this year is the voter's right to cast an absentee ballot without need to show a reason why he or she cannot vote on election day. From October 19 to November 7 a voter may request and receive an absentee ballot. However, should the need arise, beginning at noon on November 7 one may request an emergency absentee ballot. All absentee ballots must be submitted by 6 p.m. on election day, Tuesday, November 8. New language to make this possible was inserted into the City Charter through an amendment process this summer. The move to expand the availability of absentee ballots is aimed at increasing participation in city elections and making it easier for residents to vote.



City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL

Municipal Building-Regular Meeting
October 10, 2005 - 8:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

-Cooperative Month – Proclamation

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

* **Committee Reports** (Items on the Consent Agenda marked by * will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)
Advisory Planning Board (Capitol Cadillac Expansion)

LEGISLATION

A Resolution to Establish the Authority and Responsibility of the Chief of Police (Chief Executive Officer) in Accordance with the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (2nd Reading, Adoption)

Resolution of Negotiated Purchase for a Police Gun Range Trailer (2nd Reading, Adoption)

OTHER BUSINESS

- Authorization to Release Funds for New Fire Truck
- Capitol Cadillac Expansion
- Commerce Center II Sign Request – Lockheed Martin
- Ramada Inn Redevelopment Project – New Carrollton
- Request for Recognition Status – Greenbelt Pride
- M-NCPPC – FY 2007 Funding Request
- 2005 Election Questionnaire
- *Reimbursement of Expenses

MEETINGS

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

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Monday, October 10 at 8pm: City Council Meeting - live, Tuesday & Thursday, October 11 & 13: 10am & 6:00pm "Ask the Expert-Medicare Part D," 7pm "Greenbelt Labor Day Talent Show," 8pm "Replay of City Council Meeting."

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, October 12 & 14: 7pm "The Spirit of Cooperation," 8:00pm "Cooperatives with Leta Mach featuring Greenbelt Nursery School," 8:30pm GAC presents "Much Ado About Nothing."



City of Greenbelt

FALL FEST

Saturday, October 8th from 2-6pm
Schrom Hills Park

Family fun and entertainment for all!

Pumpkin Patch, Scarecrow Making, Kidcare IDs, Moonbounces, Mini Golf, Facepainting, Hayrides, Kiddie Train Rides, Interactive Art, Honky Tonk Confidential, "Kidsinger Jim" Hossick, Fantastic Food and so much more!

Call 301-397-2200 for more information.

HELP THE KATRINA RELIEF EFFORT WITH RECREATIONAL SUPPLIES

The Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center, by request of the Director of Recreation of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, is requesting your assistance. Donations of new recreational supplies (or ones in good condition) are needed and appreciated. This includes sports balls, gloves, bats, helmets, volleyball nets, jump ropes, arts and craft materials, board games, cards, etc.

Donations may be brought to the

**GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER
101 CENTERWAY, 301-397-2204**

OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.

Vacancies exist on the:

Advisory Committee on Education

Employee Relations Board

Recycling and Environment Advisory Board

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

DONATION DROP-OFF

American Rescue Workers

Saturday, October 8th

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Parking lot between the City Office and the Community Center

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

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

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION

NO MORE EXCUSES!

ANY QUALIFIED VOTER MAY VOTE ABSENTEE

Beginning this year, any qualified voter of the City of Greenbelt may choose to vote by absentee ballot in municipal elections. There is no longer any need to present an excuse for why you will be unable to appear at your polling place to vote on Election Day.

The purpose of the change is to give an additional option to voters and make it easier to vote in municipal elections. If you prefer to come to your polling place on Election Day, meet up with your neighbors, talk with the candidates and use a voting machine, you may still do so, just as before. But if you prefer to vote early or if you like the idea of voting by mail or filling out a paper ballot, you now have more choices. Just be sure to vote. No more excuses!

First, request a ballot in one of two ways. Separate, signed application forms or letters must be submitted by each individual requesting a ballot:

- Fill out an application form that you may pick up in the City Clerk's office, request from the City Clerk by phone at 301-474-8000 or e-mail at kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov, or print from the City's Web site at <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov>; or
- Write a letter of application to the City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, including your full name, domicile address in Greenbelt, signature, and telephone number.

Military servicemembers, their families, and other U.S. citizens abroad who are covered under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act may also use the Federal Post Card Application (<http://www.fvap.gov>) to request an absentee ballot for City election. Applications to receive absentee ballots will be received from Wednesday, October 19, until noon on Monday, November 7, 2005. The completed ballot must be received by the City Clerk no later than 6 p.m. the day of the regular election, November 8, 2005. No absentee ballots will be distributed prior to October 19.

Return your executed absentee ballot by sending it through the U.S. mail in time to arrive by November 8, hand-delivering it to the City Clerk's office, or placing it in the locked drop-box at the east door of the Municipal Building at 25 Crescent Road. Questions? Call the City Clerk at 301-474-8000.

October
is
Peace Month



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unique," he said. "Every collective bargaining ordinance or statute in Maryland includes at least the rank of sergeants.

"The concern of the FOP is that 'supervisor' can be broadly interpreted," he said. "The question of whether people are excluded from collective bargaining is different from the question of whether they are in the same bargaining unit. In the public sector supervisors are included in collective bargaining but managerial employees and major policy makers, like police chiefs, are excluded."

Davis said, "This is the city's decision," noting that the city's labor attorney had reviewed job descriptions. She also expressed budget concerns.

Rogers stated that if the language in the resolution wasn't changed, they did not want to go forward with the resolution. Gibbs agreed, adding, "We know this is a community that respects and appreciates its police officers and we're just asking for the basic right for collective bargaining in this amendment."

As the debate heated up – with some lawyer-baiting from the council that was mostly good-natured – Councilmember Edward Putens said he did not want an adversarial approach to affect the city's interactions with the FOP and said that the issues could be worked out later. But Rogers and Gibbs disagreed, noting that the resolution would exclude sergeants outright and could not later be changed.

"If you pass this amendment, you can define supervisors differently every day," Gibbs said.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts, seeking to break the impasse, said, "I think we need to put this before the citizens as to whether they want collective bargaining. Can we use different wording?"

Davis cautioned that council could not approve substantive changes in language because Councilmember Mach was absent.

Gibbs then offered a compromise based on two minor changes – the insertion of "non-managerial" for "non-supervisory" and a revision of the last sentence important to the FOP. The original sentence stated that if the parties are unable to agree on one or more terms of the collective bargaining agreement, that council has the authority "to set those terms of the collective bargaining agreement" that remain in dispute.

Gibbs and Rogers pointed out that the city cannot set the terms of a labor contract, which is by nature a mutual agreement, so the phrase was revised to state that council could "set those terms and conditions of employment" that remain in dispute.

Rogers said, "We are in full agreement with those changes and with the changes, we ask you to put it on the ballot."

The revised resolution passed the council with a unanimous vote.

"I appreciate your working through this. I hope you appreciate our working through it," Davis said.

NARFE Explores Mortgages

The next meeting of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Chapter 1122 will be on Wednesday, October 12 at 1:30 p.m. at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway. William Elder of Presidential Bank will speak on "The Mortgage Market and How It Pertains to Seniors in Our Area." The public is invited. Call 301-937-7987.

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consisting initially of 225 acres. Roberts often testifies on behalf of the city before state and county officials concerning development, transportation, recreational, environmental and fiscal issues. In 2004 he testified before the State Board of Public Works (consisting of the comptroller, governor and treasurer). Overcoming initial opposition from Comptroller William D. Schaefer and Governor Robert Ehrlich, he secured \$648,000 in Open Space Funds for the purchase of 10 acres known as the "Sunrise Property" in Greenbelt East, now the city's newest park. Roberts has consistently opposed yearly city tax increases for non-essential hiring and other items.

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

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is the last day to
register to vote.

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raised in a two-week "nest-egg" fundraiser. Retired Prince George's County school principal Jeanette Gordy helped Jamil enroll at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

"She likes it, she's adjusting," Mildred said. "It's hard for her to talk about things right now. She'll talk but she doesn't like to relive the things we went through."

The next step for Mildred and James is finding jobs but as of now their focus is on counting blessings.

"I cry every day because I have so many people to thank," Mildred said. The churches, the Greenbelt community, the stores, everywhere we turn people have been so helpful. I didn't think anybody could just drop everything they're doing."

Christmas Play Auditions Set

The Prince George's Little Theatre will hold auditions for a December production of "Miracle on 34th Street," a story by Valentine Davies, adapted by Sally Meyers. The play will be directed by J. James Baldwin and produced by Carol Baldwin.

"Miracle on 34th Street" is one of the most enduring of America's holiday stories. It reaffirms ideas of faith in a modern, often-cynical world. A little girl refuses to believe in Santa Claus until she meets Kris Kringle, who might just be the real deal.

The audition will consist of cold readings from the script; all roles are open. Four women, 13 men and seven children/youth are needed. Audition dates are October 10 and 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway, New Carrollton. Performance dates are December 8, 9, 10 and 11 at the Prince George's Publick Playhouse in Cheverly. For audition information call 301-470-4297 or email JJCAB@comcast.net.

Band Battle, Expo Are Part of Classic

A part of the Prince George's Classic October 7 to 8, which culminates in a football game on October 8 between two historically black universities, Morgan State and North Carolina Agricultural and Technical, will be the second annual Battle of Local Bands. The contest, involving five Prince George's and two other area schools, will begin at 7 p.m. Friday, October 7 at the University of Maryland Cole Field House. There is a fee, a part of which will be donated to participating schools.

Among other events sponsored by the Prince George's County Public Schools and the Black Chamber of Commerce is the Black College Expo. This event will be held on Saturday, October 8 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Prince George's County Sports and Learning Center in Landover.

Interested high school students seeking information about college opportunities will be able to find out what the participating colleges have to offer.

Re-elect Leta Mach

November 8



Building on the Spirit of Greenbelt

- Continue to provide excellent benefits and salaries for all city employees.
- Advocate for cooperatives and the expansion of the co-op model.
- Provide services for all age groups to enhance our quality of life.

Expanding the Possibilities

- Monitor development in Greenbelt West to ensure quality.
- Insist on appropriate school facilities for Greenbelt's youth.
- Complete the Skateboard Park and renovate the Theater.

Please call me at 301-345-8105 or e-mail leta.mach@verizon.net with your ideas, concerns or questions.

By authority of Alla Lake, Treasurer



123 Centerway ♥ Greenbelt MD 20770 ♥ For more information call 301-441-8770

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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.

This report covers incidents for a two-week period, from September 16 to 29.

Robberies

6200 block of Breezewood Court, September 16, 8:17 p.m., after parking his vehicle, a man was approached by 15 black youths age 13 to 17 all wearing black T-shirts and dark colored shorts. One of the group produced a long black metal rod and demanded money. Several passersby intervened by grabbing the youth with the rod and chasing the group away. No money was taken and no injuries occurred. An area check proved negative.

9300 block of Edmonston Road, September 24, 11:02 p.m., a pizza delivery driver was approached by three men and robbed at gun point, fleeing to the rear of the apartments. One robber was described as a black male wearing a gray T-shirt, blue jeans and a black skull cap.

Cherrywood Lane and Cherrywood Court, September 26, 11:42 p.m., two men approached a man as he exited his vehicle with one brandishing a black handgun and demanding money. The suspects took money and fled toward Cherrywood Terrace. They wore dark clothing.

6200 block of Springhill Court, September 27, 9:44 p.m., a man walking home was approached by youth who displayed a silver handgun and demanded money and the victim's cell phone. He fled with the loot. The robber is described as a black male, 15 to 17 years old, 5'9" tall and thin.

5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace, September 28, 10:29 p.m., a food delivery driver was robbed at gunpoint by two men and his vehicle and money were taken. The vehicle is a tan 2000 Toyota Camry 4-door, New York registration DFF1870. The robbers are described as black males, both approximately 5'10" with one wearing a black sweatshirt with a hood and blue jeans and the other wearing black and white T-shirt and black pants.

8200 block of Canning Terrace, September 29, 12:12 a.m., a man brandishing a gun, possibly a revolver, ran up to a man who had just exited his vehicle and demanded the victim's keys and wallet. A second man, also brandishing a gun, came running up, pushed the victim and took his keys and wallet, got into the victim's vehicle and drove off. The first man returned to a silver, mid-size newer vehicle, possibly a Ford, from which they had first emerged that was parked on Mandan Road toward Greenbelt Road and also fled the scene. The victim's vehicle is described as a 1996 dark green 4-door Lexus, MD 67009CB.

9300 block of Edmonston Road, September 29, 11:19 p.m., two people walking home were approached by two men, one displaying a silver automatic style handgun who demanded money. One of the victims advised the two that all he had on him was a cell phone and no money and the robbers fled on foot. They are described as black males around 5'7" to 5'9" tall, one wearing a light-colored sweatshirt with hood and dark pants and the other wearing dark clothes.

Gun Shots

6200 block of Breezewood Drive, September 26, 12:58 p.m., officers responded to a report of shots fired. The complainants reported being awakened by what they thought was a car accident but then noticed bullet holes in their walls. Police also found two vehicles struck by gunfire in the area of 9100 block of Springhill Lane. There were no injuries. A suspect was located in the area and investigation is continuing.

Assaults

7700 block of Hanover Parkway, September 17, 8:11 p.m., a woman advised that after a traffic altercation both parties pulled into the Eleanor Roosevelt High School parking lot where the other driver approached the woman, smacked her on the cheek and took her cell phone and left. The man is described as a white male, age 35, of medium build and height.

Drugs

7300 block of Mandan Road, September 26, 8:11 p.m., an 18-year-old Greenbelt resident was found passed out in a parked vehicle. He had a strong odor of marijuana and suspected marijuana was visible on him. Police also located baggies containing suspected marijuana. He was charged with possession of controlled dangerous substance paraphernalia on a criminal citation and released from the scene pending trial.

5800 block of Cherrywood Lane, September 28, 2:13 p.m., officers responded to a report of a group of suspicious persons and found five juveniles and one adult. One of the juveniles, a 16-year-old Greenbelt resident, was found to have suspected marijuana contained in cigars and in a small glassine baggie and charged on juvenile petition with possession of a controlled dangerous substance. He was released to his mother pending trial.

Burglary

53 Court of Crescent Road, September 19, 3:19 p.m., unknown suspects were reported to have taken money from an apartment without forced entry.

8000 block of Mandan Road, September 19, 9:35 p.m., a Glock 9mm semi-automatic handgun was reported taken by unknown persons using an unknown means of entry.

7700 block of Mandan Road, September 19, 8:47 p.m., unknown suspects were reported to have used unknown means to enter a residence and took a 32 caliber revolver with blued finish, money and a pair of diamond earrings.

7800 block of Mandan Road, September 19, 2:55 p.m., a resident heard a rustling noise from his bedroom as he returned home. He saw two men jump out his bedroom second floor window onto the ground and flee. Means of entry is unknown and nothing has been reported missing.

8000 block of Mandan Road, September 26, 10:07 a.m., unknown persons were reported to have gained entry and taken clothing stored in boxes in the bedroom closet. There were no signs of forced entry to the residence which had bars on the

locked windows. The victim did report trouble with the key in the door knob.

7600 block of Hanover Parkway, September 28, 8:48 a.m., it was reported that an office suite had been forcibly entered and business items stolen.

Theft

6200 block of Springhill Court, September 26, 10:36 p.m., a woman reported that she had sent a money order for a cell phone she had bought through her eBay account which was never received. She was advised by eBay that they had suspended trading privileges with the suspect.

School Incidents

Greenbelt Middle School, September 20, 2 p.m., a teacher reported that he advised a 12-year-old male student to leave his cell phone at home. The student refused and was taken to the main office where he allegedly made verbal threats of assault upon the teacher. The student was placed on suspension from the school for several days and served with a criminal petition charging one count of molest (disruption of school) threat to an employee.

Greenbelt Middle School, September 21, in a followup to a reported assault of a 13-year-old student in the school hallway, September 9, by two youths, Greenbelt police have charged a 13-year-old Eleanor Roosevelt High School student on a juvenile petition with second degree assault, trespass on school property and disruption of school activity. He was released to his mother pending trial. When the incident occurred the true identity of the youth charged was not determined because he had given several bad addresses.

Vehicle Crimes

Vehicles were reported stolen at the following locations: 6600 block of Lake Park Drive, September 18, a 1996 green 4-door Ford Crown Victoria, MD tags 3BAT75; 6000 block of Springhill Drive, September 18, a 1996 silver 4-door Honda Civic, MD tags 3BAP56; 100 block of Westway, September 20, a 2005 black 4-door Toyota Corolla with one New Jersey temporary tag 1910356K; 7200 block of South Ora Court, September 24, a 1999 Dodge Stratus that was recovered the same day in Mitchellville; 5900 block of Cherrywood Lane, September 24, a 1996 Nissan Pathfinder that was recovered the same day in the Shell Food Market parking lot; and 6200 block of Springhill Drive, a 2003 blue Jeep Liberty that was recovered the next day in northwest Washington.

7800 block of Mandan Road, a woman reported that she had given her keys to a neighbor to wash her car. He took the car without permission and the woman obtained an arrest warrant. The neighbor was arrested and charged with theft over \$500 and transported to the Department of Corrections where he was released for service of an open warrant.

9100 block of Springhill Lane, September 26, 12:58 a.m., three young men were observed breaking out the driver's side window of a vehicle. Witnesses advised

Fire & Rescue Log

The Fire Department Log is a monthly report of the activities and news from the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. (GVFD&RS) The report includes recent incidents, news and upcoming events, fire safety and other fire department related information.

For the month of September, the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department responded to a total of 120 engine and 173 ambulance calls. Among those calls were 41 reports of smoke or fire, three gas leaks, 54 motor vehicle accidents and 129 medical calls.

New Fire Engine

Approximately every five years, the GVFD purchases a new fire engine to replace the oldest of the two pumpers. With the current Engine 352 ending its service time with the department, a new engine was ordered from Seagrave this year. This new engine, which will run as Engine 353, was custom built based on the specifications developed by the department's Apparatus Committee.

Members of that committee traveled to the Seagrave factory in Clintonville, WI on September 15 to conduct the final inspection on the new engine. A general inspection plus test drives were con-

ducted on the site. A few adjustments and touch-ups were noted and soon finished by Seagrave.

The new engine was brought to the Greenbelt station for a week so that the membership and Apparatus Committee could check it out more thoroughly. It then goes to have the last equipment mounted and to be lettered. When finished, Engine 353 will be in service in a few months.

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New Deal Café Expansion Is Moving Along Next Door

by Jim Lara

Looking into the old video store at the Roosevelt Center, one can see materials like boards, ladders and paint and know that customers of the New Deal Café will have a new area in which to enjoy their coffee and food once the new space is ready for use.

Board members of the café invited people to come and look at the new area on Saturday, September 3 to see the work that's been done so far. Richard McMullin, a board member for seven years, has acted as president for the past six months. He explained that for the past two years the board had sought to expand the café.

In the past the board offered the video store the opportunity to reduce their rent by letting the café take over some of their space. After consideration, however, this offer was declined. Then a few months ago the landlord notified McMullin that the video store was closing down and he wanted to lease the entire space.

McMullin said it was to the café's benefit to expand its operations. "Three years ago our space was adequate but now it gets packed even during the week and business has increased almost 75 percent," said McMullin.

The first step in the process of expanding was to get proper permits. The board had to submit a building plan to the county and the City of Greenbelt. The plan has been reviewed and approved. The café still waits for

approval from the county liquor board and for the insurance company to expand coverage to the new space. When all the construction work is done, the county must inspect it and give use and occupancy approval. Only then can the café set up new tables and serve customers.

Early in August board members of the café, with the help of volunteers, began work at the old video store during the weekends. Bookcases were removed, walls were painted, cracks were filled and ceiling tiles were replaced. Says Greenbelt resident Bill Wilkerson, who has been a café supporter and volunteer, "It's great for the café since it'll keep people coming and it won't be as crowded."

When the work is finished, there will be additional room for customers to dine, an office for the café manager, another bathroom and a storage room in the kitchen for dry and canned goods. McMullin is hopeful that everything will be ready by September 25. He feels all these changes will improve the café's image with the surrounding area. "This has always been a venue for people to watch local artists and musicians show their talent. This expansion will allow us to grow that customer base for years," McMullin said.

Volunteers are asked to call 240-462-5369. Images of the new space can be found at the café website, www.newdealcafe.com.

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they heard gun shots, then observed the suspects, one seated in the driver's position. When the suspects saw the witnesses, they fled on foot. A JVC stereo/TV/DVD/MP3 player was stolen from the vehicle. They are described as ages 17 to 20, black males, one wearing all black clothing, one wearing gray shorts and a black shirt.

There were thefts from autos during this period at the 6100 block of Springhill Terrace, 500 block of Crescent Road, 5800 and 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace, 200 block of Lakeside Drive, Ridge Road, 9100 block of Edmonston Terrace, 7800 block of Mandan Road, 7700 and 7800 blocks of Hanover Parkway and 6000 block of Greenbelt Road and attempted thefts at 7700 block of Mandan Road, 6200 block of Breezewood Drive, 7700 block of Hanover Parkway and 6100 block of Breezewood Court.

6100 block of Breezewood Court, September 27, 10:40 p.m., 11 incidents of spray painted vehicles along with spray painted sidewalks, fire lanes, trees, fences, a playground and two front doors to residences at 9100 and 9200 blocks of Springhill Lane occurred. Four juvenile suspects have been identified as participants, ages nine and 10. Investigation is continuing.

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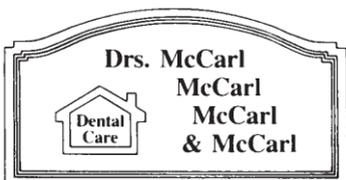
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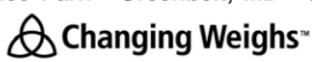
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GHI Board Discusses Yard Line Problems; Requests

by Mary Moien

Much of the September 22 meeting of the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) board of directors focused on yards. Either the yards themselves or what members wanted to put in the yards. The Yard Line committee has been investigating the sizes and boundaries of all yards in GHI. Certain yards, especially those abutting woods, GHI open space and city property, may have fence lines that have migrated into land that was not originally considered part of that home's property.

Staff have reviewed many plats that are on file. Only 34 plats, however, have been certified to date. These plats are for yards in the 2, 4, 5 and 21 Courts of Ridge Road.

The board discussed whether to provide certified plats to the owners of those homes or to wait until all yard lines are certified. The board did not want to deceive any new home buyers especially when "for sale" ads often mention the large size of some yards. General Manager Gretchen Overdurff indicated that any buyers in these four courts would certainly be told that the yard line is incorrect and all buyers are being told that a yard line study is underway.

It is still not certain what action a member will need to take if their fence lines exceed what their yard size should be. It appears that there could be several options. Members who clearly ignored GHI regulations may be required to correct the problem within a few months. Other problems might only need to be corrected when a new fence is constructed or when the unit is sold.

The board decided not to notify the four courts at this time but to wait for the rest of the project to be completed. However they agreed that buyers must be told if there are problems concerning the yards of their houses.

When a member wants an exception to GHI printed rules or when rules are silent on a particu-

lar topic, members bring their cases to the board meetings. In one instance at this meeting, members wanted to put a small hot tub on the service side of their home. Although the rules do not forbid this and the affected neighbor was present to say that she gave permission, a long drawn-out discussion followed among board members and audience. It was eventually approved with certain caveats that the owners had agreed to before the discussion began.

In a second instance, a member wanted to replace a deck and a privacy screen. She wanted to install a vinyl deck. The Architectural and Environment (A&E) Committee stated that they do not have the expertise on this type of material and did not want to approve it without proper study. In addition, the member currently has a 15-foot privacy screen that is deteriorating but regulations now only allow for an 8-foot privacy screen. She would like to replace it with a 15-foot vinyl privacy screen. Vinyl has been approved for fences but privacy screens were not mentioned. The member reminded the board that she could keep fixing up the 15-foot privacy screen, so why not let her replace it with one that looked better. When a vote was taken, the board only approved the 8-foot vinyl privacy screen.

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Ride the GIAC Time Machine

by Neil McLeod,
Community Webmaster

In a fervor of Labor Day spirit on Information Day, the Board of Directors of Greenbelt Internet Access Cooperative (GIAC) reduced the prices of greenbelt.com services back to 1996 levels.

GIAC made its public debut on Information Day in 1996. We remember well the community's excitement that day on spotting the greenbelt.com banner at our information table and in the Labor Day parade two days later. At subsequent Information Days, the greenbelt.com banner and an internet-connected computer could always be found under the famous Internet Tree in the Roosevelt Center parking lot. (How'd they do that?)

Over the years, GIAC has responded to the vagaries of internet service providers (changing ISPs five times) and to the evolving challenges of the internet environment itself. This has not always been easy in an organization staffed entirely by volunteers. But here we are in 2005: still teaching free classes on a variety of topical internet and computer subjects; still supporting the Community Website; still providing inexpensive, hometown-branded internet services; and still making telephone and house calls to help members of the cooperative deal with various computer and connection problems.

And still participating in Information Day. This year's table setup was especially efficient as we were able to tap into the free (GIAC-supported) wireless/DSL hotspot at New Deal Cafe. No more overnight rooftop missions to string (and later remove) a dial-up modem line. But we still miss that Internet Tree.

For details of the new greenbelt.com service rate schedule, visit: <http://greenbelt.com/giac/forms/rates.htm>

Long live GIAC. And a special thanks to Patti Brothers and the Labor Day Festival Committee for staging Information Day 2005, especially for arranging the fabulous weather.

Stokes Museum Lecture Adds Life to Historic New Town

by Virginia Beauchamp

The building of Greenbelt dates to the New Deal days when thousands of newcomers were flooding into the Washington area for government jobs and housing was in short supply. In England, where the concept of New Towns had first been born in the work of Ebenezer Howard, the war itself cut off resources for anything else. But immediately afterward, with a great deal of the country's housing stock lost through the extensive bombing, a new governmental initiative created a whole spate of New Towns – eight within the general area of London.

This was part of the historical background presented by guest lecturer and former resident Sally Stokes in a talk on Tuesday, September 27 in the Greenbelt Community Center. The talk was sponsored by Friends of the Greenbelt Museum, of which Stokes has been a long-time member. As a librarian, Stokes was an expert on historic preservation; she is now an independent historian.

The genesis of her Greenbelt talk was a recent trip she made to England to research the work and life of Noel Streatfeild, British author of books for young people. In particular, because Stokes had lived in Greenbelt, she was intrigued by one particular book written in 1960 called "New Town." She hoped to locate the original of its fictional depiction

as Crestal New Town.

Feeling sure she had found it in Crawley New Town in West Sussex, near London, Stokes arranged to visit the place and made contact with the local librarian.

Unlike Greenbelt, which was constructed on a tract of farmland somewhat distant from other towns, Crawley encompassed an ancient village active in the 16th century. Also unlike Greenbelt, which housed an early population of only about 8,000 people, including those in the frame homes put up so quickly during World War II, the new sections of Crawley consisted of several neighborhoods, each with its own school and commercial center. Its population in the 1950s was about 50,000 and it has since grown to 110,000.

Understanding how Crawley's original population with its ancient history must have felt overwhelmed and threatened by the horde of newcomers, Stokes realized how the central figure in Streatfeild's book, a young girl who had just moved into the fictional New Town, would have found it a hostile place.

Stokes illustrated her lecture with an excellent presentation of photographs she had taken in Crawley, of people she had met there and of the late author Streatfeild herself, whose books had started Stokes on this particular path of discovery when she was but a child.

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I am writing to ask for your support in the City Council Election to be held on November 8.

In the coming years, Greenbelt faces a huge and important challenge in guiding approved high-density development in Greenbelt West (Metro Land and Springhill Lake). We must make sure that adequate public facilities are provided as an integral part of these new developments (police, fire, schools, recreation facilities, etc.). If we fail to require the developers to pay their fair share, the burden will fall on all city taxpayers. Services and facilities in every part of Greenbelt could be impacted.

I have been working hard to make certain that doesn't happen. I need your support and your vote on November 8 so that we can continue to demand a higher standard for Greenbelt.

Sincerely, *Rodney M. Roberts*

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For information, suggestions, and contributions: call 301-474-4863, or write to Citizens to Re-elect Roberts, P.O. Box 1053, Greenbelt, MD 20768-1053

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA MEETING OF GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, October 13, 2005
GHI Board Room, 7:30 p.m.

Key Agenda Items

- Living Trust
- Bank of America Request to Originate Loans
- Replacement Reserves Study Update
- Year End Meeting Schedule
- Proposed Hot Tub & Deck, 14-A Laurel Hill Road
- Existing Vinyl Shed, 57-Q Ridge Road
- 2005 Masonry Porch Roof Repair Contract – 2nd Reading
- A&E Committee CLEAR Rules for Additions – Presentation, Discussion
- Community Beautification Program – Final Report

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