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Panel Recalls Tug of War Over Two Sites for Community Center/School

by Sandra A. Lange

"It is with great pride that we say Happy 10th Anniversary," Mayor Judith Davis proclaimed at the October 2 celebration of the opening of the Greenbelt Community Center. To celebrate the anniversary, the Greenbelt Museum coordinated a Chautauqua, a panel discussion about the preservation and renovation of the former Greenbelt Center Elementary School into a dedicated Community Center.

The building traces its history to 1937 when the federal government built an elementary school that also provided space for community activities during non-school hours. The building is noted for its architectural details including glass block that illuminates the stairwells, bas relief sculptures depicting the preamble to the Constitution and buttresses on the exterior of the gymnasium. Many have called it one of the finest examples of the Art Deco style in the Washington area.

In the early 1980s the Prince George's County Board of Education determined that the building needed extensive renovation in order to serve the needs of the school children. It had become overcrowded and outdated. Not



Former Mayor Gil Weidenfeld (left) and former City Manager James Giese were members of the panel which met to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Greenbelt Community Center.

knowing that the building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Board of Education in 1983 proposed that the building be torn down and a new school built on the site. The city, citizens and the Art Deco Society of Washington vehemently protested. During this same period, the city had acquired the closed North End School site on Ridge Road and the Citizens for the North End Center were working to raise funds to support a com-

munity center at that site.

Roles Relived

With former Greenbelt Mayor Gil Weidenfeld as moderator, the Chautauqua panelists relived their roles during the seven-month period between 1988 and 1989 when a public debate raged over the best sites for the school and the community center. Panelists included Antoinette Bram, former mayor;

See **CHAUTAQUA**, page 16

Question on FOP Bargaining Request Will Be on Ballot

by James Giese

A referendum question has been placed on the ballot for the city election by the Greenbelt City Council. It asks voters if they are for or against a charter amendment to add a new section to the charter enabling council to enter into collective bargaining with one or more designated non-managerial bargaining representatives of sworn police officers.

This is the first time the city council has placed a question on a ballot on whether or not it should adopt a charter amendment before first adopting a charter amendment. Only the city council has the authority to adopt charter amendments, the method by which all previous charter amendments have been adopted. Upon passage of the amendment by council, a charter amendment must then be advertised for a period of time. Greenbelt citizens then may, if they so choose, petition the amendment to referendum for voter approval. If the amendment is not petitioned to referendum, it becomes enacted. If it is petitioned to referendum, then the outcome of the vote determines whether or not it is passed.

In this case, if the referendum question is approved, the charter will still not be amended. The

new city council would have to introduce and pass a charter amendment resolution. While Mayor Judith Davis and others have stated that the referendum outcome will be binding on future councils, it really cannot be legally binding. The new councilmembers may vote as their consciences so dictate. However, it is presumed that the new council, whoever its members may be, will abide by the wishes of the electorate on this issue. Most candidates have so said and none have said otherwise.

Collective Bargaining

For many years the Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) has sought to be recognized for the purpose of collective bargaining. The city council has dragged its feet in responding, expressing its preference to continue the present practice of meeting and conferring with the FOP on salary and benefits for police officers.

Each year at budget time, the city council reviews the city manager's recommendations and proposals for the budget for the new fiscal year. Included may be proposals to modify police salaries and benefits. During the budget process, council holds a public

See **QUESTION**, page 6

City Registration Figures

As of October 10, 2005

Precinct	November 2003	November 2005	Change
3 - Center	2,589	2,649	2.3%
6 - North End	2,114	2,132	0.9%
8 - Springhill Lake	2,132	2,278	6.8%
13 - Greenbelt East	4,024	4,291	6.6%
TOTAL	10,859	11,350	4.5%

Six Candidates Vie for Council Slots in Tuesday's Election

by Mary Moien

Kelly Ivy was the last person to declare his candidacy. In this year's Greenbelt City Council election that decision has turned the election into a race, with six candidates for five positions to be decided next Tuesday.

On the campaign trail are all five incumbents – long timers Judith F. Davis, Rodney M. Roberts and Edward V.J. Putens and newcomers Leta M. Mach and Konrad E. Herling.

The ballot also contains a referendum question on whether or not to establish collective bargaining for non-managerial sworn Greenbelt police officers.

As in previous years, voters will be able to complete a questionnaire pertaining to city services (see page 11).

Eligible to vote in the city's four precincts on Tuesday, November 8, will be 11,350 residents. The 2003 election had the lowest turnout – 19.1 percent – of any municipal election in a decade. The highest voter turnout was 25.1 percent in 1995.

Contributing to the low turnouts over recent years were the dismal numbers of persons voting in Springhill Lake's Precinct 8 (just 3.6 percent of the 2,132 voters registered in the precinct in 2003) and the fact that city elections, which are held in off-presidential years, usually produce lower voter registration and turnouts.

New Absentee Voting

To increase voting, for the first time any registered voter can vote absentee. Ballots must be applied for by Monday noon. (See complete story on page 6.)

Signs

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

Voter Statistics

At the close of voter registration this year 11,350 city residents are eligible to vote in next Tuesday's election, an increase of 4.5 percent from 2003. Greenbelt East's Precinct 13, with its 4,291 eligible voters, is the largest of the city's four precincts. Second largest, with 2,649 registered voters, is Center's Precinct 3. These are followed by the 2,278 in Springhill Lake's Precinct 8 and 2,132 in

North End's Precinct 6. All precincts have an increased voter registration from 2003. Surprisingly, Precinct 8 (Springhill Lake) had the largest increase – almost 7 percent, followed closely by Precinct 13 (Greenbelt East) with 6.6 percent.

While Greenbelt East now represents almost 40 percent of all registered voters, it traditionally has had a relatively low turnout. In 2003, only 13 percent voted compared to 28 percent in Greenbelt Center and 34 percent in North End. These last two precincts are informally considered the "center" city. Only 3.6 percent of Springhill Lake voters turned out in 2003.

Transportation

The Greenbelt Connection will transport voters free of charge to and from the polls next Tuesday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Call 301-474-4100 for a ride. The bus will also make pickups at Green Ridge House at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The FOP will also provide free rides to the polls; call 301-206-5875.

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

Potpourri

Rodney Roberts, Konrad Herling, Leta Mach and Kelly Ivy reside in the center core of the city. Judith Davis and Edward Putens reside in Greenbelt East. No candidates are from Springhill Lake. Seeking a seat on the five-member city council for a two-year term are all five incumbents and one challenger.

Current council members have served together for only one term. Herling and Mach are both completing their first terms.

Davis, in office for six terms, is currently mayor. She is the first person residing in Greenbelt East to serve in that position. Roberts is serving his seventh term on council and is currently mayor pro tem. Putens is serving his twelfth term. Konrad Herling and Leta Mach have been named in previous years as Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen.

The candidates vary in their support for the referendum on collective bargaining for the police. Roberts and Ivy support the referendum while Davis, Putens, Herling and Mach have expressed opposition.

More Election Stories Inside

With less than a week to go, this issue is packed full of details to assist with preparations for the upcoming elections including:

- Biographies of all of the City Council candidates (see pages 8-9)
- Analysis of the candidates positions on several issues (see page 10)
- Details on absentee ballots (see page 6)
- A full summary of election day procedures (see page 12)
- Full listing of polling places (see page 12)

What Goes On

Sunday, November 6
1 to 5 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center
Tuesday, November 8
7 a.m. to 8 p.m., City Election
Friday, November 11
City and GHI offices closed in observance of Veterans' Day. The Greenbelt Connection will not be running. Refuse/Recycling Collections on Regular Schedule, Monday through Thursday.

Letters to the Editor

Another View

Four of the council incumbents (Greenbelt News Review 10/27/05) pointed out the flaws in the police collective bargaining proposal that we will be voting on next Tuesday. This measure is not needed to maintain the quality of the police department, whose members already receive more benefits than other Greenbelt employees.

A Greenbelt FOP ad in the same issue stated that the council can now take away any benefit and has done this "on several occasions in recent years." I called the FOP representative to ask what benefits had been taken away in recent years. He mentioned the Fiscal Year 2005 reduction in employee "leave buy back" from 40 hours to 20 hours. When I spoke to him later, he mentioned the Fiscal Year 2002 Hendricks & Associates Compensation Study that resulted in a change in calculating merit and COLA increases for all city employees. He couldn't think of any other examples.

There are, however, occasions within the last five years when council increased police benefits. In 2000 the city removed the cap on the number of master patrol officers allowed and there are now 23 MPOs who receive additional compensation for this status. In 2003 the city increased its retirement contribution for police officers from 15 percent of salary to 35 percent of salary! I am also aware that during the most recent deliberations on the budget, council rejected a proposal to decrease the percentage that the city pays toward employee health benefits, keeping the employee share at 15 percent of the premium cost.

My point is that there is not a pattern of disregard for the rights of members of our police force. Instead there is a pattern of balancing employee rights and benefits with the impact on taxes that we citizens of Greenbelt will have to pay.

Candidate Kelly Ivy, Sr., in his statement in support of the referendum question, states that there will be "no cost to this agreement." This is not so. Additional staff time will be required and it would be irresponsible for the city to sign any agreement without having costly legal representation. You can be sure that the Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police will have such representation present. I realize that candidate Ivy "has been an associate member of Greenbelt FOP Lodge 32 for over 25 years" (News Review 10/20/2005, Candidate Biography) but a council person should be responsive to the welfare of all Greenbelters. The Greenbelt FOP has spent a great deal of money on ads, flyers and mailings promoting this proposal. But, as noted by four of the incumbents, if implemented the collective bargaining proposal would be costly, adversarial, divisive, in the interest of a small percentage of our employees and an even smaller percentage of our citizens.

Sylvia J. Lewis

Appeal for Safety

I am a resident of your neighborhood (Mandan Terrace). On Halloween night (October 31), at around 9:30 p.m., I was walking

on Mandan Road. About six or seven people were walking in the opposite direction. For absolutely no reason they attacked me, causing bruises. Having found no money on me, they stole my Motorola Raze (Cingular - silver) cell phone.

My appeal to them is: You have the power to strike someone down. But it is not an accomplishment that you would share and cherish with your parents and other well-wishers. It is not a legacy that you would wish to pass on to your children. So please put your energy for a just cause!

I forgive you. With hard work, we all can live happily. Our actions that make us run from a spot are not worth doing!

Let all of us contribute for a safe and peaceful neighborhood. Safety for all, by all and of all. Thank you.

Hema Mikkilineni

Exercise Your Rights

For Asian-American voters in Greenbelt, please use every effort to participate in the upcoming city election on November 8. Here is the reason why:

While watching the city's Labor Day Festival parade with my dog, [a candidate's] campaign aide came up to my side of the street and began to hand out stickers to the audience. When he approached the crowd where I stood, he first gave a sticker to a white couple standing a few feet away to my left. After a few words with them, this gentleman passed me and asked the two African American women who were about two to three feet to my right if they wanted the stickers. One accepted and the other showed him she had gotten one. This gentleman then moved back to the center of the street with his team. I was not wearing any sticker from anyone when this man passed me.

A few minutes later, [the candidate] also came up to my side of the street and began to greet the audience. At this point, a South Asian American man also walked up to the curb and stood to my left, in between the white couple and me. As [the candidate] was moving down the street again, after exchanging a few words with the white couple, he walked right past both of us without any acknowledgment and proceeded to greet the two African American women to our right. He continued to move down the line greeting other audience members afterward.

Conclusion: Please exercise your rights as an American citizen by voting in any election regardless of whether it is a local or national election. Or else Asian Americans will continue to be ignored by politicians and have no say in the workings of government that affect us.

C. Lau

Not Facing Our Fears

As I write this letter it is Halloween. And guess what is really scary? Reading the news in the October 27 News Review. (crash . . . howl . . . rattle, rattle)

How can anyone read this paper and fail to notice the new panorama about to unfold in the western sector of our fair city, namely, Metroland (businesses,

shops, restaurants, etc.) and a Springhill Lake complex perhaps doubling in population. (Run for your life!)

On page 2, it was recorded at a Green Ridge House forum with city council candidates that it is public knowledge that 25 homeless persons - some with children - are being permitted to live in the woods near the Roosevelt Center. Have you seen some of these folks sitting around the center? We are told they don't want to receive help. Why is that? Are they on drugs? Are they fugitives from the law? Are they ill? (wince wince shiver shiver)

Then to page 10's "Police Blotter" which is half a page, as usual, devoted to enumerating crimes in Greenbelt within the past week. (Ho hum . . . not so scary anymore.)

Also there were two ads taken out by the Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police on behalf of the department's request for collective bargaining. Several of the candidates for city council have stated that collective bargaining is not suited for a city our size. But what size are we exactly? Our town is growing faster than we want to admit. (What have we created? . . . It's a monster!)

So before we unleash this "thing," we need to consider the impact it will have on all our city employees but foremost our police force. I support collective bargaining for all city employees starting with the police department.

Unless we think that hiding under the covers will make it all go away. (Go away! Shoo shoo!)

Jean Lombardo

Reservations Needed For Senior Luncheon

Seniors 60 and older are invited to the free annual Red and Gold senior holiday luncheon on Wednesday, December 7 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Martin's Crosswinds, 7400 Greenway Center Drive. The luncheon is sponsored by County Executive Jack Johnson and the Department of Family Services Administration of Aging.

Registration began November 1. Limited seating is available and is on a first call, first reserve basis. Call 301-265-8410 or 301-265-8997 to reserve a space. Remember to wear red and gold.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

Week of NOVEMBER 4

GOOD NIGHT AND GOOD LUCK (PG)

Friday

*5:30, 7:30, 9:30

Saturday

*1:30, *3:30, *5:30, 7:30, 9:30

Sunday

*1:30, *3:30, *5:30, 7:30, 9:30

Monday - Thursday

*5:30, 7:30

*These shows at \$5.00
301-474-9744 • 301-474-9745

129 Centerway
www.pgtheatres.com

Grin Belt



"What computer? Just stamp your paw opposite a candidate's name and you're done."

On Screen

"Good Night" Speaks Up

"Good Night and Good Luck," the first-run film now at Old Greenbelt Theatre, is a black and white docudrama wherein television journalist Edward R. Murrow takes on Senator McCarthy and his charges of rampant Communism in 1954. The title was Murrow's sign-off; here real footage of McCarthy plays against lean-faced David Strathairn as an archetypal questioning journalist. Director/co-writer George Clooney plays the role of intent CBS producer Fred Friendly while Frank Langella is cautionary network president William Paley. As CBS wrestles with its conscience, a question hangs in the air: Are there parallels with the role of today's media vis-a-vis the government's continuing drumbeat concerns about security? PG, 93 minutes.

- Eli Flam

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

Community Events

Greenbriar Food Drive Underway

Greenbriar will hold its annual food drive through November 22. Greenbriar residents are asked to help fill the pantries of neighbors in need by bringing non-perishable food items to the Greenbriar office this holiday season. Food collected will be distributed to those in need by United Communities Against Poverty.

Utopia Film Festival Opens on Nov. 11

Next weekend Greenbelt will be the site of the First International Film Festival in Prince George's County. Films from France, Poland, Africa, Canada, Britain, Denmark, Korea and the U.S. will come to Greenbelt. Starting at noon on Friday for one show only, attendees can see "A Very Long Engagement," an epic romance from France set during WWI on the big screen at the Old Greenbelt Theatre. Also in the theater starting at noon, "Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter and Spring" will be shown on Saturday and "Festival Express" on Sunday.

Other venues for the film festival include the Greenbelt Arts Center, Council Chambers in the Municipal Building and the library. Especially resonant for Greenbelters is the film "Our Daily Bread," a 1930s film about common folks who band together to survive the Depression, and "The City," about the making of the "green" towns. The library program is free. All other shows have a fee.

Details can be found at www.greenbeltutopia.org. Tickets go on sale Thursday, November 10 at the Greenbelt Arts Center from 6 to 9 p.m.

GHI Notes

Fall Gutter Cleaning Program – Members see gutter cleaning ad this page.

November 8, 7 p.m. – Ad-Hoc Committee on Sustainable Design and Practices, Board Room
7 p.m. – Marketing Committee, GHI Lunch Room

November 9, 7 p.m. – Woodlands Committee, Board Room

November 10, 8 p.m. – Finance Committee, Board Room

November 11 is Veterans' Day. GHI offices are closed. Emergency maintenance will be available by calling 301-474-6011.

At the Library

Tuesday, November 8, 10:30 a.m. – Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, November 9, 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, Laurie Myers' "Lewis and Clark and Me."

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

Saturday, November 12, noon to 2 p.m. – Greenbelt Utopia Film and Video Festival – "Movie Making in the Utopian Spirit."

2 to 4:30 p.m. – Film Festival – Animated Shorts.



GREENBELT RECREATION DEPT.

Artful Afternoon

Sunday, Nov. 6

1 to 5 p.m.

• 1-3pm: Free Art Project Holiday Ornaments

• 3pm: Free performance by Barry Louis Polisar

• Artists Studios will be open from 1 to 5pm. For more information call Barbara Davis at 240-542-2062 or visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/ARTS.

GIAC Board Meeting

The Greenbelt Internet Access Cooperative (GIAC) open board meeting will be held on Thursday, November 10 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 tasks leaders and helpers throughout the year. If this organization is to continue to thrive, GIAC needs member interest and time. No special computer skills are necessary.

GIAC Lectures

Is a new computer or computer peripheral in upcoming holiday plans? Where does one start? Come to the Greenbelt Internet Access Cooperative's (GIAC) lectures: "How to Buy a Computer" on Thursday, November 17 and "How to Buy Computer Peripherals" on Wednesday, November 30.

Mary Camp will discuss what information is needed before buying. These free lectures are at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. with a question and answer period following. The lecture on November 17 is in Room 112; the one on November 30 is in Room 103.

For further information call GIAC's voice mail at 301-419-8044. Registration is unnecessary but to reserve a copy of the handouts call GIAC by Monday, November 14 and November 28. The lectures are open to all.

Food Drive Boxes At Greenbelt Park

Greenbelt Park, part of the National Park Service, will collect non-perishable food items as part of the Federal Women's Food Drive to help the Capital Area Food Bank. Collection boxes at the park headquarters will be available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and at the ranger station seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

The park entrance is located between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway at 6565 Greenbelt Road.

For more information call 301-344-3948.

GreenBeLT Pride To Host Social

GreenBeLT Pride, an organization of gay, bisexual, lesbian and transgendered (GBLT) residents, will host a meet-and-greet social event on Tuesday, November 8 at 7 p.m. at Chevy's restaurant in Greenway Center.

For more information on the event or GreenBeLT Pride call Frank DeBernardo, 301-474-5294.

Mountain Music At New Deal Café

The New Deal Café will present a new traditional mountain music group, the "everybodyfields," on Wednesday, November 9 at 7 p.m. The trio is on its second east coast tour and the Wednesday show is the only one in the Washington-Baltimore area.

The trio, Sam Quinn, Jill Andrews and David Richey, has evolved from playing small venues in their hometown of Johnson City, Tenn. to debuting on National Public Radio's "Mountain Stage." Their music combines American roots tradition with folk, alternative and classic country.

ASG Star Party Saturday at Dusk

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) will host a star party this Saturday evening at Northway Fields. Members of the society will begin setting up to view a variety of celestial objects at approximately 5:30 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>.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

This is a busy, busy time of the year for all our members with church bazaars, Thanksgiving, Christmas holidays and Golden Age Club meetings and trips.

The speaker for the November 9 meeting will be Judge Martin of the Maryland Judiciary Speakers' Bureau. His topic will be "Elder Care." On November 16 we'll celebrate the November birthdays with a pot luck luncheon.

The November 23 meeting has been cancelled so we can prepare for Thanksgiving.

The nominating committee is at work finding officers for next year. How about "yes, I'll help to keep the club active" when they contact you!

As always I wish for peace in the world and urge everyone to perform random acts of kindness.

Café Invites Artists To Submit Sale Work

Call to Greenbelt artists – this December the New Deal Café is hosting its annual Christmas art show. All Greenbelt artists are invited to bring one piece of art for sale. Reasonable prices will help ensure sales. The intention is to fill the walls. If after the designated drop-off time more art is needed, then artists will be allowed to bring a second piece. Drop-off dates are Sunday, December 4 through Sunday, December 11.

For more information call Mike, New Deal Café art coordinator, at 301-442-1189.

**St. Hugh's Church
Christmas Bazaar
Saturday
Nov. 12, 2005
10AM-3PM**

ACE Reading Club Offers Writing Contest

The ACE Reading Club is sponsoring its fourth annual Youth Writing Contest. This contest is open to students in grades six through 12 who live in or attend school in Greenbelt. The contest has two categories, poetry and short fiction, with this year's theme being "Adversity and Crisis." For example, this could include a personal, global, economic, physical, national or environmental crisis.

Students may enter up to two pieces in each category. Poems must not be longer than one 8 1/2 x 11-inch page with margins no smaller than one inch. Short fiction pieces must be typed or hand printed on 8 1/2 x 11-inch paper with one inch margins. Entries should be no more than five one-sided pages. Illegible

entries will be disqualified.

A panel of judges will review entries and select the winners. Entries will be judged on originality, creativity, cleverness, artistic quality/writing skill and theme.

Students will read winning entries at the Greenbelt Youth Literary Showcase on April 21, 2006. Cash prizes will be awarded.

For complete rules and entry forms call 301-345-6660, check out the ACE Reading Club website, or send an email inquiry to lmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.

All entries should be sent to ACE Reading Club, Greenbelt CARES, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770. All entries must be received not later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 3.

RUMMAGE SALE

Sun., Nov 13, 9 am - 5 pm
Mon., Nov. 14, Noon - 8 pm

MISHKAN TORAH SYNAGOGUE
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Clothes – Housewares – Appliances
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NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

FALL GUTTER CLEANING PROGRAM

Royal Gutter Services, Inc. and Metro Gutter, Inc. will begin the 2005 Fall Gutter Cleaning on Monday, November 21, 2005, weather permitting. The process will take approximately one month to complete. During that time, workers may appear at your building, at doors and windows. Please close your shades to preserve privacy.

Please contact Kenny Grimes at 301-474-4161, ext. 129 or Peter Joseph at 301-474-4161, ext. 141, if you have any questions.

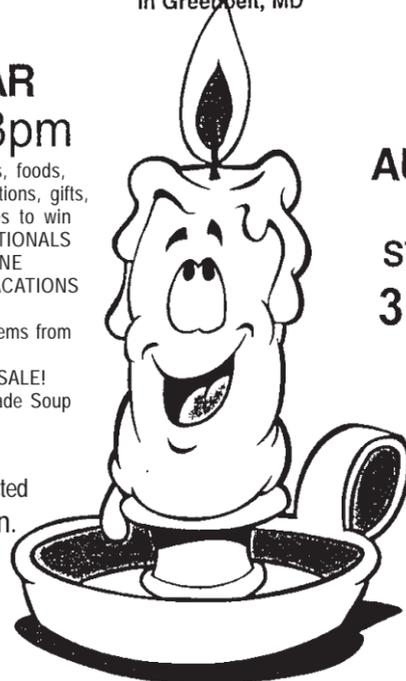
Holiday Bazaar and Auction
Greenbelt Community Church
NOV. 12, 2005
Located at corner of Hillside and Crescent Roads in Greenbelt, MD

BAZAAR
9am-3pm

Handmade items, foods, seasonal decorations, gifts, baskets, chances to win REDSKIN & NATIONALS TICKETS, AIRLINE VOUCHERS, VACATIONS and more!
Exotic SERRV items from US and abroad!
Fabulous BAKE SALE!
Famous homemade Soup and More!

Auction conducted by Bill Brown.

For more information call 301-474-6171



LIVE AUCTION BIDDING STARTS AT 3:00 PM

Gifts, Services Baskets

Obituaries

Alice E. Carneal

Alice E. Carneal, age 98, died on October 27, 2005. Mrs. Carneal and her late husband James C. Carneal were pioneer Greenbelters.



However, Mrs. Carneal was actually one of the very first Greenbelters. Her original home-stead was on the property where the Lakeside North apartments were later built. The family later moved to the District of Columbia where she met her husband. They were married March 8, 1927.

After living in the District they moved to Greenbelt where they raised their two sons in the 18 Court of Ridge Road.

Later they lived in the District and Lakeside North apartments.

Mrs. Carneal was a home-maker. According to her granddaughter she was a person people came to when they needed a favor, big or small. She was very neighborly and on friendly terms with people of all ages. A feisty person who spoke up when needed, she also had a sense of humor.

She was a member of St. Hugh's Catholic Church.

In the '80s Mrs. Carneal was one of the first people to move into Green Ridge House, leaving to enter a nursing home in 1998.

Her husband, sons James C., Jr., and Allen, granddaughter Terri M. Carneal Duncan and daughter-in-law Mary (James, Jr.'s wife) preceded her in death.

She is survived by grandchildren Ellen Cameron, Scott Carneal, Betty Carneal and Diana Kinsley; great-grandchildren Vera Gorley, Mark, Paul and Steve Cameron, Shannon, Sandra and Sean Carneal and Evan and Erik Kinsley; sister Audrey Jones; and daughter-in-law Doris Carneal.

Funeral services were held Monday, October 31 at Gasch's Funeral Home. Interment was in Ammendale Cemetery, Beltsville.

Memorial contributions can be made to a charity of one's choice.

Thomas A. Triplett

Thomas A. (Tom) Triplett, 68, of 36 Court Ridge Road, died on Wednesday, October 26, 2005.

He was preceded in death by sisters Dora Cox and Frances Delbridge.

He is survived by his wife Betty Anne Perry Triplett; sons Timothy A., David A., John A. and Michael A. Triplett; daughter Barbara L. Williams; brothers Alfred and John Triplett; sisters Margaret Spearman, Mabel Hull, Gladys Testerman, Eleanor White, Brenda Booth and Sue Towery; grandchildren Michael, Adriana, Nissi, Barbara, Thomas, Loannie, Jordan, Joseph, Aaron, Blythe and Calvin; many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, October 29, 2005, at Gasch's Funeral Home. Inurnment services will be held on November 10 at Arlington National Cemetery Columbarium.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Liver Foundation, 1425 Pompton Ave., Cedar Grove, NJ 07009.



Living Wills Subject Of Hospice Seminar

Hospice of the Chesapeake will host a free seminar on living wills, advance directives and health care powers of attorney on Thursday, November 17. Frequently asked questions about living wills are to be discussed by a panel of experts. Resources will be provided for those interested in creating living wills or other advance directives.

The seminar will be held from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Hospice of the Chesapeake, 8724 Jericho City Drive in Landover. It is free of charge but registration is required as space is limited. To register call Hospice of the Chesapeake at 301-499-4500.

Paint Branch Church Lecture on Theocracy

On November 13 at 11:30 a.m. a special lecture, "Are We Becoming a Theocracy?" will be held at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church in Adelphi.

A multi-media presentation diagraming the rise and strategies of the "Theocratic Right" will be led by Jaco B. ten Hove, co-minister of the congregation. This one-hour educational program will be held after the regular Sunday service. There is no charge.

The church is located at 3215 Powder Mill Road, just south of Cherry Hill Road. For more information call 301-937-3666 or visit www.pbuuc.org.



O'Donnell-Fitzmaurice

Jill O'Donnell and Joe Fitzmaurice were wed during an intimate ceremony attended by family and close friends on Friday evening, October 28 at Paul's on the South River in Annapolis. The bride was attended by her daughter Erin Lee. The groom's son John, the best man, toasted the new couple. After a honeymoon in the Great Smokey Mountains the couple will reside in Greenbelt. In lieu of gifts the couple asked that donations be made to the American Diabetes Association and the American Heart Association.



Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of Pioneer Alice Carneal. Our condolences to her family.

Our sympathy to Betty Anne Perry Triplett and family on the death of her husband and their father, Thomas A. (Tom) Triplett.

Congratulations to Greenbelt artist Elizabeth Morissette whose solo art show in Newport News, Va., will open Friday, November 4 and run to January 1. "Re/collections" will feature 25 pieces (baskets and wallhangings) Morissette made from items she purchased on eBay. There will be a formal opening from 6 to 8 p.m. on November 4 at the Peninsula Fine Arts Center where the exhibit is on display. More information is available at www.pfac-va.org and <http://home.comcast.net/~rugworks/>.

We wish Greenbelter Tom Renahan bon voyage and success as he leaves for his second tour of duty as a contract employee in Iraq. This time Renahan expects to be working in Baghdad to help prevent corruption in the newly formed Iraqi government. In his last tour he helped a local community organize a democratic government.

UM Wind Ensemble To Perform Sunday

On Sunday, November 6 at 3 p.m., the University of Maryland Symphonic Wind Ensemble will perform under the baton of new conductor-in-residence Timothy Foley. This free performance will be held in the Dekelboun Concert Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church
 40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
 301-474-9410 www.gbqm-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

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

(Illustration of church building)

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

(Fish icon)

Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.
 Municipal Building

(Cross icon)

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.

Greenbelt Community Church
 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Illustration of church building)

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..."

Baha'i Faith

"The Interfaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington will hold its 26th InterFaith Concert "The Many Voices of One Nation Under God" on Tues., Nov. 8, 7:30 PM, in the main sanctuary of the Washington National Cathedral, (Wisconsin and Massachusetts Avenues, NW), Washington, DC
 Ticket info at www.ifcmw.org

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

(Tree icon)

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

EID MUBARAK!

(Red octagon icon) **Learn About Islam**

On November 3, Muslims from around the world will be celebrating *Eid al-Fitr*. This holiday marks the end of Ramadan and is a time to rejoice and thank God for the reward of the sacrifices during the previous month. The day will be marked by gathering in the mosque for a special congregational prayer and then meeting family and friends to celebrate together. A special charity called *zakat al-fitr* has been distributed to those who are less fortunate in order to ensure that they will be able to celebrate as well.

To all our Muslim brothers and sisters we say *Eid Mubarak* or Holiday Blessings! For local activities, call 301-982-9463 or email searchislam@mail.com or visit www.islamguide.com.



City Information



POLLING PLACES CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND

City polling places are not all in the same locations as those for county, state and national elections.
WHERE TO VOTE

Precinct 3—Center

Community Center
15 Crescent Road

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

Precinct 6—North End

Police Station
550 Crescent Road

Eastway #1; 3; 5
Empire Place
Fayette Place
Forestway
Greendale Place
Greenhill Road
Greenknolls Place
Greentree Place
Greenway
Hedgewood Drive
Hillside Road
Ivy Lane
Julian Court
Lastner Lane
Laurel Hill Road

Lynbrook Court
Northway
Orange Court
Periwinkle Court
Plateau Place
Research Road
Ridge Road #43; 45; 47;
49-446
Rosewood Drive
Tamarisk Court
White Birch Court
Woodland Way

Precinct 8 Springhill Lake

Springhill Lake
Recreation Center
6101 Cherrywood Lane

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

Precinct 13 Greenbelt East, Greenbriar

Community Building
7600 Hanover Parkway

Bird Lane
Brett Lane
Brett Place
Brooks Place

Burkhart Court
Candlewood Place
Canning Terrace
Chartwell Place
Cloister Place
Craddock Road
Craddock Court
Emily's Way
Frankfort Court
Frankfort Drive
Frankfort Place
Green Crescent Court
Green Manor Place
Greenbrook Drive
Greenwalk Court
Hanover Parkway
(excluding 7000-7298)

Jacobs Drive
Kara Court
Lake Drive
Lake Park Drive
Landon Court
Mandan Court
Mandan Road
Mandan Terrace
Mathew Street
Megan Lane
Morrison Drive
Ora Court
Ora Glen Court
Ora Glen Drive
Ryan Way
Somerset Court
South Ora Court
Spring Manor Drive
Springcrest Drive
Springshire Way
Sunrise Court
Sunset Place
Village Park Drive
Wintergreen Court
Winterwood Place

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Friday, November 11th in observance of Veterans' Day.

The **GREENBELT CONNECTION** will not be operating. **REFUSE/RECYCLING** collections will be on regular schedule Monday thru Thursday.

There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, November 11th.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Greenbelt Board of Appeals

Notice is hereby given that the Greenbelt Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on

November 8, 2005 at 7:30pm
Greenbelt Community Center (Senior Classroom),
15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt MD

on an application filed by Donald Chomas for consideration of a request for four variances on premises located at 1 Forestway. The applicant is requesting permission to encroach 7 feet into the front yard setback and 17 feet, 2 feet and 3 feet into the side yard setbacks for the purpose of constructing a 1,545 gross square foot addition. For more information please contact Terri Hruby at 301-345-5417.

LEAF COLLECTION

Public Works will collect loose leaves with the leaf vacuum from November 7, 2005-January 20, 2006.

Residents should rake leaves to the curb, but not onto the street. Make sure to remove all sticks and stones from the piles as these can damage the machinery. Areas will be posted prior to collection. The schedule for the next few weeks is as follows:

November 7-10	Lakeside
November 14-18	Boxwood
November 21-25	Woodland Hills, Greenbrook Village & Estates, and Windsor Green

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.

Vacancies exist on the: Employee Relations Board, Recycling and Environment Advisory Board, Youth Advisory Committee (Openings for adult & youth positions.)

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

City of Greenbelt, Maryland Regular City Council Election Tuesday, November 8, 2005

NEWSKATE PARK HOURS
Saturdays and Sundays
12 to 4 p.m.

MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL (VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN FIVE)

KELLY P. IVY, SR.	<input type="checkbox"/>
JUDITH F. DAVIS	<input type="checkbox"/>
KONRAD E. HERLING	<input type="checkbox"/>
RODNEY M. ROBERTS	<input type="checkbox"/>
LETA M. MACH	<input type="checkbox"/>
EDWARD V. J. PUTENS	<input type="checkbox"/>
WRITE – IN (Up to 5 allowed)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Precinct 3 Community Center, 15 Crescent Road
Precinct 6 Police Department, 550 Crescent Road
Precinct 8 Springhill Lake Recreation Center
6111 Cherrywood Lane
Precinct 13 Greenbriar Community Building
7600 Hanover Parkway

For more information, call the City Clerk at 301-474-8000.

REFERENDUM QUESTION ON COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Shall Section 3 ("General Powers") of the Charter of the City of Greenbelt be amended to add a new paragraph 22 to read as follows:

22. 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.

FOR the Charter Amendment

AGAINST the Charter Amendment

CITY OF GREENBELT ELECTION INFORMATION

TRANSPORTATION TO POLLING PLACES

On Tuesday, November 8, 2005, the Greenbelt Connection will provide free transportation to polling locations for City voters between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Citizens who wish to avail themselves of this service should call:

**GREENBELT
CONNECTION:
301-474-4100**

to schedule their transportation. In addition, the City bus will make scheduled pick-ups at **GREEN RIDGE HOUSE at 10 a.m. and 2p.m.** and will return to Green Ridge House after the voters have cast their ballots.

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Tuesday, November 8: 10am & 6pm "Ask the Expert," **7pm** Greenbelt American Legion presents Outstanding Public Safety Officers of 2005, **8pm ELECTION RESULTS** as soon as they are available. **Thursday, November 10: 10am & 6pm** "Ask the Expert," **7pm** "Greenbelt American Legion presents Outstanding Public Safety Officers of 2005," **8pm** "Labor Day Festival Parade," **PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, November 9 & 11: 7pm** Co-op Series with Leta Mach "Greenbelt Internet Access," **7:30pm** "Benefit Concert for Armenia."

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worksession with representatives of the FOP which presents proposals for improvements in employee salary and benefits. Council discusses these issues with the FOP and then subsequently makes its decisions as to what changes will be included in the budget.

While the FOP has never gotten everything it has asked for, council on many occasions has acceded to requests of that organization. Two of the most notable benefits obtained this way have been a costly 20-year retirement plan and authorization for officers to take home vehicles, even though they may live outside the city and outside the county.

Collective bargaining would substitute a formal procedure in place of the current process. It would have to be undertaken in accordance with a process not yet adopted by the city to establish a means for recognizing employee bargaining units and defining which employees can belong to each unit. Establishing in detail the procedures to be followed in undertaking collective bargaining would also be necessary. Once this is done, the employee group seeking recognition would have to be formally recognized. That usually involves an election to do so by the members of the bargaining unit.

Contract

Once recognized, the bargaining unit and the city must negotiate an employment contract. Usually each side designates one or more persons as negotiators. City councils normally do not participate in labor negotiations as negotiators, relying upon staff members or attorneys to represent them.

The bargaining unit, in this case the FOP, would also either designate some of its members or an attorney to negotiate on its behalf. With some labor organizations, a national or state organization will assist in providing professionally trained negotiators for a local bargaining group.

Upon the negotiators reaching agreement, the contract is submitted to both sides for approval, in this case the city council and the FOP membership. Whatever the contract provides will govern the employment relationship between the bargaining unit and the employer for the term of the contract.

In the present meet and confer arrangement, council meets with FOP members. In collective bargaining, city negotiators will represent the city council and FOP negotiators will represent the membership.

Presently the FOP makes proposals but only council decides on whether or not the requests should be granted. With a contract, both council and the FOP membership must approve the contract terms.

What if the negotiating parties do not reach agreement and an impasse develops? Usually one or both sides make concessions so that an agreement is reached. If not, these situations may be handled in a variety of ways, such as binding arbitration, mediation, work stoppages (strikes) and employer replacement of employees.

Members of the present city council have clearly stated they will not agree to binding arbitration because they believe turning

over the decision-making to a third party would take away their charter-designated duties to manage the city budget and finances. Instead, the ballot question states that if agreement is not reached, the city council will decide those terms and conditions of employment that remain in dispute.

Pros and Cons

Only two of the candidates for city council, incumbent Rodney M. Roberts and challenger Kelly P. Ivy, Sr., support the referendum question. Both state that the advantage to collective bargaining is that it would give police officers a written agreement as to their benefits.

The other four incumbents seeking reelection, Judith F. Davis, Edward V.J. Putens, Konrad Herling and Leta M. Mach, all oppose the referendum question. In general, they argue that the meet and confer process works well, collective bargaining is a costly procedure not suitable for a city of Greenbelt's size, the process is divisive and collective bargaining would be granted only to non-managerial police employees and not extended to others.

Davis has noted the need for the city to employ expensive labor attorneys to prepare legislation and a contract agreement, estimating a cost of at least \$50,000 and further costs down the road. Ivy disagrees. He says that a simple agreement could be written by a city employee. Roberts states his belief that collective bargaining will have no impact on the budget or budget process.

Putens emphasizes the "confrontational, antagonistic relationship" that would be created between labor and management "that we have never had in Greenbelt and do not need." Ivy claims that the FOP seeks nothing other than to have the benefits they have been afforded written into an agreement.

Herling's sole basis for opposing the referendum is that it does not apply to all employees, stating that he supports employee rights to collective bargaining. Putens also opposes the question because it does not include all employees. Roberts contends it is up to other employees to approach a union and come before council to seek bargaining recognition. Ivy believes that all city employees should have the right to collective bargaining and notes that the FOP made their first request on behalf of all city employees.

Mach contends that the city has "a history of providing excellent salaries and benefits in a congenial way" that needs to be protected and not put at risk by creating an adversarial relationship, increased taxes or cuts in city programs.

In a paid advertisement, the Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police states that the group seeks a signed agreement that would make it almost impossible for council or the FOP to change conditions during the agreement period. The issue, the ad states, is not that the FOP wants more but rather that they want security. However, only one instance has been cited during the campaign of the city's taking away any benefit conferred on police officers.

Anyone Can Vote Absentee

by Mary Moien

Although it's only a few days to the election, it is not too late to vote by absentee ballot. Registered voters can come to city offices during office hours until noon on Monday to pick up an absentee ballot. They can vote right then if they wish or can take the ballot home and bring it back by 6 p.m. on election day, November 8.

There is no longer a need to state that one is ill or will be out of town on election day. To increase voter turnout any registered voter can vote absentee. If a voter does not want to stand in line or wants to have more time to decide who to vote for or to read the referendum on collective bargaining for police, he or she can pick up a ballot on Monday morning and take all day to decide. For those who may not feel comfortable with the new electronic voting machines, the absentee ballots are paper ballots.

History

For many years Greenbelt had a separate registration process for voting in municipal elections.

Then in 1991, the Universal Registration law required the city registration process to be merged with registration for the presidential and congressional elections.

Since that time, the percent of registered voters who actually voted in the city election has taken a precipitous slide. In 1989, 65 percent of city-registered voters turned out. The last city election in 2003 had the lowest turnout ever - less than 20 percent. It is hoped that expanding the ways of voting will turn this slide around.

Also in 1991 the city passed voluntary sign restrictions. Candidates were encouraged to display small signs on wooden poles constructed and placed at designated locations throughout the city. All candidates began to use this system. Some political pundits say there are not enough locations. They yearn for the old days when signs were permitted on lawns as constant reminders of an upcoming city election.

Any last minute questions can be directed to 301-474-8000.

Lions International Medal of Merit

by Emory Harman

Greenbelt Lions Club will be selecting a worthy resident to receive the prestigious Lions International Medal of Merit.

This award is the highest recognition possible bestowed upon a non-Lions Club member for meritorious and exceptional work in the community. The person may receive recognition for a single contribution, an act of heroism or long-term service and dedication which has resulted in making the community a better place to live.

Elected officials, while in office, are not eligible for this recognition.

Send a written nomination providing the name and a short narrative explaining reasons the person deserves the recognition, with details and specific information. Mail the application to Greenbelt Lions Club, Box 677, Greenbelt, MD 20768 by November 15.

The club's board of directors will review all nominations for final selection in November. Presentation of the award will be made at the annual holiday meeting in December.

On Tuesday November 8
RE-ELECT
ED PUTENS

Genuine
Reliable
Experienced
Enthusiastic
Negotiator
Bold
Efficient
Leadership
Trustworthy



... STILL WORKING
FOR YOU ! ...

FRIENDS OF ED PUTENS
Authority: Sheldon Goldberg, Treasurer

APB Endorses Greenbelt Crossing Development

by Virginia Beachamp

At its meeting on Wednesday, October 19 the city's Advisory Planning Board (APB) gave an enthusiastic go-ahead to the detailed site plan for a 90-unit condominium development on the long-abandoned nursing home site on Greenbelt Road. The luxury development between Lakecrest Drive and Southway, to be called Greenbelt Crossing, will be constructed by Lincoln Property Company.

The tree-shaded parcel is bounded on three sides – west, north and east – by the University Square Apartments property and lies only a short distance west of the Greenbelt Armory. Public access to all three properties is through the same driveway off Greenbelt Road. A small traffic circle from this driveway and within the southeast corner boundary of Greenbelt Crossing will control entrance and egress to the new development.

Environment

Planning Board members were particularly pleased with environmental plans presented by the developers. Currently the abandoned nursing home is screened from Greenbelt Road by a grove of forest trees, including a 45-foot tall willow oak.

Not only will this grove be preserved but additional trees will be planted, especially at the rear of the property. These will help to screen a 25-foot tall, three-story parking structure at the north boundary from the adjacent University Square apartments. The structure will provide 211 parking spaces, or 100 percent of those needed by condominium occupants. (County regulations require provision for only 90 percent.)

The proposed development will provide 130 percent of the number of shade trees actually required for the detailed site plan. It will also reduce by 21.4 percent the amount of impervious surface now occupying the space – from the current 79,280 square feet to 62,244 square feet.

At the lowest level of the sloping property, in the northwest corner, downspouts will discharge rainwater over a grassy, landscaped, vegetated surface, in this way effecting a natural process of percolation and evaporation. Natural swales will catch run-off and promote plant growth.

Traffic Plans

Automobile traffic must enter the property between Lakecrest Drive (soon to be controlled with traffic lights) and Southway, a major intersection currently provided with signals. Since the distance between these two intersections is short, the State Highway Administration has deemed it inadvisable to allow future traffic to cross over at the median.

Those exiting from Greenbelt Crossing to the west will be able to move without obstruction, as well as those entering the property from the east. But traffic from the west will be required to make a U-turn at Southway in

order to enter and those wishing to travel east must make a U-turn at Lakecrest Drive.

Pedestrian connections to Metro bus lines and The Bus commuter service can be made at both Lakecrest Drive and Greenway Center, distances of approximately a quarter of a mile. Pedestrians will find easy routes by means of Lakecrest, Westway and Southway to Roosevelt Center, the Community Center and the lake.

Noise Abatement

Because of the Greenbelt City Council's concern about the level of noise from Greenbelt Road traffic, the developer has explored noise attenuation possibilities to protect the residents. Particular construction materials, including special glass and wall-board, will be utilized and sound barrier walls will shield courtyard areas.

Two courtyards are planned facing Greenbelt Road, both with benches and landscaping. Indoor recreational amenities for the six-story structure will include a club room and a fitness center. While building heights of 80 feet are permitted within the R-18 zone, the tallest point of the proposed condominium structure is only 64 feet, two inches.

According to Ethan Bindernagel of the city's planning department, who presented the detailed site plan of Greenbelt Crossing to the APB, the developers have been "highly responsive to city requests" and "very open to staff suggestions" concerning aspects of design in plans for the development.

Beyond conditions dealing with approvals of acoustical accommodations and external appearance in building design and signage, the city staff recommended approval of the site plan. It is now subject to county approval.

Planetarium Program Tours the Night Sky

The Howard B. Owens Science Center is planning a special program on November 11 to deal with the kinds of questions most people have about the night sky.



Questions like what wonders are in the sky tonight? What planets can be seen this week and in the weeks to come? Are there any meteor showers on the way, and if so, how best do I view them? I've had some question

about the sky, but there is never enough time to ask the planetarium presenter to answer them.

The program will provide viewers with a live tour of the current night sky including mentioning upcoming celestial events and trying to answer questions.

There is a fee. The Owens Science Center is located at 9601 Greenbelt Road.

Ulrich Competition Solo Performances

Graduate and undergraduate student soloists will compete for prestige and prizes in the annual Homer Ulrich competition on Sunday, November 13. The undergraduate finals are scheduled to begin at 2 p.m., the graduates at 7 p.m. The concerts will be held in the Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at the University of Maryland. There is no charge to attend the competition.

Elect Kelly Ivy To City Council



PHOTO BY SHARON NATOLI

- STRONG LEADERSHIP
- CONTROLLED SPENDING
- I will vote against yearly, unnecessary tax increases.
- Public Safety and Disaster Action Planning are a must.
- Summer jobs for our youth.
- Increased Senior housing and Senior programs.
- This is an exciting time for the Greenbelt West developments. I'd like to hear your opinions on what facilities you would like to see included.
- Give me the chance to be your voice, you will be heard.

Vote November 8th

Authority: Kathleen Linkenhoker, Treasurer
Contributions to Friends of Kelly Ivy

Re-elect Judith "J" Davis Greenbelt City Council



- Efficient city services to all city neighborhoods
- Protection and preservation of greenspace
- Improvement of pedestrian and traffic safety
- Resolution of structural issues with regard to the city budget
- Fair and equitable benefits for all city employees
- Persistent monitoring of proposed new development

Since 1993 . . . Committed to Community

Authority: Debbie Cooley, Treasurer

URGENT NEED FOR BLOOD
1-800-GIVE-LIFE

Biographies of Candidates

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



Judith F. Davis

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

Presently Davis is the council's representative to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) Board of Directors. In January 2005 she was elected chair of the COG Board. Davis is also an appointee to COG's Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee and its Budget/Finance Committee. In the past she has served on COG's Ad Hoc Digital Divide Task Force, Strategic Planning Committee and Executive Director Search Committee. She is COG's liaison to the Advisory Board of the Institute of Regional Excellence and its former liaison to the Potomac Regional Education Partnership Advisory Board. Davis has been appointed to the Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Advocacy Steering Committee for the National League of Cities. She is a past president of both the Prince George's County Municipal Association and the Prince George's Elected Municipal Women. She is a member of Women in Government Service, Women in Municipal Government and the Maryland Mayors Association. This past June, Davis was re-elected to the Maryland Municipal League's Board of Directors, having previously served six years on the board and two years on its executive committee. In November 2002 Davis became a Graduate Fellow of the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance established by the Institute for Governmental Service. In January 2005 the county executive appointed her once again to the Proposal Advisory Group for the Community Development Block Grant program of the county's Department of Housing and Community Development. Davis is also presently serving on the county's Zoning Ordinance Review Task Force as one of its two municipal representatives.

Davis retired in 1999 after 30 years as a sixth grade teacher employed by Prince George's County Public Schools. An educator for 35 years, she holds bachelor's and master's degrees from West Chester State University in West Chester, Penna. She served the Prince George's County Educators' Association (PGCEA) as board member and

treasurer and chaired host subcommittees of the National Education Association for three national conventions.

A condominium owner in the Greenbriar subdivision, Davis moved to Greenbelt in 1975 and immediately became active in local affairs. She was elected to the board of directors of Greenbriar Phase I from 1979 to 1993. She served as carnival chair for the Labor Day Festival Committee from 1981 to 1997. In 1995 Davis was a member of the Project Design Committee that formed GIVES, the Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service, of which she is a charter member. She was re-elected to the GIVES Board of Directors for a sixth term as vice president in June 2004. Davis formerly served on the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Academy Programs Business and Higher Education Executive Advisory Board. She was asked to be the honorary chairperson for the Greenbelt Pink Ribbon Ride from 2002 to 2004. In 2004 she was asked to serve on the Community Advisory Council for the Greater Prince George's Business Roundtable.

Davis was selected as Woman of the Year 2000-01 by the Business and Professional Women/USA. She is also a recipient of an award for outstanding leadership and service in politics by the Minority Affairs Committee of PGCEA.

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



Konrad Herling

Konrad Herling, 52, was first elected to the Greenbelt City Council in 2003. He has worked for 28 years as a communications analyst with the Federal Communications Commission. The first term councilmember is also council's liaison to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, the Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee and Greenbelt Access Television. Additionally he serves as council's representative to the Council of Govern-

ment's (COG) Metropolitan Development Policy Committee and the Maryland Municipal League's Communications Committee.

Herling, virtually a lifelong Greenbelter (his family moved here when he was 10 months old), has found the past two years to be challenging and rewarding. This has been the closest one could come to getting a masters in planning and public policy without getting a masters degree. The breadth and depth of issues which council addresses is amazing.

While learning from colleagues and staff, as well as from other officials at local, state and national levels, he has been afforded an opportunity to be an advocate for affordable housing, to work on coordinated transportation, to explore improved marketing of Roosevelt Center and cultural amenities, and to apply Greenbelt planning principles, particularly with respect to the development of Greenbelt West (Springhill Lake and Metroland).

Herling advocated these points at AIMCO's (Springhill Lake's developer) architectural charette and at the "Reality Check" in February of 2005. Sponsored by the Urban Land Institute, the University of Maryland and COG, local public officials, environmentalists, affordable housing advocates and members of the business and labor communities, using smart growth principles, had to project where up to 2 million jobs and 1.5 million new housing units would be located by 2030.

Herling's community service has been oriented toward creating and developing programs which foster community interaction and understanding. He helped found the Greenbelt Arts Center, has chaired and served on the Community Relations Advisory Board and served on the board as a director and now as council liaison to Greenbelt Access Television.

Herling's previous community experience includes serving as vice president of the Springhill Lake Civic Association (1980-1983), as a member of the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Nominations and Elections Committee, vice president and secretary of the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club and representative to the Roosevelt Center Merchants Association for the Greenbelt Arts Center. He helped organize the Roosevelt Center Charette (1985) to help re-design the town center, was a member of the Crime Prevention Committee (1983-5) and was a member of the task force to support the bond referendum of 1989 (which provided funding to convert the former elementary school to a community center and to create Schrom Hills Park).

In 1987-88 he served as vice chairman of the Arts Policy Committee, whose report led to the creation of the Arts Advisory Committee. In 1989 he proposed the creation of a city planning department which was established shortly afterward. He received the Outstanding Citizen of the Year award in 2001.

Activities for Greenbelt's youth have also been an interest of Herling. In 2003 he helped coach six- to eight-year-olds in the "machine pitch" baseball program and helped produce two teen concerts.



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 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.



Leta M. Mach

Leta Mach and her husband Darrell moved to Greenbelt in 1974. They have two married children, Ryan and Amy, and two granddaughters, Anna and Alexa.

Mach was elected to the city council in 2003. Since then she has served on numerous local and national committees to represent the city including the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee and the National League of Cities Human Development Policy and Advocacy Committee. She is also the secretary of the Prince George's Elected Municipal Women.

In 2000 Mach was honored as Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen. This recognition followed years of community service in a variety of positions with many different community organizations. Through the years she served as treasurer of the Greenbelt Cooperative Nursery School; PTA president of both Greenbelt Elementary and Eleanor Roosevelt High Schools; News Review reporter, copy editor and proofreader; volunteer for the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee; chair of the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) Audit Committee and secretary of the board of the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative.

For Greenbelt's 50th anniversary she chaired the Greenbelt Oral History Committee that collected video oral histories. She also participated in the book project by writing chapter two of "Greenbelt: History of a New Town." She has also been a museum docent.

In 1995 when city council established the Advisory Committee on Education, Mach was appointed to the committee and elected chair serving as such until her election to the Greenbelt City Council.

Her work experience includes teaching social studies at Suitland Senior High School from 1969-73, serving as the information specialist at GHI from 1981-

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87 and working at National Cooperative Business Association as director of communications and cooperative education from 1987-2003.

Beyond Greenbelt, Mach is president of both the Cooperative Communicators Association and Parent Cooperatives Preschool International. She has received many awards including in 1995 the National Co-op Month Award for Communications.

Mach grew up in a military family. While she was in high school her father was stationed in Washington, D.C., and she graduated from a Prince George's County school, Bladensburg. In 1969 she received a bachelor's degree with honors in history and minors in English and education from Michigan State University.



Edward V.J. Putens

Edward Putens is completing his twelfth term on the Greenbelt City Council. Putens has been a resident of Greenbelt for 38 years, living in Springhill Lake, Charlestowne North, Windsor Green and now in Greenbrook. He was born in Hazelton, Penna., and grew up in Baltimore.

Putens has been employed by the federal government for 33 years and has received many awards and commendations. Since 1987 he has worked for the Food and Drug Administration, for many years in high management positions. Putens previously served in a variety of senior management and staff positions for the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Personnel Management and U.S. Postal Service.

Putens' initiative of many years for major changes in Springhill Lake, which started with a campaign ad in the News Review, was rewarded this year when the ownership agreed to reconstruct the entire complex and the city was able to secure promises of other major changes in that area including the Metroland development, Beltway Plaza and new schools to replace Springhill Lake Elementary School and Greenbelt Middle School.

Putens has taken a leading role to improve police protection and crime prevention. The council supported his initiative to use video cameras in strategic areas in the city (currently now in use at Roosevelt Center) and to place two school resource officers in Greenbelt schools for security. He proposed the city's new Public

Safety Advisory Committee as well as the Advisory Committee on Education. Putens also successfully initiated the Four Cities Coalition among Greenbelt, College Park, New Carrollton and Berwyn Heights to expand inter-city cooperation on issues and projects of common concern.

Putens has taken a leading role on senior citizen concerns and initiated establishment of the Senior Task Force, which led to establishment of the permanent Senior Citizen Advisory Committee. He has been active in efforts to control development and address the traffic concerns arising from proposed developments. He was the leader in the eventually successful effort to have a traffic light installed at Greenbelt and Mandan Roads and a guardrail installed at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Until 1993 Putens was the only councilmember living in Greenbelt East and he has worked actively with the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee of which he was a co-founder. He was an original member of the Windsor Green Board of Directors and served on the board for eight years. He currently serves as board president of the Greenbrook Estates Homeowners Association.

Prior to his council service, Putens was chairman of the Community Relations Advisory Board, which developed the proposal to establish a city-wide crime prevention program and led eventually to the current Public Safety Advisory Committee. He has been active at different times in a variety of community organizations including Greenbelt Consumer Co-op, Friends of the Greenbelt Museum, Greenbelt Arts Center and the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club. He was an active participant in the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club programs when his children were younger.

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

Putens is a graduate of the University of Maryland where he earned his degree in microbiology and was a member of the University's lacrosse team. While attending college he was employed in various research capacities for medical and research development companies and co-authored several patents dealing with minimizing air pollutants.



Rodney M. Roberts

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.

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 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 nonessential 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.

GIVES Regains Office Expands Response Hours

by Virginia Beachamp

Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) officer manager Dale Jacobson had good news from the city to relay to board members of the volunteer service organization at their October 27 meeting. At long last their office space in the Senior Lounge of the Community Center would again be available.

The room has been closed for several weeks while renovation of the original windows occurred. This reopening is important because the primary service component for which the organization was founded depends upon access to their telephone and computer space.

Shades were to be hung that very day, Jacobson said. After the floors were cleaned and polished, furniture could be moved back. He expected that the office would be open by the first Wednesday of November.

The other piece of good news from Jacobson was that office hours are being expanded. For five days of the week, from 10 to noon each morning and 1 to 3 each afternoon, someone will be available to receive and fill phone requests. At other times, of course, requests may be recorded on the answering machine, which is regularly monitored.

GIVES was founded as a cooperative in which members may offer needed services to other members. The central office, at

301-507-6580, handles, fills and records requests and responses. Thus, for example, someone requesting a ride to a medical appointment might pay back this service by providing tutoring for someone else or by getting out a mailing.

Anyone among the general public may request a service, though before it is carried out the requester must sign a GIVES membership form. There is no charge to become a member.

Because of the recent rise in gasoline prices, members at their last annual meeting voted to reduce the number of miles for a ride request to an area within a 10-mile radius of Greenbelt and to one specific destination. A few long-term ride requests beyond that radius – as for continuing medical appointments – will still be filled, members agreed.

Although drivers do not charge for this service, they should not be expected to pay for parking fees. According to GIVES policy, reimbursements for gas are wholly voluntary and to be arranged between driver and rider.

President Marsha Voigt announced that all spaces have been filled in the AARP Safe Driving program, which is sponsored each year in Greenbelt through cooperation with GIVES. Some 25 persons had signed up for the course, which is to take place on November 3.

PTA Representatives Join ACE Meeting

by Natalie McGill

A collection of PTA representatives from Greenbelt area schools met with members of the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) Tuesday night, October 25 to discuss area school progress and future plans.

Greenbelt Elementary School PTA President Amy Hanson suggested the idea of doing a massive meeting of incoming seventh graders who are currently sixth graders in the local elementary schools such as Magnolia, Springhill Lake and Greenbelt. All will attend Greenbelt Middle School.

Hanson said she thinks the transition from elementary school to middle school would be much easier for children if they came in knowing beforehand some of the students from other schools.

"I know there are people scared of going into the middle school," Hanson said. "Being taught by one person compared to being taught by five is a big jump in itself."

Though it is unclear what facilities are available to accommodate such an event, ACE city council liaison Wendy Wexler gave Hanson's idea her approval.

"I'm sure the city council would love the idea of all the kids getting together," Wexler said.

Home Schools Association President Gina Barley of St. Hugh's Catholic School said school enrollment is on the decline, one reason being a tuition increase. This school year the cost to enroll one student is \$3,600. Currently there are more than 210 students, all told, with one classroom per grade.

"Catholic high school is as expensive as college," Barley said. "Enrollment is down but it is down across the board."

The representative said that St. Hugh's parish is not as rich as larger ones and because it is within a smaller community like Greenbelt, she suggested more community outreach and an effort to spread the word about St. Hugh's.

Absentee ballots are available until noon Monday in the Municipal Building.

RE-ELECT
ED PUTENS
GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL

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Candidates Define Issues In Election Campaign

by James Giese

With only one challenger, four incumbent councilmembers are sure to be reelected to another two-year term. Only after the polls close and the votes are counted will Greenbelters know if the new council will be the same as the current council or if challenger Kelly P. Ivy, Sr., will knock off one of the incumbents – Judith F. Davis, Konrad E. Herling, Rodney M. Roberts, Leta M. Mach or Edward V.J. Putens.

In comparison to the last city election there are greater differences between candidates, although all agree on many matters including that of maintaining Greenbelt as a great community. While candidates may disagree, they have done so in a positive way, stating their points of view rather than negatively criticizing others.

On the referendum question, Ivy and Roberts favor the proposal to amend the charter to authorize collective bargaining with police employees. The others oppose it for one reason or another (see separate article). Although not legally bound to enact a charter amendment if the referendum is approved, it is expected that the new council, whoever is elected, will do so.

Development

Major development is being proposed for the western part of Greenbelt. Included are proposals for an extensive mixed-use complex (Greenbelt Station) at and to the south of the Greenbelt Metro Station, to tear down over time and replace the 2,900-unit Springhill Lake apartment complex with nearly twice as many apartments and townhouses and to build another residential complex on the Springhill Lake side of the Beltway Plaza shopping mall. The current city council is undertaking steps to annex the south core of Greenbelt Station into the city. While other developments and other annexations have engendered high levels of controversy among Greenbelt citizens, these proposals are being positively treated by the candidates for the most part. There has not yet been any expression of opposition to the proposed annexation.

Deficit

While expressing concern, none of the candidates has put forth a comprehensive proposal to eliminate the annual gap between expected city revenues and desired city expenditures that has caused the council to increase the property tax rate in past years. Ivy opposes “unnecessary” tax increases and advocates such measures as a hiring freeze. Herling also has proposed a hiring freeze for the next two years. Roberts pledges to vote against non-essential hiring, noting that he believes the current structural issue in finances is the result of continually hiring new employees without having new revenues to pay for them.

Putens has a five-point plan to not reduce services or lower reserves but to instead try to hold the line on increased expenditures and delay capital improvements until such time as greater revenues are generated by the Greenbelt West proposed de-

velopment. Mach believes that there is no easy answer or one solution to the problem. She would limit the amount of any tax increase, examine the need for filling vacant positions carefully, look carefully at the long-term impact of benefit increases, evaluate fee-based programs and seek additional sources of revenue. Davis believes that the fiscal picture is brightening with tax receipts on the rise. She also would seek new revenue while carefully evaluating present programs, services and expenditures as well as proposals for new services.

Goals

When asked to state their three top goals, the five incumbents listed monitoring the development in Greenbelt West as one of them. Putens cited the breakthroughs made by the current council and wants to keep them on track. Mach wants to monitor the “historic agreements” made by the council and also insist on appropriate school facilities for the city as they will be impacted by the proposed population growth as well as proposals to rebuild Greenbelt Middle School and replace Springhill Lake Elementary School.

Davis wants to scrutinize these projects to ensure adequate recreation areas and green space are included, environmentally sensitive areas are protected and traffic is not worsened. Herling wants to be certain Greenbelt West adequately accommodates educational and recreational facilities. Roberts, too, wants to assure adequate public facilities.

Dealing with the structural deficit and city budget were stated goals of five candidates. Putens says there is a need for a strategy to deal with this problem. Ivy wants to look where corners could be trimmed and make sure every dollar is wisely spent. Davis seeks ways to correct long-term weaknesses in the budget by making well thought out and balanced decisions while maintaining efficient city services for all sections of the city. Herling would seek out additional sources of revenue and create a task force to accomplish this purpose. Roberts’ goal is to have at least one year without a tax increase or, at least, limit any increase to cover inflation.

Other top goals stated by the candidates are to reduce the crime rate (Putens), complete projects that are now in process (Mach and Roberts), assure public safety and emergency preparedness (Ivy), provide more senior housing in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Ivy), provide fair and equitable benefits for all employees (Davis) and develop and implement a coordinated transportation plan (Herling).

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City Notes

The public works streets crew worked with Maryland Environmental Services to grind yard debris stored near the Northway Field into mulch and received delivery of a new V-box salt spreader. They moved snow plows from storage, began to install salt spreaders on trucks, received delivery of 200 tons of road salt and stored it in the bins in the public works yard.

CARES

Representatives from the Senior Citizens Advisory Group, Friends of the Resource Advocate, the Home and Health Care Study Group and City of Greenbelt staff Karen Haseley and Christal Batey met with Judith Cato, Maryland delegate for the White House Conference on Aging to discuss Greenbelt seniors’ recommendations. Concerns included greater funding for affordable housing for seniors, flexible spending options for Medicare and Medicaid clients in an effort to provide more options for community-based care and funds to help seniors acquire adaptable equipment for their homes to allow them to age in place.

RE-ELECT ED PUTENS

Authority, Sheldon Goldberg, Treasurer

Committee to Discuss Legislative Initiatives

A meeting of the Prince George’s County School Board’s Legislative Committee will take place at the Sasser Administration Building, Board Executive Room, 14201 School Lane, Upper Marlboro, on Tuesday, November 8 at 5:30 p.m. The

Legislative Committee will hold its first discussion of proposed legislative initiatives. The meeting is open to the public; however, there will be no public participation.

For more information call Lucy Ament, 301-952-8118.

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THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL SAYS.....

Mayor Davis says: “The current ‘meet and confer’ process has worked well for both our employees and our citizens. Collective bargaining is adversarial, divisive, costly, and not warranted for a city our size.”-Gazette

Councilwoman Mach says: “The city provides excellent salaries and benefits. The risk of creating adversarial relationships, increased taxes or cuts in programs is not justified because the city is a good employer”-Gazette

Councilman Putens says: “I have always supported our police and don’t oppose collective bargaining in principle. However, expect higher taxes and more conflict if this passes”-Gazette

THE GREENBELT FOP SAYS.....

- Collective bargaining is not adversarial, when both sides negotiate in ‘good faith’.
- The current ‘meet and confer’ system gives the council an unfair advantage. They can alter or remove any benefit we currently possess if (and when) they desire. An agreement signed by both sides (as part of the collective bargaining process) will stop this process.
- Collective bargaining does not raise taxes or cause program cuts....Greenbelt citizens have endured tax increases **WITHOUT** collective bargaining.
- **Mayor Davis and Councilwoman Mach worked under collective bargaining agreements as teachers. Mayor Davis even served on the board of their union. Why was it good for them and so bad for us now?**

VOTE ‘FOR’ THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING REFERENDUM

Authority of Greenbelt FOP Inc. www.Greenbeltfop.org
John Rogers, Committee Chairman



City of Greenbelt Election Questionnaire 2005

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Residence**
 Apartment Townhouse
 Condominium GHI
 Detached Single Family Home
- Do you?** Own Rent
- Age:** 45-60
 18-29 61-74
 30-44 75+
- How many years have you lived in Greenbelt?**
 Less than 1 year 11-20 yrs.
 1-5 yrs. 21-30 yrs.
 6-10 yrs. More than 30 yrs.
- Employment Status**
 (Please check all that apply.)
 Full-Time Part-Time
 Unemployed Retired
 Stay at home parent
 Work from home
- Where do you work?**
 Greenbelt
 Prince George's County
 Baltimore
 Washington, D.C.
 Montgomery County
 Other
- How do you typically get to and from work?**
 Personal Automobile
 MetroBus
 Carpool/Vanpool
 TheBus
 Metrorail
 MARC
 Bicycling/Walking
 Telecommute

PUBLIC WORKS

- Please rate your satisfaction over the last 2 years with the following services. (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)**
 Street Cleaning
 Street Lighting
 Park Maintenance
 Snow Removal
 Horticulture/Planting
 Trash Collection
 Building Maintenance
 Greenbelt Connection
 Recycling-Residential Pick-up
 Drop-off Recycling at Attick Pk
 Street/Sidewalk Maintenance
- If you have contacted Public Works in the last 2 years, was the employee polite and courteous?**
 Yes No

GREENBELT CARES SOCIALSERVICE

- Have you or any of your family utilized any of the following services in the last 2 years?**
 Yes No
If so, please rate your satisfaction with them. (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)
 Counseling (individual, family or group)
 Crisis Intervention Counseling
 Tutoring
 Discussion Groups in School
 Job Bank
 Babysitting Workshop
 GED Program
- The Community Mediation Board (CMB) mediates non-legal disputes. Were you aware of this free service?** Yes No
- Have you used it in the last two years?**
 Yes No
If so, please rate your satisfaction with your experience (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CODE ENFORCEMENT

- Have you had personal contact with the City's Community Development Department in the last 2 years?**
 Yes No
- Was the Community Development employee polite and courteous?**
 Yes No
- Did the Community Development employees assist you satisfactorily?**
 Yes No

ASSISTANCE IN LIVING

- Are you aware of the programs offered through the Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) Program?**
 Yes No
- Respite care provides short-term temporary relief to the primary caregiver of an individual with a persistent or chronic disability. If you are a caregiver, would you utilize a respite care service staffed by trained volunteers?**
 Yes No
- Would you consider working as a volunteer respite care provider with a stipend?** Yes No

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Please rate your satisfaction over the last 2 years with the following services. (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)**
 Fire & Rescue
 Parking Enforcement
 Traffic Control
 Animal Control
 Police Presence
 Police Responsiveness
 Overall Police Performance
 Overall Police Employee Competence
 Police Attitude & Behavior Towards Citizens
- Do you have any concern about safety and security within Greenbelt? If so, please list:**

- If you have any suggestions for improving police services please list them under General Comments #3.**
- If you have had personal contact with the City's Police Department in the last 2 years, was the police employee polite and courteous?** Yes No
- Did the police employee assist you satisfactorily?**
 Yes No

PUBLIC INFORMATION

- Are you satisfied with Greenbelt's effort to publicize and broadcast official information and City events? (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)**
 Yes No
- Do you have Internet access?**
 Cable/DSL Dial-up
 None
- Have you visited the City's new website at www.greenbeltmd.gov or www.ci.greenbelt.md.us? (If no, skip to Question 7)**
 Yes No
- Do you find the site easy to navigate?**
 Yes No
- Is the information on the website useful?**
 Yes No
- Is there additional information you would like to see included on the site?**

- Are you able to tune in to Greenbelt Municipal Access Channel 71?**
 Yes No

- Have you watched any of the programming, including Council meetings, offered on this channel over the past 2 years?**
 Yes No
- How would you prefer to receive information about City programs and services? (Please prioritize 1=top preference)**
 Cable TV Channel 71
 Direct mail
 E-mail notifications
 City Website
 Greenbelt News Review
 Posters & fliers
 Other _____

RECYCLING

- The City has set a goal to recycle 50% of its waste stream. Do you support this goal?**
 Yes No Not Sure
- Do you know what items to recycle?**
 Yes No Not Sure

RECREATION

- Please check any programs which you or a member of your household are likely to attend within the next 2 years. (Check all that apply)**
 Pre-school activities
 Children's afterschool activities - daily
 Children's afterschool activities - weekly
 Children's weekend activities
 Children's drop-in activities
 Home school/school enrichment activities
 Family recreation activities - weekends
 Teen drop-in activities
 Teen/Adult classes or leagues
 Special events (Artful Afternoons, Greenbelt New Year, etc.)
 - What factors (if any) are preventing you from taking advantage of City recreation services? (Check all that apply)**
 Not familiar with available services
 Not interested in available services
 Programs are too expensive
 Transportation needed
 Language barrier
 Child care needed
 Don't have time
 My needs are being met elsewhere (please specify)

 Other (please specify)

 There are no factors preventing me from participating
- Please rate your satisfaction with all facilities and activities which you or your family have attended: (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)**
-
- Aquatic & Fitness Center
-
-
- Ball fields
-
-
- Community Center
-
-
- Parks/trails
-
-
- Springhill Lake Recreation Center
-
-
- Youth Center
-
-
- Aquatics programs
-
-
- Art programs
-
-
- Fitness classes
-
-
- Senior programs
-
-
- Special Events (Artful Afternoons, Festival of Lights, Celebration of Spring, etc.)
-
-
- Youth/adult sports programs
-
-
- Other youth activities

EDUCATION

- Do you have any school-age children?**
 Yes No
If yes, please rate the schools currently attended. (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)
 Greenbelt Elementary
 Springhill Lake Elementary
 Magnolia Elementary
 St. Hugh's School
 Greenbelt Middle School
 Eleanor Roosevelt High School
 Home Schooling
 Other _____
- Using the same scale, please rate the Prince George's School System overall.**

- What are the three most critical needs of our schools? (Please check 3.)**
 More Teachers
 Technology Resources
 Books
 Athletic/Playground Resources
 Smaller Classes
 New or Better Facilities
 Enrichment Opportunities
 After School Activities
 Other _____
- Does the County's school transportation system meet your needs?**
 Yes No

GENERAL COMMENTS

- Describe what you like most about the Greenbelt community.**

- Describe what you like least about the Greenbelt community.**

- Are there any improvements you would suggest for the City's services?**

- Other Comments:**

Election Day Procedures

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

Greenbelters will elect five council members, all at large, for a two-year term. In order to be elected, a candidate must receive 40 percent of the votes cast. If fewer than five candidates receive such a vote, a run-off election will be held one week later on Tuesday, November 15.

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

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

If all five council members are elected on Tuesday, November 8 there will be an organizational meeting of the new council on Monday, November 14 at 7:30 p.m. (This meeting is set by char-

ter.) If there is a run-off election, the organizational meeting will be held on Monday, November 21.

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

Voters will also be asked to vote for or against a collective bargaining referendum for the Greenbelt Police Department and complete a city-prepared information questionnaire (see page 11).

Absentee Ballots

Applications for absentee ballots may be obtained in the city clerk's office in the Municipal building until noon Monday, November 7. Ballots must be returned to the city clerk no later than 6 p.m. on Election Day, November 8. Beginning this year any qualified voter may choose to vote by absentee ballot in the municipal election. Ballots may be obtained at the clerk's office and completed at the same time.

Serving on the City's Board of Elections Advisory Committee are Judith Ott (chairperson), Jean Cook, Steven Gilbert, Pamela Gregory and Dorothy Lauber. Election judges and clerks are as follows: Precinct 3: Christopher Husker, Alexander Barnes, Sr., Marjorie Gray, Elizabeth Roslewicz; Precinct 6: Keith Chernikoff, Jacqueline Magness, Harold Silverman, Dea Zugby; Precinct 8: Kimberly Paz, Beverly Arnette, Laura Lombardo; Precinct 13: Warren Wilcox, Sandra Bryant, Jim Harbaugh; Robin Wilcox-Embrey; Absentee Ballot Clerks: Marsha Barrett, Joyce Chestnut; Elaine Jones, Carolyn Swahl.

Voting – Where & When

The Greenbelt City Council Election is Tuesday, November 8. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the four precincts which serve the city.

Precinct 3 – Center City
Municipal Building
25 Crescent Road

Precinct 6 – North End
Police Station
550 Crescent Road

Precinct 8 – Springhill Lake
SHL Recreation Center
6101 Cherrywood Lane

Precinct 13 – Greenbelt East
Greenbriar Community Center
7600 Hanover Parkway

City polling places are not all in the same locations as those for county, state and national elections. For a detailed street listing see the City Information Ad on page 5.

Any registered voters who have doubts about whether they are registered should call the County Board of Elections at 301-952-3270.

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RE-ELECT ROBERTS TO CITY COUNCIL

VOTE NOVEMBER 8



RODNEY ROBERTS BRINGS TO COUNCIL:

RESULTS: Some of Roberts' goals that have been achieved: Community policing; police bicycle patrols; establishment of the Greenbelt Forest Preserve (225 acres); acquisition of the 10-acre Sunrise Property in Greenbelt East for parkland; police substations at Beltway Plaza and Greenbelt East; purchase of Historic Greenbelt Theatre.

DEDICATION – In his 14 years on Council, Roberts has missed only one council meeting (a work session).

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION - Roberts has worked for the past 18 years to protect the remaining woodland, wetlands, parks, and open spaces in and around Greenbelt.

INDEPENDENT LEADERSHIP - Roberts is never afraid to stand up for what he believes.

OPEN, HONEST GOVERNMENT – Roberts always makes sure everyone's view can be heard. Roberts is always open and honest about his positions, goals and philosophy.

EXPERIENCE – Roberts has a lifelong knowledge of Greenbelt. He has been active in Greenbelt politics for 18 years; 4 years as a community activist and 14 years as a member of City Council (last 4 years as mayor pro tem).

SOME GOALS FOR THE FUTURE; Work to ensure adequate public facilities for approved high-density development in Greenbelt West (police, schools, including an addition for ERHS, recreation, parkland, etc.). Complete ongoing projects: Public Works facility upgrade; Attick Park restrooms; Skateboard Park; Greenbelt East traffic calming; Northway field improvements. Seek State funding for construction of Beltway noise barriers; work to increase senior housing and services in Greenbelt.

Auth: Yoni Siegel, Treas.

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 24, 11:05 p.m., 60 court Ridge Road, a man reported that he was getting out of his vehicle when he was approached by another man, who ordered him to get into the passenger seat. He began yelling for help, at which time the suspect threatened him with a screwdriver. The victim handed the suspect the keys to the car, opened the passenger door and ran from the area. The suspect fled the scene in the vehicle, described as a silver 1993 Ford Taurus 4-door, Maryland tags ALD838. The suspect is described as a black male in his forties, tall with a medium build, wearing a navy blue shirt or jacket and dark blue jeans.

Drug Arrests

October 21, 11:25 p.m., 8000 block Mandan Road, a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia. Police responded to a report of a suspicious person looking into parked vehicles. The man was located next to a vehicle in the reported area and was found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to smoke and store marijuana. He was released on citation pending trial.

October 24, 8:02 p.m., 6100 block Cherrywood Lane, a man of no fixed address, was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute in a school zone, possession of marijuana and false statement. Police observed a suspicious person standing outside the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. When they approached the man, he attempted to flee on foot and was apprehended in the 6000 block of Springhill Drive. The man was found to be in possession of a quantity of suspected marijuana and police located several individually-packaged bags of marijuana along the path, where he ran while attempting to flee. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

October 26, 12:43 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia when police stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. Upon approaching the vehicle, the officer detected the odor of what he believed to be marijuana. The driver could not produce a driver's license and located in the vehicle was a quantity of suspected marijuana and paraphernalia commonly used to weigh and sell marijuana. The man was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

October 26, 3:54 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute in a school zone, possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, possession of marijuana and

two counts of possession of paraphernalia. Police, who were investigating a robbery, observed several suspicious people in the area. An officer approached one of them and attempted a pat-down search of a man for weapons. The man refused to take his hands out of his pockets and struggled with the officer. A second officer responded to assist and recognized the man as having an open arrest warrant. The man was found to be in possession of a quantity of suspected marijuana packaged as though for sale and paraphernalia commonly used to store and sell marijuana. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner and for service of the warrant.

Theft

October 14, in reference to a theft by deceit reported July 7 at Greenway Center, warrants have been obtained charging a resident woman with financial crimes against a vulnerable adult and two counts of theft.

October 20, 10:40 a.m., 6500 Ivy Lane, a man reported that he left bags unattended in the lobby of the Marriott Hotel. A man was observed taking one of the bags and exiting the hotel in the company of a second man. The men may have fled the scene in a vehicle described as a tan or gray SUV. They are described as two white males, one was 50 to 60 years of age, 6' to 6'3", 180 to 200 pounds with gray hair, balding, wearing a brown jacket, dark pants and black shoes. The second was 20 to 30 years of age, 5'6" to 5'8", 160 to 170 pounds, wearing light khaki pants, a hooded sweatshirt and a white hat.

Disorderly Conduct

October 19, 9:48 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a nonresident youth was arrested for disorderly conduct and littering. He was observed urinating in the parking lot after he was banned from the mall by agents of the property as a result of the investigation of a shoplifting complaint. The youth was released to a guardian pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Disorderly Intoxication

October 24, 3:08 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, a resident woman was arrested and charged with disorderly intoxication. Police responded to a report of a person acting in a disorderly manner. The woman was observed shouting profanities and urinating in the parking lot. She was released on citation pending trial.

Trespass

October 24, 6:03 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with trespass. He was observed on the property of Springhill Lake Apartments after having been banned from the complex by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

Open Alcohol

October 20, 2:15 p.m., Ridge Road and Laurel Hill, a resident

man was arrested and charged with consuming an alcoholic beverage on public property after he was observed drinking a beer on a park bench. He was released on citation pending trial.

October 24, 4:16 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, a resident man was arrested and charged with consuming an alcoholic beverage in public after he was observed drinking a beer on a city street. He attempted to flee the scene but was apprehended after a short foot chase. He was released on citation pending trial.

Burglaries

October 24, 3:13 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, it was reported that unknown person(s) entered a residence by way of the kitchen window. A video game player and money were taken.

October 26, 12:50 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road, it was reported that unknown person(s) entered a residence by prying open the kitchen window. A laptop computer, a video game player and a credit card were taken.

Vehicle Crimes

Two vehicles were stolen: a red 2000 Ford Focus 2-door, Maryland tags HPX041 from the 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace and a 2005 Honda Civic 4-door from the 7400 block Morrison Drive.

On October 21 a 1996 Lexus 4-door, carjacked September 29 in the 8200 block of Canning Terrace, was recovered by the Prince George's County Police. The tags on the vehicle at the time of theft, Maryland 67009CB, were not recovered and are still out as stolen. Also, on October 25 in reference to a burglary reported October 19 in the 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace, the vehicle taken during the burglary, a 1995 Cadillac Deville 4-door, was recovered by the Metropolitan Police Department with no arrests.

In addition, three stolen vehicles were recovered by other police departments with no arrests in any of the recoveries.

Vandalism to, theft from and attempted theft of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 6000 block Breezewood Drive, 5900 block Cherrywood Court, 6000 block Cherrywood Lane, 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, 9300 block Edmonston Road (two incidents), 9100 block Springhill Court, 6200 block Springhill Drive (two incidents), unit block Lakeview Circle, 8100 block Lakecrest Drive, 6600 block Lake Park Drive, 73 Court Ridge Road, 2 Court Gardenway, 2 Court Westway, 7800 block Mandan Road and 8000 block Mandan Road.

Absentee
ballots are
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noon Monday.



Shipping to Military Personnel Abroad

Military families and organizations across the country with packages to mail to service members overseas for the holidays need to mark November 12 on the calendar.

Packages sent by parcel post to all Air/Army Post Office (APO) or Fleet Post Office (FPO) zip codes should be mailed no later than Saturday, November 12 to reach troops stationed overseas in time for the holidays. Letters and cards sent by first-class mail should be posted no later than December 10. There are more than 80 military installations worldwide.

To address current demand, the Postal Service has created a special "kit" that contains the necessary mailing materials based on the most popular items ordered to send packages to the troops.

This kit may be ordered by calling 1-800-610-8734 and requesting CAREKIT04. The kit contains 10 priority mail boxes, five "mili-pacs," one roll of priority mail tape and 10 customs forms with envelopes. There is no charge for the kit.

Mili-pacs, developed with the Military Postal Service Agency, are Tyvek envelopes with Old Glory on one side and detailed addressing information. The service encourages that mailers follow this process for all mail destined for military units overseas.

The address block on the mili-pac accommodates service member's full name, rank or rating, military organization or unit and APO/FPO with 9-digit zip code.

All packages and mail must be addressed to individual service members in accordance with U.S. Department of Defense regulations.

All military units are assigned an APO or FPO zip code and in many cases that zip code travels with the unit. The Postal Service places APO/FPO mail on special charter flights, commercial airlines and military service aircraft to reach armed services members overseas as quickly as possible.

Student Support Group Meets Wed.

The Prince George's School Board has announced a Student Support Committee meeting to be held at the Sasscer Administration Building, Board Executive Room, 14201 School Lane, Upper Marlboro, on Wednesday, November 9 at 5:30 p.m.

The Student Support Committee provides a forum to discuss those issues not focused on the classroom but which play a role in the success of students. The meeting is open to the public; however, there will be no public participation. For more information call Jackie Brown at 301-952-6116.

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Council Acts on Light Agenda

by Thomas X. White

The Greenbelt City Council held its last meeting of this term on Monday, October 24. It was a fitting agenda for the end of a very active term, with several proclamations; consideration of an application for a liquor license for the new Hilton Garden Inn at the Golden Triangle development; approval of a new lease for the Adult Day Care facility in the Greenbelt Community Center and finalization of Greenbelt comments on the Maryland Department of Transportation's Draft Consolidated Transportation Program for Fiscal Year 2006-2011. Although not on the published agenda, council also made sure that it recognized City Attorney Robert Manzi of the firm of Knight, Manzi, Nussbaum & La Placa, for reaching a 20-year milestone for service as Greenbelt's city solicitor.

In anticipation of America Recycles Day, scheduled for November 15, Mayor Judith Davis presented a proclamation declaring that day to be America Recycles Day in Greenbelt to Neal Barnett, chair of the city's Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee. Barnett used the occasion to announce the city's plans for its annual "Win with Your Bin" competition, which will be conducted in all of Greenbelt's neighborhoods in early November. Greenbelt recyclers will be judged on the cleanliness of their bins and quantities of their recycled articles during the competition. At the first regular meeting of the new council

on November 28, winners will be awarded spanking new recycling bins with their address embossed in gold.

A second proclamation was presented by the mayor to Greenbelt's Animal Control Officer Susie Hall, commemorating National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week. With Greenbelt recently completing construction of its own animal control facility, the city is participating in this national event for the first time. Hall reported to council that they moved into the new facility about one month ago and are busy getting it furnished. Although it is not yet open to the public, they already have one dog and six cats up for adoption.

Next up was council consideration of an application filed before the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners (Liquor Control Board) for a new Class B (BH) license for an 80-person restaurant within the new Greenbelt Hilton Garden Inn. The applicant, Neil Amin, and his attorney Martin Schaffer were present at the meeting.

The hotel, located at 7810 Walker Drive in the Golden Triangle office development, is currently under construction. It is expected to open sometime in February 2006. For such applications, the city can support, oppose or take no position. In this case, the BH license is primarily intended to serve guests of the hotel. Council unanimously approved a staff recommendation that it take no position.

Adult Day Care Facility

With the lease for the adult day care space in the Greenbelt Community Center expiring as of October 31, city staff and council have been negotiating a new short-term lease with the current provider, known as To God be the Glory Adult Care (TGBTG). TGBTG had taken over responsibility for the day care facility from the original provider near the end of the 10-year term of the original lease.

Since the city had not been involved in selecting them as a provider, staff was recommending that a shorter-term lease of from six months to a year be provided to TGBTG.

La Wonne Booker, chief executive officer of TGBTG, was present at the meeting and advised council of the concerns of her organization with too short a lease and the effect it might have on needed financing for operation of the facility.

The city solicitor had reviewed the steps taken related to the lease renewal and noted that he is comfortable that the city is within its rights to terminate or offer a new lease, as well as to set new lease terms. He also recommended against incorporating any kind of renewal guarantee option.

At the start of negotiations in August, staff noted to TGBTG that, at the end of either the six-month or one-year term, the city may choose to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to potential adult care providers before executing another lease for the Community Center space.

During council discussion, Davis stated that she was willing to do a one-year term and in-

clude a required meeting with council after six months to assess the status of the daycare operation. At the end of the one-year term the city may renew the lease for an additional time or decide to do an RFP inviting other providers to submit proposals. This prospect seemed to be agreeable to all and a motion to grant a one-year lease and schedule a worksession with the TGBTG after six months was introduced and passed unanimously.

Transportation Plan

The city received a draft copy of the State Consolidated Transportation Plan (CTP) for Fiscal Years 2006 to 2011. Associated with the review of the draft CTP by state officials and local governments is an annual road show tour intended to brief officials on the plan. For Greenbelt, the briefing is scheduled for November 10 at the State Highway Administration building on Kenilworth Avenue.

City staff review of the CTP noted few changes in the new draft plan for those projects of city interest. Staff recommended council restate last year's positions on those projects in this year's comments - continued objection to the widening and extension of MD 201 (Kenilworth Ave./Edmonston Rd.) and support for the Bi-county Transit Study (the so-called Purple Line). Given the agreement reached with the Greenbelt Station developers, the letter would not include the city's previous opposition to the full Beltway interchange planned for access to the Greenbelt Metro Station.

During council's discussion of the CTP, Mayor Stephen Braymen

of College Park asked for Greenbelt's support for continued funding for the project design and engineering stage for the planned improvements to the Route 1 corridor. (See News Review article October 27, 2005.) He also noted that while the CTP failed to include funds for the Route 1 project, it did include funding for project planning for the so-called University of Maryland Connector Road (from I-95/I-495 to the university campus). Earlier this year, the Greenbelt council had joined College Park and others in opposing funding for this facility.

Following discussion, Councilmember Edward Putens moved to support the staff recommendation with the addition of support for funding design and engineering for the Route 1 improvements, to oppose funding for the University of Maryland Connector Road and to request funding for sound barriers on the Beltway for Greenbelt-affected areas. The motion was approved unanimously.

As is customary for the last meeting of the term, all five members of council expressed their appreciation for being able to serve the citizens of Greenbelt over the past two years, noted their achievements during a very active council term and, since each was standing for reelection, looked forward to further service if elected on November 8. Also, as is traditional, the city manager expressed appreciation to council, on behalf of all city employees for their dedicated service to the city.

No further council meetings were scheduled between this meeting and the November 8 election.

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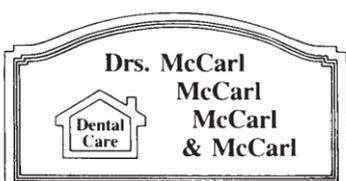


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David Lange, chair of the Citizens for Education and Community, and Toni Bram, the former mayor recalled the struggles between the two opposing groups to determine where to place the Community Center.

James Giese, former city manager; Philip Esocoff, project architect; David Lange, chair of Citizens for Education and Community; Barbara Simon, task force committee member; and Cathy Salgado, first Community Center manager.

Weidenfeld set the stage by recalling that at every public hearing, the majority of speakers supported the renovation of Center School as a school. Although the city owned the vacant North End school building, Weidenfeld said that he came to believe that the Center School site was more appropriate for a community center. He stated that he consulted with several citizens whom he respected and found that the majority of them shared his beliefs. He then set about the task of trying to turn public opinion around, he affirmed.

By January 1989 the Board of Education proposed two alternative school sites. One involved tearing down the vacant North End School on Ridge Road and building a new elementary school in its place. The other plan was to renovate Center School for continued use as a school. Two citizens groups formed into opposing camps. One was called Citizens for Education and Community (CEC). Its members advocated that the Center School building be renovated and used exclusively as a Community Center and a new elementary school be built at the Ridge Road site. The other group was called Citizens to Save Center School. Its members fought for the renovation of the historic building as a school.

Panelist David Lange characterized the campaign as hope versus fear. He felt that a community center in the heart of the city, easily accessible to a variety of resources including the swimming pool, municipal building and businesses, had greater advantages than a community center situated in the north end

of town with no surrounding amenities. His committee felt that a brand new school would best serve the educational needs of Greenbelt's children. Center School Principal Dr. John Van Schoonhoven and all of the teachers also preferred a new school and placed their names on one of the CEC ads featured in the News Review.

Fears

The Citizens to Save Center School group feared increased taxes and greater traffic congestion if Center School became a community center, Lange recalled. They warned that parking needs would lead to paving the green space between the community center and the library, he said.

Jim Giese stated that when the debate began the city staff had been in the process of scrounging for renovation funds to turn the North End site into a community center. The city had obtained a \$190,000 county grant as well as a \$144,000 state grant, the latter to be used to construct a senior day care center. These funds did not come close to the estimated \$1.9 million needed to renovate the North End School, a building that was smaller in square footage than the Center School building, he said. Also, the North End building was deteriorating rapidly following a major water break.

Panelist Antoinette (Toni) Bram recalled that she was a new council member at the time of the controversy. She regarded the vacant North End School building with its leaky roof and moldy interior as a structure not worth rehabilitating. She said she was one of the first to recommend that Center School become a community center because "it made more geographic sense."

Weidenfeld recounted how the city made plans for a special

election in June 1989. Council sought approval for a \$3 million bond issue to fund the rehabilitation of either school as a community center. An advisory question asked whether the citizens preferred a community center at the North End or the Center School site. Also included on the ballot was approval for the \$1 million construction of Schrom Hills Park in Greenbelt East. Council members agreed to abide by the decision of the voters.

Four Percent

When the votes were counted, Giese noted that the Community Center bond issue question won by a mere four percent. The community center site at the Center School won by a three percent margin. A strong turnout in Greenbelt East cast the deciding 60 votes in favor of the renovation of the Center School into a community center, he said. Voters in the North End and Center School precincts had preferred by a slight margin the Ridge Road site for the community center.

Panelist Barbara Simon noted that she had strongly favored the North End site for a community center but once the votes were counted, she gladly joined the task force to provide direction to the city council for the creation of a new facility in the city center. She felt great excitement about the idea "of creating the wonderful community center we have today," she exclaimed.

Two panelists who worked on the renovation were Philip Esocoff, project architect, and Cathy Salgado, the first Community Center manager. Esocoff loved the project because the renovation of the building provided him with

Happy 10th Anniversary!



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The Community Center was festively decorated from top to bottom with bright tissue paper flowers.

the opportunity to honor history. Salgado enjoyed creating a multi-generational, multi-use facility that brought together an arts component along with recreational pro-

grams.

As noted in the Chautauqua printed program, "Today the Community Center is home to many Greenbelt organizations. It houses [several] Greenbelt Recreation Department [programs], the Greenbelt Planning Department, the Greenbelt Cable Access TV Station, the News Review, Greenbelt Nursery School, artist studios, the Greenbelt Museum [office and gallery] and an adult day care facility. The Community Center also has designated space for art classes, senior activities, exhibits, theater and dance rehearsal rooms, a kitchen, a gymnasium and classrooms available for community groups to rent. It was, and still remains, a locus of community activity and ideals." As Weidenfeld declared, "this building is now the heart of the city."



The entire building was abuzz with activity. These musicians were part of the monthly Artful Afternoon events.



Task Force member Barbara Simon was joined by project architect Philip Esocoff who spoke about the joy of honoring the city's history. As seen in the accompanying story on page 17, the design of the Center still attracts much attention.

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Community Center Touted For Its Architectural Style

In a letter to Mayor Judith Davis from the University of Maryland's School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, Mary Corbin Sies, associate professor of American Studies, and Isabelle Gournay, associate professor of Architecture, stated that "we have traveled the length and breadth of the state and we can say authoritatively that the Greenbelt Center School is among the very highest quality and most interesting examples of modern architecture in Maryland."

Included with the letter was the final version of documentation for the Greenbelt Center School/Greenbelt Community Center, done as part of a grant that the Graduate Program in Historic Preservation of the School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation has received from the Maryland Historical Trust to research and survey historical resources related to the modern movement in the State of Maryland.

The original of the material, including slides and photographs, has been submitted to the Maryland Historical Trust and will be available to the public at the Trust Archive in their Crownsville, Maryland facility (www.marylandhistoricaltrust.net).

The documentation is as follows:

The Greenbelt Center Elementary School, now the Greenbelt Community Center, is a distinguished example of early modern architecture in the State of Maryland and illustrates the modern architectural style employed throughout Greenbelt. The exterior, with its flat roof, glass block windows and simple facades exemplifies the International Style forms of the early modern movement in the United States and

was one of the earliest examples of modernist architecture and planning in the State of Maryland. The main structure, designed by Reginald Wadsworth and Douglas Ellington, was completed in 1937, and a compatible addition was constructed in 1968. [U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, "Historic American Buildings Survey: Greenbelt Community Building," Washington, D.C.] The building has extensive fenestration and includes elegant detailing both inside and outside, including series of bas reliefs on the front elevation designed by Lenore Thomas and depicting the Preamble of the Constitution of the United States. Although the building is no longer used as a school, it has remained intact with minor modifications. Rooms once used as classrooms now function as artist studios, senior-center spaces and galleries. Most classrooms still include unique finishes, including original woodwork and built-in shelves and cupboards. The entire building has original doors, wall treatments, display cabinets and windows.

The Greenbelt Center Elementary School, a model progressive school, was constructed as the community focal point of the 1930s federally-planned "green town," Greenbelt, Maryland, and is therefore significant under Criterion C. As the central historic community institution in Greenbelt, the Center School is also significant under Criterion A for the period 1937-1987, representing the cooperative nature of Greenbelt and the continuity of the "Greenbelt philosophy of life" over the historic community's first 50 years. As the symbol of a continually successful experiment in social, architec-



1995 FILE PHOTO

October 3, 1995 – Community Center “exemplifies the International Style forms of the early modern movement in the United States and was one of the earliest examples of modernist architecture and planning in the State of Maryland.” This view shows the flying buttresses along the south side of the building. A green lawn fills the large space between the building and Crescent Road.

tural and planning design, the Center School/Community Center meets the exceptional criteria for designation for a period of significance under 50 years old.

The town was part of President Roosevelt's work relief program and was an experiment in American social planning sponsored initially by the Resettlement Administration. The school functioned as both an educational institution during the day and social gathering space during the evening and on weekends. Its placement in relation to the design of the rest of Greenbelt was a key ingredient of

its ability to fulfill these functions and exemplified the educational philosophy of Douglas Ellington, one of the architects. He placed the school near the center of town but at the edge of a recreational area and a broad expanse of greenbelt; at the same time, the building was integrally connected to the original commercial center and residential units of Greenbelt via a system of pedestrian linkages. Architecturally, the school stands at a transition point in school architecture internationally between European modernist schools and later single-story modernist

school designs in the United States. The interior classrooms, hallways and other spaces utilized innovative design features to help implement a progressive "learn-by-doing" curriculum.

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1937 – Sculptor Lenore Thomas works on one of the bas reliefs depicting the Preamble to the Constitution. Photo courtesy of Greenbelt Homes, Inc.

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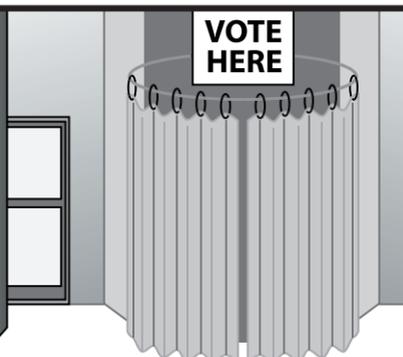
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Fall Fun with the City of Greenbelt and the Department of Recreation

HALLOWEEN AT THE ROOSEVELT CENTER

On Friday, October 28 the Greenbelt Recreation Department held its Annual Costume Contest and Parade in the Roosevelt Center. The mall was haunted by over a hundred ghosts, goblins, witches and many other creative costumes. From infant to adult all were invited to parade around the Roosevelt Center to cast a spell on whomever deserved it. Candy was distributed by each store to all participants. The parade ended in the center of the mall. Melissa Sites held a sing-a-long while judges picked the winners of each group.

The winners are:

18 months & under	Azelle Moleros-Ahearn	Flower
1.5 - 3 Years	Layla Nordum	Flamenco Dancer
4 - 5 Years	Amelia Komisar-Bury	Cowgirl on a Horse
6 - 7 Years	Kayla Opsahl	Witch
8 - 9 Years	Kelly Jo Wallace	Go-go Witch
10 - 12 Years	Anna Flynn	Cereal Box Killer
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A special thanks to Curves of Greenbelt, Chef Lou's Desserts, Generous Joe's, Realty One, The Mini-Mart, Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, New Deal Café, Co-op Supermarket, Greenbelt Cleaners, Pleasant Touch, the Variety Store and Maria's Beauty Shop for donations and support.



FALL FESTIVAL AT SCHROM HILLS PARK

After having to reschedule this annual event due to the weather, residents were rewarded with a beautiful fall day. City departments, community groups and residents joined in this fun-filled day at beautiful Schrom Hills Park.

These photos are brought to you as a paid advertisement by the Greenbelt Department of Recreation.



Free Films, Shorts at Library During Utopia Film Festival

by Barbara Simon

On Saturday, November 12 the Greenbelt library will show a free program for families as part of the Greenbelt Utopia Film and Video Festival produced by Greenbelt Access Television (GATE) November 11 to 13. This two-part program is co-sponsored by the Prince George's County Memorial Library System and GATE.

The first part, "Movie-Making in the Utopian Spirit," will take place from noon to 2 p.m. and opens with a screening of "Our Daily Bread" from the library's film collection. This 1934 black-and-white film was directed by King Vidor. It depicts the struggles of a couple from the city who take over a farm. To make it work they depend on the help of others who combine their skills in a group effort. The film celebrates the spirit of cooperation and the back-to-the-land movement. Following the screening, Kent Moore, head of the library's audio visual collection, will give a brief talk describing the collection.

This will be followed by a screening of "The City." This film, shown at the 1939 New York World's Fair, dealt with the

world of the future and featured Greenbelt as the town of tomorrow.

The second part of the program from 2 to 4:30 p.m. is animation suitable for all ages. It will begin with a screening of four or five animated shorts from the library's collection that were created by Walt Disney in 1925.

George Kochell, the instructor for the animation program produced by GATE in cooperation with the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts, and Barbara Simon, manager of the program, will then introduce "Utica Cartoon," by Fran Krause and Will Krause. In this delightful and funny short originally made for Cartoon Network in 2001, Dan Bear sets out to break the hot dog eating record at his local diner. Animated shorts created by students ages 10 to 16 years in the animation program at GATE studios will follow. The final screening will be a retrospective of Fran Krause's animation covering the last 10 years of her award-winning work.

For more information about this program and the Greenbelt Utopia Film and Video Festival see the ad on page 20 and visit www.greenbeltutopia.org.

Gather Tree Seeds to Protect State Waterways

Thanks to the recent rainfall, the trees in this area now have the essential moisture they need to produce healthy seeds. This means more seeds for Growing Native volunteers to harvest and more trees for future forests that will protect the Potomac River and the Chesapeake Bay.

Through early November, volunteers of all ages will comb their backyards, school grounds, local parks and other green spaces to gather acorns, walnuts and other native tree seeds. Volunteers are already hitting the ground in full force throughout Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and the District of Columbia but more help is needed.

Seeds collected by volunteers will be donated to state nurseries where they will be nurtured into seedlings to return to local communities in one to two years for the planting of streamside forests. These trees will provide wildlife habitat, recreational opportunities and cleaner air. Just as important, they will keep nearby streams cleaner because their roots will reduce soil erosion and act as sponges, absorbing pollutants before they wash off the land.

Everyone can get involved in this fun and simple conservation activity. All they have to do is gather seeds and deliver them to a drop-off site in their community. They can register online and find everything that is needed to know about Growing Native at www.growingnative.org. This website includes seed collection procedures, tree identification keys and a comprehensive listing of drop-off sites throughout the region to which seeds can be delivered through November 11.

It is critical to remove all yard waste and to separate different kinds of seeds into different bags. If there is uncertainty about what kind of seeds have been collected, include one tree

leaf inside of each bag to help foresters identify the species.

Seed collectors are urged not to use plastic bags because they speed rot. Instead use cloth, dry weave or burlap bags which are readily available at hardware stores or at local drop-off stations. Double bagged paper may be used if kept dry. Seeds must be kept cool and dry until they are delivered to a drop-off site. All drop-off sites are equipped with seed identification tags that can be attached to the bags.

Group Events

The first 100 groups to register online will receive a site leader kit in the mail. This kit includes everything needed for a successful group event: a detailed site leader manual, tree identification sheets, collection bags, seed identification tags and a Growing Native banner.

To learn more about how a community or educational group can "get nuts for clean water," visit www.growingnative.org or contact Colleen Langan, the Potomac Conservancy's Growing Native program coordinator at coordinator@growingnative.org.

Local Contact

Matt Berres, the GHI landscape coordinator, has established a drop-off site convenient to Greenbelters. Take bags of seeds to the drop off station near the flag pole at the GHI administration building, 1 Hamilton Place. For further information, call Matt at 301-474-4161, ext 132.

Jazz Discussion Held Prior to Program

Sunday, November 13 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 2200 of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center "A Conversation on Jazz" will be held. Noted jazz expert, producer and writer Willard Jenkins leads a discussion on jazz, a prelude to the Dave Holland Quintet program. This discussion session is free.

Choruses Perform at Smith Center

On Sunday, November 13 at 3 p.m. the University of Maryland School of Music presents University of Maryland Men's and Women's Choruses, Philip Silvey and William Culverhouse, conductors. Two popular ensembles join



forces for an evening of vocal music. The concert will be held in the Dekelboum Concert Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center of the University of Maryland. This concert is free.

Negro League Play

On Tuesday, November 8 at 5:30 p.m. in Kay Theatre of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, Smithsonian Discovery Theatre will present "Black Diamond: Satchel Paige and the Negro Leagues." This presentation is free.



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By Authority of Mary L. Linstrom, Treasurer

Group Hears Christian, Jewish and Muslim Perspectives

by Matt Johnson

Three women dressed in black coats, one from a town near Bethlehem and two from Jerusalem, spoke on Sunday, October 23 to a full house at the Greenbelt Community Church. Though they represented three separate pillars of religion – Christianity, Judaism and Islam – they shared the same message of peace. October was “Peace Month” in Greenbelt.

The symposium was part of the eleventh national “Jerusalem Women Speak” tour conducted by Partners for Peace, a nonprofit organization to promote peace and justice in the Middle East. Greenbelt was stop number nine for Amira Hillal, Roni Hammerman and Sherene Abdulhadi, the three women selected for the third tour of 2005. It began in Cedar Rapids, Ia., on Oct. 14 and ended Oct. 28 in Solomons, Md.

Christian View

Hillal is a Christian Palestinian who lives in Beit Sahour, the municipality in which the Angel Gabriel is said to have appeared to announce the birth of Jesus. She works as the women’s project coordinator and administrative assistant for the Alternative Information Center, a joint Palestinian-Israeli organization.

Hillal began her presentation by tracing the history of occupied Palestine from the late 1940s till today. She said that 700,000 to 800,000 Palestinians were expelled from their lands and 400 Palestinian villages were demolished in 1948, leading to the Israeli occupation of the Gaza Strip, the West Bank and other territories in 1967 which continues today.

“It is a nightmare for any Palestinian,” Hillal said, showing a diagram of some 400 checkpoints and barriers dotting the West Bank. She devoted much of her time to one barrier in particular – the “Apartheid Wall.”

Critics deny that the barrier, which is over 400 miles in length, has any connection to South African apartheid. To her, it symbolizes an Israeli colonial occupation of the Palestinian people.

She listed “illegal imprisonment” as one of many grievances against occupation, citing a personal anecdote. She said she woke up to screaming one night when she was 11.

“Israeli soldiers came to my house and arrested my father,” Hillal said.

Her father was imprisoned for three months and many family possessions were confiscated by the Israeli military, she said.

“You know what I dream? I dream to move freely in my land. I dream to have dignity wherever I go.

“I believe that the two fighting people . . . they have to co-exist . . . because I believe as humans we are taught to love, to forgive. Jesus told us to love our enemies . . .

Jewish Perspective

Roni Hammerman, a Jewish Israeli who lives in Jerusalem, is involved in Machsom Watch (Checkpoint Watch), a human rights group that reports on the conduct of Israeli soldiers at checkpoints in the occupied West Bank and East Jerusalem.

She showed pictures of a Palestinian child hopping a barrier in the street to go to school, a child separated from his school by a



Three women from Jerusalem – from left, Amira Hillal, Roni Hammerman and Sherene Abdulhadi – are touring the U.S. in hopes of promoting peace and justice in Palestine. The women were vocal in expressing their view that the American people must be educated beyond mainstream media reports in order to learn about what is really happening in the region.

locked gate, a sick woman being carried across a checkpoint and a pregnant woman giving birth on a horse cart while waiting at a checkpoint – a practice that has led to the deaths of many newborns, Hammerman said.

She criticized the checkpoints because they have “very little to do with security” and are a “breeding ground for hatred.”

“Checkpoints cannot prevent terror because every checkpoint can be circumvented,” she said.

Muslim View

Sherene Abdulhadi spoke last and longest. She is a Muslim Palestinian, born and raised in occupied Jerusalem, who has devoted much of her life to Palestinian economic development and the sustenance of the Palestinian private sector.

“We are all Semites living in the Holy Land,” she said, redefining a term many use to refer exclusively to Jews as a way to silence the claim that supporting an end to the Israeli state is anti-Semitic.

She criticized the U.S. government’s “War on Terror.”

“Is this the way to fight terror or is this a war on Islam?” she asked rhetorically, describing the terrorists as a “minority of militants” who hate their lives and seek to make others suffer as they have. She drew attention to the fact that she was not wearing a veil.

“That shouldn’t separate me from you,” she said.

She assaulted the American media’s portrayal of Islam and its followers, as well as its representation of the conflict between the Israelis and the Palestinians.

“This is not a religious conflict, it is a political conflict,” she said, pointing out that nations oppress other nations to gain wealth and to survive longer.

Abduhadi called the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip Ariel Sharon’s way of “maintaining the Jewish character of the Israeli state,” rejecting the media’s reports of an Israeli peace initiative. Sharon’s “grand scheme” is to force Palestinians behind a wall, guarded by electric razor wire and gun towers in historic Palestine, effecting further division and alienation as the population is “ghettoized” into small villages, she said.

Invoking the American value of diversity, she asked: “How do we support a racist state that can only welcome Jewish people?”

Questions

During the question-and-answer period, one woman announced she is an activist in an ongoing grass roots movement to create a Department of Peace in America, dedicated to facilitating nonviolent solutions to domestic and international conflict.

“Peace is in all of us,” she said.

A man asked about equal rights granted to Arab citizens of Israel. The speakers replied that

they had been referring to Arabs living in territories occupied by Israelis as a result of the Six-Day War in 1967 – who do not share those rights.

A muffled “shut up” and a snicker of disapproval came from the audience after Abdulhadi addressed a question on the connection between the state of Israel and American neoconservatives by calling Israel the “51st state.”

After the symposium in the sanctuary a reception took place downstairs where the speakers were bombarded with further questions and comments.

One man told Abdulhadi he hates the use of the term apartheid to refer to the conflict in the Middle East because Jews led the effort to end apartheid in South Africa – a claim Abdulhadi denied.

Sean Hensley of Ridge Road said the speakers left out “two obvious ways . . . that Israeli security measures are necessary even though they cause harm to the Palestinians.”

He defended the “Israeli security wall” based on statistics showing that suicide bombings had decreased after its erection. He also defended the Israelis’ “obligation to stop the terrorists in their midst,” pointing out that extremist groups such as Hamas were not even mentioned by the three women.

“I thought it was totally one-sided,” Hensley said.

Hind Sookdo, a Springhill Lake resident and Palestinian Muslim, said the event was important because people in the U.S. “have to really understand what’s going on there and to differentiate between governments and people.”

“[Peace] would be possible if there were the real intentions of having peace,” she said.

David Dayton had an unaddressed question he had meant to ask the speakers: “What is it about human nature that causes some of us to put up walls and create unnecessary checkpoints and things of that nature?”

Searching for Peace

Phil Anderson, executive director of Partners for Peace and a pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America said, “We understand that we are not all going to see things from the same vantage point but we need a constructive dialogue.”

On the far back wall of the sanctuary, a black cross was mounted. A sign depicting Jesus read: His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Free Fall Festival At Ritchie Coliseum

A full day of music, dancing and fun for all ages at the International Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, November 5 from 2 to 7 p.m. at Ritchie Coliseum on Route 1 in College Park.

A variety of entertainers will perform throughout the day, offering something for everyone. Performers include Celtic rock band “Johnny Jump Up,” the steel drum sounds of the “Pan Masters Steel Drum Orchestra,” traditional bluegrass with “Gary Cooper and High Noon,” the Spanish guitars of “Ricardo & Miguel” and the College Park Youth Choir. The festival will offer a number of children’s activities, including crafts, games, face painting and a moon bounce. Mandy Dalton of “Poppin Magic” will perform at 3:30 p.m., showcasing her unique blend of music, dance and magic that kids of all ages are sure to enjoy.

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By authority of Alla Lake, Treasurer



Halloween Pix on Hold



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Jack O' Lanterns were lighting the night on Halloween all over the city. News Review pictures of the festivities have been placed on hold until after the city elections. Stay tuned for more witches and goblins!

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Sharp 2 bedroom condominium with remodeled kitchen. Modern white cabinets and appliances. Breakfast bar and dining area. \$199,900 SOLD

Large Corner Lot With Large Shade Trees
This 2 bedroom end unit has been extensively renovated with modern kitchen. Large fenced yard with shed & landscaping. \$189,900 U.C.

End Unit With Addition
Two bedroom townhome with new kitchen cabinets & appliances. Lower level addition & large yard with shade trees. \$195,900 SOLD

Three Bedrooms
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GHI frame townhome with one of the largest yards in GHI. Completely fenced with lots of shade trees. Hardwood floors. \$199,900 SOLD

Corner Lot
This 3 bedroom townhome has a modern kitchen & bath, and a separate laundry room. Large fenced yard with patio and shed. \$184,900 SOLD

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This 2 bedroom GHI Co-op is located on a large corner lot near Roosevelt Center. Addition with 1/2 bath could be 1st floor br. \$199,900

Charlestown Village
Two bedroom condominium on one level with a walk-out entrance. No Stairs! Close to Greenbelt Lake. Washer & Dryer Incl. \$180,000 U.C.

Backs To Woodlands
Three bedroom GHI townhome with addition and wooded backyard that overlooks Parcel One with lots trees and wildlife. Extra Space! \$199,900

Three Bedroom Townhome
Refinished oak hardwood flooring on both levels. Front porch addition with sliding glass doors. Across from large park & play area. \$189,900

Two Bedroom Townhome With Addition
GHI Townhome - Two bedroom frame unit with addition & extra half bath on the main level. Large fenced backyard and patio. \$227,000

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





Why do we want Collective Bargaining?

By John Rogers, Collective Bargaining Committee Chairman

Currently the Greenbelt FOP is the recognized labor representative for the sworn officers of the Greenbelt Police Department.

Once a year, during the budget process, the FOP meets with council to discuss pay, benefits, and working conditions. I use the word 'discuss' because when we present a 'wish-list' of pay, benefits, and working condition issues the council is under NO obligation to do anything but listen. They normally assign staff to study the issues we present and report back. Once the council has a financial analysis of monetary issues, and staff opinion on the non-monetary issues, they decide what items (if any), they are going to give us. In labor terms, this method is called 'meet and confer'.

We have received many benefits over the years through the 'meet and confer' method, but we have never had any SECURITY. Any pay, benefit or working condition we currently possess can be adjusted or taken away by the city council without approval from the FOP. Council has done this in the past. This budget year, the city council reduced the employee buyback program to 20 hours, from the original 40, despite the fact the 40 hour plan could have been funded without any additional burden on the taxpayers.

Under collective bargaining, council (or their representatives) will engage in negotiations with the FOP regarding pay, benefits, and working conditions. Once a compromise is reached, both sides sign an agreement. The issues cannot be changed without an agreement by both sides.

Plainly stated, we want collective bargaining because.....

WE WANT MORE OF A VOICE IN
THE ISSUES THAT ARE IMPOR-
TANT TO US

WE WANT SECURITY.....WE
DON'T WANT OUR BENEFITS TO
BE CONTROLLED BY THE CITY
COUNCIL

What the opposition is telling you

By John Rogers, Collective Bargaining Committee Chairman

The collective bargaining referendum has generated some statements from opponents of the issue. This is an effort to truthfully inform you the voter, on those issues.

The opposition has made the following statements:

All city employees, not just the police should be afforded collective bargaining- When the FOP originally presented this idea to council, a few council members inquired about writing the referendum so it encompassed all city employees. Speaking for the FOP, I told them we had no problem with the idea and welcomed all city employees to enjoy the benefits of collective bargaining. I even volunteered the FOP's services to assist the other employees in organizing. It was council's decision to write the referendum for police officers only.

Collective Bargaining will cause tax hikes- Collective bargaining does not cause tax increases. This is a common 'untruth' used by governments to scare the taxpayers, and sway their opinion against collective bargaining.

Collective Bargaining will result in an adversarial relationship between council and the FOP- If both sides negotiate in good faith, the 'working relationship' between the council and the FOP would not be adversarial.

The 'meet and confer' system we presently have is working fine and doesn't need to be changed- The present system favors the council. They are under no obligation to give us any benefits, and they can modify, or take away any benefit they choose without opposition.

Collective Bargaining will be expensive to the taxpayer- Some council members have said that collective bargaining could cost the taxpayer anywhere from 50 to \$100,000.00. This figure is incorrect. Collective bargaining w/binding arbitration could incur costs if both parties are unable to agree on terms, and the issue had to be presented before an arbitrator. Even if this was the case, the costs would be a small fraction of council's estimate. The referendum on the ballot is for collective bargaining ONLY, therefore the only additional cost to the taxpayer would be for legal fees when reviewing the agreement prior to signing

VOTE 'FOR' THE REFERENDUM ON COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

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