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## City Council and Postal Service Explore Keeping Services in Center

by Virginia Beauchamp

When it came to scheduling the Greenbelt City Council work-session with representatives of the U.S. Postal Service on March 15, City Clerk Kathleen Gallagher knew at once they would need a large space. So she reserved the Multipurpose Room in the Community Center for the meeting.

She was right. Besides full council membership, three city staff and three post office representatives – all gathered around a big table at the front of the room – was a large contingent of Greenbelt citizens and representatives of local businesses occupying rows of chairs that filled the rest of the space.

The meeting's purpose, as spelled out by Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis, was to figure out "how we will have postal service in the Center." When the new postal facility at Ora Glen Drive and Hanover Parkway is open for service, the old post office in the basement below the Co-op grocery store will close.

"The new building is 90 percent ready," said Capital District Manager Tim Heaney. "We're not pressured about the time to move." Heaney indicated that neither gas nor water for the new

facility is hooked up yet. "We won't accept it till we go through a check list," he added.

"It's really nice looking," Heaney continued. He said 250 additional post office boxes will be available for renters. "There will also be an additional full-service window," he said.

Davis commented that sidewalks would be necessary along both Hanover Parkway and Ora Glen Drive.

### Center Service

Davis went on to stress the continued need for a small unit in the town center. She wondered why the original commitment to maintain the present counter was no longer being honored.

What had changed, Heaney noted, was the later transformation plan for the entire postal system based on a Presidential Task Force Commission. "We must be more effective in managing real estate," Heaney said.

"Technology has taken over," he went on. People can order stamps now through the internet. They can prepare labels and postage at home. Carriers can pick up packages. "We have to do business smart," he said.

Heaney said approval for the

new facility in Greenbelt "got in just under this new process of change." The best way to keep a postal window open in Old Greenbelt, he stressed, was to arrange with a local business for a contract postal unit or CPU.

### Co-op Possibility

At this point Davis invited Dorrie Bates, president of the Greenbelt Consumer Services cooperative that manages the Co-op supermarket, to join the group at the table. As the major business in the Roosevelt Center, the Co-op had been the first business to be approached about opening a CPU.

"Unfortunately," Bates said, "it looked as though the Co-op would incur a huge loss." She stressed the adjective. "We felt we would assume a \$50,000 two-year cost."

Bates went on to express her understanding that such a facility would have to stay open during the hours of operation of the business and that it would have to be staffed during all that time.

Not so, said Heaney. "It would be your business. You

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PHOTO BY BILL CORNETT

City employees demolish the old Jaycees/Lions Club/Isaak Walton League/Athletic Club clubhouse off Crescent Road on Saturday morning.

## Stalwart Old Clubhouse Is Easy Mark for Backhoe

by James Giese

On the weekend of March 11 and 12 a Greenbelt Public Works crew tore down what has been most recently known as the Jaycee Clubhouse. The Greenbelt City Council had determined that the building's condition did not warrant it being utilized, it would be too expensive to repair and was a liability and hazard to the city in its present state. Ken Hall, director of Public Works, told council on March 13, that the building came down quicker than expected. The building was torn down and the basement hole was filled in the two day time

period allotted. Work was done on the weekend in order not to disrupt the nearby St. Hugh's Parochial School

The building was constructed shortly after the town of Greenbelt was built by the federal government. Of masonry construction, it had a rustic log cabin-type interior appearance. The basement contained a large room and a bathroom with a toilet. On the main floor was an even larger room.

The building was located adjacent to the site of the new clubhouse. See CLUBHOUSE, page 6

## Local Musician Ben Kepler Looks Ahead To Teaching Children

by Sharahn D. Boykin

Music has been part of Ben Kepler's life for over a decade. He knows how to play more than 15 instruments. He was a member of a local band for five years and played in several school bands. However, this Greenbelt resident has no desire to live the life of a rock star – Kepler wants to teach music.

On April 1 Kepler will play the trumpet in his senior recital at the University of Maryland, College Park. The 22-year-old senior will perform solo and in trios and quartets for a half hour.

Performing in the recital is a graduation requirement for Kepler who is a music education major. Learning to play all the major instruments used in a band or symphony is another requirement, Kepler said. While attending the university, some of the instruments Kepler learned to play include the: flute, oboe, bassoon, clarinet, saxophone, French Horn, trombone, tuba, violin, viola, cello, string bass and piano.

"I had a desire to learn more instruments and play more instruments. I was happy playing trumpet and playing guitar since those were my first two instruments but I was always fascinated by other people's saxophones and stuff like

that," he said.

After graduation, Kepler would like to teach music at an elementary or middle school. He also would like to eventually teach kids individually through private lessons.

"It's fun to work one-on-one with someone and see them develop as a player," he said.

### Fine-tuning His Skills

Even though Kepler knows how to play several instruments, he has been playing the trumpet and the guitar since he was 10 years old. He fine-tuned his skills while playing in a variety of school bands. He played trumpet in Eleanor Roosevelt's jazz band, symphonic wind ensemble, and marching band. He learned to play the banjo in the school's Dixie land combo.

"They had very good band and orchestra programs so they kept me interested in playing but I also studied privately with a few people that were retired from the U.S. Navy Band.

The variation that music offers maintains Kepler's attraction



Ben Kepler

to the field of music. "It's never quite the same. There's always more to learn. You always get better at what you play and how you play it," he said.

Although Kepler was inspired by the Grammy Award winning trumpet player Wynton Marsalis and legendary guitar player Johnny Cash, his friends also played a role in his musical influence. Kepler never took formal guitar lessons. He and his friends learned from each other by sharing techniques.

### Guys in Ties

While in middle school, Kepler and two friends started the local band Guys in Ties. The trio, Kepler on trumpet, Joe Pugliese on the saxophone and Isaac Rehner on guitar, performed at the New Deal Café's open mike night and local parties for five years.

During his last two years of high school, Kepler decided to become a music teacher at an elementary or middle school. "I like working with all different age kids," he said. There's something nice about that.

## Artful Afternoon Features Duo "Magpie" and Crafts

The April Artful Afternoon will be held on Sunday, April 2 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Community Center and offers activities for all ages.

From 1 to 3 p.m. there will be an opportunity to make crafts with Jill St. John, curator of the Greenbelt Museum and domestic diva. St. John will lead participants in oilcloth make-and-take crafts inspired by decorative arts from the museum's collection period of the 1930s and 1940s.

### Free Concert

Following that at 3 p.m. the musical highlight this month is a free concert by world/folk music



Terry Leonino and Greg Artzner

duo "Magpie." The duo of Terry Leonino and Greg Artzner will present "Put the Sun Back in the Sky," a musical journey for all ages through America during the Great Depression. Learn more about the

period of Greenbelt's founding as Magpie weaves a musical portrait of the people and the hardships and hopes that kept them going.

### Photo Display

On display in the Community Center Gallery will be "Lifelines: Photographs by Lynn Silverman," which continues through April 7. Described as "meditations

See ARTFUL, page 6

### What Goes On

Monday, March 27

8 p.m., Regular City Council Meeting and Presentation of Fiscal Year 2007 Budget (live on Channel 71), Municipal Building

Wednesday, March 29

7:30 p.m., Council Worksession with TGBTG Adult Care Center, Community Center

## Editorials

### Two Votes Not Enough

We find nothing ambiguous in the Greenbelt City Charter as to what city councilmembers can and cannot do if only three are present at an official city meeting nor do we believe the charter should be amended in the manner requested by council on March 13. The charter provides: "The affirmative vote of a majority of the members elected to the council shall be necessary to adopt any ordinance, resolution, order or vote; except that a vote to adjourn, or regarding the attendance of members, may be adopted by a majority of the members present . . ." While the charter does not define "order" or "vote," they are common words commonly understood. The city council cannot adopt an ordinance or resolution, give an order or take action by a vote without the affirmative vote of a majority of the council's five members, except as noted in the charter.

That being the case, the 2 to 1 vote of council on February 27 (with only three members present) to recommend to the Prince George's Planning Board approval of a detailed site plan for Greenbelt Crossing was not an allowable action under the City Charter and the Planning Board should not have been advised of the recommendation. Not until March 13 when the entire council voted 4 to 1 on the same motion did an official city position take place.

On March 13 council requested that a charter amendment be prepared to permit 2 to 1 votes on some lesser matters than adoption of ordinances and resolutions. We think that council will find it difficult to define appropriate lesser matters. It would appear that a recommendation on a future new development in Greenbelt would fit into this category, since the immediate circumstance was a vote on Greenbelt Crossing. But we consider such votes very important and significant.

Another matter suggested by a councilmember as appropriate would be recommendation of the city on the passage of proposed state legislation. Many legislative proposals are indeed no-brainers as to whether the city should or should not support them. Such proposals engender no controversy and council votes are unanimous among those present. However, there could be highly controversial legislative issues coming before a council where it would be essential that a city position represent a majority of those elected.

We do not believe that citizens will be comfortable with permitting city positions to be taken by a minority of councilmembers. Nor do we believe a three-person council majority would want a council decision to take place if two of those three were absent and a 2 to 1 vote went the other way.

To amend the City Charter to permit that to happen would, in our view, be a serious step backward for the high standard of governance that the city has experienced for the past nearly 70 years.

The February 27 failure to obtain three votes on a motion is unique. No one we have talked to can remember another time when it was not possible for a city matter to be decided by a majority of the members of the council. In the past, when a potential problem might occur the council has changed its meeting schedule or deferred the matter to another date when there would be sufficient attendance.

### Tax Commitment Needs More than Simple Motion

Council is considering approving a Memorandum of Understanding with Academy Theaters, LLC on March 27 by a simple motion. Although we commend the Greenbelt City Council decision to place the proposal on the March 13 meeting agenda for preliminary discussion in order to give advance notice of its consideration, we do not think this proposal should be approved by simple motion.

The memorandum is an agreement in which the city will reduce its Admissions and Amusement Tax for up to five years. In return, Academy Theaters will remodel and add stadium seating at the now closed eight movie theater complex at the Beltway Plaza and reopen them. Without these theaters reopening, the city will not receive the very substantial amount of Admissions and Amusement Tax that it did receive from the previous theater operation.

We consider the proposal to give up some of this tax for a short time to get the theaters reopened and generating future taxes to have merit. However, a city council action that would commit not only this but future councils to changing a tax rate requires, we feel, a more formal action than a simple motion.

At a minimum, we think the memorandum should be approved by a formal resolution of council. That would require (unless rules are suspended by a super-majority vote) presentation for first reading at one meeting, consideration and discussion at a second meeting and enactment by a vote of a majority of council. Should council decide to change the resolution, it would need to be reconsidered again at a subsequent meeting before it could be adopted.

## Letters

### THANKS

I have just left Bella, my Vizsla, at her daycare where she will play with her dog and children friends, run in the woods and swim in the creek. Her life is good. Because of her, so is mine.

I have recently completed surgery and chemo for a lung mass. Bella and I are very fortunate. We live in a wonderful community and because of Bella, my support system through the diagnosis and treatment of my illness was exceptional, as was hers. There are so many we would like to thank. Aurora and Eva brought Bella to Walter Reed to visit. This gave a difficult time needed sunshine. Not only did they exercise Bella but exercised me one step at a time up Ridge Road.

My pretend daughter, Shel, and Budda (now Willy) came by every day to visit and made me smile and because she was so endearing as a daughter made me stronger. Bruce and Mavie – grocery shopping, sharing lunches and staying till we ate. Janet and her family, especially Hucklebear, for their morning visits to pick Bella up and return her home each day with tail a-wagging.

Chris and her Greys and their antics were a wonderful pick-me-up. Jess and Little Bear brought toys and yummys for Bella and me. Finally, Sharon always knew just how I was feeling and Twaa-ka can only make you laugh like a puppy can!

Thank you – all of you.

Linda Guttman



Linda Guttman and her many friends, both canine and human. Photo by Linda Siadys

### THANKS

We would like to thank our friends in Greenbelt for all the cards, letters, support and kindnesses following the death of our daughter Anne.

Dorothy and Joe Sucher

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**WEEK OF MAR. 24**  
**MRS. HENDERSON PRESENTS (R)**

**Friday**  
\*5:15, 7:30, 9:45

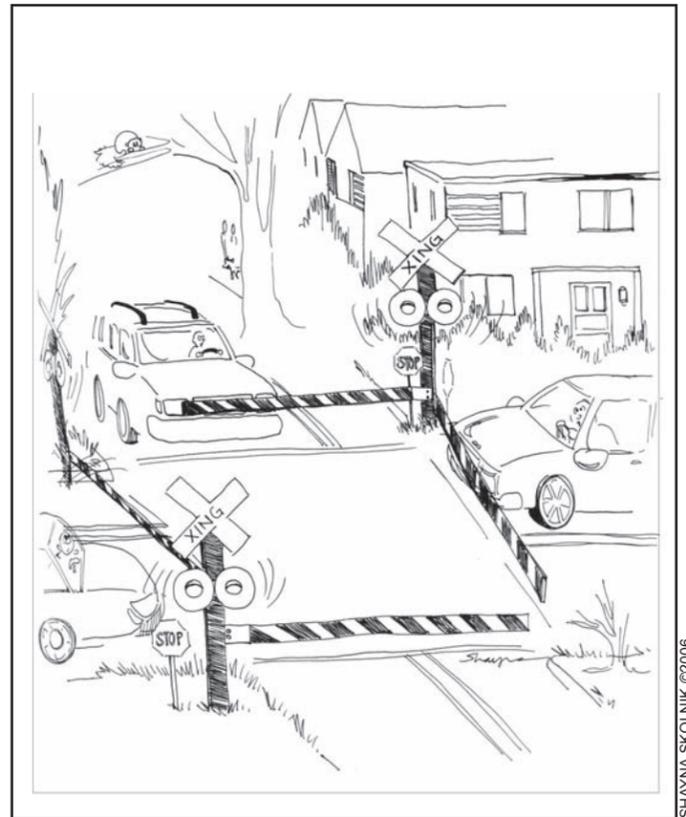
**Saturday**  
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**Sunday**  
\*2:45, \*5:15, 7:30

**Monday – Thursday**  
\*5:15, 7:30

\*These shows at \$5.00

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"They finally figured out how to put the 'stop' back in stop sign."

SHAYNA SKOLNIK ©2006

### On Screen

#### "Mrs. Henderson" Bares All

"Mrs. Henderson Presents," opening at Old Greenbelt Theatre Friday, March 24 features the redoubtable Dame Judi Dench in the eponymous lead. She plays a widowed society matron who buys a closed vaudeville house in late 1930s London and strips the programming to its bare essentials [sic]. Buttressed by manager Vivian Van Damm (Bob Hoskins), a professional from abroad, Mrs. Henderson strives to succeed under stiff censorship rules – and Luftwaffe blitz bombing. Based on a true story that's tweaked for humor, the film has won admirers for Dench's didoes and the bare-all theaterscapes, plus detractors for perceived fancifulness. Director Stephen Frears recently did the serious, much-praised "Dirty Pretty Things." R for nudity and some profanity. 102 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

## Mamas and Papas Meet Every Wed.

The Greenbelt Mamas and Papas will next meet on Wednesday, March 29 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Babies, pre-schoolers and their parents are invited to play group where the kids play and the adults exchange parenting tips, tricks and support. The group meets at the Greenbelt Youth Center Multipurpose Room, 99 Centerway. For more information call Tina Clarke at 301-474-9522 or send an email to tina\_clarke@comcast.net.

## Peace Group to Hear Iraqi Journalist

The Prince George's Peace & Justice Coalition meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 29 at the Community Center will have a presentation by Eman Ahmad Khamas, one of a group of Iraqi women now touring the United States with Code Pink and Global Exchange. The public is invited. Khamas will give a firsthand account of how the occupation of Iraq has changed everyday life there and explain why she and the other women on the tour want the U.S. to withdraw from their homeland.

A journalist, translator and human rights advocate, Khamas lives in Baghdad. She is a member of the Women's Will organization which focuses on defining and defending women's rights outside political party interests and opposing incarceration of women as hostages. She regularly publishes articles about women's conditions in Iraq under the occupation. She is also involved in mobilizing emergency relief for victims living under the occupation.

For additional information contact Lucy Duff at justpeacepg@earthlink.net or 301-577-2350.

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition "Food and Friendship" program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. the day before to assure sufficient quantities of food are ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215 for information about the program and to make reservations.

Meals are served beginning at noon. All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and one percent milk. Menus for Monday, March 27 through Friday, March 31 include:

Monday – Vegetable soup with crackers, bar-b-que pork on a bun, cole slaw, baked beans, tangerine.

Tuesday – Orange juice, turkey with gravy, cornbread stuffing, steamed cabbage, mixed fruit cup.

Wednesday – Grape juice, Swedish meatballs, wide egg noodles, okra with corn and tomatoes, strawberry parfait.

Thursday – Cranapple juice, chicken with gravy, seasoned pinto beans, green beans, stewed apples.

Friday – Orange juice, baked farm salmon with creamy dill sauce, au gratin potatoes, chopped spinach, canned peaches.

## GHI Notes

Saturday, March 25, 1 to 4 p.m., Spring Thaw Party

Sunday, March 26, 1 to 3 p.m., Invasive Plants Workshop

Tuesday, March 28, 7 p.m., Marketing Committee Meeting, followed by a Seller's Seminar at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 1, 11 a.m., pre-purchase orientation

Tuesday, April 4, 7 p.m., Member and Community Relations Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 5, 7:30 p.m. Architecture and Environment Committee Meeting

All meetings will be held at the GHI offices, 1 Hamilton Place.

## Greenbriar Announces New Boards Elected

The results of the March 7 election held at Greenbriar Phase I are as follows: President Lawrence R. Nova, Vice President Dorothy Peck, Treasurer Emmett Jordan, Secretary LaVerne M. Smith and Director Rhonda Furmanski.

The results of the Phase II election on March 14 are as follows: President Edward Dickerson, First Vice President Arlene Shpiegelman, Second Vice President Kathleen McTiernan, Secretary Jacqueline Gray and Treasurer Gary Thomas.

Phase I board meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the community building at 7600 Hanoover Parkway. Phase II board meetings are held on the third Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the community building. Owners and residents are encouraged to attend.

## Annual Meeting At Greenbriar

On Wednesday, March 29 the Greenbriar Condominium Association annual meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the Greenbriar Terrace Room. For further information call Community Affairs Director Ramona Davis at 301-441-1096, ext. 11.

## Medicare Part D Session Tuesday

On Tuesday, March 28 from 10:30 a.m. to noon the Area Agency on Aging will provide information on Medicare Part D, the prescription addition to Medicare. Department of Family Services staff will make the presentation "Medicare Part D, What You Need to Know" in the Greenbelt Municipal Building.

For more information call the Senior Health Insurance program at 301-265-8450.

## Members Petition For Special Meeting

On March 20 a petition signed by 23 members of the New Deal Café was submitted to the secretary of the New Deal Café Board of Directors. The petition calls for a special meeting of the membership to take up the disqualification of a recently elected board member. The New Deal Café bylaws stipulate that a special meeting must be held within 45 days of receipt of the petition. Watch the Greenbelt News Review for information about the date and time of the special meeting.

## Latest News

### From the Library

by Ellen Utley, Branch Manager  
The Greenbelt Branch Library is featuring several special book displays this month. Inspired by the recent news from NASA's Mars exploration program, staff have mounted a display to show off the library's collection of books about Mars, space travel, stunning photography of the moon and stars and more. The display includes fiction about space and the stars.

There is also a new display showcasing the library's extensive collection of gardening books, with topics such as gardening in the shade, gardening with flowers and vegetables and tips from the experts.

The children's department has an ongoing display of books about spring and arts and crafts.

Up to 75 items at a time may be borrowed on a library card, so residents are invited to take advantage of the library's many resources.

### At the Library

Tuesday, March 28, 10:30 a.m. – Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, March 29, 10:30 a.m. – Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 20 children.

Thursday, March 30, 10:30 a.m. – Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5. Limit 10 children.

### Coming Soon

Saturday, April 8, 11 a.m., Hansel and Gretel Family Opera Workshops, ages 6 to 12 and their families.

## Greenbelt Elementary Kindergarten Expo

Greenbelt Elementary School will hold a kindergarten expo on Tuesday, April 4 from 9:30 to 11:15 a.m. in the school conference room.

Parents can see what life in the school community would be like for their kindergartners. They will have an opportunity to talk with the principal, teachers and PTA members and there will be time for questions to be answered.

The tour is for parents only. For questions call Renauta York at 301-474-4610.

## Spring Piano Concert

The Octava Piano Duo Spring Concert, featuring Wei-Der Huang and Hsien-Ann Meng will take place on Sunday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Church, Hillside and Crescent Roads. This event is free but donations will be accepted.



### FREE Pizza Night

March 30, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> graders  
Greenbelt Youth Center

Free Pizza and Games!!!  
Drop in & join the fun.

SOUL'D OUT Youth Group  
More info call John or Jody  
(301) 574-2488

## Senate Scholarship Deadline Is April 7

Maryland State Senator Paul G. Pinsky is encouraging and reminding students who reside in the 22nd Legislative District and are planning to attend an in-state Maryland university or trade school to apply for a senatorial scholarship.

The scholarships are awarded annually to deserving undergraduate and graduate students. A volunteer committee makes selections after reviewing academic achievement, financial need and commitment to higher education. Last year's recipients were awarded over \$38,000 in assistance.

Most scholarships are awarded for four years or until the recipient completes his or her degree, whichever comes first. Pinsky also offers grants for one single academic year.

The 22nd Legislative District includes Greenbelt, Berwyn Heights, Edmonston, Hyattsville, Lanham, New Carrollton, Riverdale Park and University Park.

Application forms are available online at: <http://www.senatorpinsky.org/scholarship.htm> or by calling 301-858-3155. All applicants must submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid as part of their application. Completed applications must be submitted to Pinsky's office no later than Friday, April 7.

## Greenbelt High Reunion Scheduled

The Greenbelt High School Reunion will be held on May 5 at 11 a.m. at the Greenbelt American Legion. All students, graduates, faculty and friends are welcome. There will be a memorabilia table for old photos, albums, yearbooks, newspaper articles or any items of interest people would like to bring and share.

A luncheon will be served by the Legion. All interested may send a check to Pauline Bordas, 111 Hedgewood Drive, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

Interested parties with questions may call Bordas at 301-474-8657.

## Cleanup Leader Needed at Park

Greenbelt Park is looking for someone to lead the events for the Potomac Watershed Cleanup on Saturday, April 8.

The leader will direct events, sign up volunteers and help the park on the cleanup day. Take pride in the Potomac and help make a difference at Greenbelt Park. Call 301-344-3944 to set up an interview.

Greenbelt Park is located at 6565 Greenbelt Road between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. The park website is [www.nps.gov/gree](http://www.nps.gov/gree).

### Greenbelt Elementary Kindergarten Expo and School Tour

**When:** Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 9:30 – 11:15 a.m.  
**Where:** Greenbelt Elementary School Conference Room

Take this opportunity to learn all that your neighborhood school has to offer. We'll give you a picture of life for your kindergartner in the school community. You will have an opportunity to talk with our principal, teachers and PTA members. There will be ample opportunities to get answers to your questions.

A school tour will be provided. (Parents only please)

Questions: Call Renauta York at (301) 474-4610

## Peace & Justice Coalition

Prince George's County hosts an Iraqi woman on Code Pink's U.S. tour

Wednesday, March 29  
7:30 p.m.  
Greenbelt Community Center  
15 Crescent Road

Eman Ahmad Khamas will tell how the occupation of Iraq has changed everyday life there and about her work to promote human rights.

## Community-wide Yard Sale April 29, 2006

Has your spring-cleaning uncovered unwanted treasures? Do you want to have a yard sale but don't want the hassle of organizing and publicizing? Then Greenbelt Homes, Inc. has the answer!

On April 29th from 9 am to noon there will be a community-wide yard sale held on the front lawn at the GHI Main Office on Hamilton Place. Rain date is April 30th.

The cost to reserve a table is \$10.00.  
For more information please call 301-474-4161.

Sponsored by GHI's Member & Community Relations Committee

## Greenbelt Nursery School Family Super Sale

Saturday, March 25  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (1/2 price sale begins at 1 p.m.)  
Greenbelt Community Center  
Multi-Purpose Room  
15 Crescent Road

- Infants & Children Clothing
- Toys and Games
- Books
- Maternity Wear
- Baby Gear

## Romania Is Featured In Explorations Talk

Explorations Unlimited will begin its spring session with a talk by Bob Doyle who will share details of his Habitat with Humanity trip last year in Romania. The presentation is at 1 p.m. on Friday, March 31 in the Community Center.

Doyle, a former Prince George's County public school teacher and federal government worker, went to Romania in August 2005 with Habitat for Humanity International. Habitat for Humanity International is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry that seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. Doyle was a member of a team that built a house in Romania. He will discuss his experiences at Explorations Unlimited.

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

## Grief Support Group Forming

Hospice of the Chesapeake's Spiritual and Bereavement Care Center is offering a six-week support group for adults who are grieving the death of one or both parents. The group will meet every Tuesday, April 4 through May 9, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at 8724 Jericho City Drive in Landover. The group is free for families whose loved one was cared for by Hospice of the Chesapeake; for others there is a registration fee. To register call 301-499-4500.

## CARES

On Wednesday, Wendy Wexler began an eight week teen discussion group at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The third in a series of eight week sessions, the group will have 11 student participants from grades 9 through 12 and will discuss a wide variety of topics including: school performance, stress relief, communication skills and decision making.

Judye Hering and Paulissa Mitchell held a workshop for tutors at the University of Maryland on Wednesday, March 15. The focus of the workshop included the school system, the importance of homework, communication skills and time management. Six tutors attended the workshop.

## Baha'i Faith

"O Friend!  
In the garden of thy heart,  
plant naught but the rose of  
love."  
— Baha'u'llah

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## Road Improvements Scheduled in City

According to a letter from the State Highway Administration (SHA) to Mayor Judith Davis, traffic should flow more smoothly on Kenilworth Avenue (Md. 201) by mid-fall, weather permitting. The SHA will soon begin a \$734,000 widening project to add a second northbound lane to Md. 201 between Ivy Lane and Cherrywood Lane.

This improvement will reduce congestion and improve safety along northbound Kenilworth Avenue. Other improvements include shoulder reconstruction along northbound Kenilworth Avenue, drainage improvements, traffic signal modification and replacement of traffic loop detectors with video detection units, which will improve signal timing at Kenilworth Avenue and Cherrywood Lane.

During construction motorists can expect single-lane closures along Kenilworth Avenue between 9 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. The SHA will provide arrow boards, drums and temporary traffic signs to guide motorists through the work zone.

The SHA reminds motorists patience will be needed during the construction project.

## Friday Healing Fair At Spark of Spirit

On Friday, March 24 there will be a healing fair from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Spark of Spirit, 9937 Rhode Island Avenue, College Park. This one-day healing fair offers an introduction to various healing therapies, including massage therapy, sound healing and Reiki.

Admission is free though there is a fee for healing therapy sessions. Appointments are available during the fair for those who want to try a healing session with sound, massage or Reiki.

For more information visit [www.sparkofspirit.com](http://www.sparkofspirit.com) or call 301-345-1486.

**Greenbelt Community Church**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Hillside & Crescent Roads  
Phone: **301-474-6171** mornings  
[www.greenbelt.com/gcucc/](http://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..."*

**ST. HUGH OF GRENABLE 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

**St. George's Episcopal/Anglican Church**



7010 Glenn Dale Road  
(Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)  
301-262-3285 | [rector@stgeo.org](mailto:rector@stgeo.org) | [www.stgeo.org](http://www.stgeo.org)

**Sundays:** 8:00 am Simple, quiet Mass  
9:00 am Christian education for all ages  
10:00 am Sung Mass with organ and folk music, ASL interpreted  
1:30 pm Signed Mass (last Sunday of each month only)

**Wednesdays:** 7:00 pm Simple, quiet Mass

An inclusive congregation!

## Holy Cross to Host Author on April 2

On Sunday, April 2 at 9:15 a.m. Rev. Arthur Simon, author of "How Much Is Enough? Hungering for God in an Affluent Culture," will lead a discussion of his book and the issues it raises. Simon's book asked why, in the face of unprecedented affluence, do so many feel discontented. He observes that possessions may capture the heart but they cannot nourish the soul. The discussion will be held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 6905 Greenbelt Road.

Simon, founder and president emeritus of the citizen's lobby against hunger, Bread for the World, led the organization for almost two decades and directed the Washington office of the Christian Children's Fund. He was pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church on New York's Lower East Side from 1961 to 1972. Among Simon's other books, "Bread for the World" won the National Religious Book Award and was described by economists as a clear, convincing analysis of world hunger. He is also the author of "The Politics of World Hunger" and "Grace at the Table: Ending Hunger in God's World."

The public is invited to the presentation and discussion which will last about an hour. Copies of "How Much Is Enough?" will be available for purchase. All royalties from sales of the book go to Bread for the World. For more information call Holy Cross Lutheran Church at 301-345-5111.

## American Audience Of Aaron Copland

On Thursday, March 30 at 12:10 p.m. Jennifer DeLapp, assistant professor of music at the University of Maryland, will give a talk titled "Copland, Politics and the American Audience" in Ward Hall, Room 211, Catholic University. This free lecture is a part of the university's Aaron Copland Festival.

## Memorial Service For Anne Sucher

A memorial service for Anne Sucher will be held at the chapel at Riderwood, 3140 Gracefield Road, Silver Spring (off Cherry Hill Road) on Saturday, March 25 at 10 a.m.

## Grief Support Group For Children 6 to 17

Hospice of the Chesapeake's Spiritual and Bereavement Care Center is offering a four week KidSCENE support group for grieving children ages 6-17. This is a companion program where children and adults attend separate sessions at the same time. Younger participants learn how to cope with grief through various activities and projects. The concurrent parent/guardian group is held to assist adults in addressing the child's grief.

The group will meet every Saturday, April 15 through May 6, from 10 a.m. to noon at 8724 Jericho City Drive in Landover. The registration deadline is Friday, April 7.

There is a registration fee except for families whose loved one was cared for by Hospice of the Chesapeake. To register call 301-499-4500.



## Congratulations

— to Elaine and John Forrest on the birth of their second grandchild, Gabriel Michael Mathias Salerno, born March 12, 2006, at Ft. Lewis, Wash., to former Greenbelter Sergeant Matthew Salerno who graduated from ERHS in 1997 and served in Korea and Iraq and wife Alicia Salerno. His brother Cody Sanders, aunt Charlene Lagerwerff and cousin Chelsey Lagerwerff welcome the new addition to the family. Gabriel is the second great-grandchild for Barbara Hardisty of Green Ridge House.

— to Terrie Higgins, a Center Leader at the Greenbelt Community Center, on receiving the spring SEAL (service, excellence, attitude, leadership) award for her willingness to fill in for other staff and her quick thinking during a recent medical emergency.

— to Noah Desch, a senior in computer engineering at Rose-Hulmon Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, Ind., on making the winter quarter 2005 dean's list. Noah's parents are Greenbelters Theresa and Michael Desch.

Best wishes to Councilmember Edward Putens for a speedy recovery from hip replacement surgery.

Send your notice of congratulations, accomplishment, illness, births or death to the News Review to share with your neighbors.

## Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church



**40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt**

[www.greenbeltumc.org](http://www.greenbeltumc.org) 301-474-9410

Rev. Dr. Paul C. Kim, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 am Worship Service 11:00 am

Prayer Meeting Wed. 6:45 pm

Crossways Bible Study Tues. 7:30 pm Thurs. 10:30 am

Handicapped Accessible Come As You Are!

## GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

Corner of Crescent and Greenhill Roads 301-474-4212

[www.greenbeltbaptist.org](http://www.greenbeltbaptist.org) [greenbelt.baptist@verizon.net](mailto:greenbelt.baptist@verizon.net)

Dr. Mark Johnson, Pastor



Sunday School: 9:30 am

Worship Service: 10:45 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

Wednesday 12:15, 7:30 Mid-week Lenten Service



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## GIVE THANKS

Every breath that we breathe is a blessing from God and we learn from the Prophet Solomon (peace be upon him) to recognize these blessings each day. The Holy Qur'an tells us how he never forgot to be thankful to God. He is quoted to have said, "This is by the grace of my Lord, to test me whether I am grateful or ungrateful! And if any is grateful, it is (a gain) for his own soul; but if any is ungrateful, truly my Lord is free of all needs, supreme in honor."  
— The Holy Qur'an, 27:40

Remember to count your blessings. For more information about gratefulness from an Islamic perspective, call 301-982-9463 or email [info@searchislam.org](mailto:info@searchislam.org) or visit [www.searchislam.org](http://www.searchislam.org).



**Catholic  
Community  
of Greenbelt  
MASS**

Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building



# City Information

## GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL

March 27, 2006, Municipal Building  
Regular Meeting-8:00 p.m.

### COMMUNICATIONS

#### Presentations

- Week of the Young Child – Proclamation
- Proposed FY 2007 City Budget – City Manager

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

\* **Committee Reports** (Items on the Consent Agenda marked by \* will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)

- Board of Elections, Report #06-1 (Council Referrals)
- Board of Elections, Report #06-2 (Revisions to Election Code)
- Park & Recreation Advisory Board, Report #06-4 (Boating Regulations at Greenbelt Lake)
- Park & Recreation Advisory Board, Report #06-5 (Recognition Group Application for Greenbelt Community Fund)

### LEGISLATION

A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of Landscape and Mowing Services from TruGreen LandCare (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Adoption)

### OTHER BUSINESS

- MOU with Academy Theaters LLC Regarding Beltway Plaza Theaters
- Adoption of Board of Appeals Resolution on Variance Application #06-001-V
- \*Reappointment to Advisory Group

### MEETINGS

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

Greenbelt Recreation Department

## Spring Camp

#236501-4

Monday, April 10 -  
Friday, April 14

Warmer days are on their way, and Spring Break is right around the corner! We'll keep your kid's break action-packed with a combination of events at the Youth Center, Community Center, Aquatic and Fitness Center and by taking field trips. Tentative trips include: Jeepers, bowling & roller skating, hiking Cunningham Falls, Speed & Thro magic show, swimming and a cookout at Schrom Hills Park. Campers will also take a clay modeling class at the Greenbelt Community Center. All campers must be in kindergarten through sixth grade and are responsible for providing their own non-perishable lunch and drink.

**REGISTER NOW!**  
**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL**  
301-397-2200

### VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.

Vacancies exist on the:

- Advisory Committee on Trees
  - Community Relations Advisory Board
  - Youth Advisory Committee (Opening for adult position)
- For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

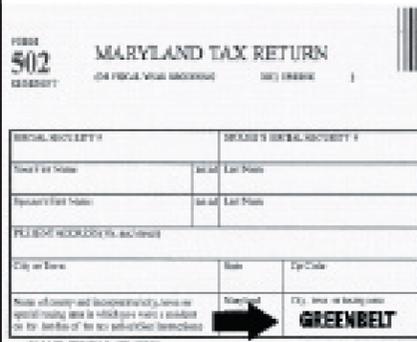
### Meetings for March 27-31

Monday, March 27th, 8:00pm, Regular Council Meeting/Presentation of FY2007 Budget, Municipal Building (live on Channel 71).

Wednesday, March 29th, 7:30pm, Council Work Session w/TGBTG Adult Care Center, Greenbelt Community Center.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call the number listed above, or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov.

### MARYLAND TAX RETURN



If you live within the corporate boundaries of the City of Greenbelt, make sure to write or enter "Greenbelt" on your Maryland State Tax form under "City, town or taxing area" so that your taxes can best serve your community!

### American Red Cross Lifeguard Training Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center 101 Centerway

Class 1: March 28-April 13  
Class 2: April 25-May 11

Cost: \$5.00 non-refundable fee due prior to pre-test  
\$120 due prior to first class (with instructor's approval)

**Class 1 Dates and Times:** March 28th Pre-test 6-7pm, Class 7-10pm, March 30th 6-9:30pm, April 1st 9am-4pm, April 4th 6-9:30pm, April 6th 6-9:30pm, April 8th 10:30am-2:30pm, April 11 9am-2pm, and April 13th 9am-4:30pm.

**Class 2 Dates and Times:** Tuesday, April 25th Pre-test 6-7pm, Class 7-10pm, April 27th 6-9:30pm, April 29th 9am-4pm. May 2nd 6-9:30pm, May 4th 6-9:30pm, May 6th 9am-5pm, May 9th 6-9:30pm and May 11th 6-9:30pm.

Attendance at each class is MANDATORY.

**Prerequisites:** Must be at least 15 years old on or before last day of class; must swim 500 yards continuously using front crawl and breast stroke; and must swim 20 yards, retrieve 10 pound object from 9 feet of water, and swim 20 yards back to the starting point with the object without using goggles.

**REGISTRATION INFO 301-397-2204**

### GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Monday, March 27th at 8pm: City Council Meeting (live), Tuesday & Thursday, March 28 & 30: 10am & 6pm "Ask the Expert-Care for the Caregiver," 7:00pm "ACE Reading Club-Springhill Lake Elementary," 7:30pm "ACE Reading Club-Greenbelt Elementary," 8pm Replay of City Council Meeting. PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, March 29 & 31: 7:00pm ERHS "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," 9:00pm "U of MD Repertoire Orchestra."

**GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER CLOSURE:** The building will be entirely closed on March 23 and 24 (weather permitting) for roof resurfacing. INFO: 301-474-5525.

Greenbelt Recreation Department

### GLAD PROGRAM SCHEDULE CHANGE

Because of school scheduled MSA tests, the GLAD program that was to take place on March 27th has been rescheduled to Friday, March 31st. This program is open to school age children in K-6th grade and will include an ice skating field trip to The Gardens Icehouse.

For more information call 301-397-2200.

### GREENBELT RECREATION DEPARTMENT



Bring your baskets and find the eggs that the Bunny and his Helpers have hidden. They have hidden many eggs, including some very special Golden Eggs that include extraordinary prizes.

WHEN: Saturday, April 15, 2006  
WHERE: Buddy Attick Lake Park  
WHO: Children from 18 months thru 6th Grade  
TIME: 10:00am SHARP!!!!!!



In case of inclement weather, the Hunt will be held on Monday, April 17th at Buddy Attick Lake Park. Please check the weather hotline at 301-474-5525 for event status.



For more information please call the Recreation Department at 301-397-2200



## Saturday Kids' Classes!

Hosted by:  
The Greenbelt Recreation Department  
301.397.2200  
www.greenbelt.md.gov

### Parent & Child Quality Time

**SNUGGLE PUPPIES** 8:30am - 9:00am  
6months - 18 months  
April 1-May 20  
Res. \$20 / Non Res. \$25

**BELLY BUTTON BUNCH** 9:15 am - 9:45am  
18 months - 2 years  
April 1-May 20  
Res. \$20 / Non Res. \$25

In these Parent & Child Togetherness Classes, the teacher will use songs, stories, fingerplays, games, toys, simple craft projects, and some basic sign language to help participants spend quality time playing with each other and socializing with other families. This class will be held in the Youth Center Preschool Room. **Bring a spill-proof mug - coffee will be provided!**

### MAKE IT! BAKE IT!

11:45am - 12:45pm  
5 years - 6 years  
April 1-May 20  
Res. \$50 / Non Res. \$60



A **FUN**damental cooking class for the up-and-coming chef in your home! Participants will learn to safely prepare (and do the dishes of) items such as: cookies, breads, pizzas, smoothies, casseroles and side dishes.

This class will be held in the Youth Center Multipurpose Room. **Participants can sample their kitchen creations at the end of each class!**

### PRESCHOOL PREP

10:00am - 11:30am  
3 years - 4 years  
April 1-May 20  
Res. \$45 / Non Res. \$54



An action packed morning of ABCs, 123s, colors, shapes and fun! Participants will have the chance to spend time in each of the activity centers in our preschool classroom playing, creating, socializing and learning! Child must be completely potty-trained!

This class will be held in the Youth Center Preschool Room. **Snack and drink will be provided.**

### CREATIVE PROJECTS CLUB: CRAFT SAMPLER

1:00pm - 2:00pm  
7 years - 9 years  
April 1-May 20  
Res. \$56 / Non Res. \$67

Participants in this club work throughout the session to complete several craft projects, including: scrapbook sheets, fleece sewing project, sculpey beads and glycerin soaps.

This class will be held in the Youth Center Multipurpose Room. **Club fee includes all supplies necessary for participation!**

The Greenbelt Youth Center • 99 Centerway • Greenbelt, Maryland 20770  
301.397.2200

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could have it open at the hours you choose." Nor does a CPU need to be staffed all the time. An employee could be busy about other work until needed at the window.

### Good Business

Heaney said most businesses find a CPU is a "good draw" for business. Mitch King, another post office representative, manager for governmental relations for the Capital District, agreed. He described a CPU that had opened recently in a Silver Spring bakery. It had much increased foot traffic in the store, he pointed out, which now had a much larger customer base.

"They were very satisfied with the arrangement," King said. Currently the postal service is negotiating with business owners in both College Park and Rockville, he added.

"What about size?" Councilmember Edward Putens asked. The minimum space would be 12 feet by 12 feet, he was told. In the apparent unwillingness of the present Center merchants to take on such a responsibility, Putens wondered if the city itself could operate a CPU.

In any case, Heaney said, "you have to account for security." The facility would also have to be wheelchair accessible. The postal service, however, would pay initial start-up costs.

When Davis returned to the idea of keeping the present counter space open in the Center facility, similar to one run by the postal service in Largo, Heaney said it was not a viable option. Even to consider it would require a year of study.

The major consideration, he pointed out, is the "drastic change" in postal operations since 1998. First-class mail has declined since then by 20 percent, he said. The internet affects how people do business. He indicated that 44 mail processing centers are currently being consolidated.

"We must maintain efficiency," Heaney stressed. He said that the annual budget of the U. S. Postal Service is now projecting a one and one-half billion dollar loss.

### Van Possibility

When the mayor stressed the importance of continuing nearby service, especially considering the large number of senior citizens in Old Greenbelt, Heaney remarked on the possibility of a mobile van

with specific hours of service on certain days. "It could serve as a stop-gap measure," he said.

A drawback is that vans require a lot of maintenance. Only two are now available in the area, he said, as all the rest were dedicated to service following the Katrina hurricane.

Noting the presence of Bill Wilkerson among members of the audience, Davis wondered if the New Deal Café, with its expanded space, might consider hosting a CPU. (Wilkerson serves on the café board.) He said he would bring up the subject but he couldn't speak for the group.

Heaney said he would work with anyone who will sponsor a CPU. He reiterated that the postal service "controls a monopoly of the mail." They are controlling cost by "not hiring," he said. Some 90,000 career positions have been cut recently, he stressed.

The 19,000 post offices that "don't pay their way are sustained by those that do." No tax dollars go to support the postal service, he added.

### Zip Enlargement

Davis wondered about bringing into the 20770 zip code certain currently undeveloped properties in Greenbelt West that are assigned to another zip code. She felt it would add a market for the new post office.

Heaney urged the city to move quickly. Once the post office opens, it would be too late. "It's a dynamic situation," he said.

Indeed many uncertainties exist concerning the present Co-op food store property. The SCAN corporation holds the lease on the property, which ends after next January. The Greenbelt Arts Council (GAC) lease for its space concludes at the end of July. The post office lease ends in June.

Winding up the meeting, Heaney complimented the city on its professionalism. "We'll try to do what we can do," he said.

As the formal segment of the meeting was winding up, Davis ticked off the issues still unresolved: the possible use of a mobile van, the expanded zip code issue, various ideas for a CPU and the lease status of the current site.

Doug Love, among members of the audience, had the last word: "We can't do without this service."

### Kids Meet Lizards

Children, ages 6 to 12, can explore the fascinating world of reptiles featuring turtles, lizards and snakes on Saturday, March 25 at 11 a.m. at North Brentwood Community Center. A park naturalist will visit with scaly friends, so come prepared to have fun. This activity is free. The center is located at 4012 Webster Street, North Brentwood. For information call 301-864-0756, TTY 301-445-4512.

### Riversdale Offers History Lecture

Anthony Pitch, author of "The Burning of Washington," will speak on the War of 1812 on Tuesday, March 28 at Riversdale House Museum. A 6:30 p.m. reception precedes the lecture, which begins at 7:30. All ages are welcome. There is a fee. The museum is located at 4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park. For information call 301-864-0420, TTY 301-699-2544.

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adjacent to a small city playground across a parking lot from the school and a short distance away from Braden Field. At the time it was built, the building was off by itself as it preceded the school.

The first user of the building was the Greenbelt Athletic Association and the building became known as the Athletic Clubhouse. According to the chapter "Social Construction" by Barbara Likowski and Jay McCarl in "Greenbelt: History of a New Town, 1937-1987," Mary Lou Williamson, general editor, the Athletic Club was organized on February 4, 1938. In less than a year, the club had over 200 members with representatives for each block in town. The club had a four-team basketball league, a nine-team volleyball league and a seven-team softball league. A photo in Greenbelt history shows then Town Manager Roy Braden watching a checkers game at the club's annual banquet in 1939.

In 1944, an incident involving teenagers harassing the town's pharmacist caused the town council to find a recreational facility for the town according to Virginia Walcott Beauchamp's chapter on "The War Years" in the Greenbelt history. Temporarily, the Athletic Club arranged for the clubhouse to be used by teens on Thursday evenings.

### Izaak Walton League

At a later date, when the Athletic Club became inactive, the clubhouse was taken over by the Greenbelt Izaak Walton League. From what I heard from others, that organization was also rather inactive. However, a group of men used the building as their clubhouse, a place to get away from wife and family, a place to drink a few bottles of suds and play a little poker. By the 1960s, that group had stopped using the facility. The problem was that Greenbelt's sewerage system had gotten old and leaky.

Water was getting into the sanitary sewer lines whenever it rained. With a good rain, the sewer lines would overflow and overflow. The clubhouse basement toilet was one of the lowest points in the sewer system and therefore one of the places where the overflow would occur. By default, the city took possession of the building. It was located upon city property and apparently had never been formally titled in any other name.

In about 1968, the Poor People's March came to Washington with several "Mule Train" car-

### Nursery School Holds Yard Sale

Springtime in Greenbelt wouldn't be spring without yard sales. The Greenbelt Nursery School will sponsor a Family Super Sale at the Community Center this Saturday, March 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room.

In addition to children's books and toys, the sale will feature gently used mother and baby gear such as strollers, high chairs and other equipment. There will also be children's and maternity clothes for sale. Items will be priced to move and during the final hour of the sale, from 2 to 3 p.m., remaining items will be half price. Donations may be dropped off on Friday, March 24 from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

See ad on page 3 for more information.



Above, an early picture of members of the Athletic Club posed in front of their clubhouse. Below, by the end of the weekend, the building was down and the hole was filled.



vans arriving from various parts of the country. They were to camp out on the Washington Mall and demonstrate for federal aid to the poor and for civil rights. One caravan came to Greenbelt for lunch on its way to Washington, with Greenbelt Community Church and St. Hugh's providing the meals. This was a national press event, and for the day, the city turned over the old clubhouse to the press as a pressroom.

Around that time, the Greenbelt Lions Club proposed taking over the building to use as its clubhouse. The Lions worked very hard to fix up the place and spent a lot of money to prevent future sewerage backups. It didn't work. Finally the Lions gave up and let it go back to the city.

Part of the deal with the Lions was that the city could use the clubhouse in the daytime for

its Camp Pine Tree summer day camp program. The program did use the building, but spent as much time as possible outdoors.

At a later date, the Greenbelt Jaycees took over the building. I am not sure how much effort they put into fixing up the building. But they too abandoned it after a while.

In 2002, Director of Planning and Community Development Celia Craze proposed spending \$30,000 to convert the building to an animal shelter. That proposal got nowhere.

In 2004, the Greenbelt Disabled American Veterans proposed using the building. It asked \$10,000 from council to help fix up the building. That proposal also got nowhere and later the city concluded that the building was not in good enough condition to be restored.

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on the origin and transmission of light" Silverman's black and white images inspire reflection. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 9:45 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 9 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. on Sunday whenever the room is not reserved (to confirm access call 301-397-2208).

Artful Afternoon attendees can also see what is going on in working artist studios, enjoy community sculpture displays, see the Greenbelt Museum's "Living the Healthy Life" exhibit and take a guided tour of the historic home at 10-B Crescent Road.

Artful Afternoons, held the first Sunday of every month, offer fun for families and people of all ages and introduce many of the programs and classes available through the Greenbelt Recreation Department. For information visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov/ARTS](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/ARTS) or call Barbara Davis at 240-542-2062.

Greenbelt Arts Center Announces

## AUDITIONS for EQUUS

By Peter Shaffer

March 27 & 28 at 7:30pm  
Cold readings from the script  
5 men, 4 women, age range 18 - 50  
5 non-speaking roles  
Performances on weekends in June

Greenbelt Arts Center  
123 Centerway (next to the Post Office)  
301-441-8770  
[www.greenbeltartscenter.org](http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org)

***Greenbelt Consumer Co-op Ad***

# Police Blotter

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

## Assault

March 14, 12:03 a.m., Canning Terrace and Mandan Road, police responded to a report of a vehicle theft in progress in the 7500 block of Mandan Road. Upon arriving on the scene they saw a 1997 Chrysler Sebring sitting in the roadway; a computer check revealed that the vehicle had been reported stolen March 13 from Lakecrest Drive. A witness reported seeing a person exit the Sebring and steal another vehicle from the lot, a silver Jeep Cherokee, Maryland tags 436M217. The Jeep was then backed into a parking space in the area of Canning Terrace and Mandan Road. A K-9 and handler approached the vehicle, at which time the driver put the vehicle into drive and attempted to strike them as he drove away from the scene. The vehicle was followed to the 7600 block of Riverdale Road, where the driver bailed out and fled the scene on foot. The suspect is described as a black male, 5'10", 150 pounds with black hair and brown eyes, wearing a black hat, a black and white jacket and dark pants.

## Robberies

March 10, 3:55 p.m., 7595 Ora Glen Drive, a teller at the Bank of America reported that a man walked up to her window and passed a note announcing a robbery. After obtaining an undisclosed amount of money he fled the scene in a vehicle described as a white Ford Crown Victoria 4-door taxi. The suspect is described as a black male, 17 to 25 years of age, 5'10" to 5'11", 160 pounds with black hair, wearing a gray sweatshirt with a blue hood and blue sleeves, blue jeans and a black hat.

March 12, 1:44 p.m., Springhill Court and Edmonston Terrace, a cab driver reported that he was waiting at the Greenbelt Metro Station when he was approached by a man, who asked for a ride to Springhill Court. As they arrived at Springhill Court and Edmonston Terrace the man produced a gun and demanded money from the cab driver. After taking money and the cab driver's cell phone he fled the scene on foot. The suspect is described as a black male, 18 to 21 years of age, 5'6", 150 pounds with black hair in cornrows, wearing a black jacket, black pants and a light blue T-shirt.

## Drug Arrests

March 10, 2 p.m., 500 block Crescent Road, a resident woman was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia. A bike officer patrolling Buddy Attick Park detected the odor of what he believed to be marijuana coming from an occupied picnic table. The woman was found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to smoke

marijuana. She was released on citation pending trial.

March 11, 3:33 a.m., Kenilworth Avenue and the Beltway, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of "crack" cocaine, possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia after police stopped a vehicle for a registration violation. Upon approaching the vehicle, the officer detected the odor of what he believed to be marijuana. The driver stepped out of the vehicle and threw a quantity of suspected "crack" cocaine to the ground. He was arrested and found to also be in possession of a quantity of suspected marijuana and paraphernalia commonly used to smoke marijuana. The man was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

March 15, 8:15 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane, a nonresident man was arrested for possession of paraphernalia after police stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. Upon approaching the vehicle, the officer detected the odor of what he believed to be marijuana and located in the vehicle was paraphernalia commonly used to smoke marijuana. The man was released on citation pending trial.

## Theft

March 15, Kenilworth Avenue and the Beltway, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with auto theft, theft under \$500 and unauthorized use after police stopped a vehicle for a registration violation. A computer check revealed that the vehicle, a 1999 Cadillac Seville 4-door, had been reported stolen. The man was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

## Underage Drinking

March 9, 4:15 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of alcohol while under the age of 21. Police observed the man drinking a beer in a parking lot. He was released on citation pending trial.

## Burglaries

March 10, 9:02 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Drive, it was reported that unknown person(s) entered a residence by breaking out a sliding glass door. Jewelry was taken.

March 11, 8:19 p.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace, it was reported that unknown person(s) entered a residence by forcing open a window. Money was taken.

## Vehicle Crimes

Three vehicles were reported

## Telephone-Bank Fraud A Growing Concern

A warning has been issued by state Comptroller William Donald Schaefer alerting Maryland taxpayers about a telephone scam that targets users of direct deposit. A Maryland taxpayer receiving a tax refund this year reported to the Comptroller's Office that a caller using the name Sara Merkley identified herself as a "national verification official" with the state of Maryland, at 866-751-9634. No such position or office exists.

"I want to make it clear that no one has compromised our system," said Schaefer. "At the same time, taxpayers need to be aware that crooks are out there trying to get people to give up personal and private information. Be vigilant. Ask a lot of questions and be very careful about giving personal information over the phone."

The fraudulent caller asked to verify the bank account number of the Maryland taxpayer who received the call. No information was given and when the taxpayer later attempted to check the source of the call, they received an automated response that the call could not be completed as dialed.

"Under no circumstances do we call taxpayers and ask for personal banking information," added the comptroller. "It's rare but if for any reason a direct deposit refund fails or is rejected, we immediately issue a paper check."

stolen: a 1998 Chrysler Cirrus 4-door from the 9100 block Edmonston Court; a red 1997 Chrysler Sebring convertible, Maryland tags HSH872 from the 7700 block Mandan Road; and a blue 2005 Lincoln LS 4-door, Maryland tags 3BHY11 from Beltway Plaza.

Nine stolen vehicles were recovered, three by Greenbelt police and six by outside police departments. No arrests were made in any of the recoveries. Two sets of tags, HLG417 and 5AGR34, were not recovered and are still out as stolen.

Vandalism to, theft from and attempted theft of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7800 block Mandan Road, 7900 block Mandan Road (two incidents), 8000 block Mandan Road, 7700 block Ora Court, 7700 block Hanover Parkway, 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, 9100 block Edmonston Terrace, 6200 block Springhill Court, Parkway and 6200 block Springhill Drive.

## A Review

# Masterly Music Recital Is Heard by Public

by Eli Flam

Earlier this month, a card in Chef Lou's shop at Roosevelt Center invited viewers to a recital of original jazz tunes by pianist Russell Wilson, the night of March 16 at the University of Maryland. Kevin Pace would be on bass and Charles Ostle, drums. Not noted: The performance was for Greenbelt's master's degree in jazz.

To judge by the enthusiastic audience, he won it flying high. First came "Out the Door," an adroit stroll along the keyboard that he said was primed by a post-haircut walk. "Look at You" highlighted an ingratiating, inviting approach well-rooted in swing. "Completion" featured a fluent workout by bassist Pace. Wilson folded into his "B-Flat Mi-

nor Blues" after Ostle's crisp drumming with a spare series of notes a la Count Basie; elsewhere he showed traces of such standouts as Mose Allison and Herbie Hancock, while "Victory Dance" sported funky boogaloo-ish touches.

As the audience stood and clapped, Wilson left the stage to return with an accordion. Accompanied by ever-ready Pace and Ostle, he played an affecting "Nocturne."

Performing in many venues, Wilson is pianist in The President's Own United States Marine Band and has finished a bachelor's degree in classical piano. Come April 9 to 14, he plans to be helping on his church's Mission Gulf Coast.

## "Of Mice and Men" at Copland Festival

As part of its Aaron Copland Festival, Catholic University presents a film screening, "Of Mice and Men" on Tuesday, March 28 at 7:30 p.m. Copland earned two Academy Awards for the score of the 1939 movie directed by Lewis Milestone. The movie, based on the book by John Steinbeck,

stars Burgess Meredith and Lon Chaney, Jr. as migrant workers George and Lennie, who struggle for the American Dream during the Great Depression. This film will be shown in Gowan Hall Auditorium, Catholic University at no charge.

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# Garten Is Semi-finalist in "Dream Job" Contest

by Natalie McGill

Greenbelt resident Sherry Garten's dream of combining her art skills and nutrition knowledge to create informative and fun children's coloring books is close to becoming reality thanks to Kiplinger Magazine.

The publication, in conjunction with career consulting firm, Dream In You, picked Garten and 24 others as semi-finalists for the first national Dream Job Contest. Dream In You co-founder Elizabeth Kanna said there were more than 3,500 applicants, which meant more than 3,500 500-word essays to read. Essays were judged based on criteria such as eloquence, originality, intellectual honesty and an example of previous attempts to live the dream.

Garten said she nearly cried in disbelief upon hearing she was a semi-finalist.

"They called me and let me know I was one of the 25," Garten said. "I laughed and asked them, 'Well, how many applied, 26?'"

Garten, who has bachelor degrees in psychology and dietetics from the University of Maryland, said she has seen children become more obese over the years but attributes this trend not just to eating bad foods but also to overall improper nutrition.

Her desire to inform coupled with her studies at Washington D.C.'s Corcoran College of Art and Design, resulted in three coloring books: "Dr. Granny and the Big Nutrients," "Captain Vitamin and the Vitamin

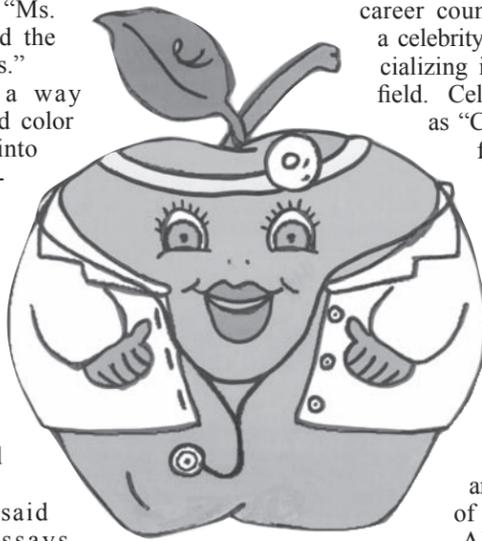
Kids" and "Ms. Mineral and the Mineralettes."

"[It is a way to] read and color your way into understanding good nutrition," Garten said. "They can start playing a part and having good health."

Kanna said all the essays were phenomenal but it was the passion in Garten's that influenced the judges.

"She already had success with Dr. Granny and she never really had given up on it," Kanna said. Her passion is for helping kids; it was always a part of her thought process. [The essay] was original and she received high scores from all the judges."

By March 24, the 25 will be whittled down to 3 finalists. Finalists receive a \$5,000 prize and



career counseling from a celebrity mentor specializing in his or her field. Celebrities such as "Chicken Soup for the Soul"

co-author Mark Victor Hansen and first American woman in space, Sally Ride, are among the list of mentors.

All 25 finalists had to submit a digital essay (i.e. a video) showcasing passion for his or her craft. Garten remains grateful to the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket for letting her use its newly renovated produce section as a backdrop during filming.

Her film ended on a humorous note, where in the ending credits it read, "No fruits and vegetables were harmed in the making of this video."

## Kids Make Mobiles at Arts Drop-in

There will be a free arts drop-in program for children ages 3 to 8 on Sunday, March 26 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road (corner of Dartmouth Avenue) in College Park. Participating children will make mobiles with arts drop-in instructor Aaron Springer, who will lead this free-form arts class for children and parents. All

children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information call 301-927-3013 or email info@cpae.org.

The College Park Arts Exchange is funded in part by the City of College Park, a grant from the Prince George's Arts Council, PGAC Super Circle and the M-NCPPC, along with a grant by Target Corporation.

## Hospital Hosts Blood Drive March 30

Doctors Community Hospital and the Greenbelt Lion's Club in partnership with the American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Thursday, March 30 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the hospital's campus at 8118 Good Luck Road in the DSE Room on the 5th floor of the Medical Office Building. To schedule a time for donation call 301-552-8060.

Blood is a precious resource for which there is no substitute. With the life span of blood cells as little as five days for platelets and 42 days for red cells, the American Red Cross depends on healthy members of the community to give blood every day. Over 1,300 blood donations are needed daily to supply the needs of patients in this community. Each blood donation can be separated into components and may help three or more sick or injured people.

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## Dog's Health Info Urgently Needed

On Monday, March 20 a Greenbelt man and his leashed 4-month-old puppy were attacked by a young mixed Bull terrier at Northway Fields. The dog was with a young man who was accompanied by a young woman with a boxer. When the dog ran aggressively toward the man and puppy, the puppy's owner picked it up and held it high. The dog, not on a leash, charged and jumped, biting both. The young man, his companion and the dogs left the scene. The bitten puppy is on the far left shown in the photo on page 2.

Health information about the dog is urgently needed to avoid a series of rabies shots. The mixed Bull terrier is young, under a year, estimated at about 8 months and is light brown and white. It appears to be a Staffordshire Bull Terrier.

Anyone with information about this dog is urged to call Animal Control Officer Susie Hall at 301-474-6124 or the victim at 301-474-2721 right away. The person bitten wants readers to know they are not badly injured and are seeking medical information only, not compensation.

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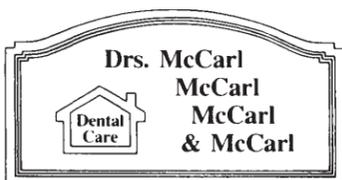
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## Special Program Helps Disabled Students

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) is helping students with disabilities work toward bright futures through a "Career Club" program designed to help special needs students at 10 high schools transition successfully from school to work. Eleanor Roosevelt High School is one of the 10 schools included in the program.

Utilizing a 2006 state grant and partnerships with adult service providers and the local business community, these schools are engaging students in motivating activities that introduce them to the world of work, self-determination and career planning.

A \$40,000 Discretionary Grant for Transition from School to Work was awarded by the Maryland State Department of Education. A 12-session, after-school Career Club for Intensive Resource students in grades 10 and 11 has been established at each high school. Career Clubs meet once a week in the fall and spring semesters.

To facilitate this project, the Special Education work study coordinators were provided staff development training in career assessment and programming to strengthen the student transition process. A workforce enhancement/partnership brochure is being produced to communicate ways for businesses and agencies

to be involved.

As part of the grant project, special education students receive small group and individualized instruction in more than one academic area. In 10th grade students are enrolled in the Intense Resource classes and receive an introduction to the workplace through situational job sampling, a weekly opportunity for students to do job shadowing in a variety of workplace settings. In 11th grade they sample various employment settings and, as seniors, they are enrolled in the DOE class component with instruction in career development programming.

## Rosenwald Schools Topic of Lecture

Celebrate Maryland Day at a lecture presented by historian Susan Pearl about the Rosenwald Schools in Prince George's County. The lecture takes place at Seabrook Historic Schoolhouse on Saturday, March 25 at 2 p.m., sponsored by the Prince George's County Historical Society and Seabrook Historic Schoolhouse.

The Rosenwald Schools were built in the 1920s as part of a program to provide schools for African American children in 15 southern states. The Rosenwald School Fund, established by the president of Sears & Roebuck Co., funded the program. New information from the Rosenwald archives provides more information about the 27 schools built in Prince George's County.

Admission is free. Seabrook Historic Schoolhouse is located at 6116 Seabrook Road, Seabrook. For more information call 301-464-5291 or TTY 301-699-2544.

## Patuxent Refuge Hosts Art Show and Sale

The 17th annual Patuxent Wildlife Art Show and Sale will take place on Saturday, April 1 and Sunday, April 2 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the National Wildlife Visitor Center, Patuxent Research Refuge in Laurel. This year's featured artist is Sherrie Russell Meline, winner of the 2006/2007 Federal Duck Stamp Competition. This show is free and open to the public.

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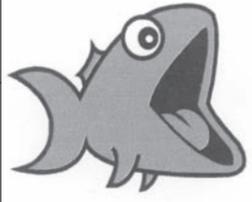
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## A Review

Down-home "Daughters"  
Sounds Off at Arts Center

by Eli Flam

Dealing with four generations of Irish-American women, "Daughters"—the new play at the Greenbelt Arts Center—opened on St. Patrick's Day, March 17. The local angle has been further sought by setting the scene in the Greenbelt kitchen of the Delaneys.

Joining mother Clare (Jo Rake) are older daughter Tessie (Gillian Hurley) and her younger sibling Patty Ann (Michelle Reed), with baby Johnny in tow, plus dodderly Grandma (Beatriz Mayoral) and vivacious Moira (Rachel A. Simms), Tessie's 17-year-old daughter. Grandma can't speak, only eat Clare's soup and cast concerned looks as issues old and new fuel contention between the others.

Slashing charges and weighty revelations soon ignite tindery emotions and inflame ties. Central to the sharpest disputes are never-seen menfolk. Patriarch Da, confined to his bedroom, plays Irish songs on a phonograph, while the long-rival sisters have husbands to worry about and young Moira's Richard sounds too good to be true.

A common cry in the Delaney kitchen as early March morphs into early April is, "Something's goin' on!" The crier demands to know what's the secret; mother Clare, brogue and all, in seeking to allay concerns often achieves the opposite effect. Her poking cracks about Patty Ann's weight and eating proclivities provide recurrent comic relief. Ditto for her comment that if she died and went to hell, "I couldn't stand the heat." Later she wonders who sent the horseshoe

wreath when Grandma died with a card that read, "Good luck."

Director Rick Starkweather, speaks of "a lot of role reversals" among the women in John Morgan Evans' play. This is most clearly seen with the need to baby Grandma. All the actresses weigh in with energy and a strong sense of their role's individuality.

The other producers are Jenn Alexander and Gillian Hurley. Trix Whitehall doubles as stage manager and music director. Gillian Hurley designed and supervised building of the set. Tom Zanner is light designer/engineer, Joseph Harris sound technician. Jenn Alexander doubles with costumes, Jo Rake with properties. Penny Martin did the Celtically flavored program, which jests that lighting technician Tommy Zanner "made his theatrical debut as a prince many years ago. He's been working his way down in the world ever since." Vinnie Degiorgio is stage crew and James and Barbara Hurley the construction crew.

On opening night, the departing audience could hear lively Irish music from the crowded New Deal Café. Roosevelt Center was doing its share of marking St. Patrick's Day—or night.

At the Arts Center, additional show times for "Daughters" are Friday/Saturday nights March 24, 25, 31, April 1 and April 7 and 8 at 8 p.m., with Sunday matinees on March 26 and April 2 at 2 p.m. Call 301-441-8770 for reservations. There is a fee.



Grandma (Beatriz Mayoral) and granddaughter Moira (Rachel Simms) in "Daughters" at the Greenbelt Arts Center.

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Rainbow Bridge

- Author Unknown

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They all run and play together but the day comes when one suddenly stops and looks into the distance. Her bright eyes are intent; her eager body quivers. Suddenly she begins to run from the group, flying over the green grass, her legs carrying her faster and faster.

You have been spotted and when you and your special friend finally meet, you cling together in joyous reunion, never to be parted again. The happy kisses rain upon your face. Your hands again caress her beloved face as you look once more into the trusting eyes of your pet, so long gone from your life but never absent from your heart.

Then you cross Rainbow Bridge, together . . .