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## Greenbelt East Asks Candidates To Answer Three Questions

by Mary Moien

Kelly Ivy was the last person to declare his candidacy for the Greenbelt City Council and the only non-incumbent but he drew the first slot on the ballot. Thus, on Thursday, October 6 when the Greenbelt East Advisory Council (GEAC) sponsored a candidates night, he was the first speaker. Following Ivy were the five incumbents – Judith Davis, Konrad Herling, Rodney Roberts, Leta Mach and Ed Putens.

Following their opening statements, the candidates fielded three additional formal questions – one on development in Greenbelt West, the next on emergency preparedness and, finally, on future plans for Greenbelt East. Each candidate then had time to respond to “Why do you want to serve?”

(Early responders to each question had the chance to be first with an idea, while later responders had a chance to hear what the others had to say on a given topic. Often followers agreed with earlier suggestions. The order of candidates was changed for each formal question.)

**Question 1: With development at Metroland, Springhill Lake and**

**Beltway Plaza, how do you see the future? Positive? Negative?**

Herling said he sees the development mostly in a positive light. It will be a mixed-use district and we have to see how we can make it work, he said. It will be a more urban way of life with the doubling of the population in Springhill Lake. Greenbelt is used to being considered a more rural area. He hopes that the city can obtain more green space and have it accessible. He is also concerned that there may not be enough recreation area.

Roberts indicated that it is the “details” that will determine whether this development has a positive or negative impact on the city. Concerned with the Springhill Lake plans, he said, “I am not a believer in this type of density.” In his opinion the Springhill Lake owners have never met the challenge of enough services to the current residents.

Mach responded to the question by saying that this is an “historic opportunity.” Site plans have been approved for Metro and Springhill Lake development. We need to look to a new urbanism to address issues like safety and parking, she

said. During review, the approved Springhill Lake plan increased home ownership from five to 25 percent of the residents. She indicated that home ownership is “the key to an involved citizenry.”

Putens also mentioned home ownership in Springhill Lake as a definite advantage. One of his concerns is assuring sufficient green space in the developments.

Ivy commented on the need for police and fire department involvement in the plans for redevelopment. He emphasized that he does not like the use of terms such as Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West. “It’s one Greenbelt.”

Davis was the last speaker on this question. She indicated that this was an “opportunity to create a model community.” She referred to Greenbelt’s excellent planning department which is monitoring the whole process. She commented on the ripple effect of Metro development causing Springhill Lake owners to move toward redevelopment which then caused Beltway Plaza to develop plans. She mentioned the fact that a new elementary and middle school will be built in Greenbelt West – “that is a win-win situation.” Davis would like to see home ownership in that section of the city become available for people at different income levels.

**Question 2: Please address emergency preparedness. Are you comfortable with plans?**

Davis, responding first in this round, indicated that she was not

See **GEAC**, page 6

## Kelly Ivy, Sr., Is Sixth to Run In the City Council Election

The sixth and final candidate for city council, Kelly P. Ivy, Sr., is the only non-incumbent. His biography appears below. The five incumbents are Judith Davis, Rodney Roberts, Leta Mach, Konrad Herling and Ed Putens.

**Kelly P. Ivy, Sr.**

Texas-born Kelly P. Ivy, Sr., has lived in Greenbelt for 38 years, first living in University Square, then Greenbelt Homes and now a single family home. Married for 32 years, he and his wife Linda raised four children: Kelly, Jr., Jamie, Amanda and Emily. He is the grandfather of Shelby and Alyce. Ivy has worked for Amtrak for over 30 years as technical supervisor of locomotive power.

Ivy has been a member of the city’s Park and Recreation Advisory Board for five years. Well known in the Greenbelt sports community, he has coached Little League, St. Hugh’s CYO, Boys and Girls Club, Babe Ruth, Women’s Fast Pitch and Flowers High School. He is the past commissioner of St. Hugh’s CYO baseball and softball, Boys and Girls Club softball and baseball, Little League and Cal Ripken League, Prince George’s County Babe Ruth Softball League and is president of Prince George’s County Fast Pitch League. He has helped to raise funds for Greenbelt Babe Ruth and has volunteered at the lake on the



Candidate Kelly P. Ivy, Sr.

4th of July and at Schrom Hills Fall Fest, selling concessions.

Ivy installed the first computer lab at St. Hugh’s School in the Morrison (senior) Lounge at the Youth Center and at Green Ridge House. He is the newly elected vice president of the Lakeside Association. Three years ago Ivy initiated and has since overseen the Beauty and Beast softball games to benefit the antique fire truck for GVFD, Greenbelt Labor Day Festival and the family of fallen Prince George’s County police officer and Greenbelter Steven Gaughan.

Ivy has been an associate member of Greenbelt FOP, Lodge 32 for over 25 years.

PHOTO BY SHARON NATOLI

## Second Candidate Question Deals with Budget Issues

This week we publish the responses of the six candidates for election to city council to the second of three questions posed in our October 6 issue. The responses are limited to 300 words. The order in which the responses are published was determined by lot. This week’s question is:

**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?**

**Konrad Herling**

There is no “magic wand” to change the trend easily. The situation is exacerbated due to the increased



price of oil over the last year. And we should be prepared for fuel costs to go higher, not hope that the rosier scenario will occur. The tax increase is felt more as it also reflects the increases in real estate property assessments.

What do we do to change this trend? Well, we can at least slow it down. I would support a hiring freeze during the next two years. Each department should provide five- and ten-year plans regarding the big ticket items, e.g., programs, equipment, personnel and to explore what revenue might be secured through grants, and to prioritize these items where the result would be that less important projects could be postponed. Additionally, improved marketing would yield a greater number of paying customers for our recreational and cultural programs and classes.

Income derived from major developments, e.g., a redeveloped Springhill Lake, a developed Metro site, and an upscale condominium structure replacing the convalescent center will provide significant income. New businesses, such as Internosis (IT firm which moved from Arlington, Virginia) and a new Hilton Garden Inn, along with Patriot Center II and the expanded Capital Cadillac operation will also help reduce the structural financial gap.

I also have proposed that the City create a task force, working with appropriate city staff, to look for additional sources of revenue, other than Greenbelters’ tax dollars, to supplement the taxes we Greenbelters pay to maintain and improve City services. Improved marketing is one example, greater pursuit of grants or sponsorships with the large number of Greenbelt businesses is another example that such a task force might recommend that the City explore.

See **BUDGET**, page 12

**Rodney M. Roberts**

The buck stops with City Council, and the city manager’s proposed budget each year is directly influenced by the signals he gets from Council. The city manager and staff have gotten a consistent signal that it’s acceptable to raise taxes every year. The “structural issue” is a result of continually hiring new employees without new revenue to pay for them. I believe that raising taxes for new employees should be limited to critical or essential needs such as public safety. If we want to expand other departments it should be done with revenue from new development, business expansion, etc. I will continue to vote against nonessential hiring and keep sending a message to the city manager and staff that we need to live within our means.



**Kelly P. Ivy, Sr.**

Taxes are an issue on most voters’ minds. We must aggressively and conscientiously try to contain our budget. Instituting a hiring freeze, creating a multi-tasking atmosphere for current employees, controlling loose spending, and an evaluation of our true needs against our wants are just some approaches I would take. There are so many ideas our public has for raising revenue. We need to listen more to our citizens. We need to create a message board on the city website where the citizens of Greenbelt can speak to city staff and council. Together, I think we can control spending and stay within our budget, with minimal or no tax increase.

**Ed Putens**

This question is about choices. When expenditures exceed revenues, any city council must choose



# Letters to the Editor

## A Shining Example

Kelly Ivy, who is running for council, states in the October 13 issue of the News Review that he wants to see a Green Ridge East and West, so seniors can retire without leaving Greenbelt. So far, so good. But he also writes "Our seniors are leaving Greenbelt!" And "To lose our seniors simply because we did not care enough to try to keep them is unacceptable."

Let me give you the facts:

I have personally witnessed our real estate agents singing the praises of Greenbelt as an ideal place for seniors to move to. GHI mentions the same to prospective buyers. Actually, Greenbelt is a NORC, a Naturally Occurring Retirement Community, and as such got a grant to hire a resource advocate. Greenbelt is a shining example for the rest of the country on how to meet the needs of an ever graying population.

Our previous and current councils have been great and together with many active citizens helped this process. Back in 1999 council established an Assisted Living Task Force to advise them on the various aspects of senior housing. One of the results of that task force was the realization that the most important task is to provide for seniors the resources that enable them to stay in their own homes as long as possible.

I have to be brief but in a nutshell this is why Greenbelt has a resource advocate on its staff. The resource advocate is Christal Parker Batey, the most dynamic and productive person I have ever met! She established GAIL: the Greenbelt Assistance In Living program. Council then engaged the services of Sukol Communications to carry out a needs assessment survey for the GAIL program.

Batey counsels individual citizens, established many, many programs, such as the brown bag program, the AARP Money Management Program, the annual Senior Health Fair, the Greenbelt Nursing Services and coming in 2006 the Adaptable Equipment Program. The Home Health Study Group (leaders Tom White and Batey) worked out a request for proposal (RFP) for council to obtain from health provider agencies special prices for Greenbelt citizens. Council issued that RFP and the agency responses are currently being evaluated.

In addition to all of the above the city gives free use of its facilities to the Golden Age Club, to several senior classes conducted by Prince George's Community College and to the Widowed Persons Support Group. They established the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee many years ago. The list is far from complete. But Greenbelt is one of the most caring cities for its senior citizens and I want to thank past and current councils and city staff and the many citizen-volunteers who make it all possible. Greenbelt is great!

*Leonie Penney, Chair  
Friends of the Resource  
Advocate (FORA)*

**Absentee ballots  
are now  
available.**

## For Bargaining

I hope that our Greenbelt voters will vote for the collective bargaining proposal on November 8, though I would much prefer that it would authorize collective bargaining between the city and any group of city employees. What would be beneficial for our police as a group probably also would be beneficial for recreation employees or the sanitation department employees.

I understand the reluctance of council to agree to arbitration of what the contract would provide and hasn't provided. To do that would indeed challenge council's budget-making ability. But I think that the city and the police union or any other union should provide in the contract for arbitration of any egregious violation of that contract. Such might be the case if the city were to violate a contract clause protecting an employee's job status unless that employee grossly misbehaves and acts in violation of his or her duties.

A cop who misbehaves should be sacked. Such misbehavior might include shooting or clubbing or beating someone up in the absence of that person's violent actions against the police or anyone else. Or misbehavior would include arresting someone because of the person's race, religion, sexual identification, political action (non-violent), etc.

But a cop who is fired because he spoke up for his colleagues so that the city or some manager can intercede or break the union should have the contractual right to arbitrate the firing.

In my youth as a supporter of labor unions I was illegally arrested three times in one week for peacefully picketing a bank in Manhattan. The officer supported his actions by pointing out that several years before I picketed that bank, that bank had secured a permanent injunction against unions picketing it. But the arrests were illegal because both the U.S. Congress and New York state legislature had since passed laws outlawing injunctions against peaceful action. When I went before the courts in each case, the judges promptly threw the cases out.

I remember when I edited a neutral publication on collective bargaining at the Bureau of National Affairs, I learned that in arbitration there is respect for the rule of equity. An employer or authority may not punish for a violation of some rules unless the rule 1) has previously been made known to all and 2) that rule has been enforced equally in all known cases. Treat employees fairly, respect their rights and needs and all others would benefit.

So vote "yes" and all others would benefit thereby.

*Mat Amberg*

## News Review Annual Meeting on Oct. 30

The Greenbelt News Review will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, October 30 at 5:30 p.m. in the News Review Office. An election of officers and a brief business meeting will follow dinner.

## Election Reminder

Readers are reminded of News Review policy with respect to printing of campaign and election material. In the last issue preceding an election the newspaper will not publish letters to the editor and similar materials that inject for the first time controversial issues and charges. Last minute introduction of such material without an opportunity for refutation is considered an unfair campaign practice.

The News Review will not print letters of endorsement.

Letters to the editor and other copy on election issues must be submitted by 9 p.m. Tuesday evening, so as to give the editorial board sufficient time to review content.

## City to Purchase New Trailer

At its October 10 meeting council took the first step toward the purchase of a modular building or trailer at the gun range used by the Greenbelt Police Department and the Office of Inspector General (OIG) of the Agriculture Department and located on the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center property. Greenbelt is responsible for replacing the 20-year-old trailer with a new one to serve as office and classroom at the gun range. For its part, OIG will be responsible for removing the spent lead at about three times the cost of the new \$50,000 trailer. Greenbelt will pay for the trailer with a block grant and drug forfeiture monies.

## Meals on Wheels Service Available

Meals on Wheels of College Park is now accepting new customers. Greenbelters are eligible. Meals are delivered to the customer's door Monday through Friday between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. To enroll or to get answers to any questions, call Meals on Wheels of College Park at 301-474-1002 Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and noon.

The price is \$25 per week and includes a bread pack (with coffee, tea and other condiments), a sandwich, salad or fruit, dessert, milk, juice and a hot meal.

## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

Week of OCTOBER 21

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Friday  
\*5:15, 7:30, 9:40

Saturday  
\*3:00, \*5:15, 7:30, 9:40

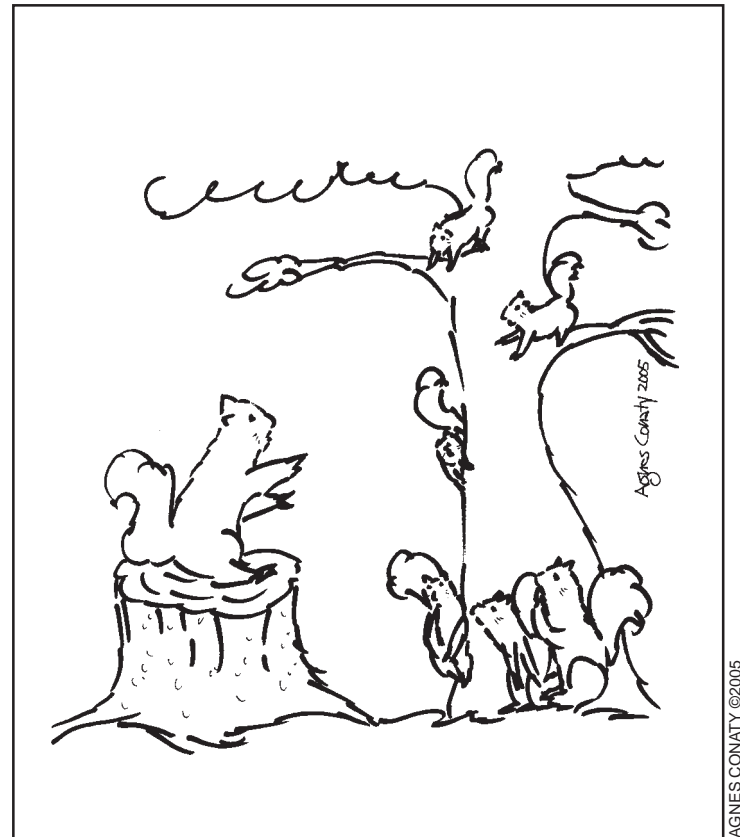
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Monday - Thursday  
\*5:15, 7:30

\*These shows at \$5.00

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## Grin Belt



"I plan to increase revenues and decrease expenses by finding a market for second-hand acorns on eBay."

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## PRELIMINARY AGENDA MEETING OF GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, October 27, 2005  
GHI Board Room, 7:30 p.m.

### GDC Meeting – Key Agenda Items

- Third Quarter Operating Statements

### GHI Meeting – Key Agenda Items

- Third Quarter Operating Statements
- A&E Committee CLEAR Rules for Additions
- Fee-for-Service Policy Change
- 2006 Proposed Operating Budget – First Reading
- Right of Way Proposed Agreement with the City

Regular board meetings are open to members.

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

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

# Community Events

## Senior Oktoberfest To Be Held Oct. 28

The Greenbelt Senior Center is hosting the eighth annual Oktoberfest on Friday, October 28 in the Greenbelt Community Center gym from 1 to 3 p.m. Helmut Licht will provide entertainment, playing dance music and teaching standard line and some circle dances.

Licht has been playing music in the Baltimore-Washington area since 1958. Ten years ago he started a weekly dance event called Ballroom Dancing at the Belvedere where he teaches two half-hour dance lessons and then plays live dance music. His music ranges from solo to a full 14-piece big band. Licht was born and raised in Germany before he came to the United States. He will play some Oktoberfest music to set the mood but also will play plenty of great ballroom dance music: fox trots, swings, waltzes, cha chas, rumbas, tangos, etc.

He might even throw in a polka or two!

Join in a great afternoon of fun and dancing to celebrate fall with Oktoberfest. Light refreshments including apple cider will be served following the entertainment. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

## Star Party Is Friday Night

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party this Friday evening, October 21. Weather permitting, members of the society will begin setting up telescopes at approximately 6:15 p.m. to aid in viewing a variety of celestial objects, including stars, star clusters, nebulae and galaxies. The planet Mars will be nearing its closest point of the year to Earth, offering the best appearance until the year 2018. In addition, observers who stay late may see several meteors, as this is near the peak of the Orionid meteor shower.

In the event of rain or hopelessly cloudy skies, this event will be canceled without further notice.

Information about other ASG events can be found on the web at: <http://www.greenbeltastro.org/events.shtml>.

## Hospital Hosts Blood Drive

Doctors Community Hospital and the Greenbelt Lion's Club in partnership with the American Red Cross (ARC) will hold a blood drive on Monday, October 31 from 10 to 4 p.m. on the hospital campus at 8118 Good Luck Road, DSE Room, 5th Floor, Medical Office Building.

To be eligible to donate blood one must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good general health. Donors can safely give blood every 56 days. Bring some form of positive identification, such as a driver's license, blood donor card or work or school photo ID. Call 301-552-8060 to make an appointment.

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition "Food and Friendship" 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 one percent milk. Menus for the week of October 24 through 28 include:

Monday - Orange juice, meatloaf with gravy, brown rice, green beans, fresh pear.

Tuesday - Cranapple juice, vegetable lasagna, stewed tomatoes, golden corn, two ginger cookies.

Wednesday - Cream of broccoli soup with crackers, baked pork chops, mashed potatoes, sweet peas, stewed apples.

Thursday - Grape juice, sweet and sour chicken, pinto beans, chopped spinach, pineapple tidbits.

Friday - Orange juice, meatballs (six each) with tomato sauce and spaghetti, California blend vegetables, lemon parfait.

## Greenbriar Board Meets Wednesday

The Greenbriar Community Association board meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 26 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Meetings are held in the Commons Room at 7600 Hanover Parkway.

For further information call Community Affairs Director Ramona Davis at 310-441-1096, ext. 11.

## GHI Notes

October 25 - Sustainable Design and Practices Committee, 7 p.m., Board Room

October 26 - Architecture & Environment Committee, 7:30 p.m., Board Room.

## Pumpkin Carving And Pumpkin Walk

The Committee to Save the Green Belt will present Pumpkin Carving and Children's Pumpkin Walk again this year. On Friday, October 28 there will be Pumpkin Carving at the New Deal Café from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Bring carving tools and help provide pumpkins for the next day's walk.

On Saturday, October 29 the Children's Pumpkin Walk will begin at dusk with storytelling followed by a walk at dark. Flashlights are recommended. Meet at Northway Extended by the ball fields. Drive gently as there will be walkers along the road. For more information call Paul Downs at 301-474-6708.



## At the Library

### Children

Tuesday, October 25, 10:30 a.m. - Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, October 26, 10:30 a.m. - Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 toddlers.

Thursday, October 27, 10:30 a.m. - Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years, limit 20 children.

### Teens

Tuesday, October 25, 7 p.m. - Book Discussion for Teens - Sarah Dessens' "The Truth About Forever."

## Flu Shots at Giant

Flu shots will be administered at the Greenbelt Giant Food store at Beltway Plaza on Tuesday, November 1, noon to 6 p.m. There is a \$25 fee for those not covered by Medicare.

## Try Game Night At New Deal Café

The New Deal Café's newest event - Game Night - on November 14 from 6 to 9 p.m. is an all-ages event that will provide fun for the entire family. Meet new people, test knowledge of trivia and hone the ability to wager and bluff all at the same time! Prizes will be awarded to the top-scoring teams. The featured game, Wits & Wagers, was designed and produced by Greenbelt resident Dominic Crapuchettes and his partner Satish Pillalamarri. Support both the Café and an enterprising member of the community.

## Help Plant Trees With Scout Project

Greenbelter Andrew Sillers has planned a tree planting event as his Eagle Scout project. The planting will take place on Sunday, October 30 from noon to 3 p.m. in the open space behind 53 Court Ridge Road on Greenbelt Homes, Inc. property. Sillers is a member of Boy Scout Troop 1033.

## Painting Class

"Painting: Observation and Imagination," a beginning painting class for ages 16 to adult will be held on Wednesdays from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Students will tell their story on canvas from their own life experiences. The five-week class begins October 26. There is a fee. To register call 240-542-2060.



This ( Halloween ) week at the **New Deal Café**

Thur. 10/27 - SAW Open Mic - 7 - 9 pm

Fri. 10/28 - Pumpkin Carving - 6 - 8 pm  
Raincrow - 8 - 11pm

Sat. 10/29 - Dan Hart - & the annual Costume Party - the Theme "Imaginary Friends" \$2 at the door or free with costume Prizes for the best costumes

Sun. 10/30 - Magic Ray Jazz 5 - 7 pm

Plan your special holiday parties at the Café for Nov. and Dec. Good Dates still available. Stop by and talk to Ellen!

# Independent Film Festival Here on Vets' Day Weekend

by Andy Zmidzinski

The first Greenbelt Utopia Independent Film Festival will be held November 11, 12 and 13, Veterans' Day weekend.

Want to see some great movies? Well then just stay right here in Greenbelt during Veterans' Day weekend. Tickets are reasonable and the Saturday show at the library is free.

The Greenbelt Theatre will run "Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter and Spring" on Saturday and "Festival Express" on Sunday. There will be two shows each day between noon and 5 p.m.

Also, the Greenbelt Arts Center will be converted into a movie theater for the weekend showing several films:

"Bright Leaves" by Ross McElwee, the director who made "Sherman's March," looks at the legacy of tobacco in America and his own family's role in it.

"Darwin's Nightmare," a film that got great audience buzz at Silver Docs (the American Film Institute's documentary festival in Silver Spring) and other festivals, is about a real life ecological and economic nightmare that ravaged the people of Tanzania when a non-native fish is introduced to Lake Victoria. Truly horrifying and a must-see.

"Day of the Wacko" or "Dzien Swira," a comedy - not a great translation of the title but a funny, insightful film about an obsessive/compulsive middle-aged man who is at war with himself and the world. There are very funny scenes and an unexpected lightness from a land which produces much darker films.

"Living in Oblivion," a comedy in which Steve Buscemi is a director caught in low-budget film hell. The characters are

funny and realistic. The movie is a valentine to the trials and joys of independent filmmaking and a great Saturday night audience pleaser.

"The Swenkas" is a documentary. They are Zulu men who "swank" on the weekend. They dress up in their best suits to see who has the best "style." But it's not just about style, it's about family and bridging the gap between ancient traditions and modern life. This too got great audience buzz at Silver Docs.

"The Same River Twice," another documentary, looks at the changes in a group of friends as they look back 30 years later on their innocent lives as hippie river guides. (They spent a lot of their time naked . . . hmmm.) One character in particular is especially ravaged by time. The film is quiet, poignant and insightful. Hang on for the final scene in this film, it's a doozy.

In "Exploding the Frame," Filmmaker Chris Lynn has put together a feature-length collection of non-narrative films. Narrative films tell a story and are related to theater and novels. Non-narrative films are experiential and much more closely related to painting and still photography. This film is not what is normally seen and definitely worth the look. After all, festivals are for trying new things. Some of the filmmakers will be available for a meet-and-greet afterward.

This is the first festival and advance ticket sales will help immensely in planning. Ticket sales will begin Thursday, November 10 from 6 to 9 p.m. in the lobby of the Greenbelt Arts Center, next to the post office.

## On Screen

### "Proof" - Of What?

The new film at Old Greenbelt Theatre raises many questions; you judge how many it answers. Based on a Pulitzer Prize-winning play, "Proof" stars Gwyneth Paltrow as the troubled, 27-year-old daughter of a late, famous math professor - Anthony Hopkins - who had suffered from mental illness. Where she stands in a tangle of obsessive drives and complex puzzlements propels matters. Paltrow played the role of Catherine on stage in London and glistened not long ago in "Shakespeare in Love" - which, like "Proof," was directed by John Madden. Here he often zooms in tight on her agonies but look for a mordant sense of humor, too. 100 minutes, PG-13.

- Eli Flam

**TEEN BOOK DISCUSSION**  
7 p.m. Oct. 25  
Greenbelt Library

**CRAFTERS WANTED**  
Crafters needed for show on Nov. 19, 2005 from 10 - 4 at Mowatt Methodist Church 40 Ridge Rd. Call Karen Smith at 301-204-6657.

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**Songs for the Earth**  
Rachel Carson Tribute Concert  
Magpie Walkin' Jim Stoltz  
Dean Stevens Bob Zentz  
Surprise Guest  
**Friday October 28, 2005 7:30pm**  
River Road Unitarian Church  
6301 River Road, Bethesda, MD 20817  
\$ 12 advance, \$15 at the door  
\$10 seniors and students  
FREE to children under 12  
--Ticket Information--  
Rachel Carson Council  
(301-593-7507) rccouncil@aol.com  
On Sale: New Deal Cafe (301-474-5642)  
121 Centerway, Greenbelt, MD

**FREE PIZZA NIGHT**  
  
**Soul'd Out**  
6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders for free pizza!!!!  
**THURSDAY OCTOBER 27**  
7:00-9:00 p.m.  
Eat, hang out, play video games  
**GREENBELT YOUTH CENTER**  
jody@graphicadd.com for info

# Obituaries

## Terence K. O'Driscoll

Terence K. O'Driscoll of Crescent Road died October 13, 2005.

His wife Eva O'Driscoll preceded him in death.

His survivors include his daughters Yvonne O'Driscoll and Amarilis Geiger, son Michael K. O'Driscoll, grandchildren Timothy S. and Emily N. Geiger, brother John K. O'Driscoll.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church, 135 Crescent Road on Tuesday, October 18 with Father Scott Hurd officiating. Interment was in Maryland Veterans Cemetery, Cheltenham. Arrangements were by Borgwardt Funeral Home.

## Teresa B. Scullen

Teresa Bernice Scullen (TJ) died on September 8, 2005. She was 88 years old and had lived in Greenbelt (Springhill Lake) for almost 40 years.



Teresa Bernice Mayers was born to William Mayers and Mary O'Neil June 4, 1917. When she was still a baby her mother died during the flu epidemic. Her mother's sister and her grandmother raised her. She graduated from St. John's High School in Patterson.

She married her high school sweetheart James R. Scullen. They loved to dance, especially to swing music and had a mutual love of sports.

When her husband was offered a position with the District of Columbia police force, they and their infant daughter Mary moved to Seat Pleasant. They had two more children.

Mrs. Scullen supported her husband and assisted him while he worked days and studied for his law degree at night.

Later she worked for the U.S. Department of Justice, beginning as a secretary and retiring after 30 years as a legal assistant in the tax division.

Mrs. Scullen was a long-time parishioner of Holy Redeemer Church. She was a member of the Greenbelt Golden Age Club.

Her husband James R. Scullen, Sr., preceded her in death.

She is survived by daughters Mary T. True and her husband John and Carol A. Darling and her husband Buzz; son James R. Scullen, Jr.; four granddaughters, Kimberly, Mary Teresa, Colleen and Christina; seven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on September 14 at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, College Park. Interment was at Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

## Martha E. Chester

Martha Elizabeth Chester, a longtime Greenbelter, died on September 24, 2005. She had lived in the city from 1976 to 1999.

Mrs. Chester was a member of the Greenbelt Golden Age Club and the Young at Heart of Beltsville.

Her husband Homer Chester preceded her in death.

She is survived by her sons Joseph W. Chester and his wife Carol, Paul R. Chester and his wife Dottie and Earl F. Chester and his wife Rita; her daughter Mary L. Chester; sisters Isabell O'Toole, Arlene Harbaugh and Priscilla Hobbs; brothers Wilbur and Kenneth Wishard; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on September 28 at Sacred Heart Chapel on the Hill, Bowie. Interment was in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Silver Spring.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Catholic Charities USA.



## Christopher Fink

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for Christopher Fink, age 10, on Saturday, October 28 at 10 a.m. at St. John the Evangelist Church, 10103 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring. Christopher's mother is Gloria Hensel Fink, his grandmother is Irene Hensel.



Our condolences to the family of Terence O'Driscoll of Crescent Road who died October 13, 2005.

Sympathy to the family of Martha E. Chester, a long-time resident of Greenbelt.

Condolences to the family of Teresa Scullen. Mrs. Scullen was an early resident of Springhill Lake. Our sympathy to Gloria Hensel Fink and her mother Irene Hensel on the death of their son and grandson Christopher Fink.

Navy Seaman Mary E. Clark, daughter of Jamie Wamaling of Greenbelt and Jackie Wamaling of Annapolis, concluded nine weeks of support to Maritime Security Operations (MSO) in the Persian Gulf during a scheduled deployment while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz, which is homeported in San Diego. While in the area, Clark's unit made port calls to Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates.

## Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

301-474-9410 www.gb-gm-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

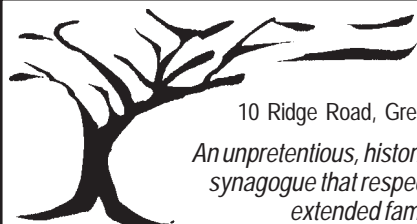


## St. George's Episcopal/Anglican Church

7010 Glenn Dale Road  
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301-262-3285 | rector@stgeo.org | www.stgeo.org

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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.



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

## Hospital Offers Prostate Tests

Doctors Community Hospital will be offering free prostate cancer screenings on Thursday, October 27 from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. on the hospital campus at 8118 Good Luck Road, Lanham.

Prostate cancer is the second most common type of cancer found in American men. Because prostate cancer often develops without any warning signs or symptoms, it is important for men to be screened. Annual screenings are vital to the early detection and successful treatment of this disease.

The screenings will include a PSA (prostate-specific antigen) blood test and a digital exam conducted by a physician specializing in urology.

Participants must make appointments for the screenings. To register call 301-552-8060.

## Make Paper Lanterns At Drop-in Art Class

The College Park Arts Exchange sponsors a free monthly Arts Drop-in program for children ages 3 to 8. On Sunday, October 23 at 2 p.m. children participating will make a paper lantern patterned after those used in a traditional German celebration of St. Martin's Day. Young lantern makers are also invited to return on November 13 to join in the St. Martin's Day celebration with their lanterns. Arts Drop-in is held in the Old Parish House at the corner of Knox and Dartmouth in College Park. All children must be accompanied by an adult.



Catholic Community of Greenbelt

SUNDAY MASS, 10:00 AM  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

SERVE BREAKFAST  
AT S.O.M.E.

Sunday, October 30, 2005

Meet at St. Hugh's School  
Parking Lot, 6:00 AM

## Jerusalem Women Speak

Sunday, October 23  
2 pm

Greenbelt Community Church  
Hillside & Crescent

A Muslim, a Jew and  
a Christian discuss the  
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301-474-4322



Mass Schedule:

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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

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Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

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Sometimes life gets hard and we wonder why things go wrong, but let's not forget the greatest of virtues - patience.

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- The Holy Qur'an 2:155-157

This is the guidance sent forth from God to Prophet Muhammed (peace be upon him) nearly 1400 years ago. And it is still relevant today. For more information about the Qur'an, call 301-982-9463 or email us at searchislam@mail.com or visit www.islamguide.com.



# City Information

## GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL

Municipal Building-Regular Meeting  
October 24, 2005 - 8:00 p.m.

### COMMUNICATIONS

#### Presentations

America Recycles Day – Proclamation

National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week - 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.)

Park & Recreation Advisory Board, Report #05-4 (Revision of Recognition and Contribution Group Policy)

### 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. (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Adoption)

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

### OTHER BUSINESS

- Application for Liquor License – Hilton Garden Inn
- New Lease – Adult Day Care Facility
- MDOT Draft 2006-2011 Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP)
- \*Resignations from Advisory Group

### MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 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.

### 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**

**Youth Advisory Committee (Openings for adult & youth positions.)**

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

### GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/ PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

**MUNICIPAL ACCESS:**  
301-474-8000: Monday, October 24th at 8pm: City Council Meeting “live”  
Tuesday & Thursday, October 25 & 27: 10am & 6:00pm “Ask the Expert-Medicare Part D”  
2& 7pm “Greenbelt East Advisory Committee presents CANDIDATES NIGHT” with candidates for City Council. 8:30pm “Replay of City Council”.

**PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, October 26 & 28:**  
7pm GAC “Creation of the World and Other Business”  
9:15pm PG County Peace and Justice Coalition “Peace March”

## Oktoberfest

Featuring Hellmut Licht: musician and dance instructor

Friday, October 28: 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Community Center Gym

Free

Light refreshments will be served.

### CITY ELECTION INFORMATION

As required by Section 14 of the City Charter, Greenbelt will hold a regular City Council election on

**Tuesday, November 8, 2005.**

**Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

Anyone residing within the corporate limits of the City of Greenbelt and registered to vote in Prince George’s County may vote in City elections.

If you have questions regarding the upcoming election, please call the City offices at 301-474-8000, use Maryland Relay (711), or send e-mail to the City Clerk at kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov.

### DEMONSTRATION VOTING MACHINE

A demonstration Sequoia AVC Advantage voting machine will be available starting the afternoon of Friday, October 21, on the second floor of the Municipal Building. This is the same kind of voting machine that was used in the 2003 City election. Come in and try it during business hours, or call the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 to be sure someone will be available when you wish to come in. A sample ballot is available on a flier at the Municipal Building or on the CityLink Web site at <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov>.

City of Greenbelt



# FALL FEST

RESCHEDULED TO

Saturday, October 29th 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, Fantastic Food and so much more!

Call 301-397-2200 for more information.



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The Greenbelt Recreation Department and Roosevelt Center Merchants Association Inc.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28TH 4:00PM. SHARP ROOSEVELT CENTER

Join us at Roosevelt Center for this year's Annual Halloween Costume Contest and Parade! Prizes will be awarded to various age groups (infants to 6th grade) for the best and most creative costumes registered in the parade! New categories include a prize for the best family oriented costume and prize for ages 18 months and younger. All participants will receive candy donated by the generous members of the Roosevelt Center Merchants Association Inc. and the Greenbelt Recreation Department. In case of rain, the parade will be relocated to the Youth Center Gym. Questions? Call the Greenbelt Business Office @ (301)397-2200.



### ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Saturday, October 29, 2005  
9am-12noon at Public Works Facility

City residents, businesses and organizations can recycle old and/or unwanted computers and other electronic items.

**Accepted Items Include:** central processing units, hard drives, monitors, keyboards, printers and copiers, laptop computers, computer speakers, scanners, computer mice, software, recording equipment, cameras, telephones, radios, other small electronic equipment (NO TELEVISIONS OR LARGE STEREO UNITS)

Also... Trade in your old mercury fever thermometer and receive a new FREE digital thermometer!

For further information, contact the City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8004

### YARD WASTE BAGS

**GHI HOMES** – Free paper yard bags are now available at the GHI Maintenance Facility on Hamilton Place. Bags can be picked up Monday through Friday, 8:00am-11:30am and 1:00pm-3:30pm. Limit – 10 bags per residence.

**SINGLE FAMILY HOMES** – Leaf vacuum service will begin in November. If you prefer to bag your leaves, paper yard bags can be purchased (10 for \$4.00) at the City Office Building, 25 Crescent Road, Monday through Friday, 8:00am-4:30pm. Bags are also available for sale at local grocery and hardware stores.

### YARD WASTE BINS

Yard waste is also collected in plastic bins/cans marked as “Yard Waste”. Free “Yard Waste” stickers are available at the Public Works Warehouse, 555 Crescent Road, Monday through Friday, 7:30am-4:00pm.

The City will not collect any leaves or yard waste in plastic bags!

### Artists’ Studio Space Available at Greenbelt Community Center

301-397-2208

**Deadline to apply: November 11, 2005 (received)**

The Greenbelt Recreation Department is now accepting applications from visual artists interested in holding studio space at the Greenbelt Community Center. The Department’s Artist in Residence Program provides 24-hour facility access for a monthly fee. The Program is open to residents of Maryland, ages 18 and up. Applicants may work in any medium including fine crafts.

The Artist-in-residence Program is designed to provide subsidized workspace in a stimulating environment for artists who wish to embrace a creative leadership role in the community. Twelve artists are currently participating. Artists are selected based on the merit of their work and on the artist’s capacity to engage the public during their residency. Ideal candidates for this Program will welcome opportunities to share information, techniques and encouragement with fellow artists, and will enjoy leading and assisting with community art activities.

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at all comfortable with federal, state, county or city preparedness. She noted that Hurricane Katrina had pointed out additional problems, such as needing to be able to take care of ourselves for more than the three days proposed. We need to take care of special needs citizens; plans need to be up to date. She commented that people have signed up for city emergency preparedness training and that the city needs to "practice, practice, practice."

Herling said that he has been to county-sponsored training on emergency preparedness. He agreed with Davis that more needs to be done. He commented on radio problems that can occur in a large disaster. He thought we might want to look to ham radio operators. He referred to Greenbelt East's Dorothy Pyles, who 25 years ago established block coordinators. He thinks block coordinators could be an important asset in an emergency.

Roberts said he does not have a "good feeling" about county and state preparedness. He prefers what Greenbelt can control itself. He wants to see that the professionals – police, fire department, rescue squad and city staff – are working together to implement a plan.

Mach agreed that no one is 100 percent comfortable with the various emergency plans. She referred the audience to the Greenbelt city website which has quite a bit of information on protecting yourself.

Putens referred more to personal responsibility in an emergency. He indicated that communication is critical and that each family should work together to prepare for an emergency.

Ivy suggested that command centers be established by the city in each of the three sections of the city – Greenbelt East, the center city and Greenbelt West – with one central command center. He referred to his work at Amtrak where he is familiar with the command center approach.

**Question 3: In Greenbelt East many projects are underway – the post office, Hanover Parkway improvements and the Sunrise property. What do you see coming up in the future for Greenbelt East?**

Mach started this round by commenting that we need to finish up all of those projects. With the

post office coming to Greenbelt East, a contract post office needs to be established in the center city. Greenbelt East needs more traffic calming. The Eleanor Roosevelt High School students still have trouble crossing Greenbelt Road at the school entrance. The city is still working with the state to try to get a light placed there. Mach also sees a need to assess all of the playground areas in the city.

Putens said that we are fortunate to have so many people throughout the city working together on projects. In Greenbelt East specifically he indicated that he wants to be sure to maintain the area physically and to work with the State Highway Administration on road issues.

Ivy concentrated on one plan. He wants to see senior citizen housing developed in Greenbelt East, similar to Green Ridge House. He indicated that seniors should not have to leave their Greenbelt East neighborhood to move to senior housing.

Davis had a list of plans starting with traffic calming in all areas of the city. She recommends working with neighborhood groups to identify problems and seek solutions. She said the city must continue to show its support for Eleanor Roosevelt High School. We must keep Greenway Center economically viable, she said. She referred to Schrom Hills as a great park but one that "hardly anyone uses." She said the fields need work, the trails need to be developed and the park should be connected with the rest of the city.

Herling sees public safety as a high priority. He referred to one completed bus shelter on Greenbelt Road and one in the plans to be built. He still wants to see a pedestrian bridge built from the high school across Greenbelt Road to Windsor Green. He referred to the late Charlie Schwan, long-time community activist and city council member, who in 1979 had the pedestrian overpass in a wish list for completion during the next 20 to 25 years.

Roberts, the final speaker on this question, summed up that nothing is ever completely done. His priorities for Greenbelt East focus on crime, vandalism and the overpass. Regarding the last, he said that Windsor Green has the

"landing site" for the bridge, so it can happen. He indicated that he wants to listen to the citizens and get their ideas.

**Final Question: Why do you want to serve? (Followed by chuckles from the audience.)**

Putens said that he is committed to Greenbelt and has the experience to serve. The city has reached another challenge – Greenbelt West, he said. He would like to be part of the council that is responsible for that change. He wants to see the "beginning of a new Greenbelt."

Mach indicated that she found her first two years on council very rewarding. She described the attributes of a good public servant including the willingness to work and willingness to act. She hopes that voters agree that she is a

good public servant.

Roberts, "I am not a quitter. I'm going to keep on fighting for what I believe in." He stated that changes in Greenbelt West can affect the whole city. He wants adequate public facilities so that there will be a real community there. He also would like to see one year when the city does not raise taxes. "It's time to give the citizens a break," he said.

Herling followed by saying he would like to see additional sources of tax revenue rather than that supplied by the citizens. If Greenbelt facilities were used more, more taxes would come in. He is committed to keeping up the quality of life in Greenbelt, he said. He mentioned the issue of transportation, especially buses on Sunday. He referred to the county's The Bus, indicating that no one knows when it's coming or where

it's going.

Davis said she has had so many wonderful opportunities in Greenbelt that she wants to continue to give back to the citizens. She has the time and dedication to continue to serve. She reaches out to all neighborhoods and organizations.

Ivy repeated the question, "Why do I want to serve?" and then said, "That's what my wife asks me!" He referred back to his years of coaching five youth teams at once and belonging to five organizations at once. He was very concerned that no one but incumbents had agreed to run, so he stepped in. He is very interested in the well-being of the police and fire departments and considers them most important to the success of the city.

(The question concerning collective bargaining will appear in a separate story next week.)



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**On Tuesday November 8**

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By authority of Alla Lake, Treasurer

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Authority: Sheldon Goldberg, Treasurer

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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.

## Carjacking

October 7, 11:09 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, a food delivery person reported that he had just finished making a delivery when he was approached by two men, one armed with a handgun. The second man went through the victim's pockets, taking money. Both then left the scene in the victim's red 1993 Subaru Impreza 4-door, Iowa tags 638PGC. The suspects are described as two black males, wearing dark-colored hooded rain jackets.

## Robberies

October 10, 9:11 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, a man reported that he was walking to a bus stop when he was approached by a man who displayed a handgun and demanded money. The victim ran from the area and contacted police. The suspect is described as a black male, 20 to 25 years of age, 5'9" with a thin build and a light complexion wearing a green hooded jacket.

October 11, 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, a food delivery person reported that he was walking to a residence and was approached by a man who displayed a handgun and announced a robbery. After obtaining the delivery person's wallet and money, the man fled the scene on foot. He is described as a black male, 20 to 25 years of age, 5'5" with a thin build, short black hair and a medium complexion, wearing a black coat.

October 12, 8:31 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Drive, the victims reported that they were walking down a sidewalk when they were approached by two men, one armed with a handgun. The men demanded money from the victims and told them to run from the area. The suspects are described as two black males, both 5'6" and wearing black and gray tops. One weighed approximately 135 lbs., wearing jeans and a mask and the other weighed about 140 lbs., wearing a mask.

October 12, 8:44 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, the victims reported they were walking down a sidewalk when they were approached by two men, one armed with a handgun. The victims were ordered to the ground and the men went through their pockets, taking money. The men fled the area toward Breezewood Drive. The suspects are described as two black males, one was 6' with a thin build, wearing a dark hooded coat and possibly a mask. The second was 5'6" with a thin build, wearing a dark coat and possibly a mask.

October 13, 2:58 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, a man reported that he was walking by an apartment building when he was approached by two men, who held him and went through his pockets, took money and then fled the scene on foot. The suspects are described as two black males, both 16 to 20 years of age. One was wearing a white shirt and blue jeans and the other was wearing a green jacket.

## Indecent Exposure

October 7, 2:33 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, a woman reported that she was walking by a townhouse when she looked up and saw a man looking at her from a window and exposing him-

self to her. The suspect is described as a black male with black hair and a dark complexion and a goatee.

## Drug Arrests

October 7, 11:15 a.m., 11 court Crescent Road, a youth was arrested for possession of marijuana when police responded to a report of a group of older juveniles loitering at a playground. As an officer approached the group on foot, he observed the youth toss an object to the ground. Further inspection revealed the object to be a suspected marijuana cigarette. The youth was released to a guardian pending action by the juvenile justice system.

October 10, 1:38 a.m., Beltway Plaza, a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and driving while suspended after police responded to a report of two females begging for money in the mall parking lot. The females were located as they were about to enter the suspect's vehicle. A computer check revealed that the driver had a suspended license and located in the vehicle was a quantity of suspected marijuana. The man was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

## Reckless Endangerment

October 13, 5:18 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, a resident youth was arrested for reckless endangerment, driving without a license, three counts of fleeing and eluding, obstructing and hindering a police officer, resisting arrest and other motor vehicle offenses. Police observed the youth and two other persons riding dirt bikes on the street. They fled from the police but a short time later police again observed the youth riding in the area of Springhill Lane and Springhill Drive. As the youth attempted to flee the scene, he drove onto the sidewalk toward several children, causing them to run out of his way for their own safety. The dirt bike became disabled and the youth fled the scene on foot. As the officer was in the process of impounding the motor bike, the youth returned to the scene, got on the bike and attempted to start it and drive away. He could not restart it and ran from the scene but was apprehended after a short foot chase. He was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

## Theft

October 13, 9:100 block Springhill Lane, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with theft, malicious destruction and unauthorized use of a motor

vehicle. Police observed two people in a parking lot standing next to two vehicles, one of which had a broken vent window. Upon seeing the police, the two attempted to enter one of the vehicles, a 1997 Ford Crown Victoria 4-door. A computer check revealed that the tag on the vehicle had been reported stolen and further investigation revealed that one of the persons had an open warrant with the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

## Burglaries

October 6, 6100 block Breezewood Drive, a nonresident man and a resident youth were arrested for burglary after police responded to a report of a burglary. As the victim and police were speaking outside of the apartment building where the burglary had occurred, four people walked by, one wearing a hat that the victim identified as having been taken from his residence during the burglary. A second person was found to be in possession of jewelry that was also taken during the burglary. The youth was released pending action by the juvenile justice system. The man was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

October 13, 6:28 p.m., 8200 block Canning Terrace, it was reported that unknown person(s) entered the backyard of a residence by forcing open a privacy fence and taking a red bicycle.

## Vehicle Crimes

Three vehicles were stolen: a green 1994 Honda Accord 4-door, Maryland tags GNK789 from the 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive; a green 1994 Plymouth van, Maryland tags 241M264 from the 9000 block Breezewood Terrace; and a purple 1996 Dodge van, bearing unknown Virginia temporary tags from the 9100 block Edmonston Road.

Three stolen vehicles were recovered by Prince George's County police with no arrests made.

Vandalism to, theft from and attempted theft of vehicles were reported in the following areas: Beltway Plaza (two incidents), 6100 block Breezewood Court, 6100 block Breezewood Drive, 9000 block Breezewood Drive, 9000 block Breezewood Terrace, 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, 9300 block Edmonston Road, 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive (four incidents), 500 block Crescent Road.

## Review

# The Play: More Pleasantly Tepid Than It Is Red Hot

by Collette Zanin

Amusing rather than hilarious, Neil Simon's "Last of the Red Hot Lovers" attempts to be two things simultaneously, a light comedy and a thoughtful social commentary. The current show at the Greenbelt Arts Center, directed by Lenora S. Dernoga and produced by Beatriz Mayoral, succeeds in doing a modicum of each.

The play, set in late 1960s New York, focuses on 47-year-old Barney Cashman, who, married over 20 years, now feels he's been missing out on a crucial element of living, namely a clandestine tryst. In three acts, our middle-aged lead attempts to correct this state of affairs (or rather its lack) with three successive, diverse women.

## Bring on the Gals

Act I felt a bit rough on opening night. We're introduced to Barney, as played by Steve Lichtenstein, who is theoretically a nice, decent sort of fellow, the prototype of a faithful, hard-working family man. Borrowing his mother's pastel-hued apartment, Barney sets up a rendezvous with unsentimental, tart-tongued Elaine Navazio.

It's hard to fathom why Elaine thinks a good time could be had with this man, who comes off as not particularly attractive, funny or even interesting.

Part of the problem may be that the play itself is a bit dated. But it's difficult to dredge up much empathy for Barney — even if he isn't exactly a "playa" — when infidelity and its damaging ramifications are as mainstreamed as they are today.

Playing Elaine, Ashley Edmiston pulls off some good lines, but on the whole, the first act is somewhat off-key and not as funny as it could have been. How amusing is it when two clearly mismatched people painfully attempt to connect?

As the linchpin, Lichtenstein as Barney falls short of owning the role. While adequate he isn't naturally funny enough or sufficiently endearing to do the part real justice.

Act II provides the play with a

needed shot of energy in the form of Barney's second attempted "seductee," blonde, manic starlet-in-training Bobbi Michele, deliciously played by Shannon Miller. Well cast, Miller leaves her inhibitions somewhere at the door as she nails her timing and mops up the floor with hapless Barney.

The last woman Barney invites up to mom's digs for a go at the 300-thread count rhumba is Jeanette Fisher, whom he plucks from his own personal circle. Portrayed by Carol Randolph, Jeanette is ill-suited to adultery; she's all wringing hands and rambling vents, topped off by nervous pill-popping. Will Barney succeed in getting the crimson lovin' he's after?

## Cheaters are People, Too

Although considered a comedy, the play raises significant social and interpersonal issues, such as whether nice, decent people also cheat; whether intending adultery is on par with committing it; and whether new sex is a reasonable response to a life rut. However, the answers in this case are not especially satisfying. Whether that should be attributed more to the play itself or to this particular adaptation is left to the viewer.

## Let There Be Music

One of the most enjoyable aspects of the evening was the terrific soundtrack of era-appropriate music, including The Mamas and The Papas, Steppenwolf, Simon and Garfunkel, Nancy Sinatra, Joni Mitchell and The Fifth Dimension. Hey — any night featuring the deep dark chocolate confection that is Tom Jones' voice is all right by me.

Costumes don't appear to have been given as much attention as the set, which although unchanged throughout, is warmly attractive and convincing for the time period. Check out the rotary phone. Folks sitting in the front row may want to don sunglasses for the very brightly lit stage.

"The Last of The Red Hot Lovers" continues Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. through November 5, with matinees at 2 p.m. on two Sundays, October 23 and 30.

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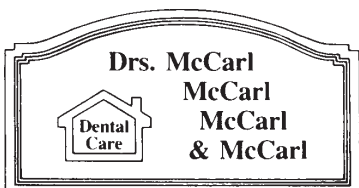


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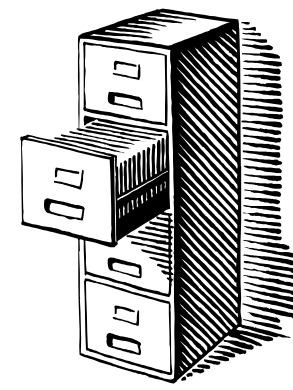
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between reducing services and raising taxes. In Greenbelt, most citizens and council members oppose reducing services. Therefore, we have raised taxes in order to maintain and improve our quality of life.

The "structural deficit" is a variation on this problem. The cost of city services at our level of expectations continues to increase faster than the increase in revenues. Most increases are for personnel costs – salaries, health benefits, pensions.

Part of the problem comes from paying for bond issue improvements you approved. These were all good decisions, financing major priorities like the police station, indoor pool, community center, Schrom Hills Park, and acquiring Parcel 1. However, this is borrowed money that must be paid back. We have borrowed from reserves to avoid passing on the full cost to taxpayers. Unfortunately, our reserves have become seriously depleted.

Here are my conclusions. (1) I oppose reducing services that people rely on, and that define the quality of life in Greenbelt. (2) I oppose continuing to lower reserves to offset the structural deficit. (3) Let's try to hold our increase in expenditures below expected annual revenue increases. (4) Let's delay desirable capital improvements and new bond issues until we pay off current obligations.

Finally, (5) I am willing to bet on the future. Reconstruction of Springhill Lake, plus Metroland and related development, will greatly increase tax revenue from Greenbelt West. It will take time, and we will at first lose some SHL revenue as buildings are razed, but this will be offset by new construction elsewhere, including the Metroland development. In several years, as all the new Greenbelt West construction nears completion, revenues will grow faster than expenditures, thus overcoming the structural deficit.

**Leta Mach**

The structural issue is a serious concern. The city's expenses are growing more quickly than revenues and in order to balance the budget the city has had to increase taxes.



There is no easy answer. We need to recognize that the city provides services to meet the needs and wishes of citizens. Our biggest expense is in people – 67% of the budget goes to salaries and benefits. In Greenbelt as elsewhere, the cost of insurance, other benefits and products such as fuel continues to rise.

Unfortunately, revenues are not growing as fast. We have increased some fees – inspections, parking tickets, trash collection and Aquatic and Fitness Center passes. However, these increases are not enough to balance the budget without a tax increase.

There is no one solution to this problem. My approach to the structural issue is a combination of reducing expenses, avoiding new expenses, finding new sources of revenue, ensuring that we get all the revenue we are entitled to and, when necessary, increase taxes. I do not believe it is possible to declare "no new taxes" but it is possible to limit

the amount of any increase.

A few specific things to do – When an employee leaves, carefully examine the position to see if the job can be eliminated or the tasks reallocated.

Carefully consider the long-term impact before providing any new benefits.

Examine our demographics to see if we are offering the right mix of fee-based programs.

See that we receive all the revenue we are entitled to such as the School Resource Officer reimbursement.

Work with the National League of Cities and Maryland Municipal League to see that sources of revenue are not cut.

Finally, at some point we should see new tax revenue coming from new development in Greenbelt West.

**Judith F. Davis**

Budget structural issues have been building for several years because of a slow economy, state funding cuts, and the City adding programs initially funded by grants with short-term lifespans but then fully funded in ensuing budgets. To close budget gaps, money was either taken from healthy reserves or the tax rate was raised. Our reserves are now uncomfortably low.



Economic news may be brightening as income tax receipts, real estate taxes and corporate personal property tax trends are on the rise. New buildings and businesses are coming on line. The City may be experiencing improved revenues reported earlier by the state and county. However, this is not the time to drop our guard and return to old habits.

Current programs, services, and expenditures, as well as future proposals, need to be evaluated to determine if they meet our citizens' expressed needs and are being managed efficiently. For example, I requested that the Recreation Department research why participation in many programs is decreasing. The results and suggested corrective measures will be presented to the new Council.

Alternative sources of revenue must continue to be sought. Through my urging, permit fees were increased to match the cost of processing. Commercial refuse and bulk trash fees are being reviewed.

Political pressure on county and state legislators might reinstate cut funds. If not, some specific services and repairs will be eliminated or postponed.

During the next budget process, Council must question any new program, position, service or contribution to ascertain if it can be afforded in the long term or if it is self-sustaining. Capital projects may need to be phased in at a slower pace. Higher utility, fuel, and insurance costs will create tough challenges. Well thought out, balanced decisions, and resolute actions are required, with citizen input a must!

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