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1,400-Unit Beltway Plaza Plan Presented by Owners to Council

by Thomas X. White

The Greenbelt City Council scheduled work session with owners and management of the Beltway Plaza shopping center on September 13 was clear evidence that the summer vacation was over and it was time to get back to work. Although the meeting was labeled a "Stakeholder" session, it became clear that the main item for discussion was the proposed Conceptual Site Plan (CSP) that Beltway Plaza officials had submitted to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) on August 8. The CSP is for new development/ redevelopment proposed for the rear of the mall adjacent to and facing Breezewood Drive.

All five councilmembers were in attendance, as were Terri Hruby of the city's Community Development and Planning Department and Tarek Bolden, the department's newest staff planner, replacing Ethan Bindernagel who left this summer for a job on the West Coast. City Manager Michael McLaughlin arrived later in the meeting.

Representatives of Beltway Plaza were Marc "Kap" Kapas-

tin, general counsel; Fred Wines, president; and David Sullivan, vice president, Development Operations, of the Quantum Companies, owners of the shopping center.

Update on Changes

The discussion began with Wines' update on recent changes to the shopping center tenant mix. Foot Locker, an existing tenant, has taken over a portion of the now vacated AMC Academy 6 theater space. The Jeepers! amusement space is being taken over by a new organization, "Planet Fun," and the space will undergo significant \$600,000 to \$1 million renovation and improvement.

The AMC Academy 8 theater complex, now being run independently by Beltway Plaza Management, will also undergo a phased conversion to all stadium seating. According to Wines, the conversion will be underway by October and completed by the end of year holiday period.

The conversion will take place in two theaters at a time. When completed the total capacity of the eight new stadium-seating venues will be approximately 1,300 seats.

In the area of the shopping center outside the enclosed mall, the pad site (stand-alone building) formerly used by Mattress Discounters is being redeveloped for use by a new Chevy Chase Bank branch and by a relocated FedEx/Kinko's space. In this regard, Hruby noted that the city planning staff has raised concerns with the proposed plans for this pad site in relation to the recently submitted CSP. Specifically they are concerned about proposed changes along Greenbelt Road.

In response to a question from council regarding proposed new tenant(s) for the vacant Sports Authority building, Beltway Plaza representatives noted that its fate would be involved in the CSP process.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts asked the Beltway Plaza representatives if they had a role in the approval of language precluding "Theaters" from the proposed development in the Metroland, LLC North Core. Kapastin was quick in his reply that they were not responsible for the language. He was surprised as anyone that it had been included. He reiterated that the only thing they communicated to the county and to the Metroland developers was that "the plan called for mixed use and upscale retail and we don't want something (there) that would look like us."

Another question from Mayor Judith Davis related to the Metrobus stop under the parking structure in the front of the shopping center. She was concerned with the overall appearance of the public stop, its inadequate lighting and the condition of the benches. The Beltway Plaza representatives were not aware of those conditions and promised to make any necessary improvements.

Tax Forgiveness

Another item raised after the arrival of City Manager McLaughlin was the need for council to take another look at

See **COUNCIL**, page 6

School Resource Officers Present Upbeat Report

by Barbara Hopkins

Greenbelt's School Resource Officer program is going well, according to the end-of-year report for the 2005-2006 school year given by MPO Marty Parker and MPO John Rogers at the Greenbelt City Council meeting on September 11.

Three-Year Comparison

In a comparison of the last school year with the previous two, the officers said on-campus complaints had increased slightly at both Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) and Greenbelt Middle School (GMS). At the high school Parker related the increase to a rise in thefts from improperly secured lockers. The increase at the middle school he thought came about because parents wanted to charge student

perpetrators more often than in previous years.

On the other hand, Rogers said incident reports and student contact reports had decreased at ERHS because he knows the kids and can address misbehavior without filing a report. Numbers in both of these categories increased at GMS this past year. Truancy was down at both schools.

Numbers in most categories remained relatively constant over the three-year period at both Greenbelt Elementary School and Springhill Lake Elementary School.

School Programs

Both officers are involved in a number of programs at the elementary schools, including

See **SCHOOLS**, page 6

Recycling Group Selects Trash Hot Spot for Cleanup

by Barbara Hopkins

A trash hot spot identified in Greenbelt's forest preserve on the Gardenway side of the Gladys Spellman Pedestrian Overpass of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway will be included in periodic organized cleanups. This project would constitute part of the city's involvement in an action plan for a cleaner Potomac River watershed.

At the direction of the Greenbelt City Council, the Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee (REAC) selected a hot spot from five areas nominated after the city advertised for public input.

The action plan for a cleaner Potomac watershed was devel-

oped at a Trash Summit sponsored March 16 by the Alice Ferguson Foundation, an organization based in Accokeek promoting personal environmental responsibility. Mayor Judith Davis and REAC Chair Neal Barnett and member Marti Galvin attended the summit and Davis signed the Potomac Watershed Trash Treaty action plan for the City of Greenbelt.

The goal of the Trash Summit is to create a trash-free Potomac River watershed by 2013 through "public education campaigns, enforcement and legislation, new technologies, best management

See **CLEANUP**, page 8

Water Quality Monitoring Forum, Saturday, Sept. 30

by Shirley Middleton

The Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group (BCWWG) is hosting a Water Quality Monitoring Information Forum on Saturday, September 30 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The aim is to establish an understanding of what testing has been done in the past as well as to learn about the issues involved in starting a monitoring program.

The forum will highlight the work of scientists and environmentalists from various organizations. Represented among the speakers will be John Galli, Metropolitan Washington Council of Government's (MWCOC) Anacostia Restoration Program manager; Paul Wilson, Natural Resources biologist with Maryland Department of Natural Resources; and Greenbelter Harriette L. Phelps, Professor Emeritus of the Univer-

sity of the District of Columbia. Eleanor Roosevelt High School students Emma Claye, Johntel Greene, Chelsea McGlynn and Ngoc Nguyen will report on the Watershed Integrated Study Program that they have done as part of their research projects.

After the other presentations, Mike Smith, chair of the Friends of Sligo Creek Water Quality Committee, will present the success and challenge of starting their monitoring program. The final part of the program will be an open discussion to help determine how the BCWWG should organize its monitoring program and to form a formal water quality monitoring team. All interested people are invited to participate.

See **WATER QUALITY**, page 12

Tom Renahan Describes His Nine Months in Iraq

by Sandra Lange

"Iraq is a difficult environment to work in," exclaimed Tom Renahan, Greenbelt resident who has spent the last nine months in Iraq. "You hear a bomb blast that wakes you up in the morning. The building you are living in moves. You look out the window and see black smoke. Later, you hear that 20 people were killed. You worry about your employees, your friends," Renahan muses. "There is a lot of stress."



Tom Renahan

Nevertheless, Renahan plans to return to Iraq in a few weeks to resume his work for the American Development Foundation, an organization under contract to the U.S. Agency for International Development. He has the dual job of managing an anti-corruption program and a human rights program. His goal is to help Iraqi citizens create and maintain an effective government.

To do this, he organizes workshops throughout the country for civic leaders who are encouraged to design projects leading

to democratic processes and accountability. Projects might be hanging anti-corruption posters near government buildings reminding workers to be honest.

Other projects might be producing a play or a puppet show with the message

that stealing medicine from hospitals and selling it on the black market is not ethical even if one is assisting a family member. Nepotism, a strong cultural value in Iraq, defies efforts to reward people based on merit rather than family ties, Renahan affirms with evident frustration.

Living and working in a two-block, walled and heavily armed compound in the Baghdad green zone, Renahan is confronted daily with the effects of corruption, illiteracy, fear and violence. He bemoans the fact that women have fewer rights under the new Iraqi constitution than they did under Saddam Hussein. Schools are operating, he says, but many Iraqis do not attend. Fifty per-

See **RENAHAN**, page 4

What Goes On

- Monday, September 25**
8 p.m., Regular City Council Meeting, Municipal Building (Live on Channel 71)
- Tuesday, September 26**
7 p.m., ACE Forum with School Board Candidates (Live on Channel 71)
- Wednesday, September 27**
8 p.m., Council Worksession re: Emergency Planning, Community Center
- Saturday, September 30**
10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Lake Park Cleanup, Buddy Attick Park

Letters

Thanks

The blood drive on September 15, 2006, at the Community Center was a huge success with a large number of blood donors. The drive helped the Red Cross meet the continued need in Iraq and with United States hurricane victims.

As usual, Red Cross personnel and volunteers contributed to the success of the blood drive.

The next blood drive will be held in the Community Center on Friday, November 17 from noon to 6 p.m. Those not contacted by the Red Cross for an appointment should call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212 for an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome to fill in for those who did not make their scheduled appointments.

Janet Goldberg
Recreation Coordinator

Poms Regrouping

With reference to the September 7 letter asking where were the ERHS Poms: As the parent of a Pom I wanted to make sure that everyone knew that we were not excluded from the parade because of the politicians. The team lost many of its members from last year and has a very new young team this year. The coach from last year quit a couple of weeks before school started and the new coach did not feel that the girls were ready to represent ERHS in the parade. It had nothing to do with the politicians and was just very unfortunate that they could not march.

Leslie McLaughlin

Library Hosts Banned Book Week

by Karen Seaton,
Library Information Staff

During September, the Greenbelt Library celebrates "Banned Books Week: Celebrating the Freedom to Read." Observed since 1982, this annual event sponsored by the American Library Association reminds Americans not to take this precious democratic freedom for granted. Staff have mounted a display of "banned books." Drop by to see what some of those books are (which have been selected by the American Library Association) and read one or more of them.

Want to catch up on what the Greenbelt City Council is doing but unable to make the meeting? The council provides the library with videotapes of past meetings, which may be borrowed with a library card.

A library card gives access to nearly everything on the worldwide web in print and provides personal assistance to help find information people are searching for. This month, the American Library Association (ALA) reminds people to "Get carded at your library" to enjoy all the important things that can be accessed with a library card. People of all ages, including babies, are encouraged to drop by to get a library card in September. Nobody is ever too young or too old to get a card. Every child, especially a school-aged child, should have a card to check out books for school assignments or just for fun.

The library now owns an extensive collection of popular television series on DVD that may be borrowed at no charge. A few examples include "Seinfeld," "Lost," "West Wing," "Sopranos," "Six Feet Under," "Sex and the

City," "I Love Lucy," "Law and Order," "The Twilight Zone" and many more. These materials can be borrowed on an adult library card for three weeks plus one renewal (if not reserved) at no cost to the borrower.

For more information come to the library, call 301-345-5800 or visit the website at www.pgmls.info. Renew books by phone, online or in person. Up to 75 items may be borrowed with each library card.

Coming Events

Gardening Workshop, Planting and Preparing for Winter, "Gardening for Winter Color," Saturday, October 7 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Children's Book Discussion, "Bookids," for 8 to 12 years, "The Case of the Golden Key," by James Preller, Wednesday, October 11, at 4 p.m.

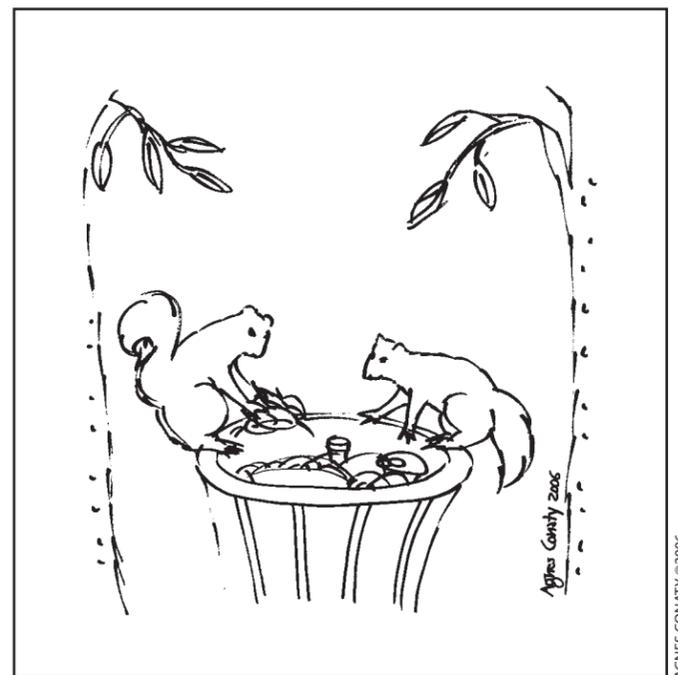
Adult Book Discussion, "Angry Housewives Eating Bon Bons" by Lorna Landvik, Wednesday night, October 18 at 7 p.m. All are welcome; visit the library to get a copy of the book.

Greenbelt Utopia Film and Video Festival, "Three Brave Men," screenings from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. and 3 to 4:30 p.m. with discussion by Kent Moore. Also, Family Animation Special from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, October 28. Call 301-507-6581 for more information.

Young Children

Tuesday September 26, 10:30 a.m. - Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver, limit 15 babies. Wednesday, September 27, Toddlertime, at 10:30 and at 11 a.m. For ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children. Thursday, September 28, 10:30 a.m. Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5. Limit 20 children.

Grin Belt



"Spinach??? I'd rather have skunk cabbage!"

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On Screen

Lose Yourself in "The Illusionist"

"The Illusionist" opens at the Old Greenbelt Theatre on Friday. It is hard to imagine a more appropriate venue for this film, starring Edward Norton. Grandson of Columbia, Maryland, designer James Rouse and native of that planned community, Norton himself worked for a time combating urban decay before his Oscar-nominated debut performance 10 years ago in "Primal Fear."

Set in turn-of-the-19th-century Vienna, Norton plays a magician who falls in love with Jessica Biel's character, the Duchess Sophie. To stay true to the low-tech setting of the film, Norton learned sleight-of-hand rather than rely on CGI (special effects) for most of his illusions. Romantic tension is created by Sophie's engagement to Prince Leopold (Rufus Sewell); Paul Giamatti, as the ambitious Chief Inspector Uhl, is caught in the middle. The film was written and directed by Neil Burger, based on a short story by Steven Millhauser. Various described as a fantasy, mystery and romantic thriller, "The Illusionist" is rated PG-13 (some sexuality and violence) and runs 110 minutes.

- Cathy Jones

Forest Preserve Task Force Presents Report

by Barbara Hopkins

Forest Preserve Task Force Chair Keith Chernikoff presented the Greenbelt City Council with the task force's final report and a draft of the Forest Preserve Maintenance and Management Guidelines at council's regular meeting on September 11. The report addresses issues with which the task force was originally charged. Chernikoff thanked Celia Craze, director of the city's planning and community development department, for her invaluable assistance as he told council the task force had fulfilled its three-fold mission.

One charge to the task force was to survey property the city holds as open space and evaluate each parcel for inclusion in the Forest Preserve. The report names four parcels that the task force recommends for inclusion into the preserve and five it does not.

The latter are park areas the

report states could be retained as forests through means other than inclusion into the Forest Preserve. The task force suggested not compromising the need for public park areas by including every city park in the preserve.

The bulk of the report relates to the maintenance and management plan for the preserve, which the task force recommends be specific in many respects to individual parcels.

The third charge for the task force was to determine the need and feasibility of a standing committee charged with managing the preserve. The report recommends establishment of a Forest Preserve Advisory Committee to provide stewardship of the preserve through interaction and consultation with other city advisory boards, committees and other organizations both within and outside of the city government.

Copies of the 64-page report

and supporting documents are available at the Municipal Building for those interested. City Clerk Kathleen Gallagher said it is hoped an abbreviated version will soon be on the city's web site. A worksession for council to discuss the report and documents will be scheduled sometime this fall.

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Corrections

In last week's Holy Cross Lutheran Church ad, a wrong service time was provided. The actual service times are 8 a.m. Worship Service, 9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Study and 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. The News Review regrets the error.

We Goofed! The 5 a.m. finishing time for last Tuesday's late-night editing crew took its toll.

While early returns had put Fred Robinson in the lead for County Council in District 4, before we left it was Ingrid Turner who was the front-runner. The asterisk by Robinson's name, denoting the winner and the headline were done while Robinson was still ahead. Thus far the winner appears to be Ingrid Turner.

In the board of education primary, voters selected eight winners. Those eight will appear on the November ballot when voters will select four. The News Review regrets the errors.

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Explore Movement

On Friday, September 29 from 1 to 3 p.m., Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation by Gretchen Dunn, a certified movement analyst. Dunn will introduce her upcoming class this fall, "Improving Your Moving," a new course designed for people who want to improve their movement in everyday life activities. The class is basic, easy and fun and is designed to counteract the movement limitations that may come with aging. During this presentation, Dunn will concentrate on movability – a combination of flexibility and moving that can be re-learned. She will also touch on balance, which is a combination of strength and movability.

With 25 years experience as an occupational therapist and a senior herself, Dunn is interested in working with others to improve movement. This led her to become a certified movement analyst, based on the methods of Rudolf Laban, the originator of Laban Movement Analysis. Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom, Room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

GHI Notes

- Upcoming meetings/events:
- Tuesday, September 26, 7 p.m. – New Member Coffee Social, Board Room
- 7:30 p.m. – Marketing Committee, Board Room
- Sunday, October 1, 11 a.m. – Pre-purchase Orientation, Board Room
- 12:30 - 5 p.m. – Fall Open House, Roosevelt Center
- Tuesday, October 3, 7 p.m. – Member & Community Relations Committee meeting, Board Room
- 7 p.m. – SDP Water & Land Group meeting, GHI Library
- Thursday, October 5, 7:30 p.m. – Board of Directors, Board Room
- Sunday, October 15, 12:30 - 5 p.m. – All Members Picnic, Community Center lawn. RSVP 301-474-4161

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, September 25 through Friday, September 29 include:

Monday – Tomato soup with crackers, seafood pasta salad with lettuce and tomatoes, sliced beets and onions, two gingerbread cookies.

Tuesday – Orange juice, BBQ beef ribette, seasoned cabbage, candied sweet potatoes, frozen yogurt cup.

Wednesday – Grape juice, turkey tetrazzini, diced carrots, green beans, canned peaches.

Thursday – Cranapple juice, oven fried haddock with tartar sauces, cheesy scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, fresh banana.

Friday – Grape juice, baked chicken with gravy, cornbread dressing, broccoli, fruit sherbert.

Community Events

Reading Problems Workshop Offered

Everyone with a child who is having difficulty learning to read as well as persons who would like to be volunteer tutors for a reading disabled child are invited to attend a workshop at the Greenbelt Community Center on Monday, October 2 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Greenbelt CARES encourages parents and prospective volunteers to attend this free presentation by the Dyslexia Tutoring Program. The program's mission is to teach low-income dyslexic youth and adults to read. The workshop will include professional assessment and free training of volunteer tutors in the Orton-Gillingham method.

Registration is required; call CARES at 301-345-6660.



Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

Where has the summer gone? Here we are back into the swing of fall and all sorts of activities.

We just returned from an exciting bus trip to Cape Cod. Many thanks to Lori Moran who coordinated the trip and had us on lots of adventures and brought us home safely.

We will be having board games at the meeting on September 27. Dr. Trifoglio will speak on October 11. A Chinese auction is in the works for a later date.

Be sure to stop by the Community Center and see the display case near the office. See what active seniors do.

Come to meetings every Wednesday at noon at the Community Center and take part in lots of activities or just enjoy socializing with friends.

Roosevelt H.S. Site For Comer Retreat

The Prince George's County Public Schools Department of Family and Community Services will present the 21st Annual Comer School Development Program (SDP) Team Retreat and Family/Community Resources day at ERHS.

This is a specialized training opportunity and resource fair on comprehensive school reform to improve student achievement for school system staff, educators, parents and family members, students, childcare workers, social services personnel and business and community leaders.

This program will be held on Saturday, September 30 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Prince George's County Public Schools Chief Executive Officer Dr. John E. Deasy will be the keynote speaker. He will be joined by Dr. Beatrice Tignor and other members of the Board of Education and by Dr. Ann Levett, executive director, Yale Child Study Center, National Comer School Development Program. This year's theme is "Comer SDP: Keys to Continuous Improvement."

Registration is required and may be made by calling 301-552-4294.

ACE Reading Club Announcements

The Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) sponsors a number of reading and writing activities for students throughout the school year. Liz Murray, program coordinator for the ACE Reading Club, also has announced a volunteer program for high school students that helps younger students and helps the high school students earn service learning hours.

Volunteers Needed

The ACE Reading Club, a youth reading-incentive program funded by the City of Greenbelt, is in need of high school students in Greenbelt to volunteer with programs in the upcoming school year. This is an opportunity for students to earn service learning hours as part of their graduation requirement. Volunteers can assist with a variety of children's programs and/or administrative tasks. For more information on available programs, contact Liz Murray at lmurray@greenbeltnmd.gov or call 301-345-6660.

Teen Book Discussions

Students in grades 9 to 12 who love to read are encouraged to join the ACE Reading Club Teen Book Jams. These are book discussion sessions where students will have the opportunity to discuss a pre-chosen book and socialize with other teens. The first meeting will be held on October 9 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Municipal Building. The book will be either "Peter and the Starcatchers" by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson or "Captain Hook: The Adventures of a Notorious Youth" by J.V. Hart. Murray can also provide information on this program.

Upcoming Events

The first ACE Reading Club meeting will be held at Greenbelt Elementary School on Wednesday, September 27 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

The ACE Reading Club will host a Youth Writing Contest for students in grades 6 to 12, as well as the annual Greenbelt Youth Literary Showcase. This year the Showcase will highlight winners from the writing contest as well as additional works that were selected for the new literary magazine "Greenbelt Voices."

Friday's GAC Play Is Rescheduled

Due to the religious holiday Rosh Hashanah on Friday, September 22 the performance of "The Women" at the Greenbelt Arts Center has been rescheduled for Sunday, October 8 at 2 p.m.

Annual FORA Meeting

The Friends of the Resource Advocate (FORA) will hold their annual meeting on Friday, September 29 at 1:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Municipal Building in city council chambers. On the agenda are the annual reports from the Home and Health Care Study Group and from the Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program. Included is a description of the newly introduced Home Health Care Preferred Provider Program.

Also, volunteers can sign up to assist, for one hour or more, at the City of Greenbelt's Health Fair on October 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Come see what has been accomplished during the last year and give input in deciding what should be planned for next year.

ACE to Host Forum For School Board

The Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) will sponsor a school board forum for all the candidates from each of the five districts and the at-large candidates on Tuesday, September 26 at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Building. Four at-large and five district seats will be determined in the general election on November 7.

The forum will consist of candidate self-introductions, a discussion of pertinent issues in the local schools and a question-and-answer period.

The program will also be telecast live on Greenbelt Cable Access – Channel 71.

Computer Buying Help and Advice

Some of the biggest changes in the computer world in a decade are happening now. For those planning to buy a new computer or computer peripheral who do not know where to start, there is a Greenbelt Computer Club lecture on "How to Buy a Computer" on Thursday, September 28 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 114 at the Community Center. A second lecture on "How to Buy Computer Peripherals" will be held on Thursday, October 5 in Room 202.

Mary Camp will discuss what people need to know before buying. A question and answer session will follow each lecture. Lectures are free and open to all.

Last Call for Crafters For Festival of Lights

The city reminds artists, artisans and crafters, it is last call time for the December 2-3 Greenbelt Festival of Lights Art and Craft Fair. The deadline to apply is Friday, October 6 (received by 4 p.m.). Applications are available at the Greenbelt Community Center, online at www.greenbeltnmd.gov/arts, or by calling Barbara Dickey Davis at 240-542-2062.

The Greenbelt Festival of Lights Art and Craft Fair is a local favorite for great holiday gifts. This is a juried show that offers all original artwork sold by the makers. The fair supports artists, artisans and other community members in the sale of their own, original, hand-made creations. No kit crafts, imports, or commercially-produced items are permitted.

The event runs on Saturday, December 2 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, December 3 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free hands-on craft workshops will be offered on both days and a klezmer concert will be held on Sunday.

Greenbriar Assn. To Meet Sept. 27

The Greenbriar Community Association will meet on Wednesday, September 27 at 6 p.m. in the Greenbriar Commons Room, 7600 Hanover Parkway.

For further information call 301-441-1096.

Senior Luncheon At Greenbriar

A senior luncheon will be held at Greenbriar on Tuesday, September 26 at noon. Greenbriar seniors and a guest are invited to this free luncheon and afternoon activities including a movie and prizes.

For information call Tiffané Rose at 301-441-1096 ext. 11.

Tutors Needed At Springhill Lake

The Greenbelt Elementary School Tutoring and Homework Program and the Greenbelt Moving Ahead (GMA) Program at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center is so popular that additional tutors are needed. The elementary school program (grades 1 to 6) and the GMA (grades 7 to 12) meet Saturdays during the school year from 9:30 a.m. to noon and are free.

For information call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212.

The U.S.P.S. has approved establishing a contract postal unit (CPU) in the Municipal Building.

The city expects to have the CPU up and running in mid-October. LAST DAY for the Mobile Unit is Friday, September 22.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR YOUTH SPORTS

Soccer Commissioner
Basketball and Soccer Coaches
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Only A Few Games Left!

Get your discounted ticket vouchers today – \$24 premium seats for only \$15.

Contact Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club Soccer Commissioner Kim Paz 301-474-3750

Obituaries

John C. Francisco

Former Greenbelter John Francisco died of cancer September 17, 2006, in Elmira, N.Y. He was 82. He and his first wife June McCauley were married in 1945 and moved to 2 Court Northway in 1959.

Both John and June were very active in the Greenbelt Baptist Church where he was a trustee, a member of the Building Committee, Hospitality Committee and Safe Haven Program. Both were active in the Golden Age Club.

John enlisted in the Marine Corps the day after Pearl Harbor, serving in the Pacific and later in Washington, D.C., as an Honor Guard. He then worked for the federal government for 40 years as a machinist.

In 1999 John and June moved to Ohio, as their health declined, to be near their two daughters. June died in December 2000 after 55 years of marriage. John, a widower, later renewed friendship with his former high school sweetheart still living in New York, widow Helen Toby. They married on Valentines Day in 2004.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, September 23 at the McKee Funeral Home, US Route #50, Augusta, W.Va., with interment at Augusta Cemetery, next to June.



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cent of women and 44 percent of men are illiterate, he says.

"The worst corruption problem is the infiltration of the police force," he maintains. "No one trusts the police. If a crime is committed, you won't call the police because the person you call may be the perpetrator. If you call the wrong person," he states firmly, "you're dead."

Culture of Violence

"There is a culture of violence that turns people against each other," he says wearily. For each killing of a Sunni or a Shiite, there is retribution. And the persons killed may have had nothing to do with the original murder. In one month, 1,800 bodies showed up in Baghdad," he says. "People are fleeing to Jordan, Syria and Kurdistan, if they can get out."

Renahan was especially saddened by the murder of his best friend, a 27-year-old Iraqi named Haider Al-Maliki, who had visited him in Greenbelt. He describes Haider as "one of the great young men of Iraq."

In a tribute to his friend, Renahan remarked that Haider

"aspired to be a diplomat for his country. He was a soaring talent, a rising star and quite possibly one of the future leaders of Iraq . . . Haider was assassinated in a hail of bullets while sitting in a taxi at a red light."

"Why," Renahan asks mournfully, "was the life of this charming, intellectual, brilliant, charismatic figure extinguished so brutally and senselessly?"

Haider's death symbolizes to Renahan much that is discouraging about life in Iraq. "The violence goes beyond imagination," he says.

When not in a fatalistic mood, he says he is hopeful about the country's future. With over 90 percent of Iraq's revenue coming from oil, national revenues should go up, he maintains. Over time, there is great potential for a democratic government in Iraq, he believes. And he is challenged to help the Iraqi people create a better country and a better life. In the end, though, he concludes that the Iraqis need to "get it together themselves."

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City Notes

Animal Control transported one dog awaiting adoption to the vet for surgery, received one stray dog from a citizen, picked up one abandoned kitten and took an injured duck to the wildlife center. One bat was taken for rabies testing and one cruelty to an animal investigation for Prince George's County was done.

The horticulture crew hauled six tons of logs to be recycled into lumber or furniture.

The parks crew replaced the broken sliding board at Greenspring Park and installed wear mats under three swings and the end of the slide. Wear mats were installed under four swings and four slides at Buddy Attick Park, two swings and two slides at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, two swings and one slide at the Breezewood Road playground. A spring animal at the playground near 5 Court Gardenway was repaired.



Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of former 40-year resident John Francisco of Elmira, N.Y.

Our sympathy to the Gorman family on the death of Lois' mother and their grandmother Jane Rogers, who died September 18, 2006.

Congratulations to Airman Devin M. Ray, son of Juanita Reed of Springhill Lane, who has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.



Darrell and Leta Mach are happy to announce the birth of their granddaughter, Piper Chandler Mach, on September 5, 2006. Proud parents are Karla and Ryan Mach of Kensington.

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- The Holy Qur'an, 13:27

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CARES

The Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) has invited all 18 of the remaining candidates for Prince George's County School Board to participate in a Candidates Forum. That number includes two candidates from each of the five districts (Greenbelt is located in District 1) and eight candidates for the at-large positions. In the November general election citizens will vote for one candidate in each district (regardless of where they reside) and for four at-large candidates. The forum will take place in the city council room on Tuesday, September 26 at 7 p.m. It will be broadcast live on the Greenbelt Cable TV station.

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program has added Brian Livelsberger to the staff as Interim Service Coordinator. Livelsberger works Tuesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Friday from 9 to 11 a.m.

Liz Park met with Community Crisis, Inc. staff to plan a series of upcoming half conferences on the issue of homelessness beginning in November.

CARES has added first year MSW Intern Justin Moore, from Howard University, who will work with the GED and tutoring programs. He will also assist the crisis intervention counselors with information and referrals and provide services to the homeless population.



City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL

September 25, 2006-8:00pm-Municipal Building
Regular Meeting

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

- Presentation of Grants – County Councilmember Douglas J. J. Peters
- NLC Race Equality and Inclusive Communities Week – Proclamation

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

Committee Reports

LEGISLATION

A Resolution . . . to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt . . . by Amending Section 8, Titled "Same—Quorum, procedure" to Clarify the Number of Affirmative Council Votes Required to Take Various Actions (Charter Amendment 2006-1) (2nd Reading, Adoption)

OTHER BUSINESS

- Petition Regarding Additional Pool Time for Greenbelt Swim Team
- Award of Bid – Leaf Vacuum
- * Contract for Street Construction Work
- * Appointment to Advisory Group

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

LAKE PARK CLEAN-UP

Saturday, September 30th from 10am-2pm
Volunteers Needed

Community Service Hours Given!

Join the members of the Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee in removing litter and other debris from the shoreline and path at Buddy Attick Park. Bring work gloves, comfortable clothing and boots or old shoes.

For more information call 301-474-8004.

For information on City Services, Government, and Events, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov.

**GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER
FALL SESSION**

Adult Classes and Children's Swimming Lessons
Session Dates: Sept. 23 thru Nov. 17

Passholders and Residents register: Sept. 18 and 19

Open Registration: Sept. 20 until classes are filled for adult classes ONLY.

Registration for Children's lessons will end Friday Sept. 22 @ 2:00pm

For class listing see Recreation Brochure at www.greenbeltmd.gov

MEETINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 25-29

- **Monday, September 25, 8:00pm, Regular City Council Meeting**, Municipal Building (live on Channel 71).
- **Tuesday, September 26, 7:00pm, ACE Forum with School Board Candidates**, Municipal Building. (live on Channel 71)
- **Wednesday, September 27, 8:00pm, Council Work Session, re:Emergency Plan**, 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.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.

Vacancies exist on the:

Arts Advisory Board

Advisory Committee on Education

Park and Recreation Advisory Board

Youth Advisory Committee (youth and adult positions)

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

The Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education presents:

SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES FORUM

Tuesday, September 26 at 7:00pm

Featuring candidates from each of the 5 districts and candidates at large. All are welcome!

This forum will be shown live on Greenbelt Municipal Access Channel 71.

**GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS
CHANNEL 71**

MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Monday, September 25th at 8pm: Regular City Council Meeting (live) Tuesday, September 26th at 7:00pm: ACE School Board Candidates Forum (live) Thursday, September 28: 10am & 6pm "Ask the Expert," 3pm "Miss Greenbelt Pageant 2006," 7pm: Replay "ACE Candidates Forum," 9:00pm: Replay of City Council Meeting .
PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, September 27 & 29: 7pm New Deal Cafe presents "Dan Zimmermann," 8pm "Democratic Club w/Steny Hoyer."

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER FOR THESE CLASSES!

These are just some of the children's classes that are still open for registration. Please contact the Recreation Department at 301-397-2200 or go online at www.greenbeltmd.gov and download the RECREATION BROCHURE for information on dates and times.

LATE NIGHT AT THE YOUTH CENTER

If you haven't heard the buzz from friends and neighbors yet, let us be the first to tell you! Our popular late night is back again this fall! A program designed to be a SUPER VALUE that provides your child (age 6 - 12) with a structured and supervised evening at the Youth Center with their friends. Program will include dinner, ice cream treat, recreational swim time, a movie and more! Pre-registration is required. Please enroll no later than 12:00 noon 24 hours prior, so that provisions can be made to have enough staff and food for dinner. Upcoming dates: 10/13, 11/10, and 12/8.

GLAD (Greenbelt Leisure Activity Day)

GLAD is back! One day field trip adventures for your school age explorer (6-12) on many Prince George's County scheduled school holidays. Program runs from 9:00am to 3:30pm. Before Care is available beginning at 7:00am for an additional \$10.00 per child per session. After care is also available from 3:30pm to 6pm for an additional \$15.00 per child per session. Space is limited and pre-registration is required! Upcoming dates: 9/25, 10/2, 10/20, 10/27, 11/6, and 11/7.

TUMBLE BUGS

Flip, jump and roll into tumbling adventure! Emphasis is on basic tumbling and balance beam skills. Watch as your child's self-esteem soars as he or she learns new skills and makes new friends. Class focuses on developing rhythm and coordination through large body movements and movement to music.

GYMBORAMA

A parent-child playgroup designed for quality time together that utilizes a room inspiring creative play. The final 15 minutes of each class will contain instructor led games, songs or stories.

SHORTY SPORTS

If you are looking to get your young child oriented with team sports and the concept of sportsmanship, then this is the program for you. Enroll your child in our Saturday morning session which will cover a variety of sports with an emphasis on sportsmanship and learning the game. This six week session will cover a variety of sports including soccer, t-ball, and hockey. Each class will last 45 minutes. Registration limited to 16 participants in each age category.

MOM'S MORNING OUT

This traditional pre-school program focuses on providing activities which encourage social development, gross motor skills, and listening to and following instructions. Children must be fully potty trained before they are eligible to register. Program is not offered on some PG County scheduled school holidays or when schools are closed or delayed due to inclement weather or emergency. Please fill out a "Student Profile" packet when registering your child!

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Week of September 22

FRI. – SAT.

The Covenant, PG-13 (!)

12:30, 3:10, 5:30, 8, 10:45

The Protector, R (!)

12:40, 2:50, 5:35, 7:40

Black Dahlia, R (!)

1:15, 4, 7, 10:15

Gridiron Gang, PG-13 (!)

1:15, 4, 7, 7:30, 10, 10:30

Jackass 2, R (!)

12:30, 3, 5:20, 7:30, 10

Fearless, PG-13 (!)

12:30, 3:10, 5:30, 8, 10:45

Barnyard, PG

12:40, 2:45, 4:50

Everyone's Hero, G (!)

12:40, 3, 5:10, 7:15, 10:15

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Everyone's Hero, G (!)

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MON. – THUR.

The Covenant, PG-13 (!)

5:30, 8

The Protector, R (!)

5:35, 7:40

Black Dahlia, R (!)

5, 7:40

Gridiron Gang, PG-13 (!)

5, 7, 7:30

Jackass 2, R (!)

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Barnyard, PG

4:50

Everyone's Hero, G (!)

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the Admissions and Amusements tax forgiveness the city had granted Beltway Plaza in return for their keeping the Academy 8 complex operating when AMC Theaters decided to cease their operations last year. The issue arose as an unintended consequence of the city's effort to lessen the tax burden for Beltway Plaza as part of their agreement to upgrade the theaters.

This means that the only beneficiaries of the tax relaxation is the film distributors. Lessening the tax has increased the share of admissions revenue that goes to the distributors. The city manager will discuss this issue further with Beltway Plaza and come back to council with a report on the problem and possible solutions to assure that the original intent is achieved.

Conceptual Site Plan

Plans for the third new development/redevelopment in Greenbelt West are now part of a CSP submitted to M-NCPPC last month by the Beltway Plaza owners. Because of the timing of the "Stakeholder" worksession, this was the first opportunity for council to see what the owners of Beltway Plaza envision in their plans to address the potential new development, mainly to the rear side of the Plaza property, facing Breezewood Drive and opposite the Springhill Lake apartment complex.

The Beltway Plaza CSP provides a generalized concept for a residential/town center development encompassing most of the existing parking space at the rear of the shopping center and chang-

es as well to some of the existing structures in the front portion of the center. Approximately 1,400 multi-family residential units are envisioned, generally as upper-level units over retail.

Also envisioned is a formal entry into the rear of the Beltway Plaza property in the vicinity of Cherrywood Terrace that would proceed through the existing mall structure to the front of the mall and access to Greenbelt Road. The plan also shows several new parking structures serving the new development. A medium size graphic representation of the CSP was available for review at the meeting.

Council Concerns

Members of council were pretty quick out of the box with comments, from the general outline presented. Davis was the first to register concern with the notion that the Beltway Plaza developers would consider naming the new expansion "Greenbelt Town Center." She was joined by her colleagues, concerned that such a name would be confused with the "real" town center at Roosevelt Center.

Roberts' first reaction was that the CSP looks "way overboard" considering other development plans for Greenbelt West. Especially he was worried about lack of adequate school facilities for the expected increase in population in the area.

Councilmember Leta Mach voiced similar concerns with the number of residential units being considered. She also focused on what type of housing (condo, for sale, cooperative, senior housing)

would be possible for that area and especially the types of housing that would generate lesser numbers of school age children.

Wines responded that they were not thinking of development that would bring children. Councilmembers questioned if that strategy would work, once the housing was built.

Councilmember Konrad Herling wondered how the number 1,400 was reached, especially if the mission is to upgrade and improve the rear end of the shopping center.

Councilmember Edward Putens asked if commercial office or long-term residence apartments were considered.

Councilmembers also asked if the Beltway Plaza owners were participating in the Joint School Task Force recently formed through the efforts of County Council Chair Thomas Dernoga to address difficult issues of school capacity and the need for more active recreation space to serve the expected increase in population from all three developments being planned for the area.

Greenbelt resident Brian Gibbons used the opportunity to urge the developers to think strategically about specific uses with more of an environmentally holistic view; i.e., reducing the need for automobiles, providing more pedestrian and bicycle friendly facilities, introducing low-impact-development techniques and green building principles and even consider design and construction, including features that would allow recycling at the end of their lives.

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Gang Resistance Education and Training, which targets sixth graders; the Eddie Eagle program that teaches kids to stay away from guns; the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program, last year given to grades one, three and five at both elementary schools; a safety patrol picnic sponsored by AAA; and the Walk-to-School Day program.

At Greenbelt the officers also participate in a PTA-sponsored pedestrian safety day. Springhill Lake students were taken out for bowling and pizza by the officers. A highlight for the kids on that trip, said Parker, was being driven to the bowling alley in Hummers loaned by Capitol Cadillac.

The officers also provide security for sporting events, dances, grad night, the prom and drama productions. Rogers said he rarely has to perform police duties at these events but he thought people feel safer because they see him there.

Both Parker and Rogers attended the annual conference of the National Association of School Resource Officers and put on a block of training for officers from other localities.

Rogers described the relationship between the school resource officers and school administrations as good, with school officials treating the officers like an extension of their administrative staff. This helps them do their job effectively, he said.

Councilmember Edward Putens commented that the involvement of the school resource officers with the students also contributes to the success of the program.

The Beltway Plaza CSP is tentatively scheduled for consideration by the Planning Board in November. The city planning staff are only beginning to evaluate the plans and will be discussing the issues with the developers and the M-NCPPC technical staff. Davis hoped that concerns raised at the worksession will be considered by city staff in making their recommendations to council before CSP is considered by the County Planning Board later this year.

Public Hearings Set For Schools Budget

There will be three public hearings this month, one in Greenbelt, to seek public input concerning the Prince George's County Public School (PGCPS) system's educational needs and priorities for the next fiscal year operating budget. Public feedback will be considered by Chief Executive Officer John Deasy when developing the Fiscal Year 2008 Proposed Operating Budget.

The local hearing will take place on Wednesday, September 27 at 7 p.m. at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Parents and community members interested in speaking at the public hearing should call 301-952-6382 to register before 4 p.m. of the day of the hearing.

The PGCPS will also use an online survey to gain additional input from the public about priorities for next year's operating budget. That survey will be posted on the school system website at www.pgcps.org.

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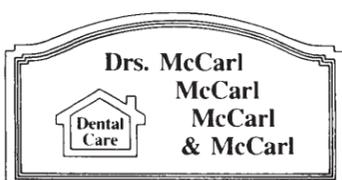


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Police Blotter

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

Assault

September 13, 3:15 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a citizen reported a group of females fighting in the parking lot of the plaza. When police arrived, the fighting ceased. No severe injuries were reported and no arrests were made.

Drug Arrest

September 14, 12:10 a.m., Parkway, a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia after police responded to a report of a suspicious person. He was located near the rear of an apartment building and was found to be in possession of a bag of suspected marijuana. The suspect was charged on a criminal citation and released pending trial.

Resisting Arrest

September 8, 10:44 a.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane, a resident man was arrested and charged with driving while suspended and resisting arrest after police stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. A computer check revealed that the driver had a suspended license. He was arrested and resisted attempts to place him in handcuffs. The man was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Theft

September 8, 12:28 p.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School, a resident and a nonresident youth were arrested for theft after allegedly stealing food from the cafeteria at the school. Both were released pending action by the School Board and the juvenile justice system.

Trespass

September 9, 8:40 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with trespass. Police observed him on the grounds of Springhill Lake Apartments after he had been banned from the complex by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

September 11, 8:52 a.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespass. He was observed in the hallways of the school during the school day. The man, who was not enrolled in the school, was released on citation pending trial.

Vandalism

September 10, 5:45 p.m., 11 Crescent Road, unknown person(s) spray painted graffiti in the tunnel underpass.

Burglaries

September 6, 10:21 p.m., 7200

Hanover Parkway, unknown person(s) used unknown means to enter a hotel room at the Holiday Inn and removed a purse.

September 8, 3:35 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Court, unknown person(s) entered a vacant apartment by forcing open the sliding glass door. Construction equipment that was being stored there was stolen.

September 10, 9:40 a.m., 6400 block Ivy Lane, a commercial burglary was reported.

September 14, 1:38 a.m., 6400 block Ivy Lane, a commercial burglary was reported.

September 14, 7:33 a.m., 6200 block of Springhill Court, unknown person(s) entered a vacant apartment by an unlocked sliding glass door. A VCR/DVD player, DVD player, clothing and jewelry were stolen.

Vehicle Crimes

Four vehicles were recovered, two by Greenbelt police and two by outside police. No arrests were made in any recovery.

Theft from and vandalism to vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7800 and 7900 blocks Mandan Road, 7700 block Hanover Parkway, 7000 block Megan Lane, Greenway Center and 6400 block Ivy Lane.

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practices and economic impacts," according to the web site of the Alice Ferguson Foundation.

Elements of the Trash-Free Potomac Watershed Citizen Pledge include increasing awareness of the watershed's trash issue, properly disposing of trash and recyclables, stopping trash at the source by using recyclable or reusable products with trash-free packaging. The pledge also includes encouraging others to model trash-free behavior and participating in the annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup. The foundation claims that volunteers at these annual cleanups have removed 2.5 million pounds of trash from the watershed since 1989.

Other sites nominated as trash hot spots in Greenbelt were Edmonston Road from Crescent to Cherrywood Lane, Metro Drive, the pond on Hanover Parkway behind the Bank of America on Ora Glen Drive and the sediment ponds near Greenbelt Lake. The selected site collected seven of 10 votes from REAC members. The city council approved the selection at its meeting on September 11.

Cool Cities Initiative

REAC also recommended that Greenbelt consider becoming a Cool City, a program of the Sierra Club with the slogan "solving global warming one city at a time."

Part of the Cool Cities initiative is the U.S. Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement, which urges federal and state governments to establish programs to reduce greenhouse gases to seven percent below 1990 levels by 2012. This is to be accomplished through

reducing dependence on fossil fuels and developing alternate, economical and clean energy resources. The agreement urges passage by Congress of the Climate Stewardship Act to create a system for emission-producing industries to trade allotments for these global warming pollutants.

The mayors' agreement also outlines steps at the local level to reduce global warming pollution. Participating entities agree to inventory emissions and set targets for reducing them: to adopt land-use policies that reduce sprawl, preserve open space and create walkable communities. They also agree to promote programs to reduce commuting and increase the use of clean, alternative energy; make energy efficiency and conservation a priority and purchase energy-efficient equipment, vehicles and appliances.

Other steps are to implement and promote sustainable building practices, increase recycling, maintain healthy urban forests and promote tree planting. Helping educate the public about reducing global warming pollution is another commitment.

The agreement has been signed by over 200 mayors nationally, according to the Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club. Local signers include the mayors of Sykesville, Annapolis, Chevy Chase and Baltimore.

Evaluation of this program and its practicality and benefits to the city were added to council's work plan, according to staff notes for the September 11 meeting.

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.

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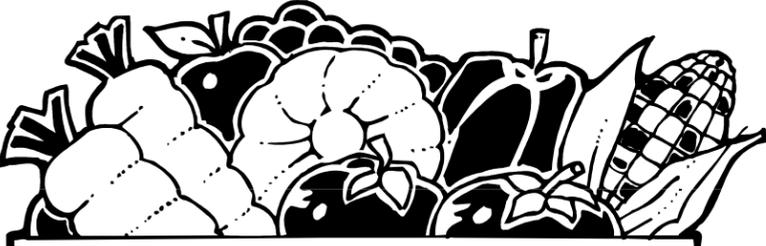
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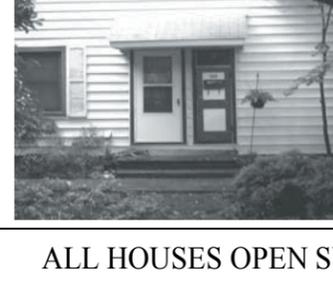
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A Review

"The Women" Offers View Of Glamour in the 1930s

by Carol A. Griffith

"Clare Booth Luce really knew her women," writes Norma Ozur, director of "The Women" now playing at the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC), concerning the playwright. It's a very true statement: there are 22 parts in the play, all women's, played by 17 actresses, many of whom are appearing for the first time at GAC.

While the comedy has a moral and in the end goodness triumphs over evil, there's plenty of evil. Set mainly in New York City in the 1930s among a group of wealthy, high-society women, the characters gossip, lie, cheat, have extramarital affairs, get divorced and even have a hair-pulling, biting and scratching catfight, all in their pursuit of wealthy men and social status.

The women go to card parties and glamorous balls, shop at Sak's and spend hours with the hairdresser and manicurist having their nails painted the appropriately popular "Jungle Red" as the plot unfolds amid twelve scene changes.

Some characters are more sympathetic than others – one drops ashes from her cigarette on her newborn's head as he nurses – and several are comic. All are well-acted.

Claire G. Williams as Sylvia, leader of the group, Carol Randolph as the hilarious Countess and Jill E. Goodrich as the "good" Mary are especially effective in their roles. Danielle Dernoga, who is 13 years old, is excellent as the child trying to make sense of her parents'

behavior.

The play seems a little dated – many might insist it's not dated enough – in its portrayal of the few women who work as unhappy and unfulfilled and in its theme of women needing a man to be happy. But it doesn't detract from the fun.

Much of the humor is derived from interactions between the self-absorbed society women and their servants and others who attend them. As they pamper and cater to the socialites, the salesclerks, hairdressers and others despise them and often not-so-subtly insult them.

Malca Giblin, playing two parts; Sandy Hamlin as an exercise class instructor, Celeste Macmillan as the longsuffering servant Jane; and Penny Martin returning to GAC as the nurse are excellent.

Costume designer Sarah Kendrick has done wonders with the period outfits and the "turntable" arrangement of the various settings, designed by Bill Tchakrides, makes the frequent set changes quick while conveying the feel of a luxurious place.

"The Women" will play on Friday and Saturday evenings, September 23, 29 and 30 and October 6 and 7 at 8 p.m. Three Sunday matinees are scheduled for September 24, October 1 and 8 at 2 p.m. Reservations may be made through the box office at 301-441-8770 or at the Arts Center at 123 Centerway, located beneath the Co-op supermarket.



From left, Nancy (played by Judy Blackburn), Mary (played by Jill E. Goodrich) and Peggy (played by Lori Libes) are part of the ensemble of actresses in "The Women," now at Greenbelt Arts Center.

Riverdale Park Farmer's Market

by Jim Coleman, manager

The Riverdale Park Farmers Market is bustling every Thursday between 3 and 7 p.m. with music, delicious food, interesting crafts from local artisans and, of course, fresh produce from local farmers through November 16.

It is a producer-only market which means people buy straight from those who make or raise their own products. The market is located at the junction of Queensbury Road and the railroad tracks.

Some of the local produce includes organic vegetables, fruits, free-range eggs and oriental vegetables. Shoppers can also find unique products made by local artisans and entrepreneurs such as pottery, crepes prepared while shoppers wait and handmade botanical soaps.

Guarneri Quartet Public Rehearsal

On Wednesday, September 27 at 5 p.m. the Guarneri String Quartet will hold a free open rehearsal in Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Now in its 25th year in residence at the school of music, this legendary quartet presents its first on-campus open rehearsal of the school year.

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There is no limit to the number of times the card can be used, as long as the card is presented to a participating pharmacist. In Prince George's County there are more than 130 participating pharmacies. Call the Prince George's County Health Department for locations of the participating pharmacies.

There is no registration, no fee for the card and no forms to fill out. The card, when presented along with the prescription from a health care provider, will be activated by the pharmacist. The entire process is HIPAA compliant so confidentiality is assured.

In order to obtain a card, residents may go to any county agency building or library and ask for a card. Cards were delivered to the Greenbelt Library on August 21. Homebound clients of the Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) Program who would like to have a card should contact the GAIL program office to arrange to have one mailed.

This is a free benefit. For further questions contact the GAIL program office at 301-474-8000 ext. 012.

Beltsville Garden Club Meets on Wednesday

The Beltsville Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, September 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria at James E. Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail in Beltsville. The public is invited.

The speaker for this meeting is Kevin Conrad, whose topic will be "Ornamental Plant Conservation." Conrad has a BS in horticulture from the University of Maryland and is curator of woody landscape plants at the National Arboretum.

There will be plants for the door prize table and refreshments after the meeting. There is no fee.

For information call Louise DeJames at 301-890-4733 or visit the www.beltsvillegardenclub.org.

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Mi Ae Kim and Susan Barnett received the first Jim Cassels (center) award for community service in June 2006.

Cassels Award

The group received the first Jim Cassels Award for Community Service in June. The monetary award is for a local organization that contributes to the community at large. The BCWWG will use this award to support the development of a water quality monitoring program for Beaverdam Creek. Such a program will help detect pollution if present, its sources, and also show any changes that may occur to the water quality. It will also raise awareness of water quality issues and help people better understand how to lessen their impact on the environment. To initiate this plan of action the BCWWG is organizing.

The Jim Cassels Award will be used to purchase necessary equipment and supplies for the water quality monitoring program. The group also plans to use some of the money to develop educational materials to distribute to the public regarding the Beaverdam Creek Watershed.

This is an exciting opportu-

nity for the newly formed group. They are looking forward to working with the various stakeholders in the watershed and in addition they hope this workshop will further the connections between the three watershed groups in Greenbelt – BCWWG, Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek and Friends of Still Creek. All are invited to the free forum on Saturday.

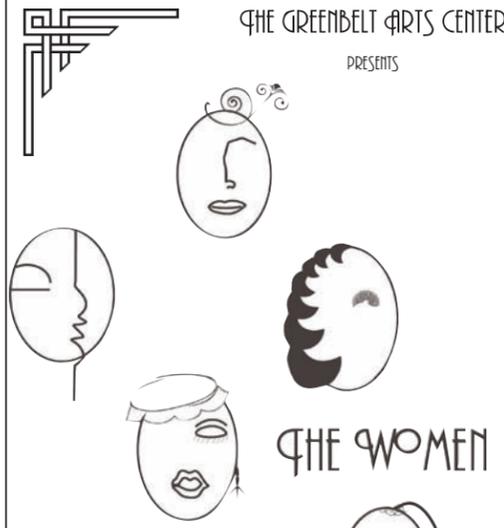
The BCWWG has not been in existence for long but it has been busy. Its co-founders Mi Ae Kim and Susan Barnett with support from MWCOG began building the organization in January 2005 and had its first official public meeting in December. They have had various clean ups, bird walks and stream walks throughout the watershed in their efforts to engage the public in improving as well as enjoying this resource.

To reserve a space call Susan Barnett at 301-474-7465 or email susnbarn@earthlink.net. For more information about BCWWG go to <http://www.beaverdamcreek.org/>.



Cleanup of Beaverdam Creek on October 8, 2005.

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