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Greenbelt Planning Staff Works With AIMCO on SHL Revisions

by Thomas X. White

In an effort to revive their failed preliminary plan of subdivision (PPS) for redevelopment of the Springhill Lake (SHL) apartment community, Apartment Investment and Management Company Inc. (AIMCO) has been working with the staff of the city's Planning and Community Development Department to resolve their differences. AIMCO has made several substantive changes to the previous plan that failed to achieve approval earlier this year from the Prince George's County Planning Board. The corporation is seeking the city's support for a revised plan to be reconsidered by the Planning Board in December.

At a Greenbelt City Council worksession on Wednesday, November 1 the city planning staff provided a detailed update on proposed revisions to the AIMCO plan and proposed staff revisions to the city's list of required conditions that would provide "conditional" support for the PPS. Attending the worksession were the entire council; Michael McLaughlin, city manager; Celia Craze, director of the city's Planning and Community Development Department; Terri Hruby, Greenbelt's assistant planner; Tarek Bolden, community planner; Joe McNeal, assistant director of the recreation department; and AIMCO representatives Patty Schwayder and Andre Gingles.

McLaughlin opened the discussion, noting the history of the SHL redevelopment proposals, council's earlier concerns and efforts that have been made to address all of council's concerns with the previous plan that had been rejected. Craze noted that at least 100 hours of staff time

have been consumed in discussions and negotiations with the AIMCO group to address all of council's concerns. The revised AIMCO plans reflect some of those concerns, she said, but several conditions cannot be resolved at this time and will need further discussion.

Craze said the staff approach was based on the premise that council has generally viewed proposed redevelopment of the SHL property as a desirable goal but has raised concerns with the proposed density, building heights and availability of active recreation to serve the area. Other concerns are school capacity issues for Greenbelt West, environmental issues and infrastructure arrangements. If those issues could not be resolved, council may withhold

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Election Results for Greenbelt Precincts (unofficial results)

Greenbelt Greenbelt Springhill

	Center	Elem	Lake	Roosevelt	TOtal	Percent	
Governor							
Ehrlich/Cox	283	334	62	321	1,000	21.2	
O'Malley/Brown	1,028	781	373	1,454	3,636	77.0	
Boyd/Madigan	29	31	5	12	77	1.6	
Driscoll/Rothstein	3	1	0	4	8	0.2	
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Comptroller							
McCarthy, Anne	250	273	55	254	832	18.2	
Franchot, Peter	1,032	829	383	1,502	3,746	81.8	
Attorney General							
Rolle, Scott	205	249	42	209	705	15.4	
	1,087		393	1,529			
Gansler, Douglas	1,007	853	393	1,529	3,862	84.6	
U.S. Senator							
Steele, Michael	281	289	74	359	1,003	21.2	
Cardin, Benjamin	1,023	818	359	1,421	3,621	76.6	
Zeese, Kevin	36	43	6	17	102	2.2	
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U.S. Representative							
Hoyer, Steny	1,054	881	391	1,579	3,905	87.2	
Warner, Steve	223	185	35	129	572	12.8	
State Senate							
Pinsky, Paul	1,173	950	407	1,604	4,134	100.0	
Filisky, Faul	1,173	930	407	1,004	4,134	100.0	
House of Delegates (top 3 Wi	n)						
Gaines, Tawanna	982	788	345	1,465	3,580	33.8	
Healey, Anne	999	848	306	1,343	3,496	33.0	
Ross, Justin	1,007	839	291	1,375	3,512	33.2	
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County Executive							
Johnson, Jack	891	677	391	1,484	3,443	100.0	
County Council							
County Council	4.045	0.40	200	4 570	0.004	400.0	
Turner, Ingrid	1,045	842	398	1,579	3,864	100.0	
State's Attorney							
lvey, Glenn	1,140	901	404	1,604	4,049	100.0	
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Clerk of the Circuit Court							
Magee, Peggy	1,054	833	395	1,569	3,851	100.0	
Register of Wills							
•	957	728	398	1,524	3,607	100.0	
Lee, Cereta	937	720	390	1,524	3,007	100.0	
Judge Orphans Court							
Johnson, Carol	282	297	76	313	968		
Cartwright, Wendy	934	716	327	1,381	3,358		
Groves, Athena	871	661	302	1,302	3,136		
Ivory-Orem, Vicky	889	672	286	1,300	3,147		
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Sheriff							
Jackson, Michael	1,043	817	392	1,566	3,818	100.0	
Total Voting	1,353	1,157	443	1,804	4,757		

Voters Endure Long Lines But No Electronic Mishaps

by James Giese

Although lines were long at Greenbelt's polling places, the 2006 gubernatorial election, in spite of tight races for governor and senator, resulted in lower voter turnout in the city. The 4,757 voting this year was nearly 2,900 less than the number who voted in the 2004 presidential election and nearly 400 less than in the 2002 gubernatorial election. While total registration figures are unavailable, the lower number should also represent a lower percentage turnout than the 47 percent in 2006. One reason for the number voting being lower is that many more voters could have voted absentee this election. Absentee ballots are counted at the Board of Elections offices and are not recorded with the precinct votes.

The long lines were apparently caused by the polling places not having enough voting machines to handle the turnout. The only known special problem was at Eleanor Roosevelt High School

where a power outage in the evening delayed voting. The last voters in line did not get to vote until hours after closing time. The electronic registration books also appeared to work without a hitch.

Election workers, who had to put in long days with many hours of standing and little relief, managed for the most part to be courteous and friendly to waiting voters.

There was little surprise in the city results. As expected, Greenbelt voted heavily Democratic. The Democratic candidates for each of the four top state offices, governor, comptroller, attorney general and U.S. Senator, received more that three out of every four votes cast, with Douglas Gansler, successful candidate for comptroller leading the four with 85 percent of votes cast. Congressman Steny Hoyer, who may now become Majority Leader of

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Iraq, Change of Direction Brought Out Voters Here

by Rivéa Ruff

Despite cold climates and steady rain, Greenbelters turned out in large numbers to Precinct 13 at Eleanor Roosevelt High School for Tuesday's election.

Numbers were large, with a turnout of 1,023 voters by 3 p.m. The line stretched across most of the cafeteria but moved smoothly with a roughly 20 minute in-and-out time for much of the day.

Though a large number of Maryland residents opted to vote absentee due to controversy over the accuracy of voting machines and other problems during the primary, voters at Roosevelt had no problem with the machines.

"The machines are pretty easy," said voter Kim Johnson, 36. "It's much easier than the system in D.C."

Sample ballots mailed to Greenbelt residents in the week leading up to the election proved helpful for several voters. Many brought the sample ballot with them to ease any confusion with the electronic machines.

One of the main issues that drove Greenbelters to vote was the war in Iraq.

"I have family in the military and I want them back on U.S. soil," said Johnson, who made it clear that she voted Democratic.

"When Bush puts his daughters in uniform and sends them over, I'll keep my mouth shut," said Lenny Holohan, 70. "But for now, I want those troops home."

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What Goes On

Saturday, November 11

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot between the Municipal Building and Community Center

10 a.m., Veterans Day Observance, War Memorial, Roosevelt Center

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Pet Adoption Day, Greenbelt Animal Shelter Monday, November 13

7 p.m., Recycling and Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting, Community Center

8 p.m., Regular City Council Meeting, Municipal Building Tuesday, November 14

7 p.m., Advisory Committee on Trees Meeting, Schrom Hills Park Clubhouse

Wednesday, November 15

7:30 p.m., Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Community Center Thursday, November 16

7:30 p.m., GDC and GHI Board Meeting, GHI Board Room

Letters to the Editor

THANKS

Greenbelt's First International Cultural Festival concluded last weekend with a touch of "sabor latino" (Latin flavor) on Saturday and native American wisdom as conveyed by the wonderful storyteller Dovie Thomason on Sunday. The International Cultural Festival featured the arts from the British Isles, Sweden, Latin America and right here at home through native American storytelling. What was exciting about the festival was that it not only featured various artists of some of the cultures which make up Greenbelt but that the planning process involved Greenbelters who are originally from other countries, which included Brazil, Puerto Rico, Colombia and Cameroon. Already efforts have begun toward broadening the scope of next year's program so that each of the five continents are represented on the production committee as well as in the various artistic offerings.

In any event, I wish to thank those who helped make these events possible: Barbara Logan, Sam Rodriguez, Barbara Simon, Phebe Ndam, Keith Gendreau, Fatima Cardoso, Chris Logan, Holly Vera Wheeler, Edith Beauchamp, Julia Kender, Charlene Lagerwerff, Susan Szulman, as members of the International Cultural Committee, Richard Mc-Mullin and Ellen Siegel of the New Deal Café, Nick Gervasi, of Greenbelt Access Television, as well as Di Quynn-Reno, Nicole DeWald, Sidra Cook, Terrie Higgins and Charles Martin from the Recreation Department. Business support was provided by Greenbelt Co-op, Costco, Taco Bell, Chevy's, La Fuente, Inka Cola and Greenbelt Marriott. Helping to cover the expenses of food and advertising was the Friends of the New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA).

The committee was pleased that newly-elected County Councilmember Ingrid Turner was present - she stayed through most of Saturday's Salsa program, participating in the dance lessons, something I did not master.

Finally, the festival's performers, as well as dance instructors Earl Rush and Dr. Mirabel Soto, performed without a fee (though box office proceeds enabled the committee to make a modest compensation to each performer). Each of them was committed to seeing the festival idea get off the ground. It is in that spirit that the International Cultural Festival Committee invites each Greenbelter to step forward and get involved in this self-rewarding

Thank you all so very much. Konrad Herling

THANKS!

The sixth grade class at Greenbelt Elementary School would like to thank several people who have contributed to our learning already this year. First, way back in August before school even started Charlie Russo and Money Mailer Advertising donated \$500 to Ms. Novick's reading/language arts class for materials of instruction. Ms. Novick has purchased over 50 books with that money.

Mr. Russo also donated money to Ms. Simm's fourth grade class. Second, Amy Hansen came to speak to Mr. Weeks' class about her new book, "How Things Work."

This is a great non-fiction book. Ms. Hansen makes complicated information fun and easy to read. Third, on Halloween day Ms. Julie McHale at the Greenbelt Recreation Center and Ms. Ellen Utley at the Greenbelt Public Library spoke with all three classes. Students learned a lot about the resources available to them in our community: computers, books, periodicals, art classes, summer programs, swimming, organized sports and

Finally, believe it or not, on our way back to school after an exciting day romping through the woods, learning about community resources and hiking around Greenbelt Lake, Officer Marty Parker (Greenbelt's very dedicated DARE officer) drove by just as a student with an injured hip stated he couldn't walk another step. Officer Parker first stopped traffic as 75 students, four teachers and several parents crossed Crescent Road and then he gave that young man a ride up to the school (much to the envy of his classmates). We very much appreciate the care and attention of the adults in our community who are so willing to enhance and enrich our learning experiences.

The Sixth Grade Team at Greenbelt Elementary School

THANKS

I am writing this just before leaving Greenbelt. For eight vears we have been very much at home in this wonderful community. From day one my wife Jane, our daughter Alexandra and I knew we were welcomed and could not have found a better place to live after moving to the D.C. area from Oregon.

This sense of well-being was all the greater when we returned from Ukraine in December 2002 with our adopted daughters Catherine and Anna. There could not have been a better introduction to their new life than this town gave them.

If I started thanking specific people I would have to take a full page with long lists of names. But if you think your name belongs there – you're right, it does and you have our gratitude.

We are starting a new (and no doubt different) chapter in Nevada. Greenbelt will never be part of our "past" but an integral part of our lives. We shall return again and often and soon.

Bruce Cole

A Salute!

This is a copy of a letter I sent to Jennifer Massagli, the Science Fair Co-coordinator at Eleanor Roosevelt High School:

Dear Ms. Massagli,

It is with sincere regret that I am unable to join with the other judges for this year's 2006 ERHS Science Fair. However, I will take this opportunity to share with you my observation over more than 50 years (since college) of the remarkable achievements of these young people, ages 14, 16 or 18. I never cease to marvel at their creativity.

They will be the astronauts and scientists of the future at such places as NASA (right here in Greenbelt) or JPL (Jet Propulsion Laboratory) in California. Tell them, and those you and they know, that I am exceedingly proud of them.

Keep up the good work. Never stop dreaming! Who knows what will be possible 50 years from now? I won't live to see it but my grandchildren will.

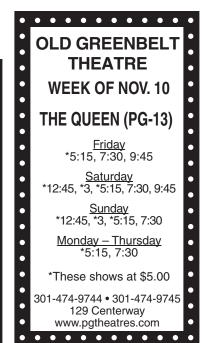
> Anne Zevallos, M.D., retired

Greenbelt Hosts Blood Drive Nov. 17

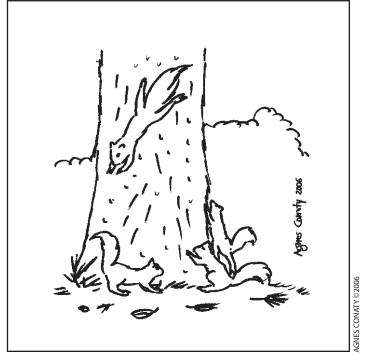
The next blood drive in Greenbelt sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department and the American Red Cross, will be at the Greenbelt Community Center on Friday, No-

vember 17 from noon to 6 p.m. The urgent need for blood makes it important that there be

a large turnout. Those who have not already made an appointment through the Red Cross should call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212. As was the case in the last blood drive, walk-ins will be accepted at the end of each hour to fill in no-show appointments.







"What do you mean you can't remember how you voted? There were only 10 pages on the ballot."

Volunteer Security Processing at GES

All regular volunteers in county public schools are now required to be fingerprinted. Greenbelt Elementary School has organized a one-time date for all volunteers to be fingerprinted at the school. Fingerprinting will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14. Those who do not get fingerprinted at this time will need to go to Upper Marlboro for the process.

The cost of having the fingerprinting done was estimated to be about \$60 per volunteer with the volunteers responsible for paying. An anonymous donor has provided funds that will cover all volunteers at Greenbelt Elementary School. No payment will be required of volunteers.

Volunteers are reminded to bring a photo ID such as a driv-

er's license.

Fingerprinting is required for tutors, classroom helpers, art club and chorus aides and field trip chaperones (for either day trips or overnight trips). The school system security requirement applies whether volunteers are alone with students (such as tutors) or always in a class with a teacher.

Sixth-grade parents are asked to seriously consider undergoing the security processing. The class will need 20 parents as chaperones for the overnight trip to Camp Schmidt in early January (just after the winter break).

Security processing is not required for volunteers who help once or twice a year, such as science fair judges and career day speakers.

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA MEETING OF GDC & GHI **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** Thursday, November 16, 2006 GHI BOARD ROOM, 7:30 PM

Guest Speaker – GHI Census Information 7:00

GDC Meeting Agenda Items

- 3rd Quarter Operating Statements Proposed 2007 Operating Budget

Key Agenda Items:

- Delinquency Policy
- Rental Garage Rules Revision Section XIV.C.3.i
- 2007 Operating Budget 2nd Reading
- Spending Authorization #1
- Pre/Post Settlement Occupancies

Regular board meetings are open to members.

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, November 13 through Friday, November 17 include:

Monday – Chicken noodle soup with crackers, turkey stew with vegetables, brown rice, broccoli florets, red apple.

Tuesday – Senior Arts & Crafts Fair, all sites closed.

Wednesday – Orange juice, meatballs with curry gravy, wide egg noodles, brussels sprouts, fruit cocktail.

Thursday – Orange-pineapple juice, Italian sausage with peppers and onions on a bun, potato salad, mixed greens, peach supreme.

Friday – Cranberry juice, turkey with gravy, cornbread stuffing, sweet potatoes, green beans with almonds, cranberry relish, pumpkin pie.

Greenbriar Meetings

The Greenbriar Condominiums community association boards will meet on Tuesday, November 14, with the Phase III Board Meeting held at 6 p.m. and followed by the Phase I and II Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m. These meetings will be held in the Terrace Room.

The Phase III sub-metering meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 15 in the Terrace Room.

Writers Group Hosts Dorothy Sucher

The Greenbelt Writers Group will hold its monthly meeting on Friday, November 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center. Dorothy Sucher, a founding member of the group, will be the guest speaker. Sucher will discuss the history of the group and provide an update on her current writing activities. Sucher, an essayist and mystery writer, helped establish the Maryland chapter of Sisters in Crime. All interested writers are invited to the meeting.

Labor Day Committee Seeking Volunteers

The Labor Day Festival Committee will begin the planning of the 2007 Festival in February and is planning for another year with great food, great rides and great stage entertainment. However, they need more help - the committee is seeking volunteers to assist in the work of the committee including administrative, carnival and booth vender coordination, public relations, community business support/donations, parade, technical (electrical, sound, lighting and general help), entertainment coordination, volunteer coordination, general volunteers and people to work on the Outstanding Citizen designation.

The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival is a unique event that touches every Greenbelter. The committee strives to make each year better than the last. This is only accomplished by introducing new people with new ideas to the committee. To volunteer email laborday@greenbelt.com or call 301-345-3794.

Community Events

Museum Lecture Focuses on Pearl Harbor

The Greenbelt Museum will offer a free lecture, "Pearl Harbor in American Memory, From 1941 to 2001," on November 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room of the Greenbelt Community Center. From World War II to the 9/11 attacks, Pearl Harbor has remained one of the most infamous and symbolic events in American history.

This talk will discuss the multiple ways in which the Pearl Harbor raid of December 7, 1941 has been remembered (and forgotten) in the United States, both

in political and popular culture and how collective memory of the attack and its meaning has been debated and altered in response to changing political and



cultural climates over the past 60 years. The presentation will be made by Rob Chester, a Ph.D candidate in American History at the University of Maryland.

GHI Notes

Upcoming meetings/events:
Friday November 10 – Vete

Friday, November 10 – Veterans Day Observance, GHI offices closed

Saturday, November 11, 10 a.m. to noon – Woodlands Rain Garden Workshop, GHI Administration Building

Tuesday, November 14, 8:30 a.m. – Ad Hoc Yard Line Committee meeting, GHI Library

7 p.m. – Sustainable Design & Practices Committee meeting, Board Room

Thursday, November 16, 7:30 p.m. – Board of Directors meeting, Board Room

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

At the Golden Age Club meeting on November 1 there was good news – the club will continue to be active another year. Ellie Rimar volunteered to be president again. Bill Souser will be 2nd vice president, Frank Coorsen will be 1st vice president and the rest of the board will remain the same.

Many thanks to the nominating committee: Brenda Cooley, Cathy Holcombe and Flo Holly for their hard work.

It's great to have so many active seniors in the Golden Age Club. We all enjoy the trips, games, lunches and just socializing at meetings. If you don't come to meetings you're missing lots of fun.

The November 22 meeting will be cancelled due to the Thanksgiving holiday. We'll play Bingo on November 29.

We all enjoyed the Halloween pictures by our own Bill Souser in the News Review.

GLAD to Meet

GLAD, Greenbelt Lake Assistance and Defense, will meet at the home of Betsy Barber, 16-Z-1 Ridge Road on Tuesday, November 14 at 7:30 p.m. The agenda centers on establishing an on-going organization. The group will choose a name, select a meeting location, etc. Barber asks that participants bring ideas. Those interested in keeping Greenbelt lake clean and fresh are invited.

Computer Club Offers Digital Camera Info

One of the biggest technological changes in recent years is the change from film to digital photography. For those who want to move to a digital camera but do not know where to start, professional photographer Sharon Natoli's lecture and demonstration "How to Buy a Digital Camera" will offer information and answers. This free computer club lecture will be held on Saturday, November 18 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the Community Center in Room 114. A question and answer session will follow. All are welcome.

WETA Veterans Day To Feature Goodwin

April Goodwin, an Army veteran and member of Greenbelt American Legion Post and Auxiliary Unit 136, will appear in a special on WETA Channel 26. The show, scheduled to air on Veterans Day at 5:30 p.m. and again on November 24 at noon, is a condensed version of the Veterans Creative Arts Festival Final Show held last month in Rapid City, S.D. The festival culminates a year-long fine arts talent competition in art, music, drama, dance and creative writing. The program is open to all veterans who receive care at Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical facilities. Veterans invited to the Festival are all first, second or third place winners, selected this year from more than 2,800 entries from 160 different categories.

Goodwin is one of more than 130 U.S. Military veterans from across the nation who were invited to the Festival for a week of workshops and rehearsals which ended with an art exhibit and gala variety show on October 22. She won first place in the national dance competition in the liturgical dance (wheelchair) division as well as medals for drama, comedy and vocal solo. Goodwin participated at the Festival as a chorus member in several all-cast production numbers.

The National Veterans Creative Arts Festival is presented by the VA, Help Hospitalized Veterans and the American Legion Auxiliary. This year, the VA Black Hills Health Care System in Rapid City hosted the event.

Attend School Nov. 14 Parents Are Urged

by Beth Novick

Ever wonder what your child's school day is really like? This Tuesday, November 14, as part of American Education Week, parents of Greenbelt Elementary students will have the opportunity to find out on Parent Visitation Day. This year's theme, "Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility," highlights the importance of bringing together educators, school staff, parents, students and communities in a unified effort to build great public schools.

Parents are invited to visit their children's classrooms from 9 a.m. to 3:25 p.m. Parents are welcome to have lunch with their children and should confirm their luncheon plans with the child's teacher so that the cafeteria staff is prepared.

Scouting for Food Early this Saturday

Last Saturday, November 4 Greenbelt Cub Pack 202 and Boy Scout Troop 746 distributed white plastic bags door to door in parts of Greenbelt for their annual Scouting for Food Drive.

Everyone is encouraged to place non-perishable items inside the bags and put them in a visible location on the porch before 9 a.m. on Saturday, November 11. Scouts will collect the bags starting around 9 a.m. Due to limited people participating last Saturday, not all areas of Greenbelt could be covered.

Scouts thank Greenbelters for continued support of this food drive effort. They want people to know that if they fail to see/pick up a bag or the bag doesn't make its way onto the porch in time to be retrieved, they hope people will use the bag to take food items to church or local store baskets this holiday season.

Legion Veterans Day Ceremonies Saturday

On Saturday, November 11 starting at 10 a.m. Greenbelt's American Legion Post #136, American Legion Auxiliary Unit #136 and Sons of the American Legion Squadron #136 will host the annual Veterans Day ceremonies at the Veterans Memorial at Roosevelt Center.

The Legion Post, Unit and Squadron invite everyone in the community to attend. The program will include a guest speaker.

Following the ceremonies at the Veterans Memorial a buffet luncheon will be served at the Post home at 6900 Greenbelt Road. In case of inclement weather, the ceremonies and program will be moved to the American Legion Post home.

FONDCA Board Meets on Wed.

On Wednesday, November 15 at 7:30 p.m., the FONDCA (Friends of New Deal Café Arts) board will hold its quarterly fall meeting. Anyone with concerns or questions to bring to the board's attention is invited to attend. Anyone unable to attend may bring concerns or questions to board attention by contacting FONDCA President Barbara Simon at 301-474-2192 or emailing simongava@yahoo.com.

The board is interested in new ideas and comments on past FONDCA activities. The fall drive for contributions to FOND-CA has been successful so far – there will be a final report on this effort for members in January.

FONDCA is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to support the arts in the New Deal Café and in Roosevelt Center.

Astronomical Society Hosts Star Party

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party on November 11 at Northway Fields. Members of the society will begin setting up to view celestial objects at approximately 5:30 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.

Have a telescope but not sure how to use it? Bring it along – society members will offer assistance to help people become successful amateur astronomers.

Café Seeks Artworks For December Exhibit

The New Deal Café is soliciting artwork for their December group show. This is a unique opportunity for Greenbelt artists to exhibit their work in "Greenbelt's Living Room."

Artists may submit one work of art along with a one-page biography and contact information (a business card) for the "Big Book of New Deal Artists." Artwork may be brought to the Café on Sunday, November 26 or Wednesday, November 29 from 7 to 9 p.m. For more details, visit the New Deal Café website at www.newdealcafe.com or email the Cafe's Arts Committee at NewDealCafeArt@yahoogroups. com.

This exhibit is funded by Friends of the New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA) with a support grant from the Prince George's Arts Council.

Visit our Lutheran World Relief Fair Trade Fair

featuring high-quality crafts handmade by skilled artisans in developing countries!
Saturday, Nov. 18, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 6905 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, MD – 301-345-5111

Rummage Sale at Mishkan Torah

Sunday, Nov. 12 Monday, Nov. 13 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. 12 noon - 8:00 p.m.

New-To-You Shopping!
Great Values and Great Fun!
Mishkan Torah Synagogue, 10 Ridge Road
(corner of Ridge and Westway)
Greenbelt, MD 301-474-4223

Obituaries

William H. Ball

Longtime Greenbelt resident William H. Ball of Fayette Place died on Thursday, November 2, 2006, at the age

Born in Bay City, Michigan, he and his family moved to Greenbelt in 1965.

After graduating from the University of Michigan with a master of science degree in 1960, he began work in the newly-formed computer industry. For the next 30 years he worked first as a computer programmer, then as a project manager for HRB-Singer, Incorporated (later part of Raytheon) from which he retired.

He was the coach of the Little League Lions baseball team and a leader of Cub Scout Pack 202 from 1965 to 1982. He emphasized the midwestern values he grew up with of fair play and allowing everyone to participate.

The lifelong liberal followed politics closely and in the last years of his life wrote the Ball newsletter, a collection of articles on current events that interested or amused him. He was known for his quick wit and subtle sense of humor.

He had many interests beyond politics that included flower gardening, the jazz music of Charlie Parker, the cooking of Jacques Pepin and world travel.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Pat Ball and their three sons, Russ, Matt and Jeff Ball.



Baha'i Faith

On Saturday, November 11, Greenbelt Baha'is will celebrate the anniversary of the birth of Baha'u'llah, founder of the Baha'i Faith. The public is invited. The program is at the Community Center in the multipurpose room. Doors open at 6PM,

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

dinner at 6:30 and

program at 7:30.

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I love you and I miss you. Sandra

Rev. Hamlin Honored for Interfaith Dialogue

by James Giese

Greenbelt Community Church's pastor Reverend Daniel R. Hamlin was presented with the Maryland Interfaith Dialogue Award at the 2006 Ramadan Iftar Dinner (fast-breaking meal) and Dialogue Awards Ceremony held in Baltimore on October 21. He was among five honorees for awards that night, others being for Intercultural Dialogue, Diversity, Peace and Education. The Maryland Institute for Dialogue is a subsidiary organization of the MARTI (Maryland Turkish Inhabitants) which promotes intercultural dialogue between religious denominations.

The award is a beautiful silkinlaid wooden box containing a heavy glass vase with intricate Arabic gold designs on the outside. On the box's inside is a gold plate with the inscription " . . . to the Honorable Reverend Dan R. Hamlin for his contributions to promoting awareness for intercultural and interfaith dialogue."

Less than a week earlier the city's first interfaith dinner was held at Greenbelt Community Church. Middle Eastern dishes were prepared by the Rumi club, a student organization at the University of Maryland, the Maryland Institute for Dialogue and the church. In attendance were all members of the Greenbelt City Council, 30 Rumi Club members, 40 church members and a dozen Baha'i and Unitarian members

Hamlin has invited American Muslim leaders to participate in other Greenbelt area interfaith activities, most notable of which was a prayer vigil held shortly after the attacks of September 11, 2001.

In a sermon the day after receiving his award, Hamlin told his congregation that he was quite humbled by receiving it and that he felt that he was

accepting it on behalf of the congregation for its many acts of kindness and expressions of understanding. He has noted many times in discussions and sermons that Muslims should not be characterized by the extremists in their faith any more than Christians should be characterized by the extremists in their faith



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On Saturday, November 18 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. a Fair Trade Fair will be held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church where handmade crafts made by skilled artisans from developing countries will be sold. The Fair Trade Fair is a Lutheran World Relief benefit offering a chance to buy handmade crafts that help provide a living for artisans in developing countries.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church is at 6905 Greenbelt Road. For more information call 301-345-5111.

Synagogue Rummage Sale Sunday-Monday

The Sisterhood of Mishkan Torah will hold its annual rummage sale on Sunday, November 12 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Monday, November 13 from noon to 8 p.m. The sale will be held at Mishkan Torah, at 10 Ridge Road. Items on sale will include clothing for both genders and for all ages, household goods, working appliances, jewelry, toys, books and games.

For more information call Mish-kan Torah at 301-474-4223.

Lecture on Eastern Box Turtle Tuesday

On Tuesday, November 14 there will be a free lecture on the Eastern Box Turtle at 7:30 p.m. at the College Park Airport Annex. Sponsored by the Patuxent Bird Club and Prince George's Audubon Society, the slides and talk by Dr. Chris Swarth, director of the Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary on the Patuxent River, will provide little-known facts about one of Maryland's native reptiles, along with information about conservation efforts.

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Week of November 10

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Harsh Times, R (!)
1, 4, 7, 10:20
Santa Clause 3, G (!)
12:30, 2:40, 5, 7:05, 9:30
Flushed Away, PG (!)
12:30, 2:40, 5, 7:05, 9:30
Saw III, R
12:20, 2:45, 5:20, 7:50, 10:30
The Return, PG-13 (!)

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City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL

November 13, 2006 - 8:00 p.m., Municipal Building Regular Meeting

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

- Introduction of Green Ridge House Service Coordinator -Daryl Pennington
- America Recycles Day Proclamation and Recycle Right Awards

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

Park & Recreation Advisory Board, Report #06-07 (Double Dutch Funding Request)

- Park & Recreation Advisory Board, Report #06-08 (Bike Racks)
- Recycling & Environment Advisory Committee, Report 2006-1 (Bottle Deposit Bill)

LEGISLATION

Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of Citation Collection Services from Complus Data Innovations, Inc., of Tarrytown, NY (1st Reading)

OTHER BUSINESS

- Springhill Lake Preliminary Plan of Subdivision Briefing and Discussion
- 2007 Legislative Program
- *Designation of Voting Delegate and Alternates for NLC Congress of Cities
- * Resignations from Advisory Groups

MEETINGS

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

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

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Vacancies exist on the: Arts Advisory Board, Advisory
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Employee Relations Board, Public Safety Advisory
Committee, Recycling & Environment Advisory
Committee, Youth Advisory Committee
(youth and adult positions)
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DONATION DROP-OFF

American Rescue Workers
Saturday, November 11th
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
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PET ADOPTION DAY

Saturday, November 11 10am-2pm Greenbelt Animal Shelter

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and/or

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MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER 13-17

Monday, November 13, 7:00pm, Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee, Community Center. Info: 301-474-8004.

Monday, November 13, 8:00pm, Regular City Council Meeting, Municipal Building (live on Channel 71)

Tuesday, November 14, 7:00pm, Advisory Committee on Trees, at Schrom Hills Park Clubhouse. All interested persons are welcome to attend. Info: 301-474-8004

Wednesday, November 15, 7:30pm, Advisory Planning Board, Community Center. Agenda: 1. Call to Order, 2. Approval of Agenda, 3. Discussion on Providing Additional Bike Racks at Roosevelt Center and Library, 8:00pm, 4. Joint meeting with PRAB Springhill Lake Redevelopment-Staff Update, 5. Adjourn Info: 301-345-5417

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.

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Monday, November 13 at 8pm: City Council Meeting (live) Tuesday & Thursday, November 14 & 16: 10am & 6pm "Ask the Expert," 6:30pm ACE Reading Club, 7:00pm: "Energy Saving Tips," 7:30pm Replay of Council Meeting.

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LEAF VACUUM SCHEDULE FALL 2006-07

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WEEK OF:

November 6 –9: Lakeside November 13 – 17: Boxwood

November 20 -22 Woodland Hills, Greenbrook Village & Estates, & Windsor Green

Nov 27 – Dec 1: Lakewood

December 4 – 8: Lakeside & Greenspring I & II December 11 – 15: Boxwood

December 11 – 15: Boxwood
December 18 – 22: Woodland Hill, Greenbrook Village

& Estates

December 26 – 29: Lakewood & Greenspring I & II January 2 – 5: Lakeside & Windsor Green January 8 – 12 All areas

January 15 – 19 All areas

For more information call 301-474-8004

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for more information or to sign up for this free, voluntary service.

A Review

Film Festival Brings Local Slant

by Sandra Lange

It wasn't Sundance, Cannes or Toronto. No, it was Greenbelt where the second annual Utopia Film Festival took place on a balmy fall weekend, October 27 to 29. Spread among four venues - the Greenbelt Arts Center, P&G Old Greenbelt Theatre, Greenbelt Library and the Municipal Building - filmmakers from near and far submitted a potpourri of documentaries, shorts and melodramas on autobiographical, historic and imaginative subjects. In some cases filmmakers themselves appeared at the end of their productions to speak about their creative processes.

A trio of films shown in sequence explored race and diversity. "Yokes and Chains" portrayed the fear and suffering of slaves as they arrived in the port of Annapolis. Caucasian adults and children were chained together with wooden yokes around their necks. All wore black T-shirts with the words "So Sorry" printed on them. The film expressed a strong message of reconciliation and healing between people of white and African American heritages.

"Honey Child" explored skin color in a family whose African American heritage produced a child with blonde hair. "Bone Mixers" followed people of different backgrounds and ages who gathered on Wednesday nights to play dominoes. They tease and laugh, share stories, sip wine, munch chips and salsa, swish and sway to reggae music and toss their dominoes on the table in a multicultural display of enjoyment.

The full-length documentary "The Pact" played at the Greenbelt Arts Center on Saturday and the P&G Old Greenbelt Theatre on Sunday. It told the story of three African American men from Newark, N.J. who "beat the street" by becoming doctors. They shared their stories in order to show kids from similar backgrounds an alternative to the examples they see on the streets around them. The doctors — Sampson Davis, George Jenkins and Ramech Hunt — were articulate, interesting and entertaining.

The full-length independent feature film "Swimmers" centered on a Chesapeake Bay waterman's family in emotional and financial crisis. Writer/director Doug Sandler debuted the film at the 2005 Sundance Film Festival. Later it won the Grand Jury Prize for Best New American Films from the Seattle International Film Festival. The film takes place in Oxford, Md.

Each family member struggles with the conflict between dreams and reality, their problems interlaced with their relationship to the water that sustains them.

The acting is superb, especially that of 11-year-old Tara Gallagher who plays the young daughter and Cherry Jones, a two-time Tony award winning actress, who plays the wife/mother.

"Keeper of the Kone" presented the story of 70-year-old Peter Kone who worked for decades as field assistant for the Middlebury College lacrosse team. Faced with developmental disabilities throughout most of his life, Kone becomes the team's beloved mascot. He totes water and equipment, bestows his gentle humor and encourages each team member to do his best.

Kone's inspirational story earns him a place on the Lacrosse Hall of Fame as well as in the hearts



Showing off a slim new body, Jenna Norwood, who was the subject of a feature entitled "Supercharge Me," answered questions from the audience after the screening.

of his special friends. Kone is also faced with emotional turmoil by the loss of his best friend to cancer.

Greenbelt Story

"Three Brave Men" was shown free at the Greenbelt Library. Kent Moore, Prince George's County Film Librarian for the past 40 years, introduced the movie. In the early 1950s, Greenbelter Abe Chasanow was declared a security risk and suspended from his job with the Navy after 22 years of employment. The movie tells how he, with the help of a lawyer and his fellow Greenbelters, cleared his name. It also tells how some of his fellow Greenbelters were the people who smeared his name in the first place, probably out of spite for his role in helping to create the housing cooperative that became GHI. Chasanow also participated in a hotly contested race for membership on the housing co-op board.

Several animated shorts included 1950s cartoons and contemporary award-winning animation from Prince George 's County Library's collection, as well as animated shorts by local youngsters, some of whom were in the audience. The free showings were well attended.

While many of the films that charged a \$5 admission were shown to sparse but appreciative audiences, there was a full house for the "Greenbelt Documentary" followed by "Stryker's America." Several long-time Greenbelt residents were interviewed for the "Greenbelt Documentary." Pioneers Barbara Young and Marion Benson Hastings nostalgically recounted how wonderful it was to move to Greenbelt in 1937.

New residents Elaine and John Henry Jones recalled how welcoming they found Greenbelt. For many years John Henry was the lone African American living here. If there was prejudice against him or his interracial family, he stated, he either didn't see it or chose to ignore it. It didn't

affect his participation in becoming a soccer coach or in joining a myriad of other activities. Their daughter, Corita Jones, enthusiastically endorsed Greenbelt as a place in which she happily grew up and enjoys living.

Mayor Judith Davis commented on current growth trends. The film includes footage from Greenbelt's early history and archival photographs from the Library of Congress collection. The grainy quality of the film distracted from the excellent content.

From 1935 to 1943, Roy Emerson Stryker was head of the Historical Division of the Farm Security Administration in FDR's New Deal administration. "Stryker's America" focuses on Stryker's selection of incredibly gifted photographers, such as Dorothea Lange, Arthur Rothstein and Gordon Parks, to record images of the Great Depression.

The film confirms Stryker's genuine passion for photography. The photographs he commissioned on behalf of the federal government provoked the social conscience of Americans and were effective tools promoting New Deal programs. The film was well received by the audience and generated many questions of the filmmaker.

One of the more quirky films shown during the weekend was "Supercharge Me – 30 Days Raw" in which Jenna Norwood (her dad, Bill Norwood, lives in Greenbelt) chronicled her 30-day conversion to a raw food diet. The overly long film (one hour and 30 minutes) presents Norwood's experiences as she sheds her junk food diet and opts to consume only raw fruits and vegetables.

We follow her gastronomic journey as she spends three weeks in a California facility specializing in purging the body of toxins and changing eating habits. Over five minutes of film footage shows fecal matter being extracted from the body through a tube in a process called colonics. By the end of the film and her 30-day trial period, Norwood has become a true believer in a raw food diet.

When the film ended, a slimmed-down Norwood pranced in front of the audience clad in a sexy show-girl, black and gold sequined outfit with matching headdress. She also presented an array of raw foods for the audience members to taste.

Festival Weekend

The Utopia Film Festival 2006 provided an extraordinary weekend of entertainment. The sponsors included: Greenbelt Access Television, Inc., the Greenbelt Arts Center, Christie Digital Systems, Inc., and the Prince George's County Memorial Library System. Kudos should go to all the organizers, especially to the enthusiastic executive director Chris Haley.

After many months of researching and selecting films for the festival, Haley, Susan Gervasi, Malia Murray and others can be proud of the provocative content and technical quality of the films chosen. As the Utopia Film Festival moves to its third year in 2007, its audiences should grow. The festival is deserving of larger audience support as it adds yet another creative dimension to the Greenbelt experience.

(Alex Barnes also contributed to this article.)



A Review

"Three Brave Men" Retells Uncomfortable Local Story

by Don Comis

Before I saw "Three Brave Men" at Greenbelt's Utopia Film Festival 2006, I thought that we were making the same mistakes with terrorism today as we had with communism during the Cold War.

But one line in the movie convinced me things are worse today and that we are closer to a dictatorship than we were in the Cold War period. In the 1956 movie, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy says that in a democracy we can right wrongs by the government because democratic governments admit mistakes while dictatorships don't.

I have seen how hard it is for President Bush or anyone in his administration to admit a mistake. I can't imagine the U.S. Department of Homeland Security sanctioning a movie about one of its more grievous errors.

But the U.S. Navy sanctioned "Three Brave Men," which is the story of how a Greenbelt Veterans Housing Corporation townhouse resident was suspended from his Navy job when he was reported as a radical by a Greenbelt resident. This was after the Greenbelt Veterans Housing Corporation (now Greenbelt Homes, Inc.) acquired most of the original governmentowned housing in the planned community. In the film the name of the town and of all the characters had been changed.

I have to admit to being amused because the Greenbelt resident, Abraham Chasanow, served as the cooperative's secretary, a position I once held on the GHI board. It amused me because the heated politics and gossip that so tragically harmed Chasanow and his family remain a legendary part of GHI politics to this day.

The resident who reported Chasanow seemed to be one of hundreds of residents who had been renting their home from the government and who were upset by being evicted because they had not joined the new housing cooperative.

Ernest Borgnine plays Chasanow in the movie, while Ray

Milland plays his attorney. The Assistant Secretary of the Navy finally reinstates Chasanow, after a suspension of almost two years.

As relatives of Chasanow in the audience pointed out, the movie never mentions a series of articles in the now defunct Washington Daily News by Anthony Lewis that put public pressure on the Navy to right a wrong. Nor does the movie mention the Mc-Carthy hearing Chasanow faced. Or the fact that, as explained by Chasanow's two daughters in the audience, Chasanow left the Navy as soon as possible after being reinstated. He set up a private law practice and real estate agency in the building where Domino's Pizza is now housed.

Chasanow's daughters Phyllis and Ruth were portrayed in the movie when they were young children. Ruth recalled how, at age 5, she was shunned by her playmates.

The movie left me wondering who the other two brave men were. I quickly included the lawyer because he risked friendships and business by taking on the case for a low fee. But who could the third brave man be? I didn't even think of the newspaper reporter, Anthony Lewis, but should have. I was going to ask if the third man was the Navy, as a joke.

But, sure enough, the discussion after the movie revealed that the third brave man was the Navy Assistant Secretary!

Outrageous as it is to have a persecutor equated in moral bravery to his victim, I still despair when I think that today's federal government would never sanction a similar film about an innocent victim mistaken for a terrorist, no matter how heroic government officials were portrayed for belatedly righting a wrong under public pressure.

Chasanow's daughters also reminded us that there were many other victims of McCarthyism who could not fight back as their father did with the help of friends and a good lawyer.

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<u> A Commentary</u>

Film Recalls Difficult Times

by James Giese

I believe I last saw the movie "Three Brave Men" on late-night television in the 1960s. What I remember most is that if you lived in old Greenbelt, you knew the story was about us even though Greenbelt is never named or never shown in the film. It was good to see it again at the Utopia Film Festival, particularly now that I am better informed about what happened then.

'Three Brave Men" is the story of Greenbelt resident Abraham Chasanow, one of five Greenbelters working for the U.S. Department of the Navy who were suspended as suspected security risks because of their ties to organizations supposedly associated with or sympathetic to communism. Many charges dealt with these employees' involvement with community organizations in Greenbelt, particularly the cooperatives. Chasanow chose to fight the charges made against him, as did Izzy Parker. Chasanow's battle received national publicity and eventually achieved his full exoneration.

A good short history of the Chasanow affair is included in the 50th and 60th city anniversary editions of "Greenbelt, History of a New Town" (available at the library and elsewhere). It describes the anti-communist hysteria of the early 1950s generated by Senator Joseph McCarthy and tells how Greenbelt, with its strong support of the cooperative movement (which some found to be communistic), was put on trial by the Chasanow suspension.

Chasanow's exoneration was generated by his willingness to fight the charges instead of running for cover, as many did in those days. In this he was helped by a local minister's willingness to rally community support behind Chasanow; by an attorney's willingness to take on a case that could cause him to become known as an associate of communists; and most importantly by the journalistic efforts of a Washington reporter to let the world know of the unwarranted accusations made against Chasanow by the Navy and the department's stubborn refusal to correct them.

The minister was the Rev. Terry Braund of Greenbelt Community Church, the attorney was Joseph Faneli and the reporter was Anthony Lewis of the now defunct Washington Daily News, who won a Pulitzer Prize for his series of articles about the episode.

Four Brave Men

These men and Chasanow were, in my opinion, four brave men. But only two of them, Chasanow and Faneli, were so regarded by the movie. Its other brave man was Navy Assistant Secretary James H. Smith, Jr. In the movie, however, fictitious names were used for all characters and Greenbelt itself was called Riverview. Nor was filming done in Greenbelt.

What impresses me now is how gently and delicately the film treats the Navy Department and the Assistant Secretary of the Navy involved in the story. Although the Navy may make mistakes, it can rectify them, according to the movie. That is the difference between a democracy and communism, the movie contends.

To me, this gentle treatment reflected the fear still held by many then in the film industry, where important members had been blacklisted as communist sympathizers, a fear that those who criticize the government might also be put on some blacklist. I don't think today's filmmakers would let the Navy off so easily.

I believe the only reason the Navy brass backed down from their efforts to fire Abe Chasanow was the from Lewis' articles with the reception. for trying to fire

Chasanow. Also the nation was coming to realize the excesses of McCarthy and others that eventually resulted in the Senator's repudiation.

Communist-like

Of particular interest to me was the opening scene in the assistant secretary's office where charges against Chasanow are discussed. At the top of the list of his community involvement was that he worked for a "communist-like" newspaper. That, of course, is this paper, then called the Greenbelt Cooperator, for which many Greenbelt citizens have volunteered. The paper's current staff is not aware of what role, if any, Chasanow may have played in the paper, although we know that other family members participated. Daughter Phyllis as a high school student was helping with layout when Virginia Beauchamp joined the staff.

At that time, many people related cooperatives, and ideals of the cooperative movement, to socialism and communism. Greenbelt citizens were involved up to their necks in cooperatives, not only with the paper, but with the consumer cooperative that ran the city's stores, the health association, credit union, nursery school and the newly formed Greenbelt Veteran's Housing Corporation (GVHC, now Greenbelt Homes, Inc.) that had bought most of the government-built housing. Born in Greenbelt and still a resident, Bill Morrison was to hear Greenbelt called "Commiebelt" in that era, according to the Greenbelt book.

It was Chasanow's role as attorney to GVHC that apparently caused some residents to file complaints against him with the government. He signed the notices of eviction to those residents who refused to join the new cooperative, many of whom felt they should be able to continue as government-subsidized renters.

An early scene, before the suspension, shows the daughter of Goldsmith (the fictitious name used for Chasanow in the movie) at a Memorial Day ceremony held in a park picnic area being recognized by the city's mayor for writing an essay on what it meant to be an American. Phyllis Chasanow Richman, who became restaurant reviewer for The Washington Post, did write such an essay.



Ambassador George Haley (left) gave the keynote address at the opening reception for the Utopia Film Festival. Haley, past U.S. ambassador to the Gambia, is the brother of the bad publicity it got late Alex Haley. Linda Carter (right) helped

Richman was present at the afternoon showing of the movie and in discussion following noted that her essay was written for Independence Day. The Greenbelt book quotes a passage from that essay: "There is a glow in my heart because I am an American."

Mayor

Frank Lastner was then Greenbelt's mayor. In the film, the mayor has a confusing role. At one time he chairs a cooperative meeting, for example. In Green-

belt the role of those involved Braund was a popular minister, with the housing cooperative and those involved with the city were confusing to some. This stems from the fact that the first city manager, Roy Braden, was also the government housing manager for the city. However, the city council and mayor and the housing cooperative board of directors were always two separate entities.

When the community learns of Goldsmith's suspension in the movie, dramatically revealed in a scene at a cooperative meeting at which another man asks if it is true that he is a communist, Goldsmith and his family are ostracized by some neighbors and townspeople and hunker down within their house, seriously considering moving out of town.

The Chasanows were in fact shunned by members of the community. At the discussion following the movie, Ruth Chasanow, then five years old, told how some of her friends were forbidden to play with or talk to her on the neighborhood playgrounds. The Greenbelt book relates that Phyllis, then a teenager, had to change school buses in order to avoid harassment. It also tells of Chasanow pulling down the shades at home the night following his suspension.

Rev. Braund

In the movie, a Presbyterian minister came to Chasanow's home at night to urge him to fight the suspension charges and offer his support, knowing that the town's rabbi was away. The minister was actually the Reverend Eric (Terry) Braund, pastor of Greenbelt Community Church. leading a church that the original town planners regarded as being ecumenical to serve the religious needs of all residents. One person at the movie discussion commented that Braund regarded the entire community as part of his ministry.

With Braund's help and the assistance of others, many in Greenbelt rallied to Chasanow's defense. I remember hearing one old-time Greenbelter telling me, "I never liked that Chasanow but I supported him because I knew he wasn't a communist."

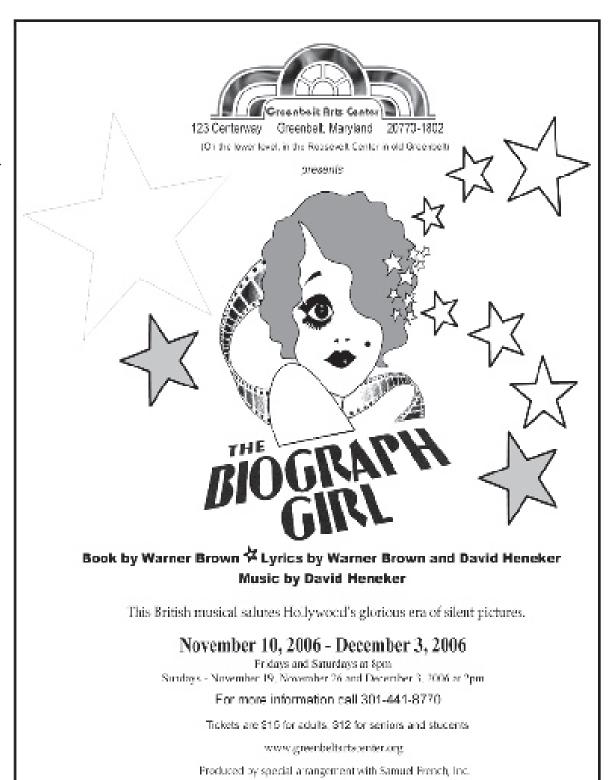
Many did not, however. Isn't it just as true today that many believe a person charged is guilty unless proven innocent? However, the charges against Chasanow were essentially charges against the town, so many townspeople and community leaders rallied to his defense.

An interesting scene in the movie is the one in which the town clerk, who speaks her mind with frankness, is asked if she made the statements reported by a Naval investigator and absolutely denies doing so. Was there an overzealous investigator in reality out to find a communist sympathizer?

The Greenbelt town clerk then was Winfield McCamy. I met her only briefly, but those who knew her well as co-workers led me to believe that the feisty, plain-spoken woman was a good representation of the real town clerk.

In the movie and in actuality, a hearing board found Goldsmith/ Chasanow not to be a security

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approval for the redevelopment.

Hruby then led discussion of the proposed changes to the AIM-CO PPS, staff's recommended changes to the city's list of conditions and outstanding remaining issues. The discussion had been outlined in an October 26 memo from Hruby to the city manager which was provided as background to council in advance of the worksession.

Greenbelt West Schools

The staff recommended first that any approval by the city for the revised PPS would be "conditional" support. It would require satisfactory resolution of the timing of adequate public facility and certain funding issues.

The most critical unknown factor is the school capacity issue. This issue may not be resolved for several months, if not years.

The city's conditional support would set a dwelling unit cap for the entire development at 5,800 but redevelopment would be limited to 2,899 units until the public facility adequacy, timing and funding issues can be resolved.

This condition is incorporated in staff-recommended revisions to the city's conditions required for Greenbelt support for plan approval, specifically in a revised condition no. 25. It states, "Prior to the approval of the Detailed Site Plan (DSP) associated with the 2,900th residential unit or prior to the transfer of Parcel 20 (SHL Elementary School site), whichever comes first, the applicant shall submit a letter from the Prince George's County Board of Education indicating its intent to transfer the Springhill Lake Elementary School site and indicating how the student population projected to be generated from the applicant's proposed increase in residential units will be accommodated within the Prince George's County School system."

Condition no. 25 had already included a condition that the applicant agrees to participate in the preparation of a Greenbelt West School Plan.

Since it remains unclear how AIMCO will proceed if the Board of Education will not transfer the SHL Elementary School site and/or there is not an approved Greenbelt West School Plan, the critical consideration for the city is that the density of SHL should remain what it is today.

With the question of school adequacy dependent on the deliberations of the quasi-official Greenbelt West School Plan, there were questions from council relating to its operations. Marc (Kap) Kapastan, who was attending the worksession, advised council that Marva Jo Camp, representing the Metroland, Inc. developers, had led an initial meeting of the task force and discussed membership, mission and a plan for reviewing all of the proposed development plans. Their objective was to present recommendations and conclusions in early 2007.

Council also questioned whether AIMCO was committed to participating in the task force and Schwayder assured councilmembers that they would be participating. Adding to concerns about coming to a decision on the critical issue of school capacity for Greenbelt West was the current political situation with the newly elected school board assuming its responsibilities in the new year.

Recreation Facilities

Another major change to the AIMCO plan is an agreement

to provide three public ballfields within the project area. Two ballfields are to be located in the southwest corner of the SHL property at the intersection of Cherrywood Lane and Breezewood Drive on an approximately five-acre site. A third ballfield (more like a free play area) would be placed on Block R, an area of just under two acres in the south central part of the development.

Revised conditions nos. 10 and 11 allow AIMCO the opportunity to explore with council the mode and timing of conveyance of the subject parcels but gives ultimate authority to the city council in determining the mode of conveyance. Condition no. 10 also strengthens the provision for AIMCO to provide design and construction of a 20,000 square-foot recreation center to be owned and operated by the city on the site of the existing SHL Recreation Center.

A revised condition no. 11 calls for the plan to be revised at the time of final plat to show Block R as provided to the city for use as a public open play area and that such action would satisfy the requirement to provide one of the athletic fields referenced in condition no. 10. Condition no. 11 also has new language asserting that the public open play area, athletic fields and/or new recreation center may be located offsite should the city acquire land on which these recreational facilities may be located. In this case AIMCO would contribute to funds to satisfy the obligations of conditions 10 and 11.

Condition no. 12 was revised extensively to delineate requirements for on-site private recreational facilities to be provided by the applicant. They should include at least 17 acres of contiguous open space, trail and path system, including storm water management detention as an amenity, a minimum 17,000 square foot clubhouse/community building, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, tennis courts, basketball courts, playgrounds and parks/town squares.

One piazza (a town square feature) shall also be provided to serve as a visual, functional and identifiable center for the entire development.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts noted his concern that Block R is not sufficient to handle a competition-size ballfield. He reiterated his position that the developer should be required to provide the three competition-size fields at appropriate sites within the development.

Developer Funding

Conditional approval was also extended by staff to several key funding obligations the city is requiring of the developer for infrastructure, public facilities and increased staffing. Condition no. 5, applicant agrees to provide \$500,000 for the beautification and/or right-of-way improvements for Cherrywood Lane and in condition no. 6 for up to 50 percent of the design and construction costs for trail extensions from Cherrywood Lane into the proposed pedestrian trail system of the adjoining Greenbelt Station development.

The funding language applies as well to condition no. 10 relating to costs of design and construction of a new SHL recreation center and to condition no. 23 where AIMCO agrees to contribute \$500,000 for improvements to the Greenbelt police headquarters

conditional on the city's agreeing to provide a sub-station or satellite police office within the project area

The developer also agrees to provide \$480,000 for funding of an additional four police officers for the Greenbelt Police Department. This condition, however, like the school adequacy issue, is tied again to approval of the DSP associated with the 2,900th residential unit.

Other conditions are a requirement that a new traffic study for the area would have to be completed if by full funding for the interchange serving Greenbelt Metro Station has not been secured (condition no. 28); a traffic signal study and funding for required traffic signals at Cherrywood Lane and Breezewood Drive and at Cherrywood Lane and Springhill Drive (condition no. 27); and submission of a phasing plan that demonstrates how the 35 percent for-sale unit requirement will be achieved (condition no. 18).

Other conditions are a requirement for a comprehensive stream restoration plan and documentation showing how low-impact development techniques have been considered or incorporated and documentation demonstrating compliance with noise attenuation standards with submission of a detailed plan for the buildings adjacent to the Capital Beltway and/or Kenilworth Avenue.

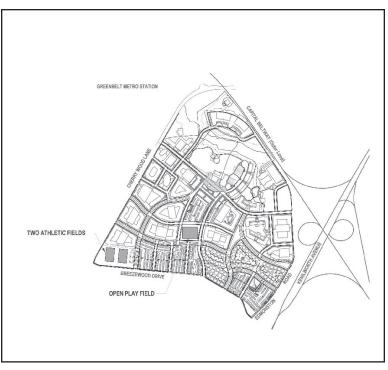
Before issuance of the first building permit, the applicant must agree to submit a plan to the city addressing how the housing needs of current SHL residents will be addressed, including priority availability for new rental or for-sale units. Every detailed plan shall address pedestrian and bicycle circulation.

Open ended provisions include a condition that the applicant shall establish a continuing funding mechanism for a trolley/tram or similar light transit system within the project area and a provision that AIMCO agrees to work with the appropriate governing agencies and adjacent property owners on the development of a comprehensive trolley/tram or similar light transit system that strives to reduce reliance on single occupancy vehicles serving Greenbelt West and connects to other areas of Greenbelt. This item is a key concern of Councilmember Konrad Herling. He advised the AIMCO officials of his recent efforts at the Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments (COG) to identify potential grant funding for local transit that might be applicable to the SHL and Greenbelt West developments.

School Capacity

Residents attending the worksession were most interested in the schools capacity issue. They wanted to be sure that AIMCO officials were committed to participating in the Greenbelt West Schools Task Force. They also urged council to assure that the new county school CEO was aware of the city's concerns, as well as the newly elected school board members and the new county councilmember for this district.

The mayor and council asked the staff to schedule the item for information at the November 13 council meeting and for consideration and action at the November 27 meeting of council. AIMCO representatives indicated that they would be seeking consideration of their revised PPS at the December 7 meeting of the Planning Board.



This map of the current Springhill Lake preliminary plan shows the addition of two playing fields in the southwest corner of the development and a free play area a little further in from Edmonston Road. Arrows indicate their specific locations.

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE

JAMES ELAM,)
Plaintiff,)
V.)
Unknown Heirs of ELIZABETH JONES and DOROTHY WATTS, if any there be, PARTIES UNKNOWN,))
Defendants.)

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of the above-styled suit is to effect adverse possession of real estate lying in the City of Charlottesville, Virginia consisting of 624 South First Street, TMP 280202000 (the "Property"), and being the same Property conveyed by Lucian Farrar, Jr. to his sole heir, his wife, Ida Jane Farrar, by his Will dated October 9, 1942 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the City of Charlottesville, Virginia in Will Book 7, page 211, of which Lucian Farrar, Jr. died seized and possessed; and being the same property conveyed by Ida Jane Farrar to her sole heir, her son, James E. Farrar, by her Will dated November 17, 1953, and recorded in the Clerk's Office for the Circuit Court of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia in Will Book 15, page 330, of which Ida Jane Farrar died seized and possessed; and being the same property owned by James E. Farrar, aka Lucian James Edward Farrar, at the time of his death and passing by intestate succession to his sole heirs, his daughters Elizabeth F. Jones and Dorothy F. Watts; and to grant the Property to Plaintiff herein, James Elam, by adverse possession.

It appearing by Affidavit that due diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of the following Respondents: the unknown heirs of Elizabeth Jones and Dorothy Watts; and

It appearing by Affidavit that there are or may be persons interested in the subject matter of this suit whose names are unknown, namely any and all persons who may be heirs, assignees or successors in title to Elizabeth Jones and Dorothy Watts, whose names are unknown, and said Complaint making said persons parties respondent by the general description of "Parties Unknown," and an Affidavit having been made and filed that they are unknown, it is ORDERED that the aforesaid Defendants by the general description of "Parties Unknown" who are proceeded against by this Order of Publication and any other interested parties do appear on or before December 18, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. and do what is necessary to protect their interests.

It is further ORDERED that the foregoing portion of this Order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Alexandria Times, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and in the Greenbelt News, a newspaper of general record in the Greenbelt, Maryland area; that a copy hereof be posted on the door of the courthouse of the Circuit Court of the City of Charlottesville; and that a copy be mailed to the last known address, if any, of the Defendants.

ENTER: <u>/s/ Hon. Edward Hogshire</u> DATE: October 25, 2006

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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.

Robberies

October 28, 9:25 p.m., 5707 Cherrywood Lane, cashiers at the Shell Foodmart reported that a man entered the store, produced a handgun and demanded money. At one point he stuck the gun in the opening in the money exchange drawer and fired a shot. One of the cashiers was slightly injured when the weapon discharged but declined medical treatment. After obtaining an undisclosed amount of cash the man fled, possibly in a red vehicle. The suspect is described as a black male, 6', wearing a black hooded sweatshirt with light colored stripes, black jeans, a brown mask and gloves.

October 30, 6:52 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, a man reported that he was walking home when he was approached by four young men who demanded money from him. He gave one of the young men a small amount of money, at which time they knocked him to the ground, then punched and kicked him several times. The suspects fled on foot. The man declined treatment for minor injuries. The suspects are described as a black male, 16 to 18 years of age, 5'6" to 5'8" with a thin build and black hair, wearing a gray T-shirt with long black sleeves with a hood and gray jeans; a black male, 16 to 18 years of age, 5'8" to 5'10" with a thin build and black hair, wearing a white T-shirt, shorts and tennis shoes; and two black males, 16 to 18 years of age, wearing masks over their faces.

Drug Arrests

October 29, 1:37 a.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, two nonresident men were arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia after police stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. Upon approaching the vehicle the officer detected the odor of what he believed to be marijuana. One man was found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana. The other was found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to smoke marijuana. Both were released on citation pend-

November 2, 4:27 p.m., 5900 block Greenbelt Road, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with possession of co-caine, possession of paraphernalia, theft, operating an unregistered vehicle and other traffic violations. Police observed a suspicious occupied vehicle; a computer check revealed that the tag on the vehicle had been reported stolen. A quantity of suspected crack cocaine was lo-

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cated in the vehicle; the driver was arrested. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Theft

October 28, 9300 block Edmonston Road, a resident youth was arrested for theft, driving without a license, failure to control speed to avoid a collision, hit and run and other traffic violations after allegedly taking his father's vehicle and striking several vehicles in a personal injury accident. He was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Disorderly Conduct

October 29, 1:22 a.m., 7200 Hanover Drive, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. Police responded to Willy K's Bar and Restaurant at the Holiday Inn hotel in response to a report of a person refusing to leave at the request of management. The man was escorted to his room; once inside he began yelling and banging on the room door. He was released on citation pending trial.

Vandalism

October 26, in reference to a vandalism which occurred September 27 in the 9100 block of Springhill Lane, a warrant had been obtained charging a woman of no known address with malicious destruction.

Burglary

November 2, 9:14 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, unknown person(s) attempted to enter a residence by tampering with the front door. Entry was not gained.

Vehicle Crimes

A 2003 Dodge Caravan was stolen from the 6100 block Breezewood Court.

Five vehicles were recovered, one by Greenbelt police and four by outside departments with no arrests made in any of the recoveries

Vandalism to, theft from and attempted theft of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7800 block Emily's Way: 7800 block Mandan Road; 7000 block Megan Lane; 7800 block Hanover Parkway; 7200 block Morrison Drive; Ora Glen Court and Ora Glen Drive; Lakeside and Lakecrest Drives; unit block Lakeside Drive (two incidents); Maplewood Court; Ridge Road and Hamilton Place; 11, 19 and 69 courts Ridge Road (four incidents); 6200 block Breezewood Drive; 6000 block Cherrywood Court; 5800 block Cherrywood Lane; 9100 block Edmonston Road (two incidents); 9100 block Springhill Lane; and Beltway Plaza.

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Left to right, Michael Apgar, Robert Defibaugh, Young Hur and Adam Swann were sworn in by Mayor Judith Davis as the newest Greenbelt police officers at the city council meeting on October 23. Police Chief James Craze looks on.

Greenbelt Acquires Four New Officers

by James Giese

At the October 23 Greenbelt City Council meeting, Mayor Judith Davis administered the oath of office to four new Greenbelt police officers Michael Apgar, Robert Defibaugh, Young Hur and Adam Swann. All are graduates of Maryland police academies and are nearly ready to hit the streets in Greenbelt.

Apgar, a former Howard County police officer currently residing in York, Pa., is also an emergency medical technician. He is waiting to attend a comparative compliance class to become re-certified as a police officer in Maryland. He has completed 122 college credit units at York College. He is recommended by Greenbelt officer Jason Powers who attended police academy with him.

Defibaugh left the University of Maryland Police Department to become an officer with the Greenbelt Police Department. Prior to his two years with Maryland he was a corrections officer in South Carolina. He has been a resident of Greenbelt since 2004.

Hur, a former Baltimore County officer, has also worked as a teacher and in sales. He is in the Marine Corps Reserves and served in Iraq in 2003 along with Greenbelt officer Ryan Peck, who recommended him.

Swann, a resident of Harwood, left employment in order to put himself through the Prince George's Municipal Police Academy as a part of a Prince George's Community College program that results in an A.A. degree. He deferred other police offers in order to obtain his first choice as a Greenbelt officer.

American Ed. Week Features School Visits

by Mary Moien

Next week, November 12 to 18, marks American Education Week. This year's theme is "Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility." This week is traditionally marked by parent visits to their children's schools. Celebrated in November since 1921, American Education Week began as a way to generate public awareness and support for public education. The News Review will highlight staff at local schools during November.

Schools throughout the country will recognize the educators, office staff, cafeteria workers, teacher's aides, school bus drivers and other education support personnel. The president of the National Education Association is encouraging all to join "in proclaiming loudly and clearly that all children have the basic right to a superior public education, regardless of where they live or their economic situation."

As of press time, only Greenbelt Elementary School had announced plans for the week.

Greenbelt Elementary

The major American Education Week activities will take place on Tuesday, November 14. Parents are invited to visit their children's classroom from 9 a.m. to 3:25 p.m. Later that day (5:30 to 7 p.m.) parents and others can view the judged science fair exhibits in the gym.

From 6 to 7:30 p.m., sixth grade parents can learn about the high school assessments in the Media Center.

From 6 to 8 p.m. security processing (at no cost) for all volunteers will take place in the cafeteria. (See story at right.)

A brief PTA meeting will be held from 7:30 to 8 p.m. in the media center. Babysitting will not be available.

UM Chamber Jazz Recital on Nov. 14, 15

Two concerts showcase student combos from the University of Maryland's School of Music jazz studies program. The first concert will be held on Tuesday, November 14 at 7:30 p.m. The second concert will be held the following day, Wednesday November 15 also at 7:30 p.m. Both are held in the Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

Local Stream Deemed In Healthy Condition

Because of its generally healthy overall condition, the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center's section of the Upper Beaverdam Creek was recently selected by the Maryland Department of the Environment as the "reference" Coastal Plain stream for the development of Maryland's Anacostia Sediment Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL).



New Company Will Oversee Collection of Parking Fines

by James Giese

Greenbelt parking scofflaws will have more to worry about when Complus Data Innovations takes over management of collecting the city's parking ticket fines. The company was awarded a contract by the Greenbelt City Council at its October 23 meeting. Council also rejected bids for a heavy-duty dump truck and agreed to write to School Superintendent John Deasy about concerns with future reconstruction of Greenbelt Middle School.

While Complus' fee will be based on the number of tickets issued by the city and the amount collected by the company (15 percent), City Manager Michael McLaughlin estimates the annual cost will be about \$12,000. The city will also lease electronic ticket writing machines, upgraded every three years, for an additional \$18,000.

The current supplier of ticket collection services, Data Ticket, receives payments of around \$16,000 a year. Added revenues from ticket collections, estimated to be about \$25,000 a year at a projected 80 percent collection rate, should more than pay for the added expenses.

When the city collected tickets itself, its collection rate was between 30 and 40 percent. Fourteen years ago the city contracted with Data Ticket, bringing its collection rate up to about 70 percent. Wishing to implement electronic ticket writing machines, the police staff, with Corporal Maria Parker the lead spokesperson, concluded that Complus would offer a better arrangement to the city with its program to continually update its machines as needed. Complus claims collection rates as high as 96 percent.

The four ticket-writing units to be leased will be used by parking enforcement officers with one available for multi-officer use. These hand-held computer units are capable of retrieving information on past ticket violations and motor vehicle registrations. They can be used to mark cars in time-restricted zones, instead of chalk on tires. They also are capable of taking photographs and displaying tickets previously written. Vehicle bar codes are scanned by the machines to identity a vehicle and obtain motor vehicle information.

Middle School

Greenbelt has been apprized that the new Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for county schools calls for reconstructing Greenbelt Middle School in time for student use in the fall of 2009 with planning to be funded in Fiscal Year 2008. Of alternate programs, the CIP provides for option "D" which would preserve historic building sections of the existing structure and build a new addition in place of the rest.

While city staff is pleased to see this needed improvement programmed, it is concerned that the school system is proceeding on a plan to provide for current needs without consideration for additional school demands resulting from planned developments and redevelopments in Greenbelt West -Greenbelt Station, reconstruction of Springhill Lake at more than twice

the density and additional housing to be built at Beltway Plaza.

Mayor Judith Davis noted that a letter sent to school board chair Beatrice Tignor last spring expressing city concerns about the school remains unanswered. She felt that the appointed school board, soon to be replaced by an elected one, have "packed their suitcases and gone home."

Council agreed to send another letter to CEO John Deasy re-expressing concerns. Consideration was also given to sending a letter to the newly elected school board and to a new School Facilities Task Force when its membership is appointed.

Dump Truck

Bids were obtained for replacement of a heavy duty dump truck with a stainless steel body. The three bids received were all more than \$20,000 above the city's budget. Public Works Director Ken Hall told council that about onethird of the extra cost was for new emissions technology required in a 2007 diesel engine and two-thirds was for the stainless steel body over a regular steel body.

Staff are concerned about mechanical issues that need to be resolved in the new engines resulting from the required emissions technology. They noted that a 2006 diesel engine not subject to the new regulations and still available for purchase would greatly improve emissions over that of the 11-year-old truck to be replaced, especially when considering that the city is beginning to use ultra low sulfur diesel fuel.

Staff believe it best not to

buy a diesel engine with the new technology for another year or two until its bugs are straightened out. They believe the regular steel body will serve city needs well enough.

Staff recommended rejecting all bids and rebidding for a truck with a 2006 diesel engine and a regular steel body with expectations that such bids will be closer to the city's budget for the truck.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts advocated rebidding for a truck that could run on natural gas, noting that buses are now running on this cleaner fuel. Hall responded that this heavy duty truck used for snow removal could not be refilled quickly enough at the city's natural gas pump. For snow removal, the truck would need to be refilled several times during one night while he felt that it would take all night for the city's pump to refill

With a first-rate natural gas pump, that fuel would be better to use but such a pump would cost \$60,000. Hall noted that the city's natural gas pump has had a lot of maintenance problems with compressors often needing to be replaced.

Roberts complained this was the first he had heard of the city's pump problems. He noted that a factory-purchased natural gas engine was also capable of running on gasoline, which could be used in an emergency, and that there were pumps elsewhere that appeared to be working satisfactorily.

Davis suggested bidding for the truck with both diesel and natural gas engine alternatives. Council concurred, rejecting the existing bids.



Our sympathy to Pat Ball and family on the death of her husband William H. Ball.

Congratulations:

- to the Lady Raiders Cheerleaders, who placed first in both divisions in the Prince George's County Cheerleading Competition held at the University of Maryland Sunday, November 5.

to Aaron and Jill St. John on the birth of their daughter Sylvia Fay St. John. She was born



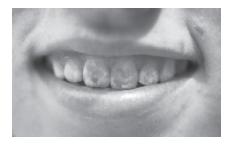
at Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring on September 15, 2006, at 6:24 p.m. weighing 7 lbs. The St. John family thanks everyone who has welcomed Sylvia to Greenbelt.

- to ERHS student Brandon J. Cuffy, son of Roberta C. Dover of Springcrest Drive, who won a coveted place to attend the Air Force Junior ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps), Aerospace and Technology Honors Camp at Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta and Robins Air Force Base, Warner Robins, Ga. Cadets attending the camps are in the top one percent of 110,000 Junior ROTC cadets worldwide; only 500 cadets are selected and actually attend the honors camps.

- to Greenbelters Roya Bauman and George Branyan who perform with the Metroppolitan Washington Baha'i Chorale as part of its 27th interfaith concert. The concert will be held on Tuesday, November 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Washington Hebrew Congregation in Washington, D.C. For information call 301-474-3720.

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risk. The Greenbelt book quotes the board as acknowledging that "from its inception Greenbelt has been the subject of controversy. . . . From without, it has been eyed suspiciously . . . as a 'queer' experiment." However, Chasanow was found to be "if anything, a moderating, constructive and conservative influence." The book further quotes the board's findings as saying "the weight of evidence points to the non-existence in Greenbelt of 'radical' or 'left-wing' groups as the words are loosely used."

In spite of that Chasanow was fired on April 18, 1954. In my mind, so much for the movie's nomination of the third brave man as the Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

Press

At that point, Goldsmith's attorney declares it is now time to go to the press. That is the only time the movie indicates that the press might have played a role in the affair. In reality, it was public exposure generated by the series of Lewis articles that brought the Chasanow firing to national attention and, I expect, caused the Navy to back down and reinstate Chasanow. In fact, the movie is based upon Lewis' articles.

Seeing the movie again made me want to read those articles. I asked Kent Moore, head of the county library systems film collection and moderator of the movie discussion, if the library possessed copies of the articles. He said the library had once had them but that someone had removed them from the files.

He bemoaned the fact that Pulitzer Prize-winning newspaper articles have never been compiled and published for later reference.

The movie ends, as it began, in the Assistant Navy Secretary's Office. Goldsmith is exonerated and restored to his job. Chasanow, too, had his job restored. His daughters said that he decided to leave the Navy and did so graciously by completing a reorganization of the office he headed, resulting in elimination of his job. He received back pay, of course, but most of that went to pay debts incurred while unemployed, they said.

Chasanow's vindication seemed to take a load off the back of the whole town, town banker Henry Brautigam is quoted as saying in the Greenbelt book. The Cooperator editor thanked Chasanow for defending his honor and declared that the clearing of his name ". . . meant also clearing the good name of Greenbelt," the book relates.

Afterward

Chasanow went into private law practice in Greenbelt. His office was located in the building on Centerway in Old Greenbelt in which Domino Pizza now is located and which was the first Greenbelt fire and police station.

Moore told the moviegoers of a story told by Ernest Borgnine, who played Goldsmith. After doing a scene, Borgnine was disturbed by a man in the studio crying. He learned that it was Chasanow, who was a paid advisor to the movie and was overwhelmed about the accurate way the actor had played the emotional scene.

Chasanow's daughter noted that he had received money from the movie. She said those funds had been used to buy the new family home on Lakeside Drive in which the Chasanows lived for many years thereafter.

Does this incident relate to what is happening today? Certainly there is similarity between the overwhelming public concern then over communists infiltrating our government to destroy our way of life and terrorists today out to destroy our country. Those who were or had been associated with communist-leaning groups were shunned by many Americans then just as others today shun persons of the Muslim faith because of fear of their possible association with radical Islamists.

It was fortunate for Chasanow that he was able to clear his

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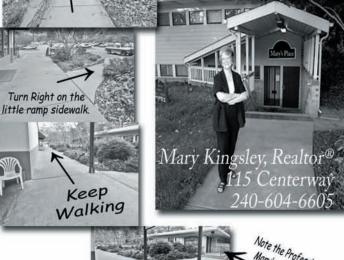
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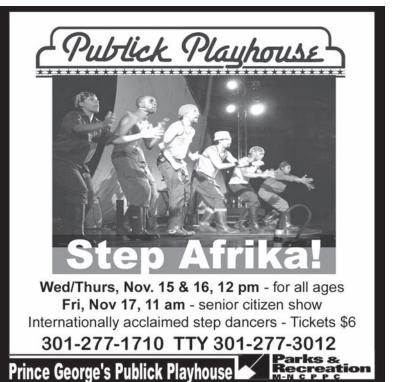


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Jacobs, Jeanna Johnson, Ken	573 251	450 200	208 137	876 433	2,107 1,021		
Lawlah, Gloria Stone, Howard Thomas, Nate	288 280 467	236 252 384	129 103 167	428 354 810	1,081 989 1,828		
Watson, Ron District 1	473	357	150	862	1,842		
Johnson, Rosalind Shell, Robin	603 276	421 252	268 100	1,068 361	2,360 989	70.5% 29.5%	
District 2 Iliff, Heather Waller, Amber	567 267	476 190	186 175	899 483	2,128 1,115	65.6% 34.4%	
District 3 Fletcher, Pat Williams, Regina	420 315	314 208	166 197	802 553	1,702 1,273	57.2% 42.8%	
District 4 Morris, Steven Thomas, Linda	430 384	308 320	174 191	777 618	1,689 1,513	52.7% 47.3%	
District 5 Costello, Katie Johnson, Owen Jr.	444 431	333 343	133 233	514 908	1,424 1,915	42.6% 57.4%	

Dems Meet, Hear Deasy Nov. 17

by Pat Unger, president E&FDR Dems

The next monthly meeting of the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will be held on Friday, November 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Terrace Room of the Greenbriar Community Building, 7600 Hanover Parkway (on the north corner of Hanover Parkway and Greenbelt Road).

The guest speaker will be Prince George's Public School CEO Dr. John Deasy. Deasy will discuss his plans for the system and take questions from the audience. Principals and teachers of the local schools have been invited. The general public, former members and prospective members are always welcome. Anyone needing further information should call the club president, Pat Unger, at 301-474-1052.

The brief agenda for the meeting will feature a report from the nominating committee which is chaired by Judith Davis. Election of officers, including nominations from the floor with prior approval of the candidate, will also be held.

Program committee chair Sandra Eichbaum has announced that the December 15 meeting will be the group's Annual Holiday Gala. This celebration will be a tribute to Terry Lierman, chair of the Maryland Democratic Party, with swearing in of the new officers and recognition of the club's founding 30 years ago in 1976.

The January meeting will be the Annual Legislative Night in Annapolis on Monday, January 15. This event will be sponsored by State Senator Paul Pinsky and the 22nd District delegates Anne Healey, Tawanna Gaines and Justin Ross. Further details will be available by the December meeting.

The traditional "Greenbelt Sweetheart" Night on Friday, February 16 will round out the winter schedule. An employee of the City of Greenbelt will be

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"I support the troops wholeheartedly but I am tired of seeing them murdered," she said.

Others focused mainly on the economy. Some voters mentioned concern with tuition raises for college, while others were concerned with the difference between salaries and the cost of living.

Most voters remained in step with Maryland's status as a blue state, expressing hope that the Democrats would regain control of Congress. While most believed that the changeover would happen, they doubted that much difference would come from it.

"It's hard to say if anything major will be done," said David Ralph, 42. "But the tone of the nation will change a bit." Ralph believed that Democrats would win the House of Representatives but not the Senate.

Milton McAlister, 78, said that he had "confidence but skepticism" that the Democrats would get control of Congress.

Dee Williams, 30, a newer resident of Greenbelt who has lived in Maryland just under a year, also believed that the Democrats would regain control.

"They'll probably win but honestly, I don't know if anything will change."

Overall, Greenbelt residents came to the polls hoping for change.

"I'm here making sure that I get people to represent me that actually represent me," said Johnson. "Unlike the ones we have now."

"I'm not too happy with the way the government is run," said Kimberly Nelson, 27. "I hope people got out and voted. I know a lot of people think it doesn't make a difference but it does."

honored.

Members are asked to bring a snack or dessert to share for the November 17 meeting.

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the House of Representatives, easily defeated Green Party candidate Steve Warner in Greenbelt and throughout his district.

In Greenbelt, the leading votegetter was Maryland State Senator Paul Pinsky who received 4,134 votes from the 4,757 Greenbelt voters participating in the election. For all offices, some voters failed to cast ballots. The election race drawing the highest total number of votes cast was the first one on the ballot for the offices of governor/lieutenant governor where 4,721 out of 4,757 votes were cast,

In the county, in the few races where there were contests, Greenbelters apparently favored the same candidates as the rest of the county. The one exception was the school board race for district 4. County wide, Linda Thomas appeared to have won by a small margin. However, still uncounted absentee ballots could change that result. Greenbelters favored Steven Morris by over five percent.

All the ballot questions were overwhelmingly supported by Greenbelt voters, including those opposed by some newspapers and organizations.

Many voters, particularly those frustrated by there being no competition for some offices cast write-in votes for a wide variety of people, some real and some fictional. The most significant write-in campaign was for Judy Mickens-Murray for the district 3 school board slot. She received 163 votes in Greenbelt, far below the 1,702 votes received by winning candidate Pat Fletcher. Rushern Baker received 81 votes for county executive even though he was no longer campaigning following his narrow primary defeat. Lynn Skerpon received 66 votes for register of wills from voters upset that the long serving register had lost her reelection bid in the primary to Cereta Lee.



Here is a photo of people voting at the Community Center. Around lunchtime the wait to vote was over an hour.

Poll Workers Bused Here To Hand Out "Trick" Guides

by Rivéa Ruff

Most Greenbelters received a sample election ballot in the mail in the week leading up to Tuesday's general election, meant to assist with making choices before they reached the polls.

However, another set of sample ballots was being passed out by Republican electioneers in front of Eleanor Roosevelt High School on election day and at other polling places around town.

These ballots, labeled "2006 Ehrlich-Steele Democrats Official Voter Guide," were being handed out by men who said they had been bused down from Philadelphia to pass out the material at the polls.

John Keel, an electioneer from Philadelphia, said that he and others were bused into Maryland to campaign for Ehrlich and other Republican candidates.

"We were promised \$100 by the end of the day if we got on the bus to come campaign," he said. Keel said that the papers they were paid to pass out were an attempt to trick voters in Ehrlich's favor.

"They used confusing literature in the ballots to get votes,"

The electioneers believed they were bused from out of town because their actions would be frowned upon by Maryland residents.

"People up there aren't as into politics as they are here," said another electioneer who would be recognized only as Robert Allen, his middle and last names. "Had they known the type of sample ballots we were passing out, there wouldn't be that many workers."

The samples were paid and authorized by the Bob Ehrlich for Maryland Committee and the Steele for Maryland Committee. Modeled after a real election ballot, the ballot featured premarked boxes for Republican candidates, though it was labeled as a "Democratic sample ballot" at the top.

The pamphlets were likely geared toward African American voters, featuring the colors red, black and green on its borders and pictures of Wayne Curry, Kweisi Mfume and Jack Johnson in the center with the statement, "These are OUR Choices," written in bold on the bottom.

The intent to sway Democrats toward Republican votes was made even clearer with the statement written on the back of the ballots: "In a general election, a Democrat can vote for a Republican candidate without switching parties."

Deborah Meshulam, a poll monitor who visited Roosevelt to check on the election proceedings thought that the sample ballots were strange at the very least.

"As a citizen, I think that something like that is troubling," she said. Meshulam believed that it could easily confuse voters just as they were walking into the polls.

"This is a very puzzling document to me," she said. "It seems a little shoddy."

It is not clear how many of these ballots made it into the hands of voters or how much of an influence it had on the election itself.

As the rain began to pour on election day, the Philadelphia electioneers opted to stay inside the school lobby rather than continue their campaign as they were more concerned with getting paid at the end of the day than with the outcome of the election.

"It's not hard when you don't care," said Allen.

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