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#### Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizens

2006 Marsha Voigt 2005 Jay Remenick

2004 Patricia "Patti" Brothers

2003 Emory A. Harman

2002 Virginia W. Beauchamp

2001 Konrad Herling

2000 Leta Mach

1999 Rena Hull

1998 Lawrence H. Hilliard

1997 Michael F. Vaccaro\*

1996 Paul Raul

1995 Ottilie Van Allen\*

1994 Mary Linstrom 1993 Dorothy P. Pyles

1992 Michael Burchick\*

1991 Benjamin Rosenzweig\*

1990 Joyce Chestnut

1989 Florence Holly

1988 Bruce Bowman\* 1987 Sandra Barnes Lange

1986 David Lange

1985 Mary Lou Williamson

1984 Jose Morales

1983 Albert Herling\*

1982 Charles Schwan\*

1981 William Hoff\* 1980 Clara Brandt\*

1979 Ralph Noble\* 1978 James Cassels

1977 Leo Gerton\*

1976 Kenneth Buker\*

1975 Henry Fisher\*

1974 Elaine Skolnik and

Alfred Skolnik\* 1973 Albert Cousin

\* Deceased

# Searching for This Year's Most Outstanding Citizen

by James Giese

Who was it that was in need of a few good men? Well, it isn't the Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen Committee. They are in search of a lot of good men and women. Then the committee will have the difficult task of picking just one, a Greenbelt resident who has performed exemplary volunteer service, as this year's Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen.

Do you know our next Outstanding Citizen? Maybe so. Then it is up to you to see that the person of your choice receives the full consideration she or he deserves in this year's selection process.

The time is now to let your nomination choice be known. A nomination form appears in this week's News Review. You can use it to submit your nomination to Outstanding Citizen Committee Chair Bob Zugby. Or you can do it simply by writing a letter to Zugby at 94 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, telling all that you know about your choice. In fact, the more information you can provide the committee, the easier it will be for its members to evaluate your candidate's worthiness. You can even email Zugby at rczugby@aol.com.

But, you say, you already did See SEARCH, page 8

tell the committee about someone and they did not choose the individual. Well, try again. The committee has received many nominations in the past for persons who it felt were worthy of receiving the award, but did not receive it because another was considered more deserving at that time. Many of those people have been renominated and in subsequent years were selected to receive the award.

#### Qualifications

What qualifications does the Outstanding Citizen committee look for in making its selection? The choice must be a Greenbelt resident, one whose actions through volunteering have demonstrated a genuine interest in making our community a better place to live. That choice could be someone who has been involved in so many activities the person's name is well known throughout the community. Or the person selected could be someone whose contributions have been done in such a quiet, unassuming manner as to not make the person well known at all.

The committee, with great difficulty, makes its choice on the

# City Departments Gear Up For Bang-up July Fourth

by Brian St. George

Greenbelt will hold its annual Independence Day celebration at Buddy Attick Park at the centerpiece Greenbelt Lake. It will be a fun-filled day of floating sea monsters from the 16th century, art activities for the kiddies and of course the outstanding Greenbelt Concert Band. And, oh yes, there will be fireworks at dusk. All events are free.

#### **Fireworks**

The fireworks will go off by the lake as dusk turns to dark around 9 to 9:15 p.m.

Kenny Hall, director of Public Works who will mark his 35th year launching fireworks, said safety is a primary concern. Each of his staff is registered and licensed by the state of Maryland and has extensive experience conducting firework displays. The See FOURTH, page 6

cost this year is approximately \$12,000, an increase from 2006. A parallel concern is putting on a "good show" so feel free to "ooh and ahh" and let Hall and his squad know they are providing the pyrotechnics everyone enjoys.

#### **Parking and Detours**

Walking to the park is highly recommended as parking is very limited and towing is likely to be enforced. The following is directly from Officer George Mathews of the Greenbelt Police Department: "The parking lot is reserved primarily for handicapped and elderly individuals. Vehicles must have handicapped or elderly individuals onboard in order to use this lot. Handi-

# Council Approves Adding Four More Parcels to Forest Preserve

by Barbara Hopkins

Greenbelt's Forest Preserve, created by an ordinance adopted in 2003, was enlarged on June 18 when the Greenbelt City Council voted unanimously to include four more parcels of city-owned land. Parcel 12, the Boxwood Preserve, the Belle Point Preserve and the Sunrise Preserve were all described previously in this paper (June 14, pages 1 and 6).

Prior to introducing the ordinance to include these four parcels into the Forest Preserve, Mayor Judith Davis suspended the meeting to hold a public hearing. No one present asked to speak, so the hearing was closed and the meeting resumed.

The ordinance to amend the appropriate article of city code was expanded as each new parcel was introduced separately for discussion and inclusion into a new ordinance based on the one adopted just previously. Discussion for each parcel centered on those small areas of three parcels that are being omitted from the preserve. Director of Planning and Community Development Celia Craze told council the descriptions of excluded areas were not more precise because she did not want to give the impression that the areas had been surveyed.

She told council that no appreciable treed area had been excluded from the preserve.

#### **Observatory Excluded**

Parcel 12 is close by other land already included in the preserve, but was originally withheld because it includes the site designated as the location of the astronomy club's new observatory, still under construction. Excluded from the ordinance is the area for composting and site of the future observatory. Councilmember Rodney Roberts declared a preference for including the entire parcel with exemptions for existing uses incompatible with the Forest Preserve. Craze explained that uses are not exempt, areas are. She said that to her a technical reading of the ordinance forming the preserve indicates that including such areas would create problems and she thought this area should be left out of the ordinance under discussion. Council could pass a motion to include this area when the observatory is complete, she said, to assure that it does get included. At that time its pre-existing use and structure would be grandfathered in as acceptable. Roberts agreed to this solution. Staff estimate the observatory will be

#### completed in about six months. **Boxwood/Belle Point**

Discussion on the Boxwood Preserve concerned the areas exempted for the basketball court and the open area the city mows for a play area. Roberts again had objections to omitting some areas, but relented when assured for these areas to remain out of the preserve to be maintained for recreational use. Members of the Forest Preserve Task Force spoke to support leaving these two areas

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#### What Goes On

Sunday, July 1

1 to 5 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center Wednesday, July 4 City and GHI Offices Closed in Observance of Indepen-

dence Day 7 p.m., Concert at Greenbelt

Lake by Greenbelt Concert Band, Followed at Dusk (approximately 9 p.m.) by Fireworks Display

# Resident Asks for Relief From "Roadside Spam"

by Barbara Hopkins

to eliminate illegal signs around the city. He said 40 illegal signs are removed each day in Greenbelt either by him or by Public Works crews. He asked council to let the public know that signs advertising profitable ventures such as those promising fantastic monthly incomes are illegal on utility poles and on city, state or federal property.

The man, who asked not to be identified out of fears about retribution from companies and individuals who place the signs, asked council to look into allowing the police to confiscate the company vehicles, block the posted telephone numbers or levy fines. He called the signs "roadside spam."

Mayor Judith Davis, who labeled the signs "visual litter," said residents need to be careful when removing signs because real estate signs and campaign signs are legal, at least as tem-

A Greenbelt resident spoke porary advertising. Signs on to the Greenbelt City Council private property are considered on June 18 to petition its help part of our right to free speech,

She agreed to bring the topic up with state representatives at a legislative dinner. She added that people should be aware that many signs are promoting scams and should use caution and good sense when responding to them.

City Manager Michael McLaughlin said he would bring the suggestions to Robert Manzi, city attorney, to see if they are feasible. He suggested that people leave the removal of signs to Public Works, since removing a sign while the installer is still in the area could lead to an unpleasant confrontation.

Another member of the audience asked if the signs that are collected are recycled and McLaughlin said they are if it is possible to do so. Councilmember Leta Mach suggested the reuse of such signs could be a project for some future Artful Afternoon.

# **Letters to the Editor**

#### A Thank You From Joyce Abell

Through her many hospital stays and long periods of difficult recuperation Joyce was grateful for the generosity and kindness from so many people. After one particularly debilitating episode, Joyce was determined to remember and thank the people who had helped her in so many ways. She made a list of names but Joyce was unable to finish this task.

The following is not just a list of friends but the names of those who came to help after just one of her many times of trouble. Hopi finished sewing a homemade shoe to assist her rehabilitation after surgery. When a broken front tooth took away the smile she gave to the world, McCarl's office repaired it immediately. She was immensely relieved. Sue Madison came in the middle of the night on a moment's notice to stay with Joyce when her greyhound was suddenly injured. All of these folks did something to help just when it was needed.

In her memory and in appreciation, here are those people as she named them on her list.

Ellen Siegal, Dorian Winterfeld, Peter May, Anja Bull, John Bull, Kris White, Sue Madison, Susan Slater, Susan Stein, Emily Kretschmer, Gina Denn and our dear friend Buda and Nancy.

McCarl Dental Group, Staff of Greenbelt Homes, Betty Deitch, Pat Parker, Gail Alexanderwicz, Kiki Theodoriakis, Hopi Auerbach, Bernadine Abell, Frank Abell, Monica Pantaleoni, Julia Eichorst, Ray Stevens, Barbara Stevens, Chris Logan, Barbara Logan, Dorothy Lauber, Carol Kretschmer, Laura Smith, Terrie Eibel, Ana Baya, Joe Tamer, Trula Tamer, Marcette Lentz, Bill Phelan, Jackie Phelan, Dianne Wilkerson, Cam McQueen and "Little" Dan.

Staff of Co-op Pharmacy, Barbara Havekost, Shaun Abell, Mi Ae Kim, Carol Remenick, Harriet Phelps, Terrie Rutledge, Craig Tooley, Dina Sikes, Marie, Fran, Paul Downs and Susan Barnett.

John Abell

Send us a letter to share with your neighbors about your observations, concerns, gripes and accolades regarding local issues.

Letters must contain your name and contact information and their publication is left solely to the discretion of the News Review.

# July 4 News Review Deadline Changed

This year's Independence Day celebration is on Wednesday, July 4. That is the night the News Review would otherwise proof the final draft of the paper to meet the printer's Thursday midday time slot on the presses. In order to meet our deadlines, all tasks for the July 5 issue must be completed a day earlier than usual.

All ads, copy and photos for the July 5 issue must reach us by Monday, July 2 at 10 p.m. at the latest to be included. Earlier submission is welcome. Please help assure your ads and contributions reach the community in sufficient time to be included in the paper.

Glaring Light

The "security" lighting on the M&T Bank building at Greenway Shopping Center needs adjustment. A backdrop of very bright, glaring light greets drivers as they exit the northbound BW Parkway to Greenbelt Road. The glare is so bright, especially on rainy nights, that it can be difficult to see the traffic light at Greenbelt Road.

Annoying examples of light pollution can be seen in many Greenbelt locations but the situation described above is a safety hazard. Lighting fixtures need to be directed down at the ground, where the light is needed, instead of upward and to the side, where it is wasted.

Wayne H. Warren, Jr.

#### Welcome Om

The Friends of Roosevelt Center (FORC) congratulates Greenbelt Om Community Yoga for its vision and success in providing a healthy outlet in the spirit of community by locating in Roosevelt Center.

FORC is a group of concerned Greenbelt residents who have been meeting for the past year to share their concerns about the Center and to formulate strategies to enhance the experiences available to the community. One suggested approach has been to increase the activities appropriate for all ages and to expand the hours of use of the Center. Greenbelt Om does this and much more.

FORC is most enthusiastic about the arrival of Greenbelt Om.

Suzette Agans, FORC

#### Clarification

We were informed by Celia Craze, director of Planning and Community Development for the city of Greenbelt, that clarification is needed to information that appeared in the article on the City Council-GHI Stakeholder worksession in the June 21 issue. In that story Thomas X. White reported on a discussion regarding miscommunication between GHI staff and city staff regarding the removal of a shed which encroached into city right-of-way. The information shared with the GHI Board and the City Council regarding this incident was inaccurate. The issue involved timing for the removal of a shed following a member's sale of the GHI unit. The member and contract purchaser had agreed that the member could move the shed a few days following closing on the GHI unit. GHI staff and city staff agreed to provide the member selling the unit a few additional days to relocate the shed. This agreement was reflected in a letter signed by the member and provided to GHI staff. The shed was removed as agreed between the member, GHI staff and city staff.

#### Meals on Wheels Opens Enrollment

Meals on Wheels of College Park is accepting new customers. Meals are delivered to the customer's door Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. To enroll or to ask a question, call Meals on Wheels of College Park at 301-474-1002 Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to noon

For a limited time the price has been reduced to \$20 a week. This includes a bread pack (with coffee, tea and other condiments) a sandwich, salad and fruit, milk, juice and a hot meal.

#### Volunteer Meal Packers Needed

Meals on Wheels of College Park, serving Beltsville, Adelphi, Berwyn Heights, Greenbelt and College Park, needs volunteers to help pack daily meals for seniors and those who cannot cook for themselves.

Drivers and visitors Monday through Friday are also needed. Packers work from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Drivers and runners work from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Help is needed. Volunteer to work one day a week, once or twice a month or whenever possible.

Call Monday through Friday, 301-474-1002 to volunteer or for more information.

# P.G. Schools Chosen For Reform Training

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) is one of six districts selected by the Center for Reform of School Systems (CRSS) to participate in Reform Governance in Action (RGA), a comprehensive two-year training program for school boards and superintendents.

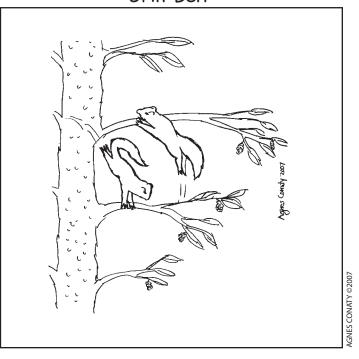
In 2005 the Broad Foundation launched the RGA program, training teams of school board members together with their district superintendents.

The goal of the RGA program is to dramatically improve student achievement and eliminate the achievement gap in each participating district by cultivating effective reform leadership.





#### Grin Belt



"The Forest Preserve has nothing to do with grandma's pickled nuts and pine cones."

#### On Screen

# "Evening" in Greenbelt "Evening" is a poignant examination of love in several

"Evening" is a poignant examination of love in several forms. Its take on the mother-daughter bond is given an extra layer of richness by the casting of two great actresses alongside their talented daughters.

Vanessa Redgrave portrays Ann Lord, whose deathbed revelations pose more questions than they answer for her two daughters – played by Toni Collette and Redgrave's daughter Natasha Richardson. Much of the story is told in flashbacks, with Claire Danes as the young Ann. Meryl Streep and her daughter, Mamie Gummer, share the role of Ann's best friend Lila and Glenn Close appears as the young Lila's mother.

"Evening" is based on the novel by Susan Minot, who co-wrote the script, and directed by award-winning cinematographer Lajos Koltai. The film is rated PG-13 for sexual material and some language and runs 117 minutes.

- Cathy Jones

# **Greenbelt News Review**

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DEADLINES: Letters, articles and ads—10 p.m. Tuesday. Materials for publication may be mailed to address above, deposited in our box in the Co-op grocery store (by 7 p.m. Tuesday) or brought to our office in the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, during office hours. Mail subscriptions—\$35/year.

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

# **Community Events**

#### At the Library

The Greenbelt Library will be closed Wednesday, July 4 in observance of the holiday.

#### Storytimes

Tuesday, July 3, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver; limit 15 babies.

Thursday, July 5, 10:30 a.m., Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5; limit 20 children.

#### **GHI Notes**

**Tuesday, July 3,** 8:30 a.m., Yardline Committee meeting

7 p.m., Greener Greenbelt Initiative Steering Committee meeting

Wednesday, July 4, Offices closed for Independence Day

**Monday, July 9,** 7 p.m., Greener Greenbelt Initiative Charette & Baseline and Benchmark Working Group

**Tuesday, July 10,** 7 p.m., Sustainable Design and Practices Committee meeting

Wednesday, July 11, 7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee meeting

**Saturday, July 14,** 11 a.m. to noon, Air Conditioning Workshop sponsored by the SDP Committee

Unless otherwise noted all events will take place in the GHI Administration Building. Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

# Ghost Train Is Next Explorations Video

On Friday, July 6 the summer Explorations Unlimited travel video series continues with "Ghost Train – Back to the Western Frontier." It features two of the West's most famous railroads, the Virginia & Truckee and Nevada Northern, including engineers and firemen who ran the rails and shoveled coal into classic locomotives like the giant Baldwins that helped to open the West.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Lounge. All are welcome to attend. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

#### Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club is usually a very friendly, peaceful social gathering but now we are hunters. We are hunting a book covering the history of the club. We have found some material in the old minutes and we would be very grateful if anyone can tell us where we might find a copy of this book or any other information.

Our condolences to Jane Love's family and friends. She was a longtime member and a past president of the club.

There will be no meeting on July Fourth.

I will be joining the vacationers in July – I will be with family, going up to nice cool Maine, right on the ocean. See ya!

For more community events see page 7.

# Garland Is New Deal Café Artist for July

Greenbelter Jan Garland's exhibit "Expressions of One in Tissue Paper Collage" will be displayed in the front room of the New Deal Café from July 1 to 29. There will be an opening reception at the Café on Sunday, July 1 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Garland's exhibit ranges from the humorous to the serious without being political or religious. "I'm Not Trash!" uses recycled tissue from stores and gift bags in a thrift store frame to depict a woman. Garland first learned the technique of using colored tissue paper and glue to produce a painting-like result in high school art class. She was basically self-taught from that point on.

The exhibit is co-sponsored by Friends of the New Deal Café Arts and was made possible in part by the Prince George's Art Council and Prince George's County.



"Blue Girl" is one of Jan Garland's tissue paper collage pieces that will be on display at the New Deal Café in July.

# Greenbelt Disability Connection Gathering

The newly-forming Greenbelt Disability Connection will have its first social from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, July 8 at the New Deal Café. The purpose of this meeting is to get to know each other and to discuss future plans for the organization. If the weather is pleasant the meeting will move outdoors in Roosevelt Center.

# Courthouse Exhibits Silk Painting

Seventeen painters from four countries with over 60 pieces of art define what silk painting is to them in an exhibition being held at the U.S. District Courthouse in Greenbelt from July 9 to December 27.

Judge Peter J. Messitte, believing that art is important to the well-being of the many people who have business at the court, selected either groups or individual artists. He invited SPIN (Silk Painters International, headquartered in Lanham) to hang the works of artists from Russia, Great Britain, Canada and the U.S. "SILK IS ..." was juried by Julia Burke, textile conservator at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., and Clara Graves, noted silk and fabric artist. Many art pieces will be available for purchase; admission

Many artists are expected for the opening reception on Thursday, July 19 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. RSVP 301-474-7347.

# **38th Moon Landing Anniversary Events**

Two groups have partnered in Greenbelt to sponsor Rocket Booster activities from Tuesday, July 10 through Sunday, July 15 to commemorate the 38th Anniversary of the Apollo 11 landing. The St. Hugh Knights of Columbus are celebrating their 15th year and the 125th year of the founding of the organization; the National Association of Rocketry Headquarters Astromodeling Section (NARHAMS) was founded in 1965, four years prior to the July 20, 1969, historic Apollo 11 landing on the moon.

Three major events are planned under the banner "Learning, Living, Fun." The celebration begins with a "learning" event at St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church on Tuesday, July 10, followed by a "living" event camping at Greenbelt Park on Saturday, July 14 and ending on Sunday, July 15 with a "fun" model rocketry event, a rocket launch at Goddard.

For more information about the Rocket Boosters planned activities visit the registration website at http://www.sthughs.com/rocketboosters/2007/.

# Program's Success Requires Tutors

The Summer Tutoring Program at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center is so popular that additional tutors are needed. The program is for grades 1 to 12; the level of tutoring will be remedial, review and advanced. The free program will be held on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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

#### **GEAC Meets**

The Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC) will hold its next meeting Thursday July 5, 7:30 p.m. at Greenbriar.

# **Greenbelt to Receive Grants for Theatre**

The City of Greenbelt has received official approval from the Maryland Department of General Services for two grants totaling \$300,000 in state bond bills for the Old Greenbelt Theatre proj-

The State Board of Public Works will administer the grant. A grantee has seven years from the date a grant is authorized to complete the project and expend the state funds. The deadline for certifying matching funds remains at two years.

The Prince George's County House Delegation will be holding an awards ceremony for groups receiving bond bill funding on Tuesday, July 10.

#### Still Creek Group Holds Open Meeting

The Friends of Still Creek invite everyone to discover Greenbelt Park and the Still Creek Watershed. Learn how to help in the protection and restoration of Still Creek and the Anacostia River. Meet at the Ranger Station classroom on Monday, July 2 at 7 p.m. The Ranger Station is located near the campground about 1.5 miles from the park entrance.

Register by calling Bill Duncan at 301-345-6615 or email billdsail@aol.com.

#### GTA Tennis Tournament on July 7 and 8

The Greenbelt Tennis Association (GTA) will hold its Firecracker Tennis Tournament at Braden Field Tennis Courts in Greenbelt on Saturday, July 7 and Sunday, July 8 (continuing to July 14 and 15 as necessary). There is a nominal fee, halved for GTA members. Spectators are welcome.

Players can register for singles or doubles matches at their ability level in the following categories: women's, men's, 16 & under or 50+. To register or for

details, visit the GTA website, http://www.greenbelt.com/tennis. The deadline for registration is 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 3.

The GTA sponsors tournaments and socials each year and a tennis ladder to encourage competition and interaction among tennis players in the Greenbelt area. To become a member, download a membership application from the GTA website or call Rich Majewski (301-595-5744) or Emmett Jordan (301-220-1025).

#### **Friends Community School**

A Quaker School for Grades K - 8

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For the hilarious comedy

#### "Dearly Departed" by David Bottrell and Jessie Jones

Sunday, July 8 at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Roles available for six women and four men
Cold readings from the script.
All roles open, some will be doubled.

Show Dates: Sept. 14 - Oct. 6, 2007

#### Greenbelt Arts Center

123 Centerway (Lower level of the Coop Supermarket) 301-441-8770

www.greenbeltartscenter.org



# **Obituaries**

#### Mollie Smith Reuben

Mollie Smith Reuben died on Tuesday, June 19, 2007, of a brief illness. She had celebrated her 91st birthday



last December with family and friends

Mrs. Reuben and her late husband Isadore (Izzie) arrived in Greenbelt from New York City in 1942. They raised their family together here while Mrs. Reuben worked as a secretary and her husband worked at the Pentagon. They were active members of Mishkan Torah where Mrs. Reuben was a member of the Sisterhood.

Mrs. Reuben was into yoga and daily exercise long before the current fitness craze took hold and locals will remember her swimming laps at the pool both before and after the indoor structure was built. An avid gardener and sculptor, her garden on Ridge Road delighted visitors with the combination of whimsical stone animals and fragrant blossoms. Active in the Golden Age Club, the Mahjong League and taking continuing education classes well into her 70s at the University of Maryland, Mrs. Reuben took every advantage of the quality of life that living in Greenbelt offered.

For the last five years, she has been living in an assisted living facility in Columbia, Md.

She is survived by her children Sheila Reuben de Tuya, David Reuben and Daniel Reuben, sonin-law Oscar de Tuya, daughtersin-law Ruth Reuben and Laurie Reuben; grandchildren Oscar de Tuya, Lisa Cornish, Paul Reuben, Joan Dearborn, Jennifer Baden and Daniel Reuben; and 16 greatgrandchildren.

A private service was held on Friday, June 22, 2007.





Catholic **Community** of Greenbelt **MASS** 

Sundays 10 A.M. Municipal Building

#### **Restoration Temple** Church of God in Christ

Elder Wesley Person, Jr., Pastor Evangelist Shirleen Person, First Lady

Services held at Residence Inn by Marriott

6320 Golden Triangle Drive Greenbelt, MD 20770 301-459-6966 church 301-459-0563 fax

Morning Prayer 9:15 am · Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 10:45 am

Special Events Women's Conference June 29, 2007 at 7:30 pm June 30, 2007 at 9:30 am and 4:00 pm

"We can do better together in 2007" www.rtcogic.org

#### **Trinity Fireworks** Show July 3

The Trinity Assembly of God Church will offer its 6th annual 3rd of July Fireworks Display and Festival, "Land of the Free," at church grounds starting at 6 p.m. Participants can enjoy a variety of games, moon-bounces, entertainment, face-painting, prizes and food vendors. Paul Hill, writer of "Lean on Me," will perform. Fireworks begin at 9 p.m.

The church is at 7800 Good Luck Road. Admission is free and children are welcome.

For more information call 301-552-9322 or visit www.trinitylanham.com.



#### **Hospital Offers Diabetes Classes**

The Doctors Community Hospital Diabetes Case Center offers an education program to all diabetics and their family members.

During six hours of instruction, participants will learn the basics of living with diabetes, including: monitoring blood sugar, the role of exercise, how to stay healthy and proper nutrition. A 90-minute "Nutrition for Diabetics" class is offered for all persons completing the diabetes course. After the classes those attending will receive individual consultations to help manage their diabetes AND to participate in support groups covering a variety of informative topics.

Classes are held Mondays at 7 p.m. and Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Ambulatory Surgery Building 5th floor classroom. Pre-registration is required. For more information call Elaine Stone, RN, CDE at 301-552-5134.

#### **Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church**



40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410

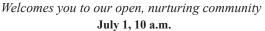
Rev. Dr. Paul C. Kim, Pastor

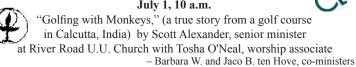
Sunday School 9:45 am Worship Service 11:00 am Prayer Meeting Sun. 9:45 am

Handicapped Accessible Come As You Are!

#### Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi Phone: 301-937-3666 www.pbuuc.org





#### ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH 135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 301-474-4322



**Mass Schedule:** Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m. Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m. Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd

#### St. George's Episcopal/ Anglican Church 7010 Glenn Dale Road

(Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road) 301-262-3285 | rector@stgeo.org | www.stgeo.org

Sundays:

8:00 am Simple, quiet Mass

9:00 am Christian education for all ages 10:00 am Sung Mass with organ and folk

music, ASL interpreted

Signed Mass (last Sunday of each 1:30 pm month only)

Wednesdays: 7:00 pm Simple, quiet Mass

## STOP, LOOK and LISTEN



As we see the flowers bloom and trees turn green, it reminds us of the one who created the serene nature in perfect harmony. It is our job now to keep this harmony in our dealings as well, as the Creator reminds us: "The sun and the moon follow courses (exactly)

computed; and the herbs and the trees bow in adoration. And the skies He (God) has raised high, and He has set up the balance (of justice), in order that you may not transgress due balance. So establish weight with justice and fall not short in the balance!" - The Holy Qur'an, 55:5-10

This is the guidance sent forth to mankind by God through the last Prophet, Muhammad (peace be upon him). For more information about Islam, call 301-982-9463 or e-mail info@searchislam.org or visit the website at www.islamguide.com.





Greenbelt Baptist Church 101 Greenhill Road Greenbelt, MD 20770 – (301) 474-4212 www.greenbeltbaptist.org

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#### Greenbelt Bahá'í Community

PO Box 245, Greenbelt, MD 20770

1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918

www.mysite.verizon.net/greenbeltbahai www.bahai.us

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Friday evening services 8:00 PM

except first Friday of the month, when children's service begins

Saturday morning services - 9:30 AM

Sunday minyon - 9:30 AM

Children's Education, Adult Education, Social Action, etc. For further information call 301 474-4223 www.mishkantorah.org Conservative and Reconstructionist



# Bible Study & Worship

9:30 "Good Morning!!" Coffee and Snacks 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship Greenbelt Youth Center

99 Centerway (Behind the Community Center) July 1: GOD BLESS AMERICA

Prayer for Pastor Red on Katrina Mission Trip 301-474-4499 410-340-8242 (cell)

...living life together

#### **Lecture Discusses Useful Insects**

On Thursday, July 12 from noon to 1 p.m. the U.S. Botanic Garden presents a lecture, "What the heck are beneficial insects? And how do I know one when I see it?" by Dayna Lane, USBG Plant Records Technician and Specialist in Ecological Horticulture. Learn about the many beneficial insects, which insect is considered the "Ugly Duckling" of its world and why gardeners should be happy to see an invasion of aphid mummies. With her slide show, Lane will show how beneficial insects help with pest management, how to recognize them and flowers to grow to attract them, plus tips on Green Gardening.

This presentation is free; preregistration is requested. Call 202-225-1116.

There is an **URGENT** need to GIVE BLOOD, **1-800-GIVE LIFE** 

#### Academy Stadium **Theatres**

Beltway Plaza Mall Center Court 301-220-1155 All shows starting before 6 p.m. Are ONLY \$5.00 R = ID Required (!) = No pass, No Discount Ticket

#### Week of June 29

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# City Information

**VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES** Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups. Vacancies exist on the: Arts Advisory Board

Forest Preserve Advisory Board Youth Advisory Committee For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

#### GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER

101 CENTERWAY 301-397-2204 **UPCOMING SWIM MEETS** Sat. June 30 and July 7 The Outdoor pool will open at 12:30pm on these days.

**CHILDREN'S WEEKDAY LESSONS SESSION II** Class Dates: July 3 - July 6 (no class July 4) & July 10 - July 13 Passholders and Residents register: Sat. June 30

Open Registration: Sun. July 1 through 2pm on Mon. July 2

**ADULT CLASSES SUMMER SESSION II** Session Dates: July 16 - August 10 Passholders and Residents register: July 2 & 3 Open Registration: July 4 until classes are filled

Class listings are available in the Summer Recreation Brochure posted at www.greenbeltmd.gov

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **Greenbelt Board of Appeals** Variance Application 07-001-V

Notice is hereby given that the Greenbelt Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on July 9, 2007 at 7:30pm in the Greenbelt Community Center (Room 202), 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD on an application filed by Ms. Cynthia Randolph for consideration of a request for a 5 foot variance from the 25 foot yard setback requirement for the purpose of constructing a deck to the rear of the home located at 6800 Green Crescent Court. For more information please contact Terri Hruby at 301-345-5417.

#### **Greenbelt Municipal/Public Access Channel 71**

MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Tuesday & Thursday, July 3 & 5: 6pm "Ask the Expert – Foot Care," 6:30pm: ACE Reading Club – Greenbelt Middle School, 7:00pm Greenbelt Museum Lecture – "Grandma's Kitchen."

**PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581:** 

Wednesday & Friday, July 4 & 6: 7pm "ERHS Baccalaureate Celebration," 8:30pm "Allie Michelle."

#### **Greenbelt CARES SUMMER 4 WEEK GED COURSE** July 3-July 31

Register at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, at 10:30am on Tuesday, July 3rd. Course is free for Greenbelt Residents and \$75 for Non-Residents. There will be a \$10 fee for a calculator and textbook must be purchased. GED I is held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30am-12:30pm and GED II is from 1-3pm.

For more information call Judye Hering at 301-345-6660 or jhering@greenbeltmd.gov.

#### Greenbelt CARES

#### SUMMER TUTORING PROGRAM FOR **GREENBELT RESIDENTS**

Students in Grades 2-6

Wednesday Mornings from July 11-August 1 9am-12pm

Tutoring in English grammar, composition, spelling, writing, English literature, and math. \$15 charge for materials. For more information on how to register call 301-345-6660 ext. 2016.

YOU MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE.

#### GREENBELT'S 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION Bring the family and enjoy the 4th at Buddy Attick Park!

FREE CHILDREN'S CRAFTS AND GAMES: 3-6pm, at lakefront while supplies last.

SEA MONSTER WATCH: 3-6pm, Is it Loch Ness or **Greenbelt Lake? See the sea monsters made by Creative** Kids Campers and take part in a hands-on art project.

GREENBELT CONCERT BAND: Enjoy a free patriotic concert at the bandstand by the Greenbelt Concert Band right before the fireworks.

FIREWORKS: Following concert at dusk (about 9pm)

ATTENTION ALL RESIDENTS: Please inform all members of your household about this scheduled event. We do not want anyone to be alarmed by the explosions and flashes of light from the fireworks.

Greenbelt Recreation Department's Weather and Information Hotline for updated program information: 301-474-5525.

In the event of inclement weather on July 4th, fireworks will be set off at 9:00pm on July 5th. For traffic tips and 4th of July safety information, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE 4TH OF JULY

Join the fun on the Fourth! Our young artists need your help to bring their masterpieces to the public eye. Please contact Nicole DeWald to volunteer for an hour or more any time during the day to help with launching and retrieving the sculptures, free afternoon crafts and games, and the Greenbelt Concert Band performance at the lakefront. Teens and adults may volunteer individually. Parents and children are also encouraged to participate together. Parking permits are available as needed for volunteers who sign up with the Recreation Department prior to July 4. This event is a great opportunity to show your support for public art and for the creativity of our local youth. Please call 240-542-2057 or write to ndewald@greenbeltmd. gov at your earliest convenience.

#### **HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

City Offices will be closed Wednesday, July 4th, in observance of Independence Day.

The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating.

#### REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of July 2nd

Monday Route – Regular Schedule Tuesday Route – Regular Schedule Wednesday Route – Collected Thursday Thursday Route - Collected Friday

#### Attention Greenbelt Skatepark Members!

The lower portion of the Greenbelt Skatepark will be closed for skate board classes Monday thru Friday from 4:00pm to 5:15pm June 18th thru August 17th. The park will remain open at all other times depending on weather conditions.

The upper portion, the "Big Bowl," will remain open to the public during these times.

For further information, please contact the Greenbelt Recreation Department at 301-397-2200.

For information on city services, events and more visit www.greenbeltmd.gov



#### AN ARTFUL AFTERNOON ~ SUNDAY, JULY 1st from 1-5pm Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road Info: 240-542-2062

1-3: Create a pierced metal lantern to brighten up the balmy summer evenings with Greenbelt Artist in Residence Marla McLean

3-4pm: Join the musical group "Swings and Roundabouts" and swing and square dance the afternoon away.

On Display: Searching for Life on Planet Earth: Digital Artwork by Bridget Zalewski Sullivan Also: Artists' Open Studios and Greenbelt Museum Tours

# Sea Monsters Come to Life Are Volunteers Needed

Session I Creative Kids Campers have been hard at work creating large sculptures for the community to enjoy at and after the city's July Fourth celebration. The campers are involved in all aspects of the creation of the pieces, including carving, sanding, priming, painting and making decorative additions.

The sculptures represent a whale, a skate and a sea horse, as interpreted by 16th-century European map-makers. Based on designs by Recreation Department Arts Supervisor Nicole DeWald, the initial carving was performed by Creative Kids Camp counselor and recent bachelor of fine arts graduate Matt McLaughlin along with Camp Encore Counselor Brian King.

In the classroom, DeWald has been joined by local artist educator Melinda Furcht of Art for the People and Creative Kids Camp Art Specialist Mabel Liles. Afterhours studio support is being provided by Arts Education Specialist Monica Mische and volunteers Aaron Solomon and DevinRe and Jerrese Adams. Many community members have donated recyclable plastic containers for use in this



Camper Bridgett Cornett primes the tail of the giant skate.

project.

#### Volunteers Needed

Greenbelt's young artists need community volunteers to help bring their work to the public eye. Supervisor DeWald is organizing volunteer help for an hour or more any time during the day to help with launching and retrieving the sculptures, free afternoon crafts and games and the Greenbelt Concert Band per-

formance at the lakefront.

Teens and adults may volunteer individually. Parents and children are also encouraged to participate together. Parking permits are available as needed for volunteers who sign up with the Recreation Department prior to July 4. Call 240-542-2057 or email ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov as soon as possible.

Have a



Camper Jerrese Adams sands his monster.

Claire Morse works on a sculpture en route to its monstrous July 4th debut on the lake.

— photos by Nicole DeWald

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capped tags and/or placards will not necessarily be required nor will they guarantee a parking space. Temporary 'No Parking' signs will be posted on the streets surrounding the park. Please do not park in these areas or the vehicle will probably be towed.

"Those who have previously parked in the median and shoulders of Kenilworth Avenue are being advised in advance to find new places to park. Drainage, curbing and foliage improvements have taken away most of the open space at this location. Vehicles protruding onto the roadway will probably be towed. The roadway must remain clear for the passage of emergency vehicles."

As this is a popular event it is recommended that people get there early and look for parking on Crescent Road.

In addition Mathews warned against bringing alcohol or any fireworks, including sparklers, snakes, firecrackers and bottle rockets, into the park. Those who do are subject to arrest, fines and confiscation of offending items. So best to leave the beer and bottle rockets at home and let the public works provide the explosive entertainment.

Anyone who decides to bring Fido or Fifi is asked to remember to keep them on a leash.

The police will have a tent set up on the grassy hill area for first aid and assisting with lost children.

Motorists exiting the Beltway will not be allowed to proceed north on Kenilworth Avenue. I-95 traffic will be directed onto southbound Kenilworth Avenue. Motorists who need to go to Old Greenbelt can take Greenbelt Road eastbound and turn left onto Southway.

At the end of the event, traffic will be redirected outbound on Crescent Road toward Kenilworth Avenue. Inbound traffic entering Old Greenbelt from Kenilworth Avenue will not be allowed onto Crescent Road until the bulk of the cars has left the area.

Keep in mind that these guidelines have been established so that everyone can have a safe and enjoyable holiday experience.

#### Children's Activities

Greenbelt's Art and Recreation Department and Nicole DeWald, arts supervisor, along with Creative Kids Camp kids will have their sea monsters floating on the lake. Parents should not encourage their children to swim after the monsters.

From 3 to 6 p.m. there will be free hands-on crafts at the lakefront arts tent while supplies last.

Parents can also walk with their children around the lake and observe the flora and fauna that inhabit Greenbelt Lake. There are turtles, ducks, ducklings, sunfish, cardinals, robins, beavers, beech, pine and magnificent tulip poplars, FDR's favorite tree, surrounding the lake

#### **Greenbelt Concert**

The Greenbelt Concert Band headed by Tom Cherrix will keep the tradition of playing a spirited set of patriotic tunes, which ironically includes Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture." The set also includes "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," "Stars and Stripes Forever" and "American Patrol." The band consists of some 40 musicians and is expected to play for about 90 minutes; downbeat is at 7 p.m. Though they don't take tips, applause is appreciated.

#### **Inclement Weather**

In the case of hard rain and lightning the fireworks will be held on the next clear night, without the concert. For more information call the Greenbelt Recreation Department Weather

# THE JANE LOVE ART SALE



Atholton Adventist School Gym 6520 Martin Rd., Columbia, MD (NW of 29 at 32), July 8, 12-6 pm

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# **Community Events**

#### **Greenbelt Baseball**

Play-off Updates as of Tuesday, June 26, 2007

American League #4 Athletics & #3 Tigers eliminated Thurs., June 28, 6:00 p.m. #2 Orioles vs. #1 Giants Sat., June 30, 10:00 a.m. #1 Giants vs. #2 Orioles \*

National League #4 Cubs & #3 Yankees eliminated Wed., June 27, 6:00 p.m. #1 Indians vs. #2 Cardinals Fri., June 29, 6:00 p.m. #2 Cardinals vs. #1 Indians \* \* if necessary

City Championship Thurs., July 5, 6:00 p.m. NL Champion vs. AL Champion Fri., July 6, 6:00 p.m. AL Champion vs. NL Champion Sat., July 7, 1:00 p.m. NL Champion vs. AL Champion Best 2 of 3

All games are played at McDonald Field.

#### ERHS Is Recognized For Academic Gains

Eleanor Roosevelt High School has been recognized by the Maryland State Department of Education's School Performance Recognition Program for overall academic achievement. Charles Herbert Flowers and Laurel high schools were also recognized for improving the performance of special student populations. The honored schools will receive special recognition certificates for public display.

"We are extremely proud of the students in each of these high schools," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. John E. Deasy. "The one thing that these three schools have in common is a strong instructional leader as principal. Because we know that the performance of students reflects the instructional leadership and effectiveness of their principals and teachers, I believe that these three schools can serve as models for accelerating student progress systemwide."

The awards are based on the spring 2006 Maryland School Assessment, specifically the High School Assessments in English 2 and algebra/data analysis which fulfill the No Child Left Behind Act's requirement for testing high school students in reading and mathematics. Schools must also make adequate yearly progress to be eligible for the recognition.

#### City Notes

Animal Control staff investigated one pit bull case in Springhill Lake Apartments; two injured birds were transported to Prince George's County; one dog running at large was reunited with its owner; and one dog housed at the shelter was adopted this week.

The special details crew installed a "Yield" sign and a "One Way" sign near the Community Center and changed the speed limit signs on Greenbrook Drive from 30 MPH to 25 MPH.

Creative Kids campers are working on a community art project under the direction of sculpture teacher Nicole DeWald. See separate article on page 6.

CARES Director Liz Park attended the Homeless Services Partnership meeting on June 14. The Transitional Housing Program (THP) presented information on their services for homeless individuals and families. People must be referred from a county shelter to enter THP, where they are placed in an apartment and offered a variety of services to assist them in obtaining independent housing.

Blanca Brana has joined CARES as a Crisis Intervention Counselor. She has an M.A. in Professional Counseling from Argosy University. Prior to her M.A. program, Brana worked as a Litigation Specialist for 20 years in several Washington, D.C., law firms. Brana is also a part-time realtor and loan processor.

#### **New Deal Café Presents Divas**

The New Deal Café presents "A Night of Indie Divas" on Friday, July 6 from 9 p.m. to midnight. Headlining this event will be Greenbelt's own Lauren Schreiber, just finishing up a local tour to promote her tape, titled "The Likeness: Mix Tape Vol. 1." In a recent interview for a local magazine she explains the title of her new album by saying it's "based on the concept that before one can be 'in love,' you have to go through a period of 'like' . . . in order to find one's self and discover what it is that one actually wants and needs from that other person . . . hence, 'The Likeness'." Fans describe her style of music as acoustic soul with a twist of R&B.

Performing with Lauren is Stephanie Lightfoot, a Baltimore soul singer who has done shows all over the world.

The New Deal show will also include Jade Fox, whose album "ASHES of Another Life" is in stores now. The Baltimore City Paper called her album "a refreshing reminder of what good music is all about, combining the skills of a lyricist, emcee and poet."

The final part of this show is Kimia Collins, a soul singer also from Baltimore. Collins has recorded music for local and international producers and can sing back-up, jingles, voice-overs for radio stations and commercials for cable net-

These four divas are being brought to Greenbelt by Brown Monkey Music (www. brownmonkeymusic.com), a local online media distribution company. The New Deal Café is at 113 Centerway. Admission is free.





family and friends of former longtime Greenbelter Mollie Reuben, who died on June 19, 2007.

Larry and Rena Hull of Lakeside recently returned from a month-long trip to Alaska and back, traveling by Winnebago camper, ferryboat, bus, airplane and train. With two friends they picked up the rented Winnebago in Iowa and drove across Canada, through the Canadian Rockies, to Prince Rupert, B.C., where they took ferry boats, including the new fast ferry to Juneau. They traveled the road to White Horse and Dawson City to the Top of the World Highway. They visited the gold-mining areas and attended the Follies, finally dropping off the Winnebago in Anchorage. They then rented a van and drove to Denali National Park and Mount McKinley. The trip home was by way of plane to Vancouver, then train with observation deck back through Canada; they spent two days in Edmonton and visited Toronto and Montreal. This was Rena's fourth trip to Alaska, the first being with her parents in 1976 "when the Alaska Highway was just a dirt road."

Our gratitude and best wishes go with Army Pfc. Michael Inzeo, son of James and Hilda Inzeo

of Canning Terrace, who has been mobilized and activated for future deployment to an undisclosed overseas location in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Inzeo, a 2004 ERHS graduate, is an infantry-

Our condolences to the man normally assigned to the 1st Battalion, 175th Infantry in Silver Spring.

Congratulations to Gian Cossa of Boxwood, who has joined Tele-Works of Blacksburg, Va., as regional sales director for a region from Wisconsin to Maine and south to Virginia. Tele-Works provides interactive voice response systems to local governments. Cossa, familiar in Greenbelt for his activism in Boxwood water main leaks, will be based in Greenbelt.

Irene Hensel wants to thank all those who attended her birthday party at Sunrise and/or sent cards. The card count has now reached 95! Irene also reports that she had a nice visit from former Greenbelter Jackie Lenchek, now living in D.C., a few days later.

Two ERHS graduates are making their mark in show biz. Matthew Gardiner is assistant director of the musical "The Witches of Eastwick," now playing at Signature Theatre in Arlington. His brother James Gardiner has a singing role in the same production. The twins are 2002 graduates of ERHS and alumni of the Maryland Boy Choir. In 2006 Matthew received a B.F.A. in directing from Carnegie-Mellon University, while James was awarded a B.A. in theatre from the University of Maryland at College Park. Matthew is the resident assistant director at Signature and also directed and choreographed Catholic University's spring production of "Candide." James performed the lead role in the Kennedy Center's new musical "The Brand New Kid," based on the book by Katie Couric, last November. Congratulations, Gardiners!

- Kathleen McFarland

Send us news of your family's accomplishments, births, deaths, relocations, etc., to share with your neighbors. Leave messages at 301-474-6892.

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# Can You Help with Scanning?

The News Review is looking for a substitute scanner needed for occasional Tuesday work at the News Review office from 9 to 10 p.m. If you already have the skills, it's a great way to put them to use for the community. Or we can show you how. Call 301-474-4131 and leave a message or email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com.

# **Position Opening Greenbelt Arts Center General Manager**

#### 20 hours/week, flexible schedule. Duties include:

- \* Facilitate communications between the Board of Directors, members, production staffs, renters and patrons.
- \* Manage all office operations, including securing rights for play production.
  - \* Schedule performances, rehearsals, meetings and rentals.
    - \* Inspect and ensure facility is properly maintained and in accordance with safety and fire regulations.
      - \* Update and maintain membership database.
  - \* Coordinate publicity materials and deadlines with staff.

Send cover letter & resume by July 20 to:

**Greenbelt Arts Center** PO Box 293, Greenbelt, MD 20770 301-441-8770

# ERHS Team Again Wins County Envirothon



The ERHS Envirothon county winning team with Schmidt Center staff and sponsor are, left to right: Alan Hoffman (Wm. Schmidt Center), Chelsea McGlynn, John Patrick Young, Jaci Meagher, Emily Thorpe, Carol Yang and sponsor Peggy Brosnan.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School won the Prince George's County 2007 Envirothon for the third year in a row and then took sixth place in the state competition June 19-21. Other county high schools competing were High

Point, Forestville Military Academy and Oxon Hill.

The county competition, held at the William S. Schmidt Outdoor Education Center in Brandywine, tests teams of high school students in wildlife, aquatics,

soils, forestry and alternative/renewable energy.

More counties and states are reported participating in envirothons each year.

#### Local Swim Team Wins First Two Meets

by Joan Dunham

The Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team (GMST) won their first meet of the season on Saturday, June 16 by four points. They faced Belair Swim and Racquet (BSR) at the opposing team's pool in Bowie, with a final score of GMST 267.5: BSR 263.5. Team members Maresa Like-Mathews, Amanda Freeman and Stephen Irving were triple winners in the individual events, while Joseph Lau, Jennifer Clune, Hunter Freeman and Nick Kotonias each won two of the three individual events in which they were entered.

The meet was close with BSR always ahead until the relay events. The GMST relay teams took second and third place in the mixed girls' and boys' 8 and under 100-meter relay, took first and tied for second in the boys' 200-meter relay and took first, second and fourth place in the girls' 200-meter relay.

Coach Jill Lau said, "The first meet of the season always puts some pressure on the swimmers, coaches and team as a whole to do our best to win the meet. Coming into the meet we knew it would be a close one and every point would count. We had a few stumbles but toward the end, when it counted most, we had swimmers who turned on those burners and gave an excellent performance that propelled GM to a win."

#### **Montpelier Meet**

The team won its second meet against the Montpelier Community Association team by one point, with a final score of 269 to 268. This tight race was notable for three new records set. A new pool record of 19.84 seconds was made by Montpelier's Dylan Buehler in the boys' 9-10 25-meter breaststroke and two



Ethan Smith (near swimmer) of BSR and Nick Kotanias (far swimmer) of GMST splash their was to a tie for first place in the Boys' 13-14 50meter freestyle. photo courtesy of Joan Dunham

new team records were set by can compete with these top teams Greenbelt swimmers. Jennifer Kotonias broke the girls' 15-18 50-meter fly record with a time B Division of Prince-Mont Swim 31.48 seconds and Maresa Like-Mathews broke her old record on the girls' 15-18 50-meter backstroke with a time of 32.99 seconds. Other records were approached but not broken so the three remaining meets promise to be as exciting as the first two. And Montpelier will have a chance to best more Greenbelt pool records when they return for the B Divisional meet on July 21.

Triple winners in this meet were Amanda Freeman, Nick Kotonias, Joseph Lau and Maresa Like-Mathews. Courtney Like-Mathews had two first place finishes. Other first-place winners include Jennifer Clune, Asia Goodridge, Michelle Gray, Jennifer Kotonias, Gabrielle Kuhn and Daniel Rehner. Coach Jill Lau says, "It was a big win for our team and demonstrates exactly how much just one point can be worth. It also proves that we and still come out ahead.'

The GMST is a member of the League, a summer recreational swim league comprised of teams from the District of Columbia and Maryland counties.

The next meet for the Greenbelt team will be June 30, when it will face the Westlake Village team at the Greenbelt Aquatic

Membership in GMST is open to children from 5 to 18. More information is available at http:// www.greenbelt.com/swimteam.



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basis of the importance and lastmade by each nominee. Some outstanding citizens have been selected for their involvement in more than one community activity. Last year's recipient Marsha Voigt is one. She has been involved with Help by Phone, an organization to provide food, clothing and other needs to those without the ability to provide for themselves; Safe Haven, an organization that provides winter shelter to the homeless; Empty Bowls, a fundraiser to provide funds for Help by Phone; Greenbelt's Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES); Friends of the Greenbelt Library; SERVV, an organization that sells handmade items by women from villages in many countries around the world through churches in order to provide them with needed income; the Lions Club; and tutoring math to elementary school children and her church.

Other outstanding citizens are best known for their work for just one important organization. Jay Remenick, the 2005 outstanding citizen and a mainstay of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, was such a choice.

Some outstanding citizens ing impact of the contributions were recognized for the efforts with recreational youth groups, others for their work with the Labor Day Festival. Five former awardees were recognized for their work with this newspaper. Others were recognized for their involvement with city cooperatives, helping to better educate, serving our senior population, contributing to their church, participating in Neighborhood Crime Watch or serving the Greenbelt Museum.

> In Greenbelt there are many organizations striving to make our city a better place in which to live. Surely among them are individuals whose contributions are so meaningful they deserve to be recognized.

Whether or not they will be is up to each and every Greenbelter. These worthy citizens must be made known to the Outstanding Citizen Committee.

Don't wait until the August 6 deadline to make your choice known. The sooner you put together your nomination, the better chance you will have of including all the important information needed to cause the committee to agree that your choice is the best. See the form below.

#### PRESERVE continued from page 1

out of the preserve, even though some sympathized with Roberts' position. Ruth Kastner said she had decided to support the ordinance as written due to concerns that to rely on certain interpretations and contingencies in allowing the areas to remain as they are could also work against the preserve by allowing such areas to enlarge.

Similarly, an exception was

created for an area of the Belle Point Preserve suitable for recreational use such as a playground or picnic area.

#### **Sunrise Preserve**

Only the Sunrise property, the first Forest Preserve area in Greenbelt East, was included in its entirety. As Roberts noted, "it has been a long road" for this property, once slated for develop-

# Get out and smell the roses in Greenbelt this weekend!



Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee, Inc.

#### **NOMINATION FORM**

#### **Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen**

Submit this form or a letter by Monday, August 6 to: Robert Zugby, Chair

94 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770

Name of Nominee Address Nominated By: Name(s) (please print) Signature(s) Phone

Please attach a statement (preferably printed or typed) which explains why the nominee deserves recognition as Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen. Possible subjects include a list of organizations or activities in which the nominee has participated, including length of time; specific accomplishments during each period of service; the impact on Greenbelt or on people within the city; and personal qualities which make the nominee special. Award is for volunteer (unpaid) work only. Supporting printed material will be accepted but is not required. Testimonials by others as to the person's good works will be helpful. The more information you can provide the committee the better.

Note: All nominators must sign. Use separate sheet if necessary. Thank you!

# **Police Blotter**

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department.

Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

#### Robbery

7900 block of Mandan Road, June 21, 9:36 p.m., a food delivery person was approached by three unknown males inside the hallway of a building. The males forcefully took food and cash, hit the delivery person in the back and chest and fled the area. The three suspects were described as black males, ages 15 to 20; one was wearing a white T-shirt.

#### Assaults

Beltway Plaza, June 15, 11:53 p.m., when picking up her daughter from the rear of the movie theaters, another vehicle cut in front of the mother's vehicle. The daughter and a female from the second vehicle exited their respective vehicles and began to fight. The mother exited her vehicle to assist her daughter. Two males and approximately 10 females exited the second vehicle. An unknown person(s) grabbed the mother's shirt, causing her to fall.

All parties separated; the suspects got into the second vehicle and fled the area. There were no injuries reported other than a minor cut. The confrontation appears to be the result of a dispute over a boyfriend.

Greenbelt Citgo, June 18, 2:35 a.m., a man reported that he was making a purchase at the cashier's window when he was struck repeatedly by an unknown male. Neither the man nor the suspect spoke. The suspect, who fled in a 1999 tancolored sedan toward Greenbelt Road, was described as a black male wearing a light colored shirt. Nothing was taken.

#### Theft

Greenbelt Metro Station, June 16, a Raleigh 10-speed bicycle was stolen from the bike rack at the station.

7500 block of Greenway Center Drive, June 19, a non-resident woman was arrested for failure to pay cab fare. She was also found to have an open warrant through the Prince George's County Sheriff's Office. The defendant was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner and for service of the warrant.

6400 block of Ivy Lane, June 20, 8:54 a.m., unknown suspect(s) took a wallet from an office suite containing credit cards and U.S. currency.

7800 block of Lakecrest Drive, June 20, 7:01 p.m., a men's 26" bicycle and a child's 18" bicycle, unknown makes and models, were reported missing from the balcony of a residence.

7800 block of Walker Drive, June 29, 7:10 p.m., a wallet was reported stolen from an office suite.

#### **Malicious Destruction**

9200 block of Springhill Lane, June 15, 12:38 p.m., a piece of brick was thrown

through a patio door, shattering the glass.

6000 block of Springhill Drive, June 15, 9 p.m., a group of juveniles were seen spray painting a building. One of them was located and identified. The juvenile, a 14-year-old Greenbelt youth, was arrested and charged on a juvenile petition. He was released at the scene.

7700 block of Ora Court, June 21, 9:19 p.m., unknown suspect(s) broke the outside window of a residence with an unknown hard object.

#### Disorderly Conduct

7400 block of Frankfort Drive, June 14, 3:14 p.m., a resident man was arrested and charged on a criminal citation for failing to leave the school area after having been instructed to stay away from the perimeter of the school.

6100 block of Springhill Terrace, June 22, 12:22 a.m., a nonresident man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. After stopping an officer on routine patrol to state that he had just been assaulted by a friend of his, the man became very loud and belligerent, shouting profanities. He was intoxicated and refused repeated requests to discontinue yelling. The man was arrested and released from the police station on a citation, pending trial.

#### Burglaries

9200 block of Edmonston Road, June 15, 2:01 p.m., several unknown suspect(s) were reported to have broken into a vacant townhouse through a downstairs window. They were gone prior to the police's arrival. Nothing was taken.

9100 block of Edmonston Terrace., June 16, 4:22 p.m., a man reported that upon returning to his residence, he noticed his door chain was bent. Entry was not gained.

#### Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported as stolen: a 2004 green Ford Taurus, Maryland tags 1BBF95 from the 6100 block of Breezewood Court; a silver 2001 Dodge Stratus, Maryland tags MVG921 from the 9100 block of Springhill Lane; and a black 1998 Dodge Durango, Virginia tag 6693LP from the 7700 block of Lakecrest Drive.

Six vehicles were recovered, two by Greenbelt police and four by other police departments. One set of tags were also recovered. Arrests were made in one recovery.

Theft from and vandalism to vehicles were reported in the following areas: Beltway Plaza, 6200 block Breezewood Court, 9000 block Breezewood Terrace, 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace (two incidents), 9300 block Edmonston Road, 9100 block Springhill Lane, Ridge Road, Greenbrook Drive at Brooks Place.

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

# Crime Stats Show Overall Drop This Year

#### by James Giese

There was a significant drop in the number of crimes committed in Greenbelt during the first three months of this year as compared to the same period in 2006. Most significantly, the number of robberies dropped from 36 in 2006 to 20 in 2007, a drop of 44 percent. All other types of crimes were also down with the exception of murder. One murder was recorded for the quarter for each year. Overall, the crime rate dropped by 18 percent.

First quarter crimes between 2003 and 2007 peaked in 2004 when 378 were committed. Since then, the total number has dropped each year, but the reductions were not reflected in the category of crimes against persons: murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assaults until this year. The 32 in 2007 is the lowest number recorded since before 2003

Chief James Craze commented, "We would like to take credit for the decline and we are certainly doing our best to deal with the crimes before they occur. I am reluctant to do so because that trend could turn around next quarter while we are working just as hard."

# Gaggle of Geese Halts Traffic

A live traffic report filed on the scene by reporter/editor Jim Giese: Traffic on Greenbelt Road was halted on Saturday, June 23 as seven Canada Geese made a stately walk across the road to get to the other side. The seven crossed just west of the north onramp to Kenilworth Avenue. The geese failed to cross at a crosswalk and waited until just before the Greenbelt Road signal turned green before crossing. Although drivers of vehicles to the rear began to honk their horns in impatience, the three cars in front, including a taxi cab, refused to budge until the geese had successfully crossed the west-bound

Whether the geese made it across the east-bound lanes and where they were headed is unknown. Another editor, Mary Lou Williamson, confirmed the presence of the gaggle of geese happily consuming the grass in the median strip, showing no signs of moving on.

With the price of gasoline the way it is, the geese probably found air travel too expensive.

#### First Quarter Crime Data

Type of Offense (January 1 to March 31)

	<u>2006</u>	2007	
Murder	1	1	
Rape	1	0	
Robbery	36	20	
Aggravated Assault	20	11	
Breaking and Entering	27	24	
Larceny	154	141	
Motor Vehicle Theft	<u>43</u>	41	
TOTALS	282	238	

"To be honest," he continued, "no one really knows why . . . [crime rates] . . . sometimes fluctuate in the short run. There are some long term predictions based on the age demographics of the country. For example, we are told that there will be a large increase in crime based on the age of people in our society who are of the age to commit crime. But we are not seeing that in town."

The first quarter of 2007

showed improvement in the number of motor vehicle accidents as well with a 5 percent drop in non-injury accidents and a 41 percent drop in accidents causing personal injuries. While police calls for service increased this quarter, the number of police reports made dropped. Arrests of both adults and juveniles dropped for the quarter but the number of traffic summons and parking tickets issued increased, as did warnings and repair order requests.

Safety Tips from the Public Safety Advisory Committee

#### Thunderstorms, Lightning

On average in the United States there are 100,000 thunderstorms each year. And yet many people are unaware of the best way to protect themselves during a thunder storm.

Watch for lightning. If you can hear thunder you are close enough to be struck by lightning.

If indoors – have battery-operated lights and a radio handy in case you lose power.

#### Do not

- shower. Water can conduct electricity.
- use the phone. So can phone lines.
- use your iPod. Shut it off and disconnect the ear plug.
   If outdoors
- get away from tall objects such as trees, towers, telephone poles and metal objects like fences and bicycles.

**Head for low ground** but be aware of the situation around you. Low ground is good protection from lightning but watch for a flash flood. If unable to get away from trees, look for smaller trees. They are less likely to be struck than taller ones.

Make yourself small, crouch down. In this position you are as small a target as possible. Do not lie down. This makes you as big a target as possible.

Lightning can and often does strike the same place twice. If you feel your hair starting to stand on end you are in danger. Lightning is about to strike very close by.

Save yourself by making yourself small immediately. You don't have time to run away.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

# Wear White At Night so drivers can see you

# City Asks Residents To Report Lights Out

PEPCO has added new capability to its website and the City of Greenbelt urges residents to use the new mechanism to report street light outages directly to the electric company.

Using the new system will speed the reporting of outages, the scheduling of maintenance and the repairs because the information will be electronically dispatched directly to the contractors who replace the lights.

The new reporting system is available only for lights maintained by PEPCO. Lights on state roads (like MD Rt. 201), Interstate roads (like I-95 and I-495) as well as lights on overpasses and bridges are maintained by the State of Maryland. Problems with those lights should be reported by phone to 1-800-749-7371.

If the street light problem is associated with a more widespread electrical service outage, the report should be made to the municipality in which the outage occurs. Service numbers for these general outages include City of Greenbelt at 301-474-8004, Prince George's County at 301-883-5650 and the State of Maryland at 1-800-749-7371.

#### Street Light Out

When the problem is a street light on a street of

Greenbelt or other Prince George's County surface street, people should log on to www. pepco.com to report the problem

When reporting a problem it is important to have the exact location of the light (street address, nearest landmark or intersection) and the pole number if possible. The website is very helpful in showing the types of lights and how to locate the pole number.

On the PEPCO home page that comes up immediately, there is a box called "What would you like to do?" Within that box is an option to "Report Street Light Outage." Other options allow the user to report a general outage, see outage maps, turn on or off electrical service, etc.

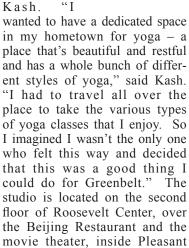
Click on the Report Street Light Outage option and fill in the information requested on the page that comes up next. The more information filled in, the faster the maintenance can be accomplished.

If there are multiple light problems in the same area, it is preferable to enumerate the information in an email addressed to cod.dispatch@pepco. com. For more information, see the PEPCO website noted above or call 1-877-PEPCO62 (1-877-737-2662).

# Greenbelt Om Community Yoga Studio Is Blossoming

by Pat Novinski

Greenbelt Om Community Yoga, which opened during the ice storms of this past February, had its beginnings a year ago as a summer dream for Greenbelt resident Kim



Kash and Michael Cooney, her husband and Greenbelt Om co-owner, are both second generation Greenbelters. Kash recalls being a young child and visiting her father in his real estate office when it, too, was on the second floor of Roosevelt Center. When a friend suggested there might be

space inside the Pleasant Touch Spa for a studio of some sort, Kash went to visit Pleasant Touch owner Gwen Vaccaro and OMMUNITY Y her daughter Angela - one of Kash's childhood

friends. A year later the yoga studio is moving into its fifth month of operation and the business is beginning to blossom

The beautifully finished studio invites clientele to participate in over 20 yoga classes on sunlit polished wood floors. Open seven days a week, Greenbelt Om provides classes for young and old with a schedule suitable for varied lifestyles. Classes include beginning, continuing and advanced levels of Hatha yoga, yoga for parents and children, prenatal yoga and a lunchtime class every weekday.

The selection of classes, the 12 instructors and the studio's class pass system, which acknowledges busy schedules and fluctuating motivation, combine to make it easy for anyone to begin or to deepen a yoga practice.

# Marietta Offers "Summer Fun"

Marietta House Museum's Family Summer Fun on Sunday, July 8 and Sunday, August 5 from 2 to 5 p.m. features 19th century hands-on activities, crafts and homemade ice cream for adults and children.

Reservations are required. There is a fee. Marietta House Museum is located at 5626 Bell Station Road in Glenn Dale. For more information call 301-464-5291 or TTY 301-699-2544.

# **Exchange Students Looking for Hosts**

The Foundation for Intercultural Travel (F.I.T.), a State Department-designated exchange visitor program, is currently matching international students, ages 15 to 18, with host families in this area. Families of all types from retired couples to single-parent families are eligible to be hosts.

Students arrive about one week before local schools start and bring their own spending money for clothes, entertainment and other expenses. They have their own medical insurance. They also bring a sincere desire to become part of a family.

There are one semester as well as full academic year students. All students speak English and will be arriving from Germany, Brazil, Denmark, Spain and other countries. For more information about hosting a student or joining the team of local area representatives without any obligation, call Mary Ann at F.I.T., toll free at 877-439-7862.

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# What's Doing In Greenbelt East – or Maybe Not

by Anne-Marie Hamma

Over the past several weeks the News Review has invited Greenbelt East residents to offer story ideas and, perhaps, to write for the newspaper. The story below is the first response we have received.

#### Where I Live

Greetings! I am writing to you from all the way out here on Hanover Parkway to dispel any myths about what life is like east of 295. I know there are burning questions about how the other half lives: Do they have running water? Do they eat pizza? How do you get to Hanover Parkway?

To gain insight I have thoroughly researched (OK, maybe "thoroughly researched" isn't quite the right phrase) and have come to the conclusion that while we are not all the same, as Greenbelters (Greenbeltians?) we are not all that different.

Here in the East we have some great stores, places to eat and a brand new post office (oh right, sorry about that one, Old Greenbelt). In fact, we just had a Five Guys open in the K-Mart shopping center in Cipriano Square (oh but that is really in Lanham). And while we Easterners have to cross 295 to get to the old movie theater or the library, Dominos does deliver to Hanover Park-

No, we can't boast a lake but there is a big storm water run-off thing that sort of looks like a lake. So, I am officially putting out the welcome mat to all those west of 295: you are always welcome to shop at Old Navy or Safeway or tour our lake thing. And when you're done, we'll all have a slice of pizza.

**News From The East** While perhaps not all newsworthy, I will give you a brief detailing of this week's news from over here on Hanover Park-

#### Monday

They turned the air conditioning off in my building today, even though it is 90E outside. This makes me consider that, while on the surface, condominium associations appear to be democratic, I'll tell you I never voted for that. Mmmm. There may be a story here. "Big Brother Actually in Charge of Home Associations."

#### Tuesday

Nothing particularly interesting to report unless you take into consideration that I did the dishes and folded the laundry before lunch.

#### Wednesday

Saw the Greenbelt cops patrolling. No joking about cops, cause they have guns.

#### **Thursday**

Took a walk today and witnessed an incidence of "Driver not paying attention to traffic circle on Hanover Parkway." Note: - when approaching a traffic circle, you must drive around it, not through

#### Friday

A bird tried to remove the net from my son's basketball hoop. Beware, fellow Greenbelters. Guard your sports equipment from these thieves.

#### Saturday/Sunday

After such a busy week, the news this weekend was rather

#### 6.5% WSSC Rate Increase on July 1

On June 21, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) announced that water and sewer rates will rise 6.5 percent effective July 1 due to rising energy, chemical and other inflationary costs. They say the average residential customer's bill will increase by approximately \$3 per month.

The rate increase was proposed as part of WSSC's annual operating and capital improvement budget for Fiscal Year 2008. The budget was reviewed and approved by the Prince George's and Montgomery County Councils. It was given final approval June 20 by the WSSC six-member Board of Commissioners.

Escalating energy, gasoline and chemical prices, as well as higher costs for maintenance and building materials required the increase, says WSSC. The cost of chemicals used to treat water and wastewater is projected to increase 30 percent, fuel more than 11 percent and power 10 percent. For the past three years WSSC reports its rate increases were below the rate of inflation and that there had been no rate increase in the preceding six

Recent announcements by WSSC have highlighted the age of water and wastewater infrastructures and a need to increase the pace of greatly needed pipe replacement. The WSSC is currently working on a 30-year infrastructure investment plan to upgrade water and wastewater systems for future generations, with the first phase of the plan due for completion this summer. While the FY08 WSSC budget does not directly address the issue, it funds approximately 27 miles of water pipe replacement, the same amount as was funded in the current fiscal year.

#### WSSC Water Quality Report Available

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) has released its 2006 Water Quality Report confirming that its drinking water meets or exceeds EPA standards for safety and quality. In its 89-year history, WSSC reports that it has never had a drinking water violation.

In addition to the test results, the 2006 Water Quality Report details WSSC's water sources and treatment processes, answers customer questions and provides WSSC contact information.

Copies of the report are being distributed to residents and businesses in Prince George's and Montgomery Counties in through grade 9 are now required the Gazette newspapers. Non-English versions are available for the area's Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese and Hispanic communities.

Residents can call 301-206-8100 to request a copy or can view the report online at www. wsscwater.com by clicking on 2006 Water Quality Report in the "Hot Topics" section.

#### Free Activities In Old Bowie Sat.

Bring the family - spend an hour or spend the day. Learn about BMX bicycle racing. Hear live music in the park.

Saturday, June 30 there will be a BMX Racing Clinic and information about the sport of bicycle racing for boys and girls ages 6 to 19 from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at A & M Cycle, 13002 Ninth Street.

There will be a summer concert by the Capital Tuba Euphonium Quartet of the 257th Army Band at the Village Green from 2 to 3 p.m.

The Old Town Bowie Welcome Center Heritage and Children's Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information call Michael DeNardo at 301-262-

#### Free Immunizations Held in July, August

The state of Maryland has made major changes to school-related immunization requirements. The Prince George's County Public School system reminds parents that students cannot register for school without a record of up to date immunizations. Proof of immunization must be provided to school registrars on or before August 20, the first day of school.

The Prince George's County Health Department is scheduling appointments during July and the first two weeks of August for free immunizations, including follow-up immunizations needed to maintain compliance with the new state requirements.

All students in kindergarten to show proof of Hepatitis B vaccine and Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine. This change, made last year, has the greatest impact on students in grades 5 through 9.

The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene website provides information about "Back to School Immunization Requirements," available at http://www.edcp.org/html/ schoolrequire.html. Acceptable proofs of full immunization include Maryland Immunization Certificate 896 or a computer generated print-out from a licensed physician's office.

For more information or to make an appointment for a free immunization call the Prince George's County Health Department at 301-583-3300. Parents without health insurance for their child's other medical needs can call the Healthline at 1-888-561-

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Common fish species at the refuge include bass, crappie, sunfish and pickerel. Fishing is allowed in accordance with Maryland State Fishing Regulations and specific Refuge Regulations. Bass are catchand-release only. Earthworms are the only live bait permitted. All anglers over 15 years of age must have a current Maryland non-tidal fishing license and a seasonal fishing permit issued by the refuge. Unlike last season, anglers will not be able to allow guests to fish on their permit. Each angler over 15 years of age must have his/her own Refuge permit.

Refuge fishing permits are free and are available at the National Wildlife Visitor Center (9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily) and the Patuxent North Tract

Contact Station (8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily). Complete regulations are supplied with the Refuge Fishing Permit and may also be viewed on the refuge website, http://patuxent.fws.gov.

For more information about Patuxent Research Refuge or refuge fishing opportunities, visit http://patuxent.fws.gov or call the National Wildlife Visitor Center (301-497-5763) or the North Tract Contact Station (301-776-3090).

#### **Aviation Museum Host** For Summer Activities

At College Park Aviation Museum, 1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Drive in College Park, Zing Wing Fridays are now held on the second and fourth Fridays from noon to 4 p.m. One can decorate a styrofoam Zing Wing Flyer with markers of all colors and

Hollywood Flyers, a junior movie series are held the first, third and fifth Fridays of each month at 2 p.m. and include complimentary popcorn and lem-

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For information call the museum 301-864-6029, TTY 301-864-4765 or visit the website at www.collegeparkaviationmuseum.



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#### REAL ESTATE – SALE

OPEN HOUSE Sunday 1-3, 57C Ridge Road, \$169,500, MLS#PG6429380. This gorgeous two bedroom townhome is bright and airy with a fabulous view of the beautifully landscaped back yard. This home boasts gleaming wood floors, new fridge, newly glazed bath tub, backyard shed and an attic with pull down stairs. Available immediately. Available for showing every day. James Hsu, Long and Foster Realtor, 443-812-2860/443-535-8000, Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity.

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FOR SALE BY OWNER - 11P Laurel Hill Road Renovated 2 BR frame w/ addition. New bathroom, paint, carpet, appliances. Soundproof, both floors. 3 AC units, ceiling fans, washer/dryer, flagstone patio, fenced yard. Move-in condition. For sale by owner. Price reduced \$214,500. Bring all offers. 301-775-4689

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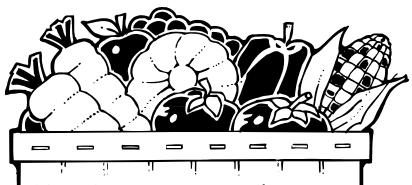
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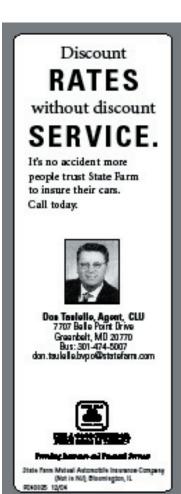
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# Greenbelt's Mayor Judith Davis Joins Second Annual Potomac Watershed Trash



Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis (second row, standing fifth from right) was one of 64 regional elected officials who signed the Potomac River Watershed Trash Treaty at the second annual Potomac Watershed Trash Summit held in Washington on June 14. They acknowledged a serious trash problem in the river, tributaries and surrounding lands and committed to addressing the problem from a regional perspec-- photo courtesy Alice Ferguson Foundation

# Council Meets to Clean Up Some Budgetary Issues

by Barbara Hopkins

The end of Fiscal Year 2007 on June 30 provided the Greenbelt City Council with a number of agenda items at its meeting on Monday, June 18. In each case an ordinance was introduced for first reading and suspension of the rules regarding publication of the proposed legislation before its second reading and adoption at a later council meeting. Once introduced and the rules suspended, ordinances could be introduced for second reading and adoption at the same meeting. Council will not meet again before the end of the fiscal year.

Mayor Judith Davis explained to a concerned citizen that such action is common at this point in the fiscal year, as the city government only acts to appropriate additional funds after there is evidence of need for doing so. The process keeps the city government within the bounds of its charter.

#### **General Fund**

One ordinance appropriates additional funds in the amount of \$336,000 from the undesignated and unreserved General Fund balance to cover expenses beyond those approved in the FY 2007 budget. These additions are to cover cost overruns usually resulting from unforseen expenses resulting from rising costs. The added expenses will be offset to some extent by city departments spending less in other budgets. Unused funds remaining at the end of the fiscal year will be returned to the city's fund balance.

#### **Replacement Fund**

An added appropriation of \$85,000 in the Replacement Fund is to cover the purchase of a street sweeper for use by Greenbelt, Berwyn Heights, College Park and New Carrollton. Each of these cities received \$25,000

from a county Livable Communities grant and the other three cities forwarded their funds to Greenbelt, which had been selected as custodian of the equip-

The entire cost of the street sweeper will be expended from Greenbelt's budget. City Manager Michael McLaughlin explained that during the FY07 budget process it was not known that the Livable Communities grants would be funded, so the equipment cost had not been included in the Replacement Fund budget at that time.

#### **Special Projects**

There was an added appropriation of \$40,000 to the Special Projects Fund bringing its total appropriation for the year to \$130,000. The reasons cited in the ordinance are two-fold:

Computer equipment for the planning department was budgeted in FY06 but not purchased until FY07 and now needs to be re-appropriated in that year.

Also the General Fund is to be reimbursed \$22,000 for Planning Department work in reviewing development plans relating to special projects. The amount of this expenditure was not known during the FY07 budget process.

These three ordinances passed unanimously.

#### **Other Finances**

Also passed unanimously was an ordinance establishing a new temporary fund called the Greenbelt West Infrastructure Fund. Its purpose is to account for the financial aspects of capital improvements connected to development going on in Greenbelt West. Staff notes that \$110,000 received for certain design work for Greenbelt Station will be deposited in this fund where it will earn interest until it is spent.

#### **Area Blood Supply Remains Very Low**

The Red Cross is expressing grave concern over current blood supply levels - they report community blood supply levels remain far below the safe level and low blood donation rates during the summer months. To prevent a potentially dangerous blood shortage, they urge all eligible whole blood donors to call 1-800-448-3543 (GIVE-LIFE) to schedule a donation as soon as possible. Platelet donors can call 1-800-272-2123 to schedule an appointment.

"Blood is a perishable product, so every unit that is collected is used almost immediately," said Gary Ouellette, chief executive officer for the region. "When we lose even a few days worth of collections, it leaves the community blood supply at a severe deficit. Recent donation rates have not been sufficient to boost the supply. We need to immediately replenish the supply to prevent possible shortages that could threaten these patients. We urge the community to show their support by donating as soon as possible.'

To be eligible to donate, one must be in generally good health, be at least 17 years of age (in Maryland 16 years of age with written parental consent), weigh more than 110 pounds, not have gotten a tattoo within the past year and last donated at least 56 days ago.

Donors are asked to call 1-800-448-3543 (GIVE-LIFE) right away to schedule an appointment to give blood at any American Red Cross Donor Center or community blood drive. Information about Regional Blood Donor Centers or community blood drive locations and times can be found at www.my-redcross.org. Business and community groups willing to hold blood drives are asked to call 1-800-787-9282, ext. 4680 for information.

## Looking Forward to July 4th: People, Mosquitoes and Bats

by Don Comis

People aren't the only creatures looking forward to the 4th of July - to mosquitoes it's like finding an open door to a blood bank and to bats the concentration of mosquitoes is like finding a free smorgasbord. Bats have a voracious appetite for mosqui-

Lutz Rastaetter taught me a bat's perspective of the 4th of July on one of his periodic public bat walks at the peninsula, my usual spot for watching the fireworks over Greenbelt Lake. He told me the mosquitoes attracted by people are why bats fly low over us during the wait before

Rastaetter is a bat watcher with ghost buster type equipment. He carries a bat detector - a machine with an ultrasonic microphone that can detect bat echolocation and convert the incoming call to a frequency people can hear, allowing bat enthusiasts to "hear" bats as well as see them searching and catching food.

You might want to add "bat detector" to your list of things to bring to fireworks displays. Detectors for personal use run from \$60 to \$270 or more. The more sophisticated and precise models used by professionals can sell for as much as \$6,000.

#### **Need Echoes**

Bats can see as well as we can but when they fly they echolocate to navigate and find insects in the dark. Bats echolocate by emitting high frequency sound pulses through their mouth or nose and listen to the echo. With this echo, the bat can determine the size, shape and texture of objects in its environment. Bat echolocation is so sophisticated that these animals can detect an object the width of a human hair. Most bat echolocation occurs beyond the range of human hearing. People can hear from 20 to 20,000 Hertz (Hz) depending on age. Bat calls range from 9,000 to 200,000 Hz.

The bat walk started at 8:30 p.m. The sun set at 8:40 p.m. and we spotted the first bat flying over the lake at 9 p.m. It was a slow and cool night for people and bats and probably bugs that night. There were only three people besides Rastaetter and maybe that many bats.

But it was fun and educational to socialize and be out at the peninsula at night, and watching and listening to other wildlife. Rastaetter told us we were hearing a bull frog, a green frog and several cricket frogs. We watched a beaver swimming and a mother duck and her babies resting on a bale of barley in the lake. Rastaetter likes learning frog calls because, unlike the 150-plus bird species to learn in our area, there are only about 10 frog species to learn. Presumably



#### Very Common

Big Brown Bat (Eptesicus fuscus) - hunts beetles primarily, in the open, over water or in forests. Little Brown Bat (Myotis lucifugus) - hunts mosquitoes above water and forest trails.

Evening Bat (Nycticeius humeralis) - hunts small beetles, flying ants primarily. Eastern Red Bat (Lasiurus borealis) - primarily hunts moths at street lights and along forest edges

#### Rarer

Hoary Bat (Lasiurus cinere-

Silver Haired Bat (Lasionycteris noctivagans) Eastern small-footed bat

(Myotis Leibii) Northern Myotis (Myotis septentrionalis).

#### Resources

Lutz Rastaetter

Web: http://www.batcon.org Books: "American Neighborhood Bats" by Merlin D. Tuttle, "Bats of the World" (Golden Guide) by Gary L. Graham.

For more information go to: http://www.answers.com/ topic/microbat-1

I think entry-level models start at \$270 (at least on batcon.org /

batcatalog.com; kits for home-soldering might be cheaper).

that's why he likes bats - there are only eight possible kinds of bats in our area.

Rastaetter, a native of Germany, says that in Germany whole families come out for night bat walks. Rastaetter became interested in bats while studying at Ruhr University in Bochum, Germany. He joined and led bat walks around a pond in a Bochum city park similar to the Greenbelt Lake walks. Rastaetter is an astrophysicist at the Goddard Space Flight Center.

Certainly, an evening with a batman/ghost buster with a detector that clicks as bats fly over and an attached searchlight to help see the bats, seems like an adventure to anyone young

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