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# Council and Café Board Discuss Outdoor Sales of Beer and Wine

#### by Thomas X. White

The Greenbelt City Council met with representatives of the New Deal Café on Monday, June 11 to discuss conditions the city hopes the county liquor board will attach to the Café's request to serve alcohol outdoors on its patio. Early in May the city learned that the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners (BLC) had on its May 9 agenda the request from the Café. An additional request was to change the organization's names on the license since its election of a new board of directors.

In a May 9 letter to the BLC, City Manager Michael McLaughlin requested that consideration of the New Deal Café request be deferred until the city council had time to fully consider and comment on the matter.

The issue was thus on the May 14 agenda of council and, in a May 16 follow-up letter to the BLC, Mayor Judith F. Davis expressed appreciation for its deferral of the New Deal Café's request for outdoor alcohol service. Her letter noted that a majority of councilmembers voted to support allowing the Café to serve alcohol outdoors on an adjacent sidewalk/patio.

Four listed conditions were included, however: (1) No plastic cups or bottles are allowed outside. The beer and wine is only to be served in glasses. (2) Table service is to be required at the outdoor tables. Patrons are not allowed to carry their

beer or wine to the tables. (3) The boundary of the outdoor New Deal Café property is to be clearly delineated with some type of separation from the adjacent public (city) property. (4) There is to be regular supervision of the outdoor area.

#### **More Conditions**

In the meantime, council met with representatives of the Roosevelt Center Merchant's Association and received additional suggestions for conditions that the group felt should be applied by the BLC to any approval of the New Deal Café request. The June 11 worksession was thus arranged to discuss the proposed conditions with the Café leaders.

All members of council were present, as well as McLaughlin, City Clerk Kathleen Gallagher and Lt. David Buerger and Sgt. Jerry Potts of the Greenbelt Police Department.

Representing the New Deal Café were Peter May, the Café's new president; board members David Ziegler, Dorian Winterfeld and Elena Khasanova and Café General Manager Joel Moodie.

May reported that the Café's license had been changed to reflect the name changes stemming from the new organization. May's name is now on the license along with those of Winterfeld and Ray Stevens. Based on the city's communications, the BLC advised the New Deal Café to maintain discussions with the city to develop a more specific agreement on proposed requirements for beer and wine service on the outdoor patio.

## **Financial Update**

New Deal Café members also provided council with an update on the Café's financial status and how it is dealing with cashflow and indebtedness problems since the board election and new management at the Café. May stressed that the Café was holding more frequent membership meetings which helped stabilize operations.

Additionally the Café has benefited from several festivals and events at Roosevelt Center this spring, including the Green Man Festival, a Blues Festival and the recent Art Auction held at the Café. The auction was arranged by the Café Arts Coordinator with the help of Friends of the New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA) and local artists. The festivals helped bring patrons to the Café and the Center and the live auction proceeds of nearly \$2,300 will be used to replace needed Café food preparation equipment.

May also reported that the organization was now current with the IRS and with the city on the use of the Community Center kitchen charges but that costs and cash flow still present challenges. Café leadership continues to work on those challenges and has enlisted the services of a new bookkeeper and the advice of a CPA.

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# Ambulatory Care Center Coming to Greenbelt East

#### by Elaine Skolnik

In 1998 proposed plans for development of a medical office building in Greenbelt East were approved but never implemented by then-owners Dimensions Healthcare System. Over the years many revisions of the original site plan had been presented before Dimensions bowed out permanently.

When Caperian, Inc. arrived on the scene, the new owners sought approval of a nearly identical proposal for development of an outpatient medical care center on roughly 2.7 acres of land on a nearby tract known as Maryland Trade Center IV (Parcel 1), the last piece of land in the Maryland Trade Center development. Originally the proposed facility was sited on part of Parcel 4, the Holiday Inn tract.

Now a facility called the Ambulatory Care Center will rise on property that is located a half mile southwest of the intersection of Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway at the terminus of Hanover Drive. The street address of the new center will be 7300 Hanover Drive.

The site is part of an office, shopping and hotel/dining complex that was annexed by the city more than 20 years ago. To the south is the undeveloped Sunrise property, recently included in the city's Forest Preserve; to the east and north and west are developed commercial properties in the Maryland Trade Center.

According to city planners, the facility will be partitioned into condominium units sold to doctors. Individual practices will focus on orthopedic medicine. Included will be an arthritis pain center, out-patient surgical suites and doctors' offices.

#### **Detailed Site Plan**

Former applicant Caperian remained on the scene until the Prince George's County Planning Board adopted the project's Detailed Site Plan (DSP) on July 20, 2006. (The Greenbelt City Council in early June 2006 recommended approval of the DSP with conditions.) Since then Caperian transferred the Ambulatory Care Center to Manekin Corporation

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# Museum to Host Lecture On Greener Greenbelt

#### by Megan Searing Young

On Tuesday, July 17 at 7:30 p.m., the Greenbelt Museum will host a lecture, "The Greener Greenbelt Initiative: a Participatory Process for Preserving and Upgrading Historic Greenbelt." The program will be held at the New Deal Café in Roosevelt Center.

The evening's focus will be a discussion of the Greener Greenbelt Initiative (GGI), a working partnership between Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) and the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Potomac Valley Chapter. They explain that the two-year initiative will create a vision and a strategic plan for livability, sustainability, affordability and preservation in historic Greenbelt for the next 30 years. Ideally, the strategic plan will guide GHI in its capital outlays and operational spending. Organizers feel that participation by GHI members and other historic Greenbelt stakeholders is critical to the success of this effort.



Both speakers, Jim Cohen and Carl Elefante, have devoted much of their careers to exploring issues such as smart growth, community planning and revitalization, and sustainable, green architecture and development. Cohen, a Greenbelt resident, is director of the Urban Studies and Planning Program at the University of Maryland where he has been a member of the faculty since 1990. His courses have included planning history

# Greenbelt Middle School to Be Replaced at a Cost of \$41 Million

#### by Mary Moien

On June 14 the Greenbelt that final decisions had been school is completed."

News Review published excerpts from a letter to Greenbelt Middle School Principal Judy Austin sent by County Councilmember Ingrid Turner following her tour of the school. Turner found the school to be in deplorable condition. Other board of education members have recently visited the school and are in agreement that delays in construction at the school must be stopped.

The News Review has been in contact with city staff and with the school board to try to obtain more information.

City staff have indicated that they had scheduled a stakeholders meeting with the Board of Education but that it had been canceled by the board. Staff has been trying to reschedule the meeting to learn more about the plans for renovation or replacement of the 70-year-old Greenbelt Middle School. The city was not aware made.

A communication from John White, the school board's public information officer, pointed out that the \$41.8 million is the amount that is in the current budget for Fiscal Years 2008-2013 for the school. This money reflects the current approved plan for the school which is a total replacement of the existing school, plus renovating the 1937 and 1945 historic portions of the building.

White indicated that this review of the project had been transmitted to Turner and other school board members on June 12

White continued, "The project is moving forward as a middleschool replacement. The architect is beginning the design and the new school will be completed in 2010. The students will occupy the old school until the new

The question remains - what are the plans for repairs needed in the old building if it is to continue to house students for the next several years? According to White after the students relocate to the new school, newer portions of the old school will be demolished and the historic portions retained for a use that has not yet been determined.

#### **Future Needs**

The current plans and project cost for the new middle school do not reflect any reference to the elementary/middle school combination designs and proposals regarding AIMCO. (Apartment and Investment Management Company is the owner of Springhill Lake apartments whose plans to redevelop may result in a significant increase in school population.) The development of the South Core of Greenbelt Station is expected to begin soon.

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## What Goes On

#### Monday, July 9

7 p.m., Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee, Community Center, Room 103

8 p.m., Regular City Council Meeting, Municipal Building (Live on Channel 71)

#### Thursday, July 12

7:30 p.m., Community Relations Advisory Board, Municipal Building, Council Chambers

# Letters to the Editor

#### THANKS

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Greenbelt Elementary School staff, parents, students, volunteers and the entire Greenbelt community for allowing me to become an integral part of their Greenbelt family during the last 10 years.

The celebration and dedication of the nature trail in my honor was above and beyond anything I have ever experienced or imagined in my almost 40 years in education.

We have worked collaboratively as a team through the years to meet our county and state goals and objectives in order to achieve academic excellence.

Together we have actively engaged our students to ensure that they are lifelong learners and productive members of our society.

I will greatly miss our students, staff and the community as my extended family.

I wish Kim Seidel much success and happiness in her new position as principal of Greenbelt Elementary School. I'm positive that the Greenbelt community will embrace and support her also.

Katherine Curl



Kim Seidel and Kathy Curl

#### THANKS

We wish to thank the over 100 folks who attended last Friday night's (June 29) benefit concert at the New Deal Café. Special thanks go to the Chromatics, who donated their time and talent for their performance, and to Tonic and Gin and Euphonism, who also performed for free. Thanks also to all the volunteers who helped to organize this event.

A wonderful evening was enjoyed by all and we received over \$1,300 in donations at the door! These funds will get our new Arts and Music Sustaining Fund off to a great start! This fund was created to help defray the costs of maintaining dedicated arts space at the Café. FONDCA is a nonprofit organization and all donations to the fund and to FONDCA in general are tax-deductible. All donations can be made by checks payable to FONDCA and mailed to 37H Ridge Road, Greenbelt. If you wish your donation to be applied to the new fund, write "Arts & Music Sustaining Fund" on the check.

> Barbara Simon, President Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA)

## THANKS

Thanks to all who donated blood on June 26 at the Greenbelt Municipal Building. The blood collected at the drive will help the American Red Cross continue its service in the face of the nation's severe blood shortage. Thanks are given to the Red Cross personnel and volunteers for their outstanding service.

The next scheduled blood drive is Tuesday, September 18 from noon to 6 p.m. at the Greenbelt Youth Center (new location).

Call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212 to make an appointment if you have not been contacted by the Red Cross. Walk-ins will be accepted to fill spaces for people who do not appear for their appointments.

> Janet Goldberg, Recreation Coordinator

## THANKS

As a lifelong resident of Greenbelt I wish to recognize again the fine quality and services of the city and Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Our parents Anthony and Catherine Madden were Greenbelt pioneers. I was born in 17 Court of Ridge Road. My husband Frank and I raised our family in GHI and still live on Woodland Way. As long as I can remember the greatest blessing of living in Greenbelt is the community spirit which begins and is sustained by the fine organizations of the city like Greenbelt Homes, Inc.

As I was collecting large leaf bags from the maintenance office at GHI I mentioned the growing shrubs on the much-traveled Hillside Road walkway. Within the next few days I spotted the GHI landscaping crew at work on the sidewalk. When I pulled over and talked with them it was 96 degrees. George, Richard and Winston had done a magnificent job and were the finest gentlemen a lady could meet. I want to thank them personally and GHI again for making Greenbelt the greatest place to live.

Therese Stringfellow

## A View from the East Celebrate Early, Late?

#### by Anne-Marie Hamma

Over here in Greenbelt East we celebrate the 4th of July a little differently. This does not refer to our patriotism or our love for barbecue but rather regarding how we watch fireworks. Here in the East we actually celebrate the 4th on the 3rd.

Let me explain.

The Greenbelt Lake fireworks show is too far away for us to see. If we want to watch fireworks from the comfort of our own front stoops, we can watch the display that a church on Good Luck Road sponsors on the 3rd.

Since we celebrate the 4th on the 3rd, this requires extra vigilance to adequately remember our forefathers and why this great country was started. It's easy to get caught up in the day's activities and forget the struggles and sacrifices made so we can eat grilled food, go swimming and watch fireworks. But we should remember that citizens of these United States are "endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness" (Declaration of Independence).

So, lest we forget, others came before us and fought – intellectually and physically – to create and sometimes preserve these ideals. That's what we must remember – freedom only comes with struggle and sacrifice.

As we celebrate our independence, I hope you all had a happy 3rd – I mean, 4th of July.



## Correction

Oops, we goofed. The News Review didn't mean to trash the mayor last week. The headline should have read "Greenbelt's Mayor Judith Davis Joins Second Annual Potomac Watershed Trash Treaty" on page 16.



## Md. Scenic Byways Guidebook Offered

Those braving the roads despite high gas prices may want to download the free Maryland Scenic Byways guidebook and companion map. The duo feature a variety of historic and scenic experiences just off the beaten path.

Featured are 19 byways covering 2,487 miles. While exploring roads less traveled, tourists may discover four new byways featuring national themes: the Star Spangled Banner, tracing the British invasion of the Chesapeake Bay during the War of 1812; the Antietam Campaign, following one of the bloodiest battles of the Civil War; Booth's Escape, reliving the pursuit of John Wilkes Booth after his assassination of President Abraham Lincoln; and the Mason and Dixon line traveling along Maryland's northern edge to discover the boundary symbolizing Maryland's role as a "Border State." In addition, three designated America's byways are featured: the Historic National Road, Catoctin Mountain and Chesapeake country.

To download the guidebook and map visit www.marylandroads.com and go to the "Explore Maryland" heading. To order hard copies call 1-877-MD-BYWAY (1-877-632-9929).



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# **Community Events**

#### **GHI Notes**

**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

Monday, July 16, 6:30 p.m., Communications Committee

Wednesday, July 18, 7 p.m., Woodlands Committee

Thursday, July 19, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors

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

## Rocket Boosters Start with Big Bang

Leading off a 38th Moon Landing Commemoration"Learning, Living, Fun" program will be two speakers for the "learning" part. The five-day event begins on Tuesday, July 10 at 7 p.m. at Grenoble Hall with two featured speakers who will discuss the 38th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing of July 20, 1969. The St. Hugh Knights of Columbus and the National Association of Rocketry Headquarters Astro-Modeling Section are co-sponsoring the program to promote interest in space science by young people.

St. Hugh's School teacher Marjorie Sparks, ACE Teacher Award recipient, Maryland State Knights of Columbus Teacher of the Year and NASA Teacher Argonaut for the JASON Program, will speak to participants about "opportunity." Sparks is the 7th grade homeroom teacher and the science teacher for grades 7 and 8.

Following Sparks, present Grand Knight Larry Hilliard will introduce a famous "frequent"visitor to Greenbelt in the past year – Dr. John Mather, the first NASA employee to win the Nobel Prize in Physics for his work on the Cosmic Background Explorer. He is currently working as NASA Chief Scientist and on the James Webb Space Telescope. "In the footsteps of the queen, we are celebrating the

## Explorations Takes Alpine Adventure

On Friday, July 13 the summer Explorations Unlimited travel video series continues with an Alpine Adventure. Discover beauty and excitement in a travel adventure starting in France and Italy. View the Olympic legacy of Chamonix, the bountiful vineyards of the Savoie, elusive chamois and ibex (types of goats), the spell of Italy's Lake District, mouthwatering fondue and gnocchi and explore the spectacular beauty of the Dolomites.

Next, travel to Switzerland and see the ski runs of St. Moritz. Enjoy ice climbing and dog sledding, watch as farmers make real Swiss cheese. Listen closely to the sounds of the alphorns and yodeling and observe as watches are handcrafted. Finally, travel to Austria and Germany, take a stunning balloon ride over the Tyrol, experience Christmas Austrian style and raise steins at Munich's Oktoberfest.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This video will be shown in the senior lounge, room 111. Everyone is welcome to attend. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

### New Social Group For City's Disabled

The newly forming Greenbelt Disability Connection will hold a "get-together" social from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, July 8. This is a chance for people in the community who are disabled to get together for fun and enjoyment. The group will meet at the New Deal. If the weather is pleasant the meeting will move outdoors in Roosevelt Center. The purpose of this meeting is to get to know each other and to discuss future plans.

#### Computer Club Meets Thursday

The Greenbelt Computer Club will meet on Thursday, July 12 at the Community Center, in Room 103 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. All are welcome.

#### Senior Softballers Upset Carroll Co.

The "Greenbelters" of the Baltimore Senior Softball League came from behind to beat the leaders of their division, Carroll County, by 15-13 on Monday, July 2 "up yonder." Playing almost 60 miles from home, the Greenbelters lived up to their name by bashing 22 hits. Dave Kerr led the way with a triple and three singles. Harlan Park hit a triple and two singles; John Horstkamp and pitcher-manager Ray Reed each singled three times. Willy White lofted a triple and a single; Larry Dandridge, Mac McNamara and Fred Bohle got two hits apiece. Newly-returned Jim Harbaugh singled; Jim Dugan plugged short centerfield. Down 8-3, Greenbelt silenced the local fans by taking the lead midway. They held on in the 9th inning with a runner on base as rightfielder Lefty Smith made an "ice-cream" catch of a long flv ball.

## Live Music Will Play At New Deal Café

Blues and jazz piano musician and artist John Guernsey of Takoma Park, known as "piano man" to patrons of the New Deal Café, plays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Friday and Saturday night.

Performance times for the following events (except as noted) are Tuesdays through Thursdays 7 to 8:45 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays 8 to 10:45 p.m. and Sundays 5 to 7:45 p.m.

Friday, July 6 is Open Mike for performers of music, poetry, whatever. Come one, come all.

Saturday, July 7, finds original folk musician Mike Elosh, a rootsy, poetic, authentic songwriter, on stage from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Sunday, July 8, enjoy brunch with the light jazz of the Magic Ray Jazz ensemble from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Then from 7 to 9 p.m. on Sunday, the Starlight Shimmy Eastern Dance Showcase will perform and on Wednesday, July 11, it will be the Brena Belly Dance company.

Thursday, July 12 is The New Open Mike "where intelligence is not a problem." Friday, July 13 will be a Songwriters Showcase and on Saturday, July 14 the Festival of the Song.

#### Art, Too

The Art Opening is held the first Sunday of each month. After a regular day, the Café closes from 6 to 7 p.m. to prepare for the art show held from 7 to 9 p.m. Light fare is available during the opening.

The New Deal Café is open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Friday 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 8p.m.

Performers, artists and schedules are updated frequently so call 301-474-5642, email ndc-music-113@hotmail.com or visit the New Deal for more information or to see about joining the lineup of talent.

#### At the Library Storytimes

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

Wednesday, July 11, 10:30 and 11 a.m. Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver; limit 15 children.

Thursday, July 12, 10:30 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5; limit 20 children.

## Help with Removal Of Invasive Plants

Help protect Greenbelt Park from harmful invasive plants. Residents may join in a hands-on nature preservation activity and learn about native and non-native plants on Saturday, July 7 at 11 a.m. in the Sweetgum Picnic Area.

The program will be held every first Saturday of the month come rain or shine. Wear appropriate clothing, work gloves, insect and tick repellent and bring a lunch or snack.

Greenbelt Park's entrance is located between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway at 6565 Greenbelt Road.

For more information call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944 or visit the webpage at http//: www.nps.gov.gree/.

## Skateboard Contest Comes to City 7/15

The Recreation Department is hosting and co-sponsoring a Mid-Atlantic Skate Series skate boarding competition at the skate park on Sunday, July 15 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This event will feature some of the area's best skateboarders showing off their skills in the big bowl (only) of the Greenbelt Skatepark. At this time there are approximately 381 registered members of the skate park – 112 are residents.







anniversary of 'one giant leap for mankind,'" says event organizer Hilliard.

Both talks are timed to encourage participation by all area model rocketeers in the two following rocket booster activities in Greenbelt, a "living" event camping at Greenbelt Park on Saturday, July 14 and a "fun" model rocketry event on Sunday, July 15 at Goddard Visitor Center. For more information about the Rocket Boosters planned activities visit the registration website at http://www.sthughs.com/rocketboosters/2007/.





# The Festival of the Song Will Enliven the Center

#### by Leslie Brothers

On Saturday, July 14 the New Deal Café will host the seventh annual Festival of the Song at Roosevelt Center. Free live music will be presented rain or shine from 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. This event celebrates the art and joy of song writing. This region has many great songwriters that most people don't get a chance to see – the Festival of the Song brings some of these voices to a larger audience.

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To whet appetites for Saturday's main event there will be an open mike at the New Deal Café on Thursday July12. Mixed in with the original songs will be tributes to each performer's favorite songwriters. On Friday night "The Galen Kipar Project" (www.galenkipar.com) will appear, featuring the young songwriter and composer Galen and his musical companions Jon Morrow and Jeremy Young. This is their first time appearing in Greenbelt and their appearance at the songwriter festival is part of an east coast tour. They will close the festival on Saturday at 7 p.m.

The Festival of the Song opens with a kids' show, featuring Melissa Sites playing songs for young ears. Sites is a student of American folk music and has a collection of tunes designed to engage and delight young folks. Some Greenbelters may know Sites from the children's music classes she's taught at the Community Center. Kids should plan to get their parents up early on Saturday to bring them down for the music matinee. In addition, banjo man Frank Castle will be telling stories and singing tunes about happy trains and silly bears for the kids' enjoyment.

The main Festival starts at 1 p.m. with "The Brothers" playing contemporary and diverse songs. At 2 p.m. Austin Stahl takes over, with moody but accessible music. Woody Lissaver steps up at 3p.m. He's played in and with artists including "Crack the Sky," George Clinton and the "Gang of Four" and blends technical wizardry with lyrical skills to impress the most dubious. Ashraf Dawod comes on with his own style at 4 p.m., followed by Syl Smith at 5 p.m. Smith is an Annapolis area songwriter whose high energy music tells stories of

Galen Kipar Project" with a repeat appearance in Greenbelt at 7 p.m. These three musicians are inspired by classical, jazz, blues, soul, folk and world beat, singer-songwriters such as Joni Mitchell, Paul Simon and Cat Stevens. Their music is poetic, original and eclectic in style. Not to be missed.

For additional festival information including any schedule adjustments in the event of inclement weather call the New Deal Café at 301-474-5642.

This festival is sponsored by Friends of New Deal Café Arts and is made possible in part by support from the City of Greenbelt and Prince George's County.

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

## **Groups Offer Support For Adoptive Parents**

Daikon Adoption Services, a program of Daikon Lutheran Social Ministries, will hold monthly support groups throughout Maryland for families who have adopted children, are waiting to adopt or are interested in possibly becoming foster and/or adoptive parents.

The next meeting in Prince George's County will be held July 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 6600 Laurel-Bowie Road in Bowie.

All support groups are free and open to anyone interested in adoption. Light refreshments and free childcare will be available.

To register call Kristy Caceres at 1-877-DIAKON-7 (1-877-342-5667), option 4 or email caceresk@daikon.org.







Hillside & Crescent Roads Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings www.greenbelt.com/gccucc/ Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m. Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

Congregation

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characters just a little off center. Folksy, emo musician Acacia Sears takes the stage at 6 p.m. Capping off the evening is "The



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

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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.

Historic synagogue dually affiliated with United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation



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 8: The Advantages of Advertising

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## Campers Get Access To Meal and Snack

The Snack Shack and Wakeup Wagon programs provide easy access to nutritious foods to help combat the problems of juvenile obesity. Vending machine food is off-limits to city day campers. Instead, the Snack Shack sells nutritious snacks at lunch time and during after-care at low prices. Snacks sold include raisins, fresh fruit, baby carrots and 100 percent juice boxes. Menu items cost a quarter.

Early-rising campers who attend before-care can buy a nutritious breakfast between 7 and 8:30 a.m. for 50 cents. Campers have their choice of a bowl of Cheerios, a slice of whole-wheat toast with peanut butter or a bowl of instant oatmeal, each with milk and juice.

## **City Notes**

Animal Control staff retrieved a python from Lakeside Drive during an eviction. Five kittens were taken into the shelter; a dog and a cat were adopted; and two birds were taken to a wildlife sanctuary.

The Planning Department sent six warning notices regarding loud music, coordinated a site visit with the pre-fab restroom supplier for Buddy Attick Park and created aerial maps for the city manager. They also met with the Maryland Historical Trust staff to do a final walk through of the bas relief friezes and Mother/Child conservation work recently completed.

#### Public Works

Each year the Brickman Company celebrates its Founder's Day in honor of Theodore Brickman by performing a half-day community service project. This year Brickman's local office contacted the city for possible projects. It was decided to clear underbrush at the historic Turner Cemetery, making that part of the cemetery more accessible.

## Next Crime Watch Training July 31

The next training session for crime watch volunteers will be held on Tuesday, July 31 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Police Station. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Academy Stadium Theatres

## The Best Plan Is to Plan Ahead in the Event of Evacuation

Greenbelt has not participated in a major evacuation. Understandably, most Greenbelters are unaware of how to prepare when the possibility seems imminent. For those who could use some

help, here are some pointers. First plan ahead of time where the members of the family will meet (phone service may be out). Select two locations. One close

to home, one a little far away. Keep the vehicle gas tank filled.

Learn alternate routes to a planned destination that could possibly help avoid gridlocked highways. For those without cars, plan how to leave using public transportation – learn alternate routes in case one is blocked.

Prepare an emergency supply kit now to take along when

leaving.

Be sure to remember prescription and other medicines. Lock doors when leaving. Leave a note giving planned destination. Check on neighbors who may need a ride. Prepare ahead of time. In an emergency there may be no extra time.

A Message from the Public Safety Advisory Committee



Congratulations to Public Works Administrative Associate Antoinette Conrad on her retirement after 19 years of service. Family, friends and coworkers celebrated with her at a luncheon on June 29.

To send information for "Our Neighbors" leave a message at 301-474-4892.



OTHER BUSINESS

Dollars (\$10,000) (1st Reading)

- Finance Reporting for Political Organizations
- Finance Reporting for Circulation of Petitions
- Proposed Federal Capital Improvements Program 2008-2013
- Policy on Living Wage for City Employees

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

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

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

Terri Hruby at 301-345-5417.

Green Crescent Court. For more information please contact

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.

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 July 6 FRI. - TUES. 1408, PG-13 (!) 12:20, 2:40, 5, 7:20, 10 Ratatouille, G (!) 1, 3:45, 6:40, 9:45 Live Free or Die Hard, PG-13 (!) 12:30, 1, 3:30, 4, 7:20, 8:40, 9:45, 10:15 Evan Almighty, PG (!) 12:30, 2:45, 5:15, 7:30, 10 Fantastic 4: Rise of the Silver Surfer, PG (!) 1, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:15 Transformers, PG-13 (!) 12, 12:30, 3, 3:35, 6:15, 7, 9:45, 10:15 Starts July 11 Harry Potter

## **GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER** 101 CENTERWAY 301-397-2204

UPCOMING SWIM MEETS Sat. July 7 and July 21 The Outdoor pool will open at 12:30pm on these days.

CHILDREN'S WEEKDAY LESSONS SESSION III Class Dates: July 16 – August 10 Passholders and Residents register: Saturday, July 14 Open Registration: Sun. July 15 through 2pm on Mon. July 16

> 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

Attention Greenbelt Skatepark Members! The lower portion of the Greenbelt Skatepark will be closed for skate board classes Monday thru Friday from 4:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. 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

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#### **Problems**

Council also used the worksession as an opportunity to discuss with the New Deal Café its overall concerns with Roosevelt Center and certain activities not necessarily related to the New Deal Café but that have affected both the Center and the Café's business. The focus of the discussion was the alleged inappropriate behavior by unnamed 'local colorful characters" in the Center and its environs.

New Deal Café representatives noted they were certainly aware of such individuals and have on occasion asked them to leave the Café because of inappropriate behavior or language and have also requested help from the Greenbelt Police Department if the offending person(s) refused to leave the premises. The "police as agents" model was suggested by council as an approach used by other businesses in Greenbelt to effect arrests either for disorderly conduct or trespass on private property.

Councilmembers Leta Mach and Konrad Herling said that they felt there should be a distinction made between New Deal Café business and operational problems from what can be considered larger social problems related to behavior of some individuals in the Center. **Clear Windows** 

Another concern raised by councilmembers was the excessive posting of notices and posters on windows and doors of the Café. They were concerned

that signs and posters create a situation where patrons could not see inside the establishment and where employees could not see the patio area from inside the Café.

Councilmember Edward Putens suggested the use of what are called A boards, or sandwich boards, to advertise or announce upcoming events. Others suggested the placement of signs in "display" cases attached to the Roosevelt Center structures in some way. Councilmember Rodney Roberts cautioned about requirements of the historic façade easements that would restrict sign placement on the structure.

Davis mentioned that on a recent visit to Minneapolis she was struck by the effective use of kiosks in public spaces. She said that although a kiosk had been suggested years ago for the Roosevelt Center and was turned down, such a thing might be reconsidered.

The sign issue brought concerns from several members of the audience attending the worksession. Kim Kash noted that the use of signage is very limited for all Roosevelt Center merchants, especially for those located on the second floor.

Michael Cooney urged council to provide general guidance on signage to merchants but said they should refrain from telling the merchants how they must comply with the guidance. Davis noted that the city's planning department is working on the signage issue.

#### **Proposed Conditions**

The final item on the worksession agenda was discussion on proposed additions to the set of conditions that the New Deal Café and the city could agree on and make part of the BLC approval of the Café's request for allowing alcohol service within the Café patio space. Discussed were several additional elements that related to operational aspects of providing service to the outside patio.

These new suggestions included a provision that service to the outside would end one hour prior to the Café closing time. Another dealt with upkeep of the outdoor area of the Café and how to enforce the rule regarding patrons not being allowed to carry alcoholic beverages to their table. A no smoking proviso for the outdoor Café area and a clear view available from inside the Café to the outdoor seating area were additional provisos.

#### **Café Agrees**

The New Deal representatives indicated they could live with all of the suggested conditions and would begin efforts to address the concerns even before the agreed set of conditions are finalized. The city will rework the set of conditions and present them for approval at a future meeting. There seemed to be a sense that it would take some time to fully resolve these issues and that during this time the operations at the Café could be assessed, as well as how the conditions would be met. Time



#### Gas Saving Tip

Pack light. According to the Department of Energy, a loaded roof rack on a car can decrease fuel economy by approximately five percent. Also, every 100 pounds carried in a car reduces a typical car's fuel economy by one to two percent. So, when on vacation or a long car trip, put everything possible inside the vehicle and pack light. – Sierra Club

would also be needed to clearly delineate of the boundary for the New Deal Café's outdoor area of responsibility. Davis asked that the Café submit the proposed boundary delineation to the City Planning Department and to the Advisory Planning Board. The boundary outline would be reviewed as well by the city attorney.

A member of the audience suggested that although the city could not require it, the delineation should also be provided to the building landlord George Christacos.

Herling suggested that the outdoor cafe arrangements used in the Shirlington section of Arlington be visited to see how the delineations and barriers for outdoor seating areas were designed.

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and theory, planning process and growth management.

Elefante, AIA, LEED AP (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Professional), brings another viewpoint to the discussion as a principal with Quinn Evans Architects and project manager and lead designer for a broad spectrum of projects that include architecture, historic preservation, urban design and sustainable development. As director of Sustainable Design for Quinn Evans, he has lectured nationally on historic preservation and sustainable design topics, including recent programs at American University, the University of Pennsylvania and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

In addition to the lecture scheduled for July 17 organizers of the Greener Greenbelt Initiative are planning a visioning exercise or "charette" for September 28 to 30, which they believe will be extremely important if the initiative is to succeed in reaching its goals.

### Local History **Books for Sale**

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# **Police Blotter**

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

#### Robbery

#### June 27, 6000 block Springhill Drive, 2 a.m., a man reported that he went out to the parking lot to get something out of his vehicle's trunk when he saw as many as 10 males nearby. As he was looking in the trunk, one of the males punched him, knocking him to the ground. He was then kicked several times by other persons and robbed of his wallet and car keys. The man reported that he went home and went to bed. When he awoke the next day, he discovered that his car had been taken. The vehicle is described as a black 2002 Chevrolet Cavalier 2-door, Maryland tags KNL192. The suspects are described as 10 black males, one was heavyset with hair in dreadlocks, wearing a black shirt, blue and black sneakers, blue jeans and a black hat. Another was light-complexioned, wearing a black T-shirt with a tiger on the front, blue jeans with a tiger depicted on one of the back pockets and black Nike boots.

#### Assault

June 26, 6100 block Breezewood Court, 10:38 p.m., a man reported that he was assaulted for unknown reasons by a man who shot him in the head with a bb-type gun. The victim was transported to the hospital with minor injuries.

#### Arson

June 27, 9100 block Edmonston Road, 12:01 a.m., unknown person(s) set a fire in a laundry room. The fire was extinguished; no injuries were reported.

June 27, 9100 block Springhill Court, 6 a.m., unknown person(s) set a fire in a laundry room. The fire was extinguished and no injuries were reported.

#### **Disorderly Conduct**

June 28, 9100 block Edmonston Court, 10:38 p.m., a nonresident man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after police responded to a report of a verbal altercation. The man was located and was told to leave the area. He refused, continued to shout profanities. He was released on citation pending trial.

#### Trespass

June 26, 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, 8:47 a.m., a nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespass after police responded to a report of a person who had locked himself in a laundry room. The door was opened by maintenance; the man was arrested and released on citation pending trial. June 28, Beltway Plaza, 2:32 p.m., a resident youth was arrested for trespass when he was found inside the mall after he had been banned by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending action by the juvenile justice system.

## Group Assaults Man In Old Greenbelt

On Friday, June 29 shortly after 11 p.m., a resident was assaulted near the intersection of Crescent Road and Gardenway. The victim was taken to Prince George's Hospital for treatment. He had a concussion and leg injury. According to the police report, the man, who lives in a court near the intersection, heard a disruption outside his home and went out to investigate. He saw a group of several young women, who were then joined by several male youths.

The resident began to return to his home when he was approached by one of the males. who accused the resident of throwing something at the girls. The resident attempted to call the police on his cell phone, at which time three suspects punched and kicked the man. One suspect then produced a handgun and pistol-whipped the resident. The suspects ran away in the direction of the Spellman Overpass.

The suspects are described as males 15-17 years old, wearing dark clothing. The victim who left the hospital July 2 will be on crutches for a while and has scrapes and contusions.

Anyone having any information regarding this incident is asked to call the Greenbelt Police Department Criminal Investigation Unit at 240-542-2137.

#### **Next Crime Watch** Training July 31

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a man of no fixed address with burglary

June 27, 6000 block Springhill Drive, 11:02 a.m., unknown person(s) entered a residence by way of an unsecured bedroom window. Among the items taken were a personal computer, a digital camera and a DVD player.

June 29, 6200 block Breezewood Drive, unknown person(s) used unknown means to attempt to force open the front door of a residence, damaging the lock and door frame.

#### Vehicle Crimes

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under its entity MOR Dimensions (no connection to Dimensions Healthcare System) according to David Meiners, senior developer of the Manekin Corporation.

Meiners said that all required permits, including those dealing with construction, have been received by Manekin. He expects the Ambulatory Care Center to be completed in the first quarter of 2008.

The three-story 42,300 square foot building, located on the 2.6673 Parcel 1 tract, will disturb two acres, including space for the care center and required parking and landscaping. In order to construct all three floors above ground, retaining walls will secure the soil grades for construction.

The care center will be accessed through a private street off Hanover Drive from the east of the site. Two access points have been shown on the private street to the east leading to two turnaround features on the north and south sides of the building. In a July 20, 2006, resolu-

tion the Prince George's Planning Board approved the DSP for the Ambulatory Care Center along with conditions. (Several conditions derive from covenants placed on the Maryland Trade Center property at the time the city annexed the land.)

#### **Center Described**

The care center is described as "three-story flat roof building а designed in a modern architectural style." The building is surrounded on the north, west and south sides by on-site parking.

Elevations of the building feature a horizontal presentation with fenestration pattern.

The main elevations (south and north) have two parts with a similar design. A vertically presented brick band, which is distinguished in color from the rest of the elevations, provides a visual variation in composition. All elevations are finished with brick and glass.

Each elevation has "a distinguished three-part design through a change in brick color."

The resolution also noted that, because the medical building is located within the City of Greenbelt, coordination between the county's Department of Public Works and Transportation and the city will be required in dealing with internal roads.

City planners emphasize that the "city holds a covenant on the Maryland Trade Center property that identifies the city as the planapproving agent for all matters related to signage, landscaping, building specifications and other important design features." The landscape plan includes benches, cafe-style tables and bicycle racks planned for the two entrances.

Council requested that the applicant make an effort to introduce low-impact development techniques and green technologies to the site to mitigate the effects of stormwater runoff.

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#### Vandalism

June 25, 6900 block Hanover Parkway, 10:40 p.m., unknown person(s) broke out the sliding glass door of a residence.

#### **Burglaries**

June 18, 7800 block Walker Drive, 9:29 a.m., a commercial burglary was reported.

June 19, 6700 block Springshire Way, 3:54 p.m., entry was gained by prying open a basement window; food was taken. A warrant was obtained charging

Two vehicles were reported stolen: a silver 2007 Chevrolet Tahoe, Maryland temporary tags 29904A from the 9000 block Breezewood Terrace and a 1997 Mercury Grand Prix from the 7 Court Crescent Road. A registration sticker was stolen from the 20 Court Hillside.

Four vehicles were recovered by outside police departments with no arrests.

Vandalism to, theft from and attempted theft of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7600 block Hanover Parkway, 7800 block Chartwell Place, 7700 block Greenbrook Place, 22 Court Ridge Road, 6200 block Breezewood Drive, 9000 block Breezewood Terrace (two incidents), 9100 block Edmonston Court, 9300 block Edmonston Road, 6000 and 6200 blocks Springhill Drive, 9100 block Springhill Lane and Beltway Plaza.



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The beautiful and dramatic drawings of Tres Frommé (lead designer on the upcoming Children's Garden at Longwood Gardens) and his team are informative of the link between vision and process in garden design. See the exhibit "Lines on Paper: How Fantasy Becomes a Garden" in the West Gallery of the U.S. Botanic Garden.

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David, Elizabeth and Rebecca Gardner find a letterbox near **Roosevelt Center.** 

# Letterboxing: Our Family Finds a Fun New Hobby

#### by Anne Gardner

Following clues, count- leave our mark in the book ing steps and lampposts . . . does "X" mark the spot? . . . hidden treasure in hollow trees and under fallen stumps.

My children and I have found a new hobby this summer: letterboxing. Thanks to the Greenbelt Recreation Department and Arts Program intern Alex Butcher we don't have to leave Greenbelt to enjoy this new hobby and have been learning about Greenbelt's history along the way.

Butcher came up with the idea of letterboxing to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the City of Greenbelt. Ten "letterboxes" were hidden around Greenbelt and will remain there all summer. Each waterproof box contains a notebook, unique carved rubber stamp and ink pad. At the June Artful Afternoon at the Community Center, Butcher guided us through making our own notebooks and personalized rubber stamps. We then printed out the clues from the Greenbelt Arts web page and set off hunting.

My children, David (9), Elizabeth (6) and Rebecca (almost 3) very much enjoy searching for the boxes. Elizabeth likes going down little make your own stamp or buy secret paths and David loves the idea of a treasure hunt. clues can be printed off the They take turns at reading the clues and need very little help from me in finding where arts/. If you collect stamps they need to go. When we from all 10 letterboxes, you find a letterbox we use our homemade rubber stamps to a prize.

inside the box and use the stamp from the box to print in our books. It's fun to look through each notebook to see who found it before us.

The letterboxes vary in the amount of time and effort required to find them. Six of them are hidden in or around Roosevelt Center; most of these are easy to find and you only have to walk a few feet between each clue. Two letterboxes are at Greenbelt Lake and these involve a lot more walking. If you look for both letterboxes on the same trip, it will involve a complete circuit of the lake. (We took our bikes.) The remaining two letterboxes are hidden at Springhill Lake and Schrom Hills Park. At the start of each set of clues, there is a short section telling the history of that area of Greenbelt or about a person or event connected with that part of Greenbelt. My children were very impressed to find out what an important city they live in!

To try letterboxing for yourself, you'll just need a small notebook or journal and a rubber stamp. You can one from a craft store. Ine Greenbelt Arts web page at http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/ can enter a drawing to win

## **Clarice Smith Hosts Piano Competition**

From July 10 to 21 the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center's 26th William Kapell International Piano Competition Festival will celebrate the piano, pianists and piano music in its many forms. The competition and festival occur every four years, honoring the name of William Kapell (1922-1953), an extraordinary American pianist with an enduring legacy.

The centerpiece of the celebration is the International Competition with 31 jury-selected pianists from around the world competing. After preliminary rounds nine semi-finalists will move to the solo and chamber rounds. From there three finalists will be chosen by the international jury to perform with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra in the culminating event of the festival, the concerto round, on Saturday, July 21.

In addition to the competition the festival includes evening guest artist concerts with masters of classical, contemporary and jazz

piano; a special series of Insight events, intimate interactions with performers, composers and experts; and free, interactive community events like the Grand Piano Party and Open Piano Night.

For ticket information visit www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu or call 301-405-2787.

Creek Study Fun Wear old sneakers or boots and help naturalists conduct a creek study on Thursday, July 12 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Clearwater Nature Center, 11000 Thrift Road in Clinton.

Use dip nets to collect specimens for observation and classification. Reservations are required. This activity is for ages 6 and up. There is a nominal fee. This is SMARTlink activity #100204.

For more information call 301-297-4575, TTY 301-699-2544.

To sign up for classes and activities go to SMARTlink at www.pgparks.com or call 301-583-BOOK (301-583-2665).

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The Red Cross has issued an urgent plea for donors to give blood as soon as possible. To donate blood people must be in generally good health, at least 17 years of age (16 years old with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds, not have received a tattoo in the past year nor donated whole blood within the past 56 days.

The next blood drive near Greenbelt is on Wednesday, July 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Prince George's County Red Cross Chapter Office, 6206 Belcrest Road in Hyattsville.

The Red Cross is extending the weekly raffle of a \$250 gas card for donors through the end of August. Every donor will automatically be entered. There will be one winner each week.

Call 1-800-GIVELIFE (1-800-448-3543) to schedule a donation appointment. Platelet donors should call 1-800-272-2123. Groups wishing to organize a drive call 1-800-787-9282, ext. 4925.





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