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County Schools Reopen Monday Two Weeks Before Labor Day

by Mary Moien

Prince George's County public schools will open next Monday, August 21 – in what has been become the usual two weeks before Labor Day. At the other end of the calendar, schools will close June 8, if no extra make-up dates are needed.

Even though schools open early, this year there will be four holidays in the first six weeks of school. Schools are closed for Labor Day (September 4), Primary Election Day (September 12), a professional day (September 25) and Yom Kippur (October 2). On the first day of school parents are encouraged to walk with their children to school or to meet them at school when they arrive by bus.

Hours for all schools are shown in a box on this page.

Highlights of Changes

All Greenbelt children now attend one of three elementary schools – Greenbelt Elementary, Springhill Lake Elementary and Magnolia Elementary School. No children are being bused to Berwyn Heights Elementary.

This year, Springhill Lake Elementary joins Magnolia Elementary in requiring that students wear uniforms. Uniforms are not required at Greenbelt Elementary.

Springhill Lake will continue to have the 5th grade as its highest grade. Sixth graders from Springhill Lake apartments attend Greenbelt Middle School, although their classes are often separate from those of the older students.

Starting Age

The birth dates for admission for some classes have changed since the 2005 school year.

To be eligible for pre-kindergarten (formerly called preschool), a student must be four on or before September 1, although parents of children who will be four by October 31 can apply for admission if there are demonstrated



www.pgcps.org/~spring/ Opens 8:15 a.m.; Closes 2:25 p.m.

Greenbelt Middle www.pgcps.org/~gbms/ Opens 9 a.m.; Closes 3:40 p.m.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School http://eroosevelths.pgcps.org/ Opens 8:30 a.m.; Closes 3:10 p.m.

previous school and the child's last report card.

Immunizations needed include diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, poliomyelitis, measles (rubeola) and rubella (German measles). Preschoolers may need additional immunizations. Newly enrolled pre-kindergartners through first graders also need a lead screening certificate.

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

Attendance

State law requires school attendance for every child between the ages of five and 16. All children in the State of Maryland are required to attend kindergarten or an alternative program. A law, passed several years ago, lowered the age of compulsory school attendance to five years of age. It also requires that children attend kindergarten before entering first grade. The law permits some exemptions. Five-year-olds may be enrolled in a child care center or Head Start or home school program. When appropriate, a child may be granted a one-year level-of-maturity waiver. A parent or guardian of a child who attended an alternative program must register the child for first grade prior to the opening of school in the school year in which the child becomes six years old and must provide documentation showing proof of attendance in the alternate setting. Documentation includes the date the child was enrolled and the number of days the child was absent. A six-year-old child who moves into Maryland who has not had a kindergarten experience may be enrolled in kindergarten or first grade. The local school system will determine the appropriate grade placement.

St. Hugh's School

St. Hugh's School will open on Tuesday, August 29 with a new principal. Long-time principal Liz Whelan has taken a position with the Archdiocese of Washington. Chris Trott, the new principal, comes from St. Pius X School in Bowie.

As in the past, the first week of school will be half days. Summer uniforms are required.

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

The school currently has 205 pupils. There are still a few openings in some classes.

The school is very proud that 7th grade teacher Margie Sparks was named Maryland Teacher of the Year by the Knights of Columbus.

Meal Prices

Lunch prices have not changed this year. Elementary school children's lunch will cost \$1.75. Lunch for middle and high schoolers is \$1.85. Reduced price lunches are 40 cents for all grades. Breakfast in elementary schools is \$1.10; in middle and high schools it is \$1.25. Reduced price breakfast is 30 cents. Milk is 40 cents. Adult meals are priced a la carte. Children will be bringing home information about free or reduced cost lunches close to the first day of school.

Greenbelt Police Lauded During Public Testimony

by Thomas X. White

The Greenbelt Police Department is approaching the final stages of achieving national accreditation. As part of the process, a team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) visited the department from August 5 through August 9 to conduct an on-site assessment to verify compliance with just over 400 CALEA standards for professional management, operations and support functions of the department. On Monday evening, August 7 the CALEA Assessment Team conducted a public hearing in city council chambers to receive comments of city employees, members of the community and representatives of other law enforcement agencies regarding the department's qualifications for accreditation.

The Assessment Team included Team Leader Chief Bradley Bloom of the Hinsdale, Ill., Police Department and team members Lt. Sean Kelly from the Durham, N.H. Police Department and Cheryl Ferreira (retired) from the Brown University Department of Public Safety. They heard testimony from 23 persons, speaking for themselves, their organizations or other law enforcement agencies. All recommended that the Greenbelt Police Department be granted the CALEA accreditation it is seeking.

Public Testimony

Leading off the public testimony was Chief Douglas Holland of the Hyattsville Police Department and first vice president of the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association. Chief Holland noted his department's first-hand experience with the Greenbelt force through a four-city Mutual Aid Agreement that involved partnering with Greenbelt, Greenbelt's leadership in a multi-jurisdictional records management program, the Greenbelt Police Department's commitment to community service

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New Deal Pianist Guernsey Is Also a Graphic Artist

by Esther Nguonly

Four years ago John Guernsey of Takoma Park said to a music coordinator for the New Deal Café, "If you get a piano, I'd love to come and play it." Soon thereafter someone donated one to the local café in old town Greenbelt. Guernsey has since performed his way into "honorary resident" status.

The jazz pianist, also an artist and songwriter, now performs regularly at the café on Friday and Saturday evenings. He also teaches piano lessons locally.

Guernsey began practicing in his early teens and many of the songs that he performs today are songs with which he began his career. "Moanin" by Bobby Timmons, "C Jam Blues" by Duke Ellington, "Song From My Father" by Horace Silver and "Summertime" by George Gershwin are among his all-time favorites. Guernsey says most of his work is self taught, bolstered by a semester at the Berklee College of Music in Boston and the instruction of two men he calls "legends in the Washington area," John Phillips and Wade Beach. However, Guernsey said, "Most of it's just putting in thousands of hours, trial and error, and listening to thousands of albums and picking up by ear.

"You can only stay there [in school] so long. You have to find your own voice," he said. "You can't find that at school. You have to live your life." Playing at places like the New Deal, the One Step Down and teaching himself, he says, are where he has learned the most profound lessons.

Guernsey recently wrote a musical set in 1940s New York. The work is based on two strangers who meet in the city and continue serendipitously to run into each other until they finally fall in love. Entitled "Love at Last Sight," Guernsey has a completed script. After having finished three years of recording with violins, guitars, drums and saxophones, he now hopes to open the piece at the Greenbelt Arts Center. Shayne Carstens, 70, a Green-

educational needs.

For kindergarten, children must be five on or before September 1. Parents of children who will be five by November 30 may ask to have their child evaluated for admission.

For first graders, ages for admission are birth dates of November 1, 1999, through September 30, 2000. Because of complexities with ages of children, parents can call the school system at 301-808-4000 for more information.

Documents

New students need to bring all of the necessary paperwork when registering for school. This applies to new students and transferring students at all age levels.

Students must have six specific documents with them when registering. These include birth certificate, immunization record, child's social security number, proof of residency, name and address of

Expulsion Policy

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

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What Goes On

Monday, August 21

8 p.m., Council Worksession with Clergy (Stakeholder)

Wednesday, August 23

7:30 to 10 p.m., County Council Candidates Forum, Terrace Room, Greenbriar Community Building

Thursday, August 24

7:30 p.m., GDC/GHI Meeting, GHI Board Room, Hamilton Place

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Letters to the Editor

Cashier Small Talk Now Forbidden?

I am very disturbed by something I heard from employees at the Greenbelt Co-op.

I was recently told by some of the checkers that they are no longer permitted to converse with the customers/members. This is very upsetting. Why would the management/board institute such a rule, I asked. It is my understanding from the employees that a couple of customers complained about the "chattiness" of the checkers. In my opinion, that is one of the greatest things about the Co-op – the friendliness of the employees and the feeling that "everybody knows your name."

The Co-op is a huge part of why Greenbelt still has that small hometown feel about it. When I am at the Co-op, which is almost every day, I am always greeted by the employees as I walk through the store. It makes me feel like I matter to them. Have you ever had that happen at Giant or Safeway? I doubt it.

Whoever these folks are who complained obviously are not residents of Old Greenbelt. They don't understand how we live here. They obviously don't understand that, for some of the people who come to the Co-op, these employees are the only family and friends they have. They need and want this interaction.

Marion Holland, a Co-op member for 10+ years

Editor's Note: Co-op Manager Bob Davis told the News Review that company policy requires checkers to be courteous to customers. Talking with anyone has never been discouraged, but keeping the check-out line moving is also important.

THANKS

I would like to express my gratitude to the city for the sidewalk extension along Hanover Parkway. It is now so much safer as I don't need to keep crossing Hanover when I take my son out. The road is much more pedestrianfriendly, which is important in this high-gas-price world of ours.

Anne-Marie Hamma

Bus Safety Tips For Start of School

Greenbelt students start back to school on Monday, August 21 at the public schools. Therefore, this requires extra care and alertness by anyone driving a car because children may dart across the road getting on and off the buses and extra precautions by parents, particularly if your child is attending a new school and riding a bus. Last year during the first week of school the Greenbelt police were involved in locating several lost children. Fortunately, all had happy outcomes.

Prince George's County Public Schools transport over 90,000 children per day by bus and a majority of Greenbelt students ride the bus. This is despite the School Board's requirement that all elementary students must live at least 1.5 miles from the school to ride a bus or 2 miles for middle school and high school students. Exceptions are made for areas where too many crossing guards would be necessary or there is no route that is deemed safe to walk based on the types of roads. Many students are new to the schools for the first time; for example, last year Greenbelt Elementary School had 50 percent of its enrollment change. Many children have child care arrangements so that their pickup and drop off locations may vary from their home address. The complexity of coordinating new bus routes and of managing this volume of children and new faces makes the first week of school a

very confusing time. More than one organization is responsible for the children depending on where on the route they may be. The school is only responsible for the child while on school premises, the PGCPS Transportation takes responsibility only while the child is on the bus itself. If the child gets off the bus at the wrong stop, then it is a police department matter. For a frantic parent with a missing child, however, tracking down at which point the child went missing can be frightening. When in doubt, call the Greenbelt police at 301-474-7200.

Did the child simply miss the bus and is at school? Are they on a delayed bus? Most of the time, the child simply got off the bus with a friend and forgot to call. Parents are therefore instructed to make a name tag for their child which they can wear for the first week or two with a duplicate placed inside their bookbag. The tag should have the child's name, address and drop off address if different, as well as several emergency contact phone numbers. If you received a letter confirming vour child's bus routes, include the a.m. and p.m. bus route numbers. The bus drivers are not supposed to let a child onto the bus who isn't on their registration list and young children K-first grade must be met at the stop by a parent. On the first day or two of school, some parents of young children have driven their cars and followed the bus both to and from school to be sure their child belt resident who swims with Guernsey at the YMCA in Silver Spring, is a big fan of his work. "He's like a legend in Greenbelt," he says.

Carstens describes Guernsey as low key, very caring and very modest. "He's not outspoken whatsoever but, boy, is he a great musician."

Visual Artist

In addition to swimming, music and production, Guernsey is a visual artist who works with printmaking, etching and mixed media, in which he combines different mediums such as colored pencils, pen and ink and acrylic paint.

In the second of two art shows Guernsey has held at the Café, one of his pieces sold for \$850, the most he has ever earned. The item, a mixed-media piece named "Portrait of Ellen" after a girl Guernsey used to hang around with, was sold to a Greenbelt woman who had a sister named Ellen. The portrait now hangs on a wall in a Greenbelt Homes townhouse, Guernsey said.

Although teaching in the day and performing at night often lead to seven-day work weeks, Guernsey says he loves his work.

"It's a great life. You'll never get rich, but I don't care about all that stuff. I like to create. I don't want to own a yacht. I don't want to own a big house. I want to be constantly creating."

More information about Guernsey is available at http://www. newdealcafe.com/guernsey/index. html.

Anne Arundel Judge Bars Early Voting

On Friday, August 11, an Anne Arundel judge ruled against early voting in the upcoming Maryland primary election. Circuit Court Judge Ronald Silkworth determined that the Maryland Constitution allows voting to take place on one day only and prohibits voters from voting outside of their own precincts. While he ordered that preparations for early voting be stopped, he stayed that order awaiting a ruling from the state's highest court, which is expected prior to the September 12 primary.

MOBILE POSTAL VAN: Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the



Hospital and Lions Hold Blood Drive

Doctors Community Hospital and the Greenbelt Lion's Club in partnership with the American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Wednesday, August 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the hospital campus at 8118 Good Luck Road, in the DSE room on the 5th floor of the Medical Office Building. To schedule a time for a 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 daily donations by healthy members of the community. Over 1,300 blood donations are needed daily to supply the needs of patients in the community. Each blood donation can be separated into components and may help three or more sick or injured people.

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

It only takes 20 minutes to donate; it is a simple, safe, life-saving and selfless gift that millions of Americans can give. Join for a day of giving. Call 301-552-8060 to make an appointment.



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understood the routine.

To assist parents, there is a website to check for late buses: http://www.pgcps.org/~busstops/ and this information will be broad-cast on Comcast channel 96. The Transportation Department may be reached at 301-952-6570 or by email at transportation@pgpcs. org.

Edith Beauchamp

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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

Senior Meals Menu

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, August 21 through Friday, August 25 include:

Monday - Creamy celery soup with crackers, vegetable lasagna, mixed vegetables, chopped collards, brownie.

Tuesday - Orange juice, warm roast beef with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, okra/tomatoes/ corn, fresh melon.

Wednesday - Minestrone soup with crackers, seafood pasta salad, sliced beets with onions, lettuce and tomato salad, coconut cake.

Thursday - Grape juice, veal patty with tomato sauce, spaghetti, chopped spinach, banana.

Friday - Cranapple juice, baked chicken with gravy, candied sweet potatoes, green beans, lemon parfait.

New Deal Holds Jazz Evening

On Saturday, August 26 the New Deal Café will hold a free Jazz Evening at Roosevelt Center from 6 to 11 p.m. This special evening of jazz will feature Alex Martin's Quarteto Brasileiro and George Oakley's Jazz for Fun.

The concert will feature musicians from all over performing all different styles of jazz. The best part is, it is free. For information call 301-474-5642 or log onto www.newdealcafe.com.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald It's nice to go away but always nice to come back to Greenbelt and find the Golden Age Club in good form.

We'll play board games on August 23 and play bingo on August 30.

At our last meeting we enjoyed Brenda Cooley's talk on her years of teaching. It helps to have a good sense of humor in the teaching profession and lots of patience.

We were saddened by the death of Ottilie Van Allen, a longtime member of the Golden Age Club and send condolences to her family.

Skate Board News

The temporary fence for the skate park construction project has been installed. The access road in front of the Youth Center is now closed to vehicular traffic. Construction is expected to begin soon.

Zip Code Extended

The City of Greenbelt received the good news on July 24 that the U.S. Postal Service has agreed to the city's request that the Greenbelt zip code 20770 be assigned to the South Core portion of the Greenbelt Station/Metropark development. The property, directly north of Branchville Road, is west of Beltway Plaza. It is currently undeveloped.

Astronomical Society **Star Party Saturday**

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party on Saturday, August 19 at Northway Field. Members of the society will begin setting up to view celestial objects at approximately 8:15 p.m.

In the event of rain or hopelessly cloudy skies the event will be cancelled without further notice. Information about other events can be found on the society website at http://www.greenbeltastro.org/events.shtml.

Candidates Come To New Deal Café

Maryland Attorney General candidate Tom Perez, joined by Justin Ross, state delegate for District 22 and Greg Johnson, president of AFSCME Local 1072, will meet the public at the New Deal Café Wednesday, August 23 at 5 p.m. Perez plans to discuss healthcare, the environment, consumer protection and public safety.

Senior Softballers Win Two in a Row

Visiting Greenbelt held off a 9th-inning rally by Dundalk on Monday, August 14 to win, 16-13, in the Baltimore Beltway Senior Softball League.

They beat Parkville 6-5 at home the previous Wednesday, August 9.

At Dundalk home runs by John Benish, Lefty Smith and Dave Kerr led the way. Kerr, Fred Bohle and pitcher Sterling Tropp – Burt Kerr was the catcher – had three hits each. Stroking two hits apiece were Jim Harbaugh, Ben-

District 4 Candidates To Appear Here

A forum to help voters discern the views of the three Democratic candidates for Prince George's County Council, District 4, will be held on Wednesday, August 23 from 7:30 to 10 p.m. in the Terrace Room of the Greenbriar Community Building at 7600 Hanover Parkway. This is at the corner of Greenbelt Road (Rt. 193) and Hanover Parkway.

For the first time in memory, three Democratic candidates, all from Bowie - Darrell Carrington, Ingrid Turner and Fred Robinson - are competing to represent the cities of Bowie and Greenbelt, as well as the areas of Lanham and Glenn Dale in between. (Biographies of Robinson and Turner appeared in the News Review of July 6 and Carrington's biography appeared in the issue of July 20.)

By the July 3 deadline no Republican or candidate of any other party, filed to contest this seat being vacated by Douglas J.J. Peters, also of Bowie, who is seeking to win the state Senate seat (D-23) from which Senator Leo Green is retiring, so the winner of the Democratic primary on Tuesday, September 12 will not be opposed in the general election on Tuesday, November 7.

This event is being presented by the combined efforts of the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC) and the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club of Greenbelt. Sheldon Goldberg, chair of GEAC, will moderate and City Councilmember Ed Putens of GEAC will be the timer. Patricia Unger, president of the Democratic Club, has arranged for an ASL signer for the hearing impaired and for materials from all three candidates to be displayed.

According to Unger, "The format will be formal, but friendly," with time for a social hour with light refreshments after questions by the moderator and members of the audience. The general public is welcome to attend. For further information call Pat Unger at 301-474-1052.

VIDEO CHALLENGE & PIZZA NIGHT

August 31 - 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Greenbelt Youth Center

Free Pizza and Games!!! DROP IN & join the fun, show off your video game skills!!! 6th thru 12th grades

Audubon Periodical Salutes Greenbelt "Greenbelt: 'Smart Growth' from the Get-Go" is keyed on

the front page of the August/ September Audubon Naturalist News, published by the Audubon Naturalist Society in Chevy Chase. The text is imposed on a photo of opening night at the Old Greenbelt Theatre; inside the cover story and sidebar by Kathleen Franklin run on three pages with three photos and an Izzy Parker cartoon.

The byliner begins, "In a metropolitan area pockmarked with big-box stores and blighted by sprawling tracts of cul-de-

sac'd McMansions, the City of Greenbelt is a sparkling little gem of a town." Subheads read, "Greenbelt's Foes See Red" and "Staying Smart."

The story concludes, "Greenbelt has matured from an experimental town in what was then a rural outpost to a thriving community with more than 10,000 residential units. The town would seem to have fulfilled just about every definition of 'smart growth' and in an increasingly Asphalt Nation, the city of Greenbelt quietly endures."

– Eli Flam

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA MEETING OF GDC & GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, August 24, 2006 GHI Board Room, 7:30 p.m.

GDC Meeting Agenda Items:

- · Parkway Custodial Contract
- · Second Quarter GDC Financial Statements

GHI Key Agenda Items:

- · Greening Greenbelt Initiative Grant Application Approval
- · Memorial for Joyce Abell

Come out to the meetings, meet new members and enjoy all the activities and pot lucks. Seniors are great and we enjoy life!

Labor Day Festival Used Book Sale

Raising funds for: Greenbelt Elementary School PTA

Book donation drop-off at Co-op Supermarket August 1 to August 31 Large donation pickup available For information call: 301-474-2041

ish, Paul Williams, Irv Salzberg, Smith and Harlan Park.

Against Parkville, manager Ray Reed pitched and fielded a winning game. Shortfielder Williams, in what a teammate called "the game of his life" and outfielder Dave Kerr also weighed in with top defense. Batting timely hits were Harbaugh, Mac McNamara, Benish, Bohle, Kerr and Reed.

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



EZ Pay Raffle

- · Second Quarter GHI Financial Statements
- · Yardline Committee Recommendations
- · Update Beautification Program
- · Update Electrical & Bathtub Surround Inspections
- · Selection of Board Member to Fill Vacancy
- · Fall/Winter Meeting Schedule
- · 2006 Member-Owned Boiler Room Renovation Contract
 - 1st Reading
- 2006 Underground Utilities Auxiliary Repair Contract

- 2nd Reading

- · Addition Request, 4B Ridge
- · Proposed Window Opening Change, 73C Ridge
- · Rule Change: Blanket Approval for Minor Improvements
- · Yard Line Certification 3 Court Ridge Road
- · Rule Changes End Yard Boundary at Attached Garages & "Traditional" Yard Use & Permitting
- · Salary Increases for 2007
- · 401K Employer Match Contribution
- · Engagement of Auditor
- · Addition Maintenance Loan Program

Regular board meetings are open to members.

It's coming soon! The 52nd Annual Labor Day Festival September 1, 2, 3 and 4 Read all about it in the pull-out program in next week's News Review.

New Archbishop Visits St. Hugh

by Agnes Conaty

His Excellency Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl, the new archbishop of the Archdiocese of Washington, visited St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church on Saturday, August 12. He concelebrated the 5 p.m. Holy Mass with St. Hugh's Pastor Fr. Walter Tappe and Associate Pastor Fr. Scott Hurd before a fully packed congregation of Greenbelt Catholics.

The archbishop personally met and blessed families after Holy Mass.

Popularly known as the "education bishop," Archbishop Wuerl has a passion for spreading the faith by "teaching and doing." Through writing apostolic letters and books on catechism, he makes known the church's social doctrine on issues such as racism, abortion and stem cell research. He plans to visit each parish in the archdiocese.

Archbishop Wuerl became the sixth archbishop of Washington after Pope Benedict XVI announced his appointment following the retirement of former archbishop Cardinal Theodore E. Mc-Carrick on May 16. Archbishop Wuerl was formally installed on June 22 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. He was formerly the archbishop of Pittsburgh, Pa.

In Memoriam Ottilie Van Allen

Ottilie Van Allen was my friend. Indeed there are many people who could say this, for Ottilie was a very friendly person. When she walked around Greenbelt with her dog she always took time to stop and talk for a few minutes with her many friends. Then she'd say "Bye bye" and was off till next time.

Ottilie died earlier this month at the age of 102. She had a rich and varied life. When she was admitted as a member of the first class of women at the University of Chicago, she related how the men resisted having women and did petty things like tripping them. Ottilie taught school, married and had two children. After her divorce she worked as an occupational therapist.

Before coming to Greenbelt Ottilie had been a volunteer many times with such organizations as the League of Women Voters, Planned Parenthood and NOW.

Moving to Greenbelt in the early '70s it was no surprise that she immediately volunteered for her church and her community.

One thing we remember at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church was seeing the many hats, mittens and scarves Ottilie made for the poor. She started a mitten tree at the church at Christmastime. I remember going to yard sales for yarn for a

school project and being sure to get some for Ottilie. Many others gave her yarn of all colors and she used them all to make attractive things out of this mixture. It was something we wanted to do.

In Greenbelt Ottilie found many ways to volunteer. She spent many long hours as a member of the Greenbelt Elderly Housing Advisory Committee. That committee oversaw the planning of Green Ridge House. She also served on many Greenbelt Homes, Inc. committees.

At Greenbelt Center School she became a math tutor and stayed for 15 years. How many children benefitted from the oneon-one patient instructions she gave them! But Ottilie was not just a tutor at the school, she was part of it. I was not surprised to see her at school functions where "her children" were taking part. For her volunteer work at the school the county honored her with the Prince George's County Volunteer of the Year award.

Ottilie loved proofreading for the News Review. Even when she could no longer see the fine print, she continued to come and proofread the two-page Co-op ad which had larger print. So impressed were we with her long years of service that the News Review printed an editorial. On

returning to proof, Cal Ripkin proved that he was the most enduring, reliable and consistent baseball player ever. The editorial ended with "to all the Cals and Ottilies out there, we say thanks for everything you have done to make this world a little bit better."

But Ottilie did not just volunteer at agencies, Ottilie was a people person and so many charitable works were done for individuals who truly needed help. Many of these works were known only to Ottilie and the people she helped. I can remember when a woman in our court was very ill. She lived alone with no family in the area. Ottilie who did not live nearby and did not drive nevertheless brought her food daily. When our neighbor began to fail,

the same day that Ottilie was Ottilie came and stayed overnight with her. I'm sure there were many such cases because Ottilie was a true humanitarian.

> For all of her volunteer work, Ottilie was named Outstanding Citizen of Greenbelt in 1995.

> In 1998 Ottilie was presented the Lions Club Medal of Merit.

> All of her life before she went to Florida Ottilie was a partaker in many events that most people her age could not manage. She went on trips to the Smithsonian and other interesting places, out to lunch one day a month with her church group of friends and was a regular attendant at her church. She was a member of the Golden Age Club.

> So many people have fond recollections of things they did with Ottilie. We will not forget her. - Barbara Likowski

> > Sunday Worship

10:15 a.m.

Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

Worship Service

Adult Bible Class



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Archbishop Donald Wuerl

<u>Obituary</u>

for date and time.



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Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Sundays 10 A.M. Municipal Building

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

9:00 am Christian education for all ages 10:00 am Sung Mass with organ and folk music, ASL interpreted Signed Mass (last Sunday of each 1:30 pm month only) Simple, quiet Mass Wednesdays: 7:00 pm

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That we don't know what to do and where to find satisfaction? Our Lord has the answer to all our problems, as He tells us that, "... He guides to Himself those who turn to Him in penitence, those who believe, and

whose hearts find satisfaction in the remembrance of God. For without doubt in the remembrance of God do hearts find satisfaction.' - The Holy Qur'an, 13:27

To find out more about Islam, call 301-982-9463 or e-mail us at info@searchislam.org or visit the website www.searchislam.org.

<u>A Review</u> "Death and the Maiden" Gets Kudos

by Gerald C. Martin

This is not one for the kiddies but discerning adults will find "Death and the Maiden" by Ariel Dorfman an amazing experience. It was written about the aftermath of a brutal dictatorship in Chile, but there are so many brutal dictatorships that it could be almost anywhere. If you aren't up on Chilean history, don't worry – you'll understand all too well.

Director Lenora Dernoga has cast three exceptionally talented actors for this challenging play. Anna Mamam makes her debut at Greenbelt Arts Center like a supernova. She plays a woman who was imprisoned and tortured by the state some years earlier. The emotional scars of that experience are evident in everything she says and does on stage. The intensity with which she brings her character to life is both sympathetic and repellent. She cannot be the sweet little housewife serving up a margarita for her hubby. She has to glue the shattered bits of her life together as best she can and the results are both tragic and inspiring.

John Decker, who was out-



SUN. Step Up, PG-13 (!) 12:30, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50 Accepted, PG-13 (!) 12:45, 3:10, 5:25, 7:40 of "Equus," plays a doctor who may or may not have been one of the torturers. He has the difficult role of keeping the audience unsure of his true nature. Anna Mamam is so powerfully convincing that I convicted him almost at once. Do not make this mistake. Listen to both sides of the story.

That is what Jeff Landou has to do as the husband of the tortured woman and friend of the doctor. He is truly caught in the middle by circumstances. His well-meaning character progresses from condescending through many contortions, debating whether lying to his wife is justified, to truly humble.

The production crew did a great job as well. The attractive set was designed by

standing in the recent production Jeffery Lesniak. He wisely did not use a raised stage which usually results in too much noise as actors clomp about. Often there are bad echoes at this venue, but not in this show. The quality of the sound was excellent both from the actors' voices and the sound system, courtesy of David and Shirley Weaver. The music played during the show perfectly complemented the mood. The lighting effects were also well done by the Weavers, especially considering the antiquated lighting system (feel free to contribute to the "Light Brigade").

> My only regret at seeing this play was that I did not give it a standing ovation. I think I was too numb. So hire a babysitter and treat yourself to some great drama at the Greenbelt Arts Center.

County Dress Code

Springhill Lake and Magnolia Elementary Schools require uniforms this year. Other Greenbelt schools will follow Prince George's County dress code requirements:

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

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

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

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

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

• Shoes must be worn.

Our Neighbors

Condolences to the family and friends of Carl (Woo, Big Carl) Davis who died suddenly on Tuesday, August 15, 2006. Carl was the brother of Gene Davis, past Greenbelt fire chief.

Congratulations to Master Police Officer Scott Kaiser, who has been selected as the recipient of the Exceptional Police Performance Award for 2005 by the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association. The award is given to the officer who exemplifies the ideals of selfless service and dedication. The award will be presented September 11 at the M.C.P.A. Annual Conference in Ocean City.

Tom Renehan, who is working for a civil contractor in Baghdad, will be back in Greenbelt for three weeks around Labor Day and looks forward to catch up with friends while he's here.



MD 20770

Please call the Department of Public Works at (301) 474-8004 regarding bid submission questions. Bids must be RECEIVED no later than 9/18/06 at 10 a.m. Bids will be opened publicly at 10:10 Youth Advisory Committee (youth and adult positions) a.m. on 9/18/06.

GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER

The INDOOR POOL will be closed for ANNUAL CLEANING from Monday, August 28 through September 1st. It will re-open on September 1st at 5pm.

The FITNESS WING of the Aquatic and Fitness Center will be closed for ANNUAL CLEANING on Tuesday, August 29th and Wednesday, August 30th.

For more information call 301-397-2204.

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CHANNEL 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Monday, August 21 at 8pm City Council Work Session (live), Tuesday & Thursday. August 22 & 24: 10am & 6pm "Ask the Expert," 6:30pm "Camp Pine Tree Variety Show," 7:30pm "Camp Encore Session 2," 8:30pm Replay of Council Work Session.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.

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Arts Advisory Board

Park and Recreation Advisory Board

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101 Centerway, Greenbelt, MD 20770

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Adult Classes ONLY!

Session Dates: Aug. 21 thru Aug. 25

One week break for pool cleaning

Sept. 5 thru Sept. 22 (4 weeks total)

Passholders and Residents register: Aug. 7 and 8

Open Registration: Aug. 9 – until classes are filled.

For class listings visit www.greenbeltmd.gov

For more information call 301-397-2204.

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, August 23 & 25: 7pm FONDCA "Doug Way," 7:45pm Greenbelt Arts Center "Alexandria Kelztet."

Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov for information on City Government, Events, and Services.



ADULT SOCCER for fun and fitness

small-goal pickup play at Northway Field in Old Greenbelt. We are trying to locate and build a soccer community for friendly competition.

Dates and times are subject to change, based on your feedback. Sunday morning and Tuesday evening are suggested times, for startup mid-September. All skill levels are welcome. If you are interested, please contact Andrew Phelan, Greenbelt Recreation at 240-542-2194.

ATTENTION RESIDENTS, REGISTER FOR GREENBELT ALERT NOW!

Greenbelt ALERT is a text based emergency communications system for Greenbelt residents. City officials will use it to send out important messages to email accounts, cell phones, pagers and other wireless devices in case of a possible emergency. Visit http://alert.greenbeltmd.gov for more information or to sign up for this free, voluntary service.

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Close to the Roosevelt Center You can enjoy all the advantages of life in Historic Greenbelt in this brick GHI, coming on the market soon. Place your name on the list, and Mary will call you back when this house is ready to show.

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Mary Kingsley to Open New Office in Roosevelt Center!

It's a satellite office to provide Mary space---It's Mary's Place!

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Spacious Townhome

This well-maintained home has four bedrooms and 3 1/2 baths. The family room has a wood-burning fireplace, the upper level has new carpeting, and the community pool is just a few steps away!



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Greenbelt Consumer Co-op Ad

Police Blotter

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

Robberies

August 3, in reference to a strong-arm robbery reported May 13 in the 6500 block of Capitol Drive, an arrest warrant has been obtained charging a nonresident man with robbery, first-degree assault and second-degree assault.

August 4, 10:21 a.m., Greenway Center, a cashier at Radio Shack reported that a man entered the store and asked for a specific product. He then produced a can of mace and told the cashier to open the cash register. The cashier refused and the man fled the store, getting into a vehicle described as a yellow Ford Focus, Virginia tags KBX1073, which had been reported stolen. The suspect is described as a black male in his twenties, 5'9", 180 pounds, bald with a mustache, wearing a yellow polo-type shirt and khaki shorts.

August 11, 3:17 a.m., 100 block Rosewood Drive, police responded to a possible hit and run motor vehicle accident. A woman reported that she was about to enter a residence when a man approached her and attempted to force his way into the residence behind her. The woman managed to lock the door without letting him in. The reported accident may have been caused by the suspect fleeing the area in a vehicle, described as possibly a Hyundai. He is described as a black male, 5'5" to 5'7", 140 to 160 pounds with a light complexion, wearing a black T-shirt with a green skull imprinted on it pulled up over his face.

August 11, 9:04 a.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road, a woman reported that as she was getting into her vehicle she was approached by a man who displayed a handgun and announced a robbery. After obtaining her purse and cell phone, the man fled the scene toward the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. He is described as a black male, 20 to 30 years of age, 6' with a stocky build, bald with brown eyes, wearing a black T-shirt and gray sweat shorts.

Handgun

August 7, 7:36 p.m., Cherrywood Lane and Breezewood Drive, a woman reported that she observed an unknown person wave a handgun from the passenger window of a vehicle described as a gold older model Cadillac with a tan top and silver as a black male, 20 to 25 years of age, 5'8" with a thin build and black hair in a medium Afro, wearing black jeans and no shirt; and a black male, 20 to 25 years of age, 6' with black hair and a dark complexion, wearing an unknown shirt and black jeans.

Drug Arrests

August 4, 1:47 a.m., Parkway, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of cocaine with intent to distribute, possession of ecstasy with intent to distribute and transporting a handgun in a motor vehicle. Police stopped a vehicle for an equipment violation. A computer check revealed that the driver had an open arrest warrant with the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department and he was arrested. Located in the vehicle was a quantity of suspected crack cocaine, a quantity of suspected ecstasy and a loaded handgun. The man was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner and for service of the warrant.

Theft

August 5, 11:27 a.m., 2 Court Gardenway, unknown person(s) took a blue Metro Novara brand mountain bike from the front yard of a residence.

Uttering

August 11, in reference to the uttering of a bad check reported January 12 at the Safeway in Greenway Center, an arrest warrant has been obtained charging a nonresident man with two counts of uttering a false document and theft.

Trespass

August 7, 9:39 a.m., Beltway Plaza, a man of no fixed address was arrested and charged with trespass. Police responded to a report of a man being inside the mall after having been banned from there by agents of the property. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

August 9, 9:28 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespass. Police observed the man exiting an apartment building and recognized him as having been banned from the complex by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

Burglaries

City Schools Keep City Police Officers

The Prince George's County Sheriff's Department will be replacing the Prince George's County Police Department as School Resource Officers in many county schools. The Greenbelt police, concerned there may be some confusion regarding Greenbelt schools, have issued clarification that Eleanor Roosevelt High School will continue to be staffed by School Resource Officers from the Greenbelt Police Department. City police will also continue to have a presence in Springhill Lake Elementary, Greenbelt Elementary and Greenbelt Middle School.

SHA Approves Light At Frankfort-Rt. 193

Darrell B. Mobley, district engineer with the State Highway Administration (SHA), informed the city by letter on August 2 that a traffic signal will be installed at Frankfort Drive and Greenbelt Road. His letter follows notification by the SHA Office of Traffic and Safety that "full signalization of the intersection" has been approved.

SHA action follows the city's request last April to establish such a light. Although crossing guards facilitate pedestrian movement across the six lanes of busy Greenbelt Road during regular school hours, the city's letter notes no such assistance is provided for students participating in before-school and after-school activities. Crossing guards are also not available during the summer session.

According to Mobley's letter, "the project has a notice to proceed date of February 2007."

person(s) entered a residence by way of an open front door. A laptop computer and a passport were taken.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a red 1993 Lincoln Mark VIII 2-door, Maryland tags 4BLL47 from the 7800 block Hanover Parkway; a 1995 Honda Civic 4-door from the 100 block Research Road; and a 2005 Pontiac 4-door from the 9300 block Edmonston Road.

Five vehicles were recovered, hree by Greenbelt police with no arrests, one by county police with no arrest and one by the father of the Greenbelt youth who allegedly took the vehicle. The youth was arrested for theft. Theft of, attempted theft of and vandalism to vehicles was reported in the following areas: 7900 block Mandan Road (three incidents), 8000 block Mandan Road, Greenway Center, 100 block Westway, 26 Court Ridge Road, 4 Court Laurel Hill Road, 100 block Lastner Lane, 200 block Lakeside Drive, 6300 block Ivy Lane, 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive, 6500 Capitol Drive (two incidents) and 9100 block Edmonston Road.

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Beautiful 5 bedroom, 2 bath split foyer at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac. Screened porch and deck has wooded views. Priced right at \$399,900

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Coming Soon

GHI Townhome with addition. Bedroom and Full Bath on the main level. This cinderblock townhome has been recently remodeled. \$274,900

Suitland

Single Family Home near the DC line. Sunroom, 4 bedrooms and 2 baths. Large yard with shade trees. Great condition! \$329,900

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Adjacent to Protected Woodlands

GHI 2 bedroom townhome with front addition. Great location with parking available in back as well as the front. This one will go fast! . U.C.

Brick Townhome

Steps away from Roosevelt Center! This 2 bedroom all-brick home has a $12 \frac{1}{2} \times 18 \frac{1}{2}$ living room. Currently being renovated - available soon.

GHI with Extra Bath

Beautiful 3 br, 1 1/2 bath Frame GHI unit, many upgrades, new floor downstairs, move-in condition, great kitchen! Just \$204,900 Sold

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Lakewood - Corner Lot

This 3 br, 1 1/2 bath home is in the heart of Greenbelt. Large bay window with custom window treatment. Large yard & deck! 390,000 SOLD

Corner Lot - Large 2-Room Addition

3 Bedroom townhome on a **corner lot** with large, **2-room addition** and enlarged porch on the front. Lots of space for the price! \$207,900 SOLD

rims. She fled the area and contacted police who searched the area with negative results.

Attempted Carjacking

August 4, 11:09 p.m., 5700 block Cherrywood Lane, a cab driver reported that when he pulled into the parking lot of the Shell FoodMart he noticed two men sitting on the curb behind his cab. The cab driver went into the store and when he came back to his vehicle he was struck from behind by one of the men and both men attempted to take the cab keys from him. The cab driver refused to release the keys and both men fled the area on foot. The suspects are described August 3, 5:44 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road, unknown person(s) entered a residence by forcing open the front door. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

August 4, 11 a.m., 7400 block Frankfort Place, unknown person(s) entered the pump room in the Windsor Green Pool and vandalized the pump.

August 8, 10:06 a.m., 7600 block Mandan Road, unknown person(s) entered a vacant residence by forcing open a sliding glass door. The residence was vandalized.

August 9, 8:55 p.m., 7400 block Frankfort Place, unknown

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Citizens may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522.

Front Porch Addition

Beautiful 2 BR townhome in move-in condition. Electric chairlift, addition with skylights, extra 1/2 bath & deck - woodland views. \$216,900 U.C.

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This 2 bedroom home has central air and heating; a rarity for GHI! Updated kitchen. Large shed in backyard. Walk to Center! \$179,900. U.C.

Chelsea Wood

This 2 bedroom condominium has a remodeled kitchen with modern cabinets and appliances. Why rent when you can own? \$210,000

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GHI Townhome With Additions & Extra Bath

This two bedroom home has an addition in the front with w/d hookup and a rear addition with two rooms. Half-bath on the main level. 209,900



Your Greenbelt Specialists



POLICE continued from page 1

through its participation in the Special Olympics program and its leadership in law enforcement in the county. Chief Holland urged the CALEA judges "to recommend unconditional accreditation for Greenbelt."

Chris Fleshman, president of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, testified on GVFD & RS professional interactions with the Greenbelt department, emphasizing the department's initiatives in the area of interagency interoperability and the "Incident Command System," as demonstrated by the department's conduct this spring of a mock emergency drill in the community.

Master Patrol Officer John Rogers, president of the Greenbelt Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police, told the Assessment Team that the rank and file officers of the department support the efforts to gain accreditation. They saw the entire exercise as a benefit to the department, enabling the officers to see their role in a department meeting the rigorous professional standards of CALEA accreditation.

Outreach

Also attesting to the community outreach efforts of the department was Mark Allen of SGT, Inc., a National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) contractor. He provided information on the contributions that Greenbelt Capt. Mike Craddock and Master Police Officer George Mathews had made to SGT and the NASA community in the area of personal and facility security measures. Lt. Brian Reider, representing the College Park barracks of the Maryland State Police, described the role of the Greenbelt Police officers on the Metropolitan Regional Drug Task Force, particularly Greenbelt's assistance in successful investigations carried out by the task force.

Assistant Chief William Dow of the Maryland-National Capital Park Police discussed the help that the park police receive from the Greenbelt department through the availability of the Greenbelt K-9 unit for pursuits and searches.

Norma Harley from the office of Prince George's County Sheriff Michael Jackson wanted the judges to know of the very supportive role that the Greenbelt department has played in the county's Domestic Violence program, Crisis Intervention and the newly organized Domestic Violence Law Enforcement Officers Association.

Other jurisdictions offering support for the accreditation were Patrick Murphy, chief of the Berwyn Heights Police Department; Terry Evans, former District Commander of the Bowie District of the Prince George's Police Department; and David Crawford, chief of the Laurel Police Department.

Greenbelt residents who testified included Cheryl Hayes of the Greenbelt Lake Village Condominiums, Sheldon Goldberg of the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee and the Windsor Green community, Kelly Ivy of Lakeside, Pauline Bordas of Boxwood and Mike McAndrew of GHI. All spoke in favor of the accreditation.

Mary Linstrom of the St.

Hugh's Ladies of Charity made a point of the key role that the Greenbelt Police Department plays with the Greenbelt Good Samaritan fund for citizens in need and how impressed she is with the dignified and sensitive manner in which members of the department treat citizens in desperate need of assistance.

Other Support

Councilmembers Leta Mach and Konrad Herling also spoke in favor of the accreditation from their perspectives and experience on council, describing Greenbelt's pioneering effort with the School Resource Officer Program that was then emulated by the Prince George's County Board of Education for all of the county's high schools.

Adding support for the accreditation effort were the three District 22 delegates representing Greenbelt – Delegate Anne Healey of Hyattsville, Delegate Tawanna Gaines of Berwyn Heights and Delegate Justin Ross of Greenbelt.

Former city manager James Giese provided the assessors with prepared remarks relating his long experience with the department as city manager from 1962 to 1991 and how it grew from an authorized strength of six sworn officers to its present strength of over 50 officers. He noted with pride that "during that time the department grew not only in numbers but in stature. It became and, I believe, continues to be the leader in small municipal police departments in the Washington-Maryland suburban area."

Marc "Kap" Kapistan, Gen-

eral Counsel of GB Mall Limited Partnership, owners of the Beltway Plaza Mall in Greenbelt, also provided prepared remarks for the assessors. He related his long experience with the Greenbelt Department as part of an ongoing public-private partnership that supports a Greenbelt police substation within the Beltway Plaza Mall property. Based on how effective that partnership has been in preventing and reducing crime for the mall patrons and merchants, Kapistan gave his opinion that "It is altogether fitting and proper that the Greenbelt Police Department achieve the CALEA national certification it seeks."

Following the public hearing the CALEA Assessment Team received additional testimony from citizens who either called in or made written comments on the accreditation. The team also continued their review through interviews, ride-alongs with Greenbelt police patrols and evaluation of the department's CALEA files.

By Wednesday, August 9 the team had completed their on-site review and conducted an exit interview with the department leadership. Greenbelt Police Chief James Craze described the department's exit interview with the CALEA assessors as "favorable," with the team indicating their report will recommend accreditation for Greenbelt.

The next hurdle for the department will be the review of the Assessment Team's report by the full Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, further interviews with the Greenbelt delegation and its own hearing on the accreditation application. That critical final step will take place in November 2006 at the CALEA meeting in Reno, Nev.

Local Artist Displays At Wildlife Center

Greenbelter Paul Downs is the artist on display during the month of August in the Hollingsworth Gallery at the Patuxent Research Refuge's National Wildlife Visitor Center. Downs is a lifelong resident of Greenbelt and spent his youth exploring and bonding with the natural world in the woods near Greenbelt. He's been doing "stick art" for 15 years, having discovered that clays, berries, lichens and fallen branches can be molded into images that reflect a connection with the natural world. Emerson and Thoreau and readings of Native American history and beliefs are all reflected in his art.

For 17 years, Downs was engaged in saving the last 225 acres of the green belt from development – it is now a forest preserve. His environmental work as well as his art work help to bring people closer to the tranquility of the natural world and to the fine art of living with the Earth rather than on it.

The public is invited to view Downs' work at the National Wildlife Visitor Center. The Visitor Center is located off Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and MD Rt. 197. For information call 301-497-5763 or visit http://patuxent. fws.gov.

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JC LANDSCAPING



Greenbelt Elementary School added seven more names to the recognition plaque at its annual Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast in June. The honorees have supported the school on a frequent basis over several years. Those pictured (left to right) are Leonie Penney (math tutor), Rebecca Roper (honored last year), Kathy Curl (GES principal), Alan Turnbull, Sr. (math tutor), Amy Hansen (PTA president & past PTA project manager) and Anne Gardner (PTA officer and project manager). Others not pictured are: Loren Linstrom (math tutor), Jean Cook (reading tutor and classroom aide) and Jonathan Gardner (PTA officer & project manager).

ACT Registration Deadline Nears

The next ACT test will be administered on September 16. College-bound high school students who wish to take the exam must register by August 18, the deadline for having the registration postmarked. There is a late registration postmark deadline of August 25 but an extra fee is charged. Students can register online at www.actstudent. org or registration forms can be picked up at high school guidance counseling offices.

There is a fee for the traditional ACT and an extra fee for students who choose to take the optional ACT Writing Test. Some colleges require a writing score but many don't, so students should find out the requirements of prospective colleges before registering for the exam. ACT scores are accepted by virtually all U.S. colleges and universities, including all Ivy League schools.

ACT's website (www.actstudent.org) has helpful information, sample tests and the opportunity to order inexpensive test prep materials.





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NOTICES

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REAL ESTATE - SALE

ATTENTION GHI MEMBERS - If you are thinking about selling your occupancy rights and equity interest, the GHI Marketing Committee will be hosting a Sellers' Seminar on Tuesday, August 22 at 7 p.m. in the GHI Board Room. The seminar is designed to answer some of the most often asked questions about selling a GHI home. The information given will help you sell in a timely fashion and receive the full value for your home. You will be able to ask questions to the committee about the current market. To register, contact GHI, 301-474-4161 ext. 140.

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YARD SALES

YARD SALE – 8 Pinecrest Court, Sat. 8/19/06, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tons of baby clothes, both boy's and girl's. Many linens and kitchen items as well.

YARD SALE - Sat. Aug. 19. Rain or shine! Furniture, rugs, china, silverware, chairs, rocker and more. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., 32-H Ridge Rd.

MOVING SALE – IKEA wardrobe, excellent condition, \$135; Marlo hutch with cubbies, \$25; Oriental rug, \$75; bookcases, \$5-\$15; overstuffed chairs, \$25-\$45; collectibles, \$25-\$35. 301-345-2538.

YARD SALE - Variety of items, clothes .25 cents each. 8/19 Sat. 9-12 near intersection of Ridge and Research.

CLEAN OUT THOSE CLOSETS and share your treasures!



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weapons. Should a child bring a loaded weapon to school, the parent will be prosecuted under state law.

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

Extracurricular

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

Medication Policy

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

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

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

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

Websites

All schools in Greenbelt have a website (see box on page 1 for website addresses). Some are more detailed than others and, as of mid-August, most had not been updated to reflect the new school year. Some schools have a list of needed school supplies on their sites.

The Prince George's County school system has an elaborate website (www.pgcps.org) containing general information

Schools Are Available For Community Use

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

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

Emergency Closings

When schools must be closed, opened later than usual or closed early because of weather or other emergency conditions, an announcement will be made over all Washington area radio and TV stations. In order to keep telephone lines open for emergency calls, parents are requested not to call the schools, central office or radio stations. When schools are closed early, bus transportation will be available for those students who are bused.

Bus Schedules



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

Volunteer at School

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

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

Deasy Opens First Day at Greenbelt Stop

The new Chief Executive Officer for the Prince George's County Public Schools, Dr. John E. Deasy, will kick off a very busy day on Monday, August 21, the first day of the new school year, at 6:30 a.m. in Greenbelt. He will be appearing at the school bus lot on Greenbelt Road, the system's largest, to speak to drivers and bus attendants.

Also present will be Transportation Director Michael Dodson, who will demonstrate the Global Position System (GPS) and other safety improvements now available for the fleet of school buses as part of the school system's emphasis on school bus safety.

Presumably later in the day Deasy will be joined by State Superintendent of Schools Dr. Nancy S. Grasmick, the county's Board of Education Chair Dr. Beatrice Tignor, other board members, local officials and parent, teacher and community organization leaders. Together they will tour new schools, visit with new principals, observe new technology used to improve teaching and learning and engage students and teachers in conversations about student achievement.

"As I continue visiting schools, I see so much optimism and promise in our classrooms," said Deasy, who visited more than 60 schools last year after he was hired in May. "On the first day of school this year, it is important for me to personally thank our teachers and other employees whose work affects our entire community.

Deasy added, "We know that all children have the ability to learn, regardless of their background or where they live and it is our responsibility to make sure that every student achieves high standards."

Prince George's County Schools Provide Rules and Regulations

by Mary Moien

The Prince George's County Public Schools has provided information on grading, school absences and participation in extracurricular activities.

Student Grading Policy

Grades are based on: 1) Competence as determined by tests, examinations and teacher evaluation and by demonstration of meeting performance objectives; 2) the completion of assignments as determined by the quality of work done, the regularity with which they are turned in and punctuality in performing them; 3) participation in the day-to-day activities of the class; 4) daily work habits in the classroom; and 5) attendance.

Children in grades 2 to 12 receive letter grades in all classes and courses taken for credit except where other means of evaluation have been authorized.

Beginning this year, all first graders (and some second graders) will have their progress assessed through use of the numeral 1 to indicate satisfactory progress and the numeral 2 to indicate that the student needs more time to master a skill.

Parents of students who are not making satisfactory progress will receive notice of that situation midway through each grading period.

Attendance Critical

Students who are unlawfully absent receive a zero (0) for that day's work and the zero is averaged with other daily grades. Unlawfully absent students are not given make-up work to offset the zero grade.

In addition, in grades 9 to 12 a

student who is unlawfully absent five or more days per semester course or 10 or more days per full-year course will receive no grades or credits.

Students in grades 9 to 12 may be lawfully absent but are required to make up the work missed in a timely manner. Failure to make up missed work will result in zero grades for missing assignments.

Extracurricular Activities

In order to be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities, students in grade 9 through 12 must maintain a grade point average of at least 2.0 for each grading quarter preceding the start or continuation of their participation in the activities.

Students who do not maintain the 2.0 grade point average are excluded from participation in any extracurricular activity. Participation – regardless of the activity – is prohibited beginning on the date the new report card is issued, as scheduled in the Board of Education school calendar.

The exclusion remains in effect until the student attains the required 2.0 quarter grade point average and becomes eligible to participate in a subsequent quarter's extracurricular activities.

Extracurricular activities are defined as all activities except those for which student participation is necessary to receive a grade in a specific course in which the student is currently enrolled.

The 2.0 policy applies to all high school students with the exception of individual special education students who have been exempted.



about the school system as well as detailed information on bus schedules, policy issues, future plans, school board meetings and agendas and information about individual schools in the system.

The most popular site at the county level is a listing of lunch menus for an entire month. Students, parents and community members are encouraged to access their school website. Greenbelters without children in school may want to access this site to learn more about the school system and its philosophy and activities.

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

Substitutes Needed At Elementary School

Greenbelt Elementary School is looking for potential substitute teachers. Individuals who enjoy working with children, would like a flexible part-time schedule and are dependable may call Suzanne Plogman at 301-908-1316.

