

City Remains in a Holding Pattern For Restrooms at the Lake Park

by Virginia Beauchamp

Celia Craze wore two hats at the Greenbelt City Council meeting on October 8. As acting city manager she sat beside the city attorney at the side table near the front windows of the council chamber. But later in the meeting she stood as director of Planning and Community Development to talk about options for pre-engineered restroom buildings at Buddy Attick Park at Greenbelt Lake.

With council approval earlier in the evening of a contract for renovation and additions to the Public Works facility (see last week's paper), the time is ripe to carry out the long-desired restroom project for the lake park since necessary water and sewer extensions from the major project nearby can be more economically added. Bids for the restroom project had exceeded the estimated \$250,000 originally designated for that purpose.

Craze said that her office has been pursuing other options to

move the project forward. She recommended that the city contract with a manufacturer of pre-engineered restroom buildings. Such structures are now being used extensively in parks throughout the country, she said.

Several manufacturers are in the business, she said, and several different styles are available. They are constructed of durable materials and vary as to external finishes and elevations. Generally they are square in shape and it takes three or four days to put them together.

Craze then showed several different styles. "Basically they are concrete buildings," she said. Some have privacy screens before the doors. Some have overhangs that protect the users from rain and inclement weather. Various shingle types are available.

The city staff recommends the choice of a building with a peaked roof and an overhang but without a privacy screen. They also recommend stone wainscot, an

architectural shingle exterior with a somewhat rustic appearance.

Councilmember Leta Mach emphasized the importance of using high-durability materials. Craze replied that these buildings have 20- to 25-year warranties. She estimated the cost as between \$80,000 and \$100,000.

Location

Mayor Judith Davis said that the preferred location would be close to the parking lot and the children's play area. She stressed that the building should be disabled accessible.

Two sinks, two water closets and a baby change station would be installed on each side of the structure. The projected capacity is 700 users a day. One model is offered with electronic door locks that can be remotely operated.

"It's really important to get this done," the mayor said. She wondered how long the city had been talking about this

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Question: How to Reduce Crime, Can We Afford It?

We posed four questions to the seven candidates seeking election to the Greenbelt City Council on November 6. The responses are limited to 300 words. The order in which the responses are published was determined by lot. This week we publish their answers to the third question:

What further steps, if any, should the city council take to reduce crime in Greenbelt? How can the city fund these initiatives?

Edward Putens



Crime is not a pleasant subject, but it is the most important local government subject. Unfortunately, we live in a high-crime metropolitan area. Therefore, I have made public safety my largest priority throughout my Council tenure and have always been identified as a police and anti-crime advocate.

We have built an outstanding police department over these years, but right now I feel concerned. Recent statistics say crime is down, but statistics can mislead. There is more crime in the Center and Greenbelt East, and no one thinks Springhill Lake has become safe.

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Orleans' Emergency Motion On Candidacy Is Denied

by Thomas X. White

William Orleans submitted an emergency motion before the Circuit Court for Prince George's County following the vote by the Greenbelt Board of Elections on October 2, 2007, to deny his appeal of the City Clerk's decision to deny certification of his eligibility to place his name on the November 6 election ballot for Greenbelt City Council. In his complaint filed with the court, Orleans argued that his being "homeless" does not preclude him from running for council.

This argument was based on his readings of several Maryland cases that held that a person need not have a fixed address – or any address at all – in an area to be domiciled there and that a person's residence is his domicile, i.e.; "the place with which he has a settled connection for legal purposes."

The matter came before Judge

Albert W. Northrop for a hearing on October 11. Northrop noted that the Orleans Petition was not accompanied by copies of his petition to run for the city council nor the Elections Board's denial or rejection of the petition. Nor was it accompanied by any affidavit that may be required by Maryland Rule 2-311.

Finally, Judge Northrop noted that the motion was not accompanied by any certificate that the plaintiff had given the defendant Board of Elections notice that the plaintiff would be seeking emergency relief as required in Maryland Rule 15-504(b).

The judge noted the feeling of the court that, at the very least, fundamental due process and the Maryland Rules require notice to the opposing party. Thus, on those technicalities the motion

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Kelly Ivy, Sr., Is the Seventh Candidate to File for Council

The biography printed below for Kelly Ivy is the last in the series giving voters biographical information about the seven candidates for the five seats on the City Council. Both Ivy and Ruth Kastner have run for council in prior elections. They are challenging the five incumbents – Judith Davis, Rodney Roberts, Ed Putens, Leta Mach and Konrad Herling.

Biography

Kelly Ivy is running for Greenbelt's City Council. He was born in San Angelo, Texas, in 1955. When he was five, his father died and his mother packed up her seven children to be near her family, who had moved to the Washington area. In 1968 she and the children moved to Greenbelt. At age 14, Kelly attended a Valentine's Day dance at Greenbelt Junior High School where he met and fell in love with his wife, Linda. Four years later they were married and recently celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary. It is said that successful people have the ability to develop relationships that last, and three decades later, he feels very successful. "I believe that a happy, thriving marriage of 34 years speaks volumes as to my ability to communicate, cooperate, listen and have a sense of humor," he says.

Linda and Kelly have four children who were raised in Greenbelt. Their oldest, Kelly, Jr., a journeyman electrician with the IBEW, is married to Eliza-



Kelly Ivy, Sr.

beth and they have three little girls. Jamie is a paramedic in Anne Arundel County. Amanda teaches preschool at St. Jerome's in Hyattsville and their youngest, Emily, is presently enrolled in the Prince George's Community College paramedic program.

They say it takes a village to raise a child. For the Ivy's, Kelly says, Greenbelt was the perfect village to raise their children. The tradition continues as three granddaughters ages 6, 3 and 9 months are being raised in Greenbelt, too. Ivy wants Greenbelt to remain family oriented. He wants this generation and all that follow to grow up in an environmentally friendly, child-centered community, where they too can be safe to play and grow.

Ivy's life experience is practical and varied. He has been employed at Amtrak for 32 years where he is Supervisor of Loco-

motive Power at Union Station. He has been responsible for up to 500 employees and has managed a budget of \$7 million. He has received commendations for on time performance and safety. For the past six years, he has been a member of PRAB (Park and Recreation Advisory Board). He has volunteered for many Greenbelt organizations, serving as president of Greenbelt Little League, vice president of Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club and baseball and softball commissioner, vice president of Greenbelt Babe Ruth and vice president of Lakeside Association. He headed the effort to bring lights and batting cages to Braden field for the city's youth. This year he was in charge of entertainment for the Labor Day Festival. He attends church at St. Hugh's every Sunday and is a member of the Fraternal Order of Police.

Ivy's style is to listen, learn and find the best solutions available and then to call it like he sees it. Greenbelt's diversity is a great resource and he believes Greenbelt citizens have the answers to some of the vitally important questions and issues. As a councilmember, he will value everyone's input. He will knock on doors, sit down and talk to individuals, ask their opinions, treat them with the respect they deserve and find out what they think the community needs in order for it to work best for all residents.

(Biographies are prepared by the candidates.)

What Goes On

Monday, October 22

8 p.m., Regular City Council Meeting, Municipal Building

Tuesday, October 23

6:30 to 8 p.m., ACE Annual Meeting with PTA Presidents, followed by regular monthly meeting 8 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, October 25

6:30 to 9 p.m., Anacostia Trails Heritage Area, Inc. Meeting, Municipal Building

Friday, October 26

3:30 to 4 p.m., Halloween Costume Contest and Parade, Roosevelt Center in front of CURVES

Saturday, October 27

8:30 am to noon, Anacostia Trails Fall Foliage Bike Ride and Tour, Bladensburg Waterfront Park

9 a.m. to noon, Electronics Recycling, Public Works Yard

Letters to the Editor

Trying to Call News Review?

The News Review voice mail system has been malfunctioning lately, leaving us sporadic or no way to retrieve phone messages. A mechanical problem has been solved but other problems remain.

To be sure that we have received your message, place a follow up call during office hours, email newsreview@greenbelt.com, put a note through the door slot or in the News Review's Co-op box. We regret the inconvenience.

Badly Behaved Kids Need Parental Input

I am writing this letter to reach out to other area parents, especially to those of ERHS students. I live close to the high school and, as large groups of students make their way to and from school, I regularly observe behaviors and actions that I do not think any parent would approve of. There are the students who thoughtlessly walk through the private property of my homeowner's association, as well as my own small private yard, often discarding their school papers and trash on the way. There is blatant disregard for traffic laws, not to mention the potential for causing serious accidents, when students routinely run across Greenbelt Road against the traffic light. Often this is accompanied by an "I dare you to hit me" attitude projected toward any drivers on the road. One student recently stated to his friends, "I don't care if I get hit, I'll pay the ticket for jaywalking but they'll have to fix their car." This is typical adolescent thinking- no regard for the serious risks involved in many actions. When I am with my young children, the worst experience is having to bear witness to the nonstop cursing, which cannot be ignored when shouted from group to group.

While I acknowledge these descriptions do not apply to every student I see, unfortunately it does to a significant enough number of them as to be a widespread problem. I am appealing to parents to address these issues with their adolescent children. I imagine every parent wants their child to demonstrate an appropriate level of respect in public - for others, for property, for laws, and ultimately for him or herself. I feel we must express what we strive for as a community and this represents my wishes for my daily interactions with our local students.

Dawn Mooney

Rt. 193 and Buses

It would be great if another lane could be added on Route 193 making two lanes eastbound for buses that are turning left onto Hanover Parkway. Traffic is terrible there, particularly in the mornings. There are, mainly, school buses in the middle lane trying to get into the left lane that is always backed up with other school and regular buses and cars trying to turn left. Why not create an extra left turn lane, like there is at the Parkway going north on Route 193? By trying to squeeze into the left from the middle prevents other vehicles from going straight in the middle lane and even sometimes the right lane.

Another bus issue, this time going westbound: Why was a bus stop created off of the exit of the Parkway and across the street from Greenway Shopping Center? There are no crosswalks there. I usually see people getting off the buses, walking across busy Route 193 to the median then sometimes waiting for traffic to ease up to get to the other side of the street at Greenway Shopping Center. Why not put a pedestrian walk light on either side of the road by the bus stop and the entrance to Greenway?

It is not really safe to walk to the end of the street to where there are crossing signals for a few reasons. One is having to cross the Parkway, exit ramps where there are no pedestrian signals, and down to the end of the street. At the end the crossing signal at Hanover Parkway and Greenbelt Road allows you to put a foot into the street before the pedestrian sign flashes red. It's vice versa going the other direction from Hanover Parkway across Greenbelt Road to Mandan Road. A timer should be put on the pedestrian signal with a reasonable time to allow pedestrians to get across the street. It makes more sense to me that people be allowed to cross by Roosevelt High School corner to the other side of the road, as there is less traffic from every direction.

Both of these bus issues are accidents waiting to happen if they already haven't happened.

Gail Phillips

Editor's Note: There is a pedestrian crosswalk with a push button activated signal near the bus stop at the parkway exit ramp. In past years the Greenbelt City Council met with transportation and highway officials to improve the location and safety of this well used bus stop.

Election Letters Reminder

Readers are reminded of the News Review policy with respect to printing of campaign and election material. In its last edition preceding an election the newspaper will not publish letters to the editor and similar materials that inject, for the first time, controversial issues and charges. Last-minute introduction of such material without an opportunity for refutation is considered an unfair campaign practice.

The News Review will not print letters of endorsement.

Letters to the editor and other copy on election issues must be submitted by 9 p.m. Tuesday evening, so as to give the editorial board sufficient time to review content.

The final date for new election-related issues is the October 25 paper, with a deadline next Tuesday, October 23.

The News Review office is located in Room 100 of the Community Center. The office is only staffed during the following hours: Mondays from 2 to 4 and Tuesdays from 2 to 5 and 8 to 10 p.m.

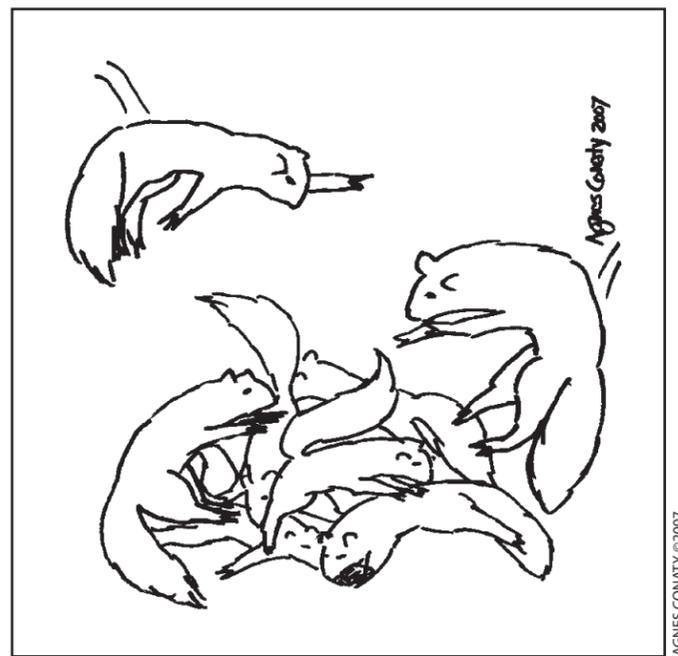
Corrections

In last week's story on the GEAC Candidates Night, the following statements by Ruth Kastner were incorrectly attributed to Konrad Herling. "[She called] for the Advisory Planning Board to look at ideas for a town square in Greenbelt East. To combat crime, she said, the city needs more active neighborhood watches and should consider installing a remote-controlled gate at the overpass."

Imagine Marjorie Gray and her daughter Rhonda Roorda's surprise to read in last week's Our Neighbors column congratulations to Rita Simon, Roorda's co-author, as the daughter of Greenbelt Marjorie Gray instead of Roorda. It was (obviously) unclear to us which author was Gray's daughter and we named the wrong person. Our apologies.

The News Review apologizes to both candidates for the error.

Grin Belt



"There's a pile on to see who gets the fumbled pine cone!"

Use of Therapeutic Gardens with Children

Children's gardens are increasingly found in a wide range of health and human service agencies. Learn how the award-winning, 10-year-old Legacy Emanuel Children's Hospital Garden program meets the needs of children in therapies, family needs for restoration and privacy, children's play and the needs of healthy siblings. This botanical collection with four seasons of sensory stimulation is located at the 215-bed children's hospital in Portland, Ore.

This lecture will be held on Tuesday, October 23 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Conservatory Classroom of the U.S. Botanic Garden. Pre-registration is requested for this free program.

Learn to Go "Green" The Affordable Way

Want to buy organic food but worry about the expense? Have a hard time sifting through volumes of literature related to healthy living?

Find answers to these and other questions at a lecture entitled "Going Organic and Green, the Affordable Way" that will be held on Saturday, October 27 from 10:30 to 1 p.m. at the Beltsville Library. Dr. Jeannette Habullullah, a naturopathic practitioner and author, will provide an examination of "ingredients" and their effects, definitions of commonly used terms in the food industry and a step-by-step plan for healthy living.

For information contact organicworkshop@yahoo.com or call 703-395-5104.

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NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

FALL GUTTER CLEANING PROGRAM TO BEGIN IN NOVEMBER

Royal Gutter Cleaning and Ned Stevens Gutters of Maryland are scheduled to clean and inspect gutters on all GHI homes starting the week of November 26, weather permitting.

The project will take approximately 1 month to complete. During that time, workers may appear at your building, at doors and windows. Please close your shades to preserve privacy.

You may contact Peter Joseph at (301) 474-4161 ext. 141 if you have any questions or comments.

Community Events

At the Library Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories:

Tuesday, October 23, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, October 24, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children.

Thursday, October 25, 10:30 a.m., Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 children.

Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children's Desk.

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition "Food and Friendship" program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. the previous day to assure sufficient quantities of food are ordered. Call 301-397-2208 ext. 4215 for information about the program and to make reservations.

Meals are served beginning at noon. All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and one percent milk. Menus for Monday, October 22 through Thursday, October 25 include:

Monday - Split pea soup with crackers, meatloaf with parsley gravy, whole boiled potatoes, green beans, fresh orange.

Tuesday - Grape juice, baked pollock fish with tartar sauce, seasoned corn, sliced carrots, canned peaches.

Wednesday - Cranberry juice, turkey/potato casserole, chuckwagon vegetables, chopped kale, yellow cake with chocolate icing.

Thursday - Vegetable soup with crackers, BBQ pork on a bun, baked beans, broccoli slaw, blueberry turnover.

Friday - All sites closed for county Dept. of Public Works & Transportation training.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club had a fun meeting on October 10 when Lynn Dole brought in an electronic keyboard and we had a sing-a-long with a guest pianist, a friend of Flo Holly.

John Henry Jones, Brenda Cooley and Frank Coorsen all volunteered to be on the nominating committee for 2008. Please say yes if they call you to be an officer next year. There are always committees that need workers. We all want to keep the Golden Age Club active, interesting and productive.

Some of us have lots of hand-picked apples at home. Karen Haseley took us out in the country and turned us loose in the orchard at Larriland Farm.

Come to the next Bingo game; we have lots of new prizes.

Hope everyone enjoys this beautiful fall weather.

GHI Notes

Sunday, October 21, 1:30 to 3 p.m., Landscaping for Wildlife Workshop

This event will take place in the Greenbelt Homes, Inc., Administration Building. Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

Boxwood Will Accept Toxics for Disposal

In connection with its community yard sale on Saturday, October 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., as a service to the community the Boxwood Civic Association will accept small batteries and compact fluorescent light bulbs for correct disposal of these toxic materials.

They will also distribute flyers on freecycling to help Greenbelt de-clutter while keeping usable discards out of the landfill. People are encouraged to bring an item to give away at the freecycle table.

The event will take place at the playground on Lastner Lane, near the intersection of Lastner and Ivy Lanes, just north of Crescent Road.

Committee Sponsors Woodlands Work Day

The GHI Woodlands Committee will sponsor a Forest Restoration Work Day on Saturday, October 27 from 10 a.m. to noon. This is a chance to help improve forest health in the GHI woodlands. Volunteers will assist in pulling non-native plants and planting new trees and shrubs. This event is for volunteers of all ages; hand tools and gloves will be provided. Participants should wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants.

The meeting point is along Hillside between courts 13 and 19. People who plan to help are asked to RSVP Matt Berres by email at mberres@ghi.coop for a head count.



New Deal Café Coming Events

by Bill Muney and Leslie Brothers

On Friday, October 26 from 5 to 7 p.m. will be time to get ready for the Great Pumpkin by carving a pumpkin at the New Deal Café's annual pumpkin carving event. Pumpkins will be provided and carving them will take place in Roosevelt Center.

Friday, October 26 is also the opening night of the Utopia Film Festival, a cinematic event reflecting the utopian ideals of Greenbelt, one of America's first planned communities. From 5 to 10 p.m. the Café will host the keynote address by Jack Gerbes from the Maryland Film Office and screenings of "Dracula's Mother" and "Subdivided."

Saturday, October 27 from 8 to 10:45 p.m., husband and wife duo "Scrub Pines," an alt-country bluegrass, who play original and classic tunes and a special guest will appear at the New Deal Café.

For more information call 301-474-5642 or visit the Café webpage at www.newdealcafe.com to see what the Café has to offer.

Flu Clinics

In addition to flu shot clinics that were already held locally at Safeway, CVS and the city's health fair, flu shots will be available at the following locations:

Safeway, Greenway Center: October 23 from 3 to 7 p.m.

Greenbelt Co-op: October 25 from 5 to 7 p.m. and October 27 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Giant Food, Beltway Plaza: October 29 from noon to 6 p.m.

CVS, Beltway Plaza: November 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Learn to Shop/Eat Healthfully at Co-op

The Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative is sponsoring two free special events as part of its celebration of National Co-op Month. On Tuesday, October 23, Chef Bill Scepanky from Four Seasons Produce Company will host a cooking demonstration and food sampling from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Co-op Produce Department. The next day, October 24, Co-op member and certified Health Counselor Kimberly Rush Lynch will lead a Shop Healthy Store Tour from 7 to 8 p.m.

Chef Scepanky is coming to the Co-op as part of his company's Seasonal Chef program that promotes consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables and healthier diets. His presentation will include tips and tastes as well as a "Pick of the Market" feature which highlights produce with the best flavor profile for this time of year.

Speaking from her experience as a food educator, Rush Lynch says that many shoppers may be skeptical about the health claims made by certain food products. Others are simply overwhelmed by all of the options available in even a relatively small store such as the Co-op. "I plan to uncover some of the wonderful products that are right here as well as show people how to be sleuths when it comes to label reading and finding the healthiest alternatives."

Astronomical Society Holds Star Parties

On Saturday, October 20 Astronomical Society members will hold a star party at Northway Field. On Sunday, October 21 the Astronomical Society will also hold a sidewalk astronomy party at Roosevelt Center near the New Deal Café.

Members of the society will begin to set up to view the moon and other celestial objects at approximately 6:30 p.m. In the event of rain or hopelessly cloudy skies the event will be cancelled without further notice.

Details are available at www.greenbeltastro.org/events_shtml.

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20th Anniversary Celebration

October 21, 2007 4pm
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Rendition, R (!)
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The Comebacks, PG-13 (!)
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Tyler Perry's: Why Did I Get Married, PG-13 (!)
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30 Days of Night, R (!)
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Game Plan, PG (!)
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Kingdom, R (!)
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For more community events see page 7.

Boxwood Community
YARD SALE
Saturday, October 20
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Playground on Lastner Lane, between Crescent Road and Ivy Lane.

Ghosts of Abu Ghraib
An HBO Documentary By Rory Kennedy
Sunday, October 21
4:00 pm
Greenbelt Community Center
Prince George's County
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Maureen Fiedler Will Talk On Interfaith Collaboration

by Jaco ten Hove and Katie Jones

If there is one issue that unites faith traditions across the globe, it may be concern for the common good, especially the "least of these," the poor, the oppressed, the victims of discrimination and injustice. Maureen Fiedler, host of the acclaimed radio program "Interfaith Voices," will examine the spiritual and political importance of interfaith collaboration in a talk at Greenbelt Community Church on Sunday, October 28 at 7 p.m.

Fiedler will highlight some of the moral teachings that transcend denominations and will take a critical look at past and present moral leadership among religious activists. In today's world, she argues, interfaith collaboration for the common good is more politically important and spiritually fulfilling than ever before. Her presentation, titled "Many Paths, One Common Good: Interfaith Action for Social Justice Today," is sponsored by the Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association

(GILA). There is no charge, although freewill donations will be invited.

Greenbelt Community Church is located at the corner of Hillside and Crescent Roads.

Fiedler is a Catholic sister of Loretto, has been a peace and justice activist for over 30 years and holds a Ph.D. in government from Georgetown University. "Interfaith Voices" is an independent public radio program heard on WAMU, 88.5 FM at 3 p.m. on Sundays.

Since 1975 the Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association (formerly the Greenbelt Clergy Group) has celebrated religious diversity by expanding awareness of how the holy is honored in different faiths and by exploring ways to share the struggles and joys experienced by religious leaders. Such cooperation, they believe, can build community and point the way toward greater peace. The group includes local Baha'i, Christian, Islamic, Jewish and Unitarian Universalist leaders.

Co-author Jaco ten Hove is the co-minister of Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church and Katie Jones is an assistant producer of Interfaith Voices.

Owens Science Center Open House Oct. 26

The Howard B. Owens Science Center will hold an Open House and family science night next Friday, October 26, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Visit the planetarium, Challenger Learning Center and see science demonstrations. It will also be costume night - dress up as an endangered species, a scientist from history, a mad scientist or science fiction character. All who come in costume will receive a free key chain magnifier-microscope.

The Howard B. Owens Science Center is located at 9601 Greenbelt Road in Lanham.



Our sympathy to Joan Krob on the death of her husband and to his sons Randy and Jack. John Krob died suddenly on October 3, 2007.

Condolences to Helen and Don Comis on the death of her brother Jim Blades, age 53, in Sitka, Alaska, on October 2, 2007, in a commercial diving fishing accident.

Congratulations to Kenneth Silberman of Southway, who was admitted to the Bar of the U. S. Supreme Court on Monday, October 15.

Our thoughts are with two Greenbelters who are grieving the loss of beloved four-legged friends - Co-op employee Joanne Ward of Plateau Place, whose 12-year-old boxer Lainie died October 11 of the effects of rheumatoid arthritis and News Review staffer Pat Davis of Woodland Way, who said final goodbyes on October 15 to Jack, after a long battle with Cushing's Disease.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We'd especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Springhill Lake. To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

- Kathleen McFarland

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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
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Sunday	11:00 am	Worship Service
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

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10:30 am	Worship Service

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- Barbara W. and Jaco B. ten Hove, co-ministers

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

God is always there for us.

Whenever we feel lonely, when we feel no one cares, when we need someone to rely on, when no one has time for us, we should always remember God. He is always there for us, waiting for us to call on Him, so that He may give to us. He says, "When My servants ask concerning Me, I am indeed close (to them); I listen to the prayer of every caller when he calls on Me; let them also, with a will, listen to My call and believe in Me; that they may walk in the right way."
-The Holy Qur'an, 2:186

To learn more about Islam, please call 301-982-9463 or email us at info@searchislam.org or visit the website www.searchislam.org.

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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)

Oct. 21: Heaven . . . Where Are They Now?

Pastor Lou Redd
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Memory Book Help For Esther Webb

The extended Webb family, in celebrating Esther Webb's 90th birthday, is requesting her friends to contribute to a collection of her life memories. Children John, Bill, Walter and Cathy will welcome any thoughts expressed through cards, letters, stories, photos, poetry, etc. to add to a memory scrapbook. Contributions should be sent to her son: John Webb, 422 Windsor Street, Silver Spring, MD 20910 or emailed to her daughter at thinksno@cache.net.

Esther and John Webb originally moved to Greenbelt in 1942 as young professionals working in Washington, D.C. They returned to Greenbelt with four children in 1956 to 3-B Crescent Road until they moved a block downhill to 7-F, where Esther continues to live.

Esther worked 20 years in the D.C. public schools as a teacher, guidance counselor and finally as a school psychologist. When she retired in 1966, she was able to devote her full energies to building a better society.

Still active in community affairs related to peace, social justice and the environment, Webb has been a role model for aspiring activists of all ages. She was among the creators of the numerous community peace groups including the Greenbelt Committee Against the War in Vietnam, Greenbelt Peace Committee, Prince George's County Peace and Justice Coalition, Maryland United for Peace and Justice, Sane Freeze and the Grey Panthers. Additionally she has demonstrated a lifetime commitment to the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative and the Society of Friends (Quakers).

Contributors are asked to add to the memory book celebrating Esther Webb's well-lived life by December 31.

Garden Club Meets Next Wednesday

The Beltsville Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, October 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the James E. Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail in Beltsville. The topic of guest speaker Betty Marose will be "Weed Identification and Management." Marose will give a better understanding of weed management in fields, nurseries, gardens and home lawns using the least toxic chemicals and minimizing risk to human health and the environment.

Marose is a graduate of the University of Delaware with a degree in plant science and graduate studies from Cornell University. Currently Marose is a weed scientist at the University of Maryland Horticultural Science Department.

There will be plants for the door prize table and refreshments after the meeting. The public is welcome; admission is free.

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

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City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL

October 22, 2007- 8:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting-Municipal Building

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

Abitibi Consolidated Recycling Award
America Recycles Day - Proclamation

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

*Committee Reports

LEGISLATION

A Resolution to Adopt a Revised Charter for the Advisory Committee on Education (2nd Reading, Adoption)

OTHER BUSINESS

School Board Proposed Plan for Greenbelt Middle School Request Regarding Festival of Lights
Award of Purchase - Mobile Data Computers for Police Vehicles
MDOT Draft 2008-2013 Consolidated Transportation Program Tax Credit Program

* Resignation from Advisory Group

* Reappointment to Advisory Group

* 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@greenbeltnmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

Notice of Charter Amendment Resolution

At its regular meeting of September 24, 2007, the City Council adopted a resolution to amend the City Charter. As required by state law, this resolution will be posted in its entirety for 40 days, until November 3, at the Municipal Building, as well as on the City's Web site at www.greenbeltnmd.gov. Copies may also be requested of the City Clerk. It will be come effective on November 13, 2007, unless a proper petition to submit the amendment to the voters on a referendum is filed as permitted by law. As also required by state law, this notice is given to provide a fair summary of the resolution.

Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2007-3

A Resolution . . . to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt . . . by Amending Section 4, Titled "Creation; Qualifications; Compensation," to Provide That The Mayor Shall Receive a Salary of \$12,000 per Annum and That the Other Members of the City Council Shall Each Receive a Salary of \$10,000 per Annum: The compensation to be paid to the members of the City Council is specified in Section 4 of the City Charter. Although Council compensation used to be increased approximately every four years, it has now been almost 18 years since the Charter was amended to provide for an increase. The resolution will raise the salary paid to the Mayor from \$6,000 to \$12,000 and the salary paid to each of the other members of Council from \$5,000 to \$10,000. This change will be effective with the incoming City Council to be elected on November 6.

For additional information, contact Kathleen Gallagher, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000 or kgallagher@greenbeltnmd.gov.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES
Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.
Vacancies exist on the:
Arts Advisory Board
Forest Preserve Advisory Board
Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee
Youth Advisory Committee
For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

STREET SWEEPER

The City Street Sweeper will be cleaning streets from October 15 - 26th. If you see the sweeper in your area, please move your car off the street.

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION

As required by Section 14 of the City Charter, Greenbelt will hold a regular City Council election on **Tuesday, November 6, 2007.**

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Anyone registered to vote with Prince George's County at an address within the corporate limits of the City of Greenbelt may vote in City elections.

If you have questions regarding the upcoming election, please call the City offices at 301-474-8000, use Maryland Relay (711), or send e-mail to the City Clerk at kgallagher@greenbeltnmd.gov.

A sample ballot is available on a flier at the Municipal Building or on the City Web site at <http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov>.

FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD

At its May 29 Regular Meeting, the City Council adopted changes to the Forest Preserve article of the City Code and approved the formation of a standing Forest Preserve Advisory Board. Residents interested in serving on the new board may call 301-474-8000 for a application form and booklet or find the form and information on the City Web site under "Boards and Committees."

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27th

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Public Works Yard

City residents can recycle old and/or unwanted computers and other electronic items. Bring your items to the collection bins located at Greenbelt Public Works, 555 Crescent Road.

Accepted items include: central processing units, monitors, keyboards, printers, laptop computers, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords, computer mice, Fax machines, recording equipment, cameras, telephones and radios.

****TELEVISIONS ARE NOW ACCEPTED ALSO****

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For further information call 301-474-8308.

GREENBELT RECREATION

HALLOWEEN EVENTS

- Tuesday, October 23rd at 4pm at the Greenbelt Youth Center, SCARECROW MAKING. Bring an old shirt, pants & nylon stockings.
- Wednesday, October 24th at 4pm at the Greenbelt Youth Center, PUMPKIN CARVING.
- Thursday, October 25th at 4pm at the Greenbelt Youth Center, HALLOWEEN CRAFT

\$5 Resident, \$8 Non-Resident for each of the above events. Register at 301-397-2200.

HALLOWEEN COSTUME

CONTEST & PARADE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26TH
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MONSTER MASH TEEN DANCE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27TH
7:00 PM-10:00 PM
At the Greenbelt Youth Center
For Those In 7th to 10th Grade.
Tickets are \$10 in Advanced
\$15 at the Door.

Come Dressed in your favorite costume! The party will include a DJ, Games, Prizes, Pizza, Drinks, and MORE!
Greenbelt Recreation Staff and a Greenbelt Police Officer will chaperone. Call 301-397-2200 to purchase your tickets by phone or in person at the Greenbelt Youth Center.

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project. (At least since August 1992, when a restroom facility was listed as part of a lake park master plan approved by an earlier council.)

Craze estimated that researching the topic as to costs and style choices might take several months but she promised "to get back."

Beautification

Despite this summer's long-standing drought, the city and the owners of two gasoline service stations in Greenbelt received special beautification awards from Prince George's County. The city was recognized for plantings at Buddy Attick Park and for the entrance medians on Southway. Parks Director Bill Phelan was present to receive the award.

Bill Novick, owner of Greenbelt Service Center on Crescent Road, accepted the award from Mayor Davis. Old Greenbelt Citgo was also recognized.

Council approved a recommendation by Phelan for the city to enter into a contract with the Brickman Group of Lanham to do lawn and landscape maintenance in several areas throughout the city. Another company had previously held the contract but claims they had underbid and would need a 50 percent fee increase. Since Brickman had also bid for the work and is doing other maintenance projects around the city, such as mowing the Greenbelt Cemetery, Phelan recommended turning over the larger project to them.

Davis took note of another

issue concerning the city's appearance in handing over to the city clerk \$45 that had been donated by Lakeside area children to be used for lake cleanup. Kelly Jo and Drew Wallace, Sydney Siegel, Shawn Murphy and Mary Loutsch, who had earned the money with a lemonade stand, directed that it be used specifically toward the projected dredging of the algae-covered lake.

Equipment

On a motion by Councilmember Ed Putens, council approved the purchase of a new front-end loader. The loader currently in use is 18 years old and badly rusted. The recommended new loader would have three additional features: ride control, an ACS coupler system and a grapple loader rake. The new loader with additions would cost \$119,313 – more than \$15,000 below the budget estimate. Further sweetening the deal, the current loader has a \$30,000 trade-in value.

Council deferred action till the next meeting on a request by the Police Department to purchase Panasonic Toughbooks, a make of laptop computers originally designed for military use. Approximately eight computers previously in use have been damaged and are no longer available. Toughbooks are said to have proven durability and reliability.

Appointments

Elizabeth Hammett was named to the Youth Advisory Committee and Brian Gibbons

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before the court was denied.

Beyond the procedural flaws noted with the filing of the petition, the judge's order noted that, "Without, therefore, ruling on the substantive relief requested, the court will suggest that such relief would not likely succeed."

The court also briefly addressed the cases cited by the plaintiff by noting that the cases cited deal more correctly with the concept of "domicile." However, in each (cited) case, the subject of the litigation has at least an identifiable street address.

"While the plaintiff in the case at bar might fairly be said to be domiciled in Greenbelt, he has no identifiable street address, a deficiency which the court believes would likely prove fatal should the merits of the case be reached for determination," the court order noted.

On Tuesday, October 16 Orleans filed an emergency motion to reconsider the denial of his emergency motion.

The appeal is under consideration by the court and no decision had been issued by press time.

and Ed Hickey were reappointed to the Advisory Planning Board and the Public Safety Advisory Committee respectively.

Editor's Note: News Review staff recalls discussion of restrooms at the lake park dates back to the late 50s in meetings of the Recreation Advisory Board, forerunner of PRAB.

Local Fire Truck Memorializes 9-11



The Fort Allen (Pennsylvania) Volunteer Fire Department purchased Greenbelt's old Engine 352 in 2006. Since then, a new paint job has been completed. On the rear of the engine is an emblem memorializing the fact that, while serving as one of the pumpers in Greenbelt, Engine 352 responded to the Pentagon on 9-11. Photos show the new paint job and lettering on old engine 352 and are courtesy of the Fort Allen VFD.



Some People Don't Smile in Pictures . . .

Ask yourself if any of these areas may be affecting the beauty of your smile:



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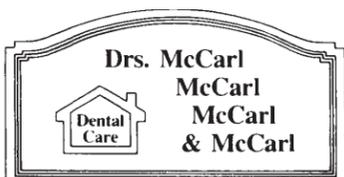
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Community Events

City Notes

Planning and Community Development staff met with Prince George's County Public Schools Planning and Architectural Services staff to discuss the Greenbelt Middle School project.

Facilities maintenance crew began repairing the ceramic tile around the outdoor pool deck at the Aquatic and Fitness Center.

Recreation staff continues to review lighting proposals for the Braden Field tennis courts. A meeting is scheduled for next week with an electrician to review the lighting plan.

Asst. Recreation Director Julie McHale attended the senior exercise class on Thursday to go over the "Greenbelt Gets Active" initiative. All seniors in attendance were given a pedometer and a demonstration on how to use it. Their steps will be recorded and prizes will be given as goals are reached.

Safeway Raises Money For Breast Cancer

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, recognized by Safeway stores holding a number of activities in support of breast cancer research. The grocery chain's Eastern Division stores will split contributions raised at its 141 stores in the mid-Atlantic region between MedStar Health and Johns Hopkins.

Safeway and its employees will reach out to customers during October to raise millions of dollars with a variety of in-store activities. In addition to collecting donations, the company is teaming up with Grammy and Oscar award winner Melissa Etheridge, a breast cancer survivor, to encourage women to join the fight against breast cancer through preventive screenings and self examinations. Etheridge's new CD, "The Awakening," will be sold at checkstands with a portion of the proceeds going to support breast cancer research and awareness programs. Safeway and its grocery vendors will contribute to breast cancer fundraising when customers purchase products with a specially marked pink ribbon.

In Greenbelt, the Safeway is located in the Greenway Center on Greenbelt Rd.

Absentee Ballots Available to All

Registered voters may come to the city offices during office hours until noon on Monday, November 5 to pick up an absentee ballot. Vote right then or take the ballot home and bring it back by 6 p.m. on election day, November 6.

There is no longer a need to state that one is ill or will be out of town on election day. To increase voter turnout any registered voter can vote absentee. If a voter does not want to stand in line or wants to have more time to decide who to vote for, he or she can pick up a ballot on Monday morning and take all day to decide. For those who may not feel comfortable with the new electronic voting machines, the absentee ballots are paper ballots.

Film Features Nun's Outreach to Gays

by Frank DeBernardo

Sex and religion are two topics best avoided in polite company. And when the topic of sex involves homosexuality, or when the religion discussed is Catholicism, you can almost be sure that strong opinions will emerge, causing animosity, polarization and rancor among the debaters.

If the paragraph above describes your beliefs, then you probably haven't met Sister Jeannine Gramick. This mild, unassuming, 60ish Catholic nun has been speaking out for the rights of lesbian and gay people in the Catholic Church for more than 35 years. And if that isn't surprising enough, a more amazing thing is that she has done so even when church authorities have done their best to stifle her. But what might surprise you most about this woman is that she has been able to do so for so long while maintaining a peace about her that is really, well, er, uh, divine.

This nun, whose ministry with the lesbian/gay community has its roots in Prince George's County, is the subject of the documentary film "In Good Conscience: Sister Jeannine Gramick's Journey of Faith," which will be screened at the Utopia Film Festival on Sunday, October 28 at 2 p.m., at the P&G Old Greenbelt Theatre in Roosevelt Center. After the film, Sister Jeannine will be available for a question/answer session with the audience.

"In Good Conscience" was produced and directed by Barbara Rick, an Emmy and Peabody Award winner. The cinematographer was Albert Maysles, the legendary documentary maker ("Gimme Shelter," "Grey Gardens") who with his brother, David, revolutionized documentary filmmaking. When Rick told Maysles about Sister Jeannine's story, he was so impressed with

her spirit that he voluntarily offered his filmmaking talents to the project at no charge. The 82-minute movie has been screened at film festivals on four continents and has won several awards. It has received standing ovations in Sao Paulo, Brazil; Sydney, Australia; Turin, Italy; Toronto, Canada; New York City; Ames, Iowa and dozens of cities.

The documentary focuses on the Vatican's 1999 order to Sister Jeannine that she cease her compassionate ministry to lesbian/gay people which she began in 1971. With this focus, the film examines this religious woman's convictions about equality and justice, about preserving what is best in her tradition while working to change what needs changing, and the connection between her personal life and her principles.

Having followed Gramick for three years, the film crew captured her in a variety of private and public situations: talking with anti-gay protestors at the U.S. Catholic Bishops' meeting; sharing a cup of coffee with her elderly and frail father; getting her hair done at Greenbelt's Beltway Plaza; celebrating a birthday with an intimate group of friends; knocking on the door to speak with the person who ordered her ministry closed: Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, the man who is now known as Pope Benedict XVI.

Beyond the big issues of religion and sexuality, this film is an examination of several important questions about social change: what can one individual do in the face of centuries-old intractability? How does one work to effect change without becoming bitter and angry? When working for change, is it possible to maintain a non-adversarial relationship with one's opponents? Where does one find the courage to speak out against injustice?

In the interest of full disclosure,



Sister Jeannine Gramick

PHOTO BY MICHAEL COLLOPY

sure, I have to admit that I may be somewhat biased in favor of Sister Jeannine and this film. You see, I am a friend of hers, and I currently am the director of New Ways Ministry, the educational project Sister Jeannine organized to help the Catholic Church become a more inclusive place for lesbian/gay people. Furthermore, I have - how shall I say it? - "a supporting role" in this documentary, which the director explained as offering a "comic relief" to the more serious issues that the film explores. I'm delighted that I'll be able to join Sister Jeannine for the Q & A session at the end of the film, to help give fellow Greenbelters another perspective on this visionary and prophetic woman.

But don't just take the recommendation from me. Come to see this movie if you are interested in the role that religion plays in public and private lives. Come to see this movie if you are interested in learning more about the important questions about sexuality which face our contemporary world. Come to see this movie to examine how one person's idealism can help to change the world. Come to see a film that will inspire you to take your own journey to make a better world.

Raiders Report

by Coach Jim Inzeo

In last week's games our flag football team (children ages 5 to 7) hosted Bowie at Braden Field. The Bulldogs defeated our Raiders 12-0. The game was closer than the score would indicate. The Greenbelt boys had two touchdowns called back due to penalties.

In 65 lb. action, a 7-7 half-time score would be as close as our boys would get. Kettering-Largo-Mitchellville would score 21 unanswered points and defeated the Raiders 28-7 at KLM. The 65 lb. Raiders are now 0-4.

The 75 lb. Raider team traveled to Lanham. Lanham entered the game in first place, scored two first-half touchdowns and defeated our Raiders 14-0. Lanham improved to 6-0. Greenbelt fell to 1-3.

Since our last report, our 85 lb. team played twice. The Raiders shut out Upper Marlboro 12-0 on the road. The Raiders followed with another road victory, 12-6 at Port Towns. The 85 lb. Raider team is now 3-2.

Our 95 lb. team also played twice with positive results. Again, like the 85 lb. team, the 95 lb. would win two games on the road. The Raiders trounced Upper Marlboro 34-0 and in a nailbiter edged out Lanham 24-19. The 95 lb. team is now 3-1-1.

Our 150 lb. team opened their season this past week with two shutouts. The Raiders defeated both Upper Marlboro and Silver Hill by the identical score of 12-0. Our 150 lb. team's record is 2-0. The season, now halfway complete, finds the Greenbelt Raiders with nine wins, 10 losses and a tie.

For more information on our football program call Jim Inzeo at 301-441-2426.



UTOPIA FILM FESTIVAL 2007

A weekend of great films, Sat. Oct. 27-Sun. Oct. 28

Over 40 independent features, documentaries, shorts, music videos, animation and experimental works at four venues: P&G Old Greenbelt Theatre, Greenbelt Community Center, Greenbelt Municipal Building And Beltway Plaza Mall Academy Stadium Theatre



★ Tickets \$5 at door, \$25 pass good for all programs on sale Sat. Oct. 20, 10-3 outside Co-Op (Roosevelt Center side); Sat. Oct 27, 10-3, P&G Old Greenbelt Theatre

★ Schedules available at New Deal Café, next week's News Review and utopiafilmfestival.org

Utopia's Exciting Film Lineup Includes:

- "In Good Conscience" A Prince George's nun challenges the Vatican
 - "Dracula's Mother," "Texas Chainsaw Musical" and other scary & spoofy shorts
 - "Free Spirits" The rise and fall of a capitalistic hippie commune
 - "D.O.P.E." Champion skateboarders turn to drugs and crime
 - "Grandma Goth" An aging Goth is enamored of all-things-morbid
 - "Komsomolsk mon amour" About a Stalinist utopia built in the Greenbelt era
 - "Subdivided" A small Texas community fends off McMansions
 - "Mother Jones" The life of the fiery labor activist
 - "American Meth" A grim account of a highly-addictive drug
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Recent unusual visitors to 10 Court Southway were these two black vultures stopping by to feast on the remains of a squirrel. Despite the interruptions of nearby traffic, the male refused to leave until his mate also collected a squirrel meal. Photo by Aimee Garrison

State Quitline Offers Free Nicotine Help

Those who want to quit smoking or chewing tobacco can now take advantage of free nicotine replacement products by calling the Maryland Tobacco Quitline, a program of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The Quitline phone number is 1-800-QUIT-NOW (784-8669).

The program provides up to a four-week supply of nicotine patches or gum to tobacco users who are age 18 and over and meet basic health requirements. The free program is available to all callers regardless of income or how long they have smoked. The nicotine patches and gum are available only while supplies last and are provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

To be eligible callers must register for cessation services with Maryland Tobacco Quitline, 1-800-QUIT-NOW. When Maryland residents call the Quitline, a professionally-trained Quit Coach will set up an individualized quit plan, provide decision support for nicotine replacement therapy to help with withdrawal symptoms, provide access to online services and mail clients Quit Guide booklets to help them stay on track with the quit plan.

It is hoped this assistance will help people ease the transition to smoke-free environments, especially important with the upcoming February effective date of the Clean Indoor Air Act making indoor public areas – including restaurants and bars – smoke free. The Maryland Tobacco Quitline has received over 11,000 calls since its June 2006 launch and now offers phone-based counseling in English, Spanish and other languages.

Bonsai Fall Foliage And Fruit Exhibit

Come see why the Bonsai Fall Foliage and Fruit Exhibit is one of the most popular seasonal exhibits of the year at the U.S. National Arboretum. See the red maples, yellow ginkgos and fruited persimmon tree from the museum's permanent collection. There is no admission fee for this exhibit. Visit www.usna.usda.gov/Education or call 202-245-4523 for information.



Choreography Show Free at CSPAC

On Thursday, October 25 at 8 p.m. the University of Maryland Department of Dance will present the Graduate Choreography Showing free to the public at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

AG Offers Recall Information Online

Toys tainted with lead, ground beef contaminated with E.coli, toasters that could pose a fire hazard – the number of product recalls seem to increase on a daily basis. The task of keeping up with them can be tricky for consumers.

A new link at the Office of the Attorney General's website is updated weekly and directs consumers to federal websites that post the latest information on product recalls. The new link is at <http://www.oag.state.md.us> and leads directly to the Product Recall Clearinghouse website.

Aviation Roundtable At College Park

College Park Aviation Museum and the Smithsonian Institution will present a Senior Aviation Adventure Days, Aviation Roundtable on Tuesday, October 23 at 2 p.m. Come share aviation experiences and interests and discuss the future of aviation in a friendly, open roundtable. Light refreshments will be served.

The event takes place at the College Park Aviation Museum, 1985 Corporal Frank Scott Drive in College Park.

For more information call 301-864-6029.

The Easy Dozen Birds Are Those We Know

by Don Comis

Everyone knows a dozen birds at least.

Before I got serious about birding last year, I knew the 12 birds most of us know: geese, mallards, robins, doves, pigeons, blue jays, cardinals, wild turkeys, bald eagles, crows, house sparrows and chickadees.

Local birder Michel Cavigelli says the trick for birders is to get to know the easy birds first, then when you notice something different you pay more attention and maybe add another bird to your life list.

All right, even some of these "easy dozen" may give us trouble – like the house sparrow. There are many other kinds of sparrows it could be. As usual with birds, I can spot the male for sure because of his black throat.

Goodbye Summer

And with the fall migrations in our area already started, winter isn't too far away. Cavigelli recently showed me migrating nighthawks flying over the bridge at Beaverdam Creek on Research Road. This brought my life list or more accurately, my year's list, to 50 birds. The fall migration season is a time of change and a chance to see new birds as the bird population in Greenbelt shifts.

Many of our grackles will leave us by late fall. More blue jays will come from north of here to replace our local jays, who will be pushed further south. The robins will flock together for the winter and are less likely to be seen hanging around yards but most will stay here. That is, the ones that live. As for most birds, only about 20 percent of this past spring's robin hatchlings will live to see another spring. Those that make it past their precarious first year have better survival odds.

Still, before the fall migration is over, hundreds of thousands of

birds may fly over us (although unseen to most of us). Preeminent birder Chandler Robbins, a Laurel resident, has stayed up all night during migration season, using a telescope to count 250,000 or more bird silhouettes as they cross a full moon.

The Godfather Crow

So you know at least 12 birds by sight. How about sound? This is very difficult for me. But even I know the sound of a goose, a quacking duck, a dove, a pigeon, maybe a turkey, definitely a crow.

But wait, if a crow sounds like Marlon Brando playing the Godfather or like someone with a hoarse voice like mine trying to "caw," it's a fish crow. The American crow we mean when we say "crow" is larger than a fish crow but smaller than a raven. In this area, you can pretty much forget about seeing a raven – they are farther north or in the mountains. They're not even in Poe's Baltimore.

So if birders see but do not hear a crow, they count it only as "crow species." Only if they hear it do they count it as an American crow or the less common fish crow. I like this, one of the few easy outs in birding.

Aural Tricksters

We might even know the call of a cardinal. But it is one of the tricky birds. It has many calls besides "pretty boy."

Early in the morning when I leave for work each day, I think I hear cardinals. But I don't record it unless I see the bright red male with the crest or the more muted but still crested female singing. Both male and female cardinals sing well and often, which is unusual, since the male bird usually does the singing and showing off. Cardinals are unusual also because they mark territory by singing year round.

Many of us also know – or think we know – the call of the

blue jay. But it can mimic other birds, including the red shouldered hawk. The mockingbird in turn outdoes the blue jay by imitating the jay as well as the calls of more than 30 other bird species.

At this time of year, you will see larger and larger flocks of birds. This is caused by one or more factors, starting with the new birds born this past spring and summer. Doves can be seen by the hundreds on powerlines on the farm, for example. Another factor is the birds migrating in groups, such as the nighthawks, or flocking together for protection or for warmer roosts as the nights get colder, as robins and crows do.

The season of territory and flirting is over now as we move into a much more silent season where the cardinals will hold down the singing fort. But birds will still sing. And fall is a prime time for seeing birds that stray into Greenbelt, outside of their normal range. All in all, the changes of fall, the arrivals, the departures and the hold-outs will continue to delight and amaze us.

GIVE BLOOD, GIVE LIFE

There is an urgent need for blood and two upcoming local opportunities to give it on **Thur., Oct. 25:**
from 10am to 4pm
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from 9am to 2pm
at USDA Carver Center on
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- **Leta** supports programs for young people. She found grant money to do a community design and build for the South Ora Court playground. She is promoting a Playful City designation of Greenbelt.
- **Leta** understands the cooperative model and its potential. She was an early advocate for Greenbelt's Assistance in Living program, an offshoot of a NORC program for seniors in New York City cooperatives.
- **Leta** believes in excellent pay and benefits for all city employees. She pushed the city to establish a Living Wage policy.
- **Leta** is committed to preserving our greenbelt. She served on the steering committee to establish an Alliance that advocates for the USDA Agricultural Research Center.
- **Leta** works to improve the environment as a board member of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Air Quality Committee and Clean Air Partners.
- **Leta** is committed to public safety improvements including cameras, call boxes and traffic calming. She first called for the new light at Frankfort and Greenbelt Roads when she was ERHS PTSA president in 1992.
- **Leta** is carefully monitoring development in Greenbelt West to ensure quality development including appropriate school facilities for Greenbelt's youth.



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Call Leta at 301-345-8105 or e-mail leta.council@verizon.net with your ideas, concerns or questions.

By authority of Alla Lake, Treasurer

Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department,
<http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report"
 or http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf.
 Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Assault

October 11, 3:24 p.m., a resident man was arrested and charged with first-degree assault, second-degree assault, possession of marijuana, possession of a dangerous weapon and resisting arrest. Police on bike patrol observed him sitting next to an open case of beer in a park gazebo. As the officer approached him on foot, the man ran toward her while reaching into his front pocket, pulling out a knife. A brief struggle ensued and the man was disarmed. He sustained a minor cut to his hand from his own knife and was found to be in possession of a quantity of suspected marijuana. The suspect was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Robbery

October 5, 5:01 p.m., Ora Glen Drive and Matthew Street, a man reported that he was walking along a roadway when he was approached by three young men, one armed with what appeared to be a handgun. A robbery was announced and after obtaining an undisclosed amount of money all three young men fled the area on foot. The suspects are described as black males, 17 to 22 years of age, 5'8" to 5'9"; two were wearing black sweaters and one was wearing a white sweater.

Concealed Weapon

October 9, 12:56 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway, a 13-year-old nonresident youth was arrested for concealed deadly weapon after police on foot patrol observed him hiding in a condominium hallway. As police approached him, the youth dropped a pellet-type handgun to the ground. He was released to school officials at Eleanor Roosevelt High School pending action by the school board and the juvenile justice system.

Drug Arrests

October 9, 2:28 a.m., 6400 block Greenbelt Road, a non-resident man and woman were arrested and charged with possession of marijuana when police stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. While speaking with them, police detected the odor of what was believed to be marijuana and located a quantity of suspected marijuana in the vehicle. Both suspects were transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

October 9, 11:31 p.m., 44 Court Ridge Road, two resident men were arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia. Police observed a suspicious occupied vehicle in a parking area and upon approaching the occupants, the odor of what was believed to be marijuana was detected. Located in the vehicle was paraphernalia commonly used to smoke marijuana. Both men were released on citation pending trial.

Suspicious Person

October 5, 11:55 p.m., Springhill Drive and Springhill Lane, three youths reported that they were walking to school when they observed a man photographing them. The man yelled out for the youths to, "Come here." They ran to Greenbelt Middle School and police were notified. The suspect is described as a white male, 6' to 6'3", with brown hair, wearing a dark short-sleeved shirt.

Accidental Firearm Discharge

October 10, 5:38 p.m., 6 Court Plateau Place, a woman accidentally fired a handgun inside her residence, with the round going through a wall and into an adjoining neighbor's home. No one was injured.

Disorderly Conduct

October 9, 8:56 p.m., Parkway, a resident man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after police responded to a report of a disorderly person inside a residence. The man left the apartment at police's request but then proceeded to block the building entrance, keeping others from accessing the building. He was arrested when he refused to move and was released on citation pending trial.

Trespass

October 6, 7:31 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a resident man was arrested and charged with trespass after he was observed inside the mall after having been banned from there by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

October 8, 2:49 a.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with trespass after he was stopped as a suspicious person begging for money. He was advised to leave the complex by agents of the property but returned a short time later and was arrested. He was released on citation pending trial.

Open Alcohol

October 9, 8:04 p.m., Braden Field, a resident man and a non-resident man were arrested and charged with open alcohol after they were observed drinking beer in public. Both men were released on citation pending trial.

School Disruption

October 4, 3:21 p.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School, a non-resident youth was arrested for disruption of school activities and malicious destruction, while a second nonresident youth was arrested for disruption of school activities after they were observed chasing each other through the school hallways. One threw a trash can at the other who responded by punching out a glass window, which resulted in a cut to his arm. The youth was transported to a hospital for treatment. Parents were notified pending action by the school board and the juvenile justice system.

October 4, 3:25 p.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School, a non-resident youth was arrested for disruption of school activities, resisting arrest, second-degree escape and false statement after she attempted to fight with another student on school grounds. She was arrested when she refused to cease her actions. The youth had to be physically restrained when she resisted attempts to handcuff her and she later attempted to leave the school once she was in custody. She was released to a relative pending action by school board and the juvenile justice system.

Theft

October 9, 3:30 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway, an off-duty police officer reported that he observed a fight in progress in a parking lot; he identified himself and attempted to break up the altercation. While separating the participants, one of them pulled the officer's PDA from his belt and handed it to another person, who then fled the scene. The officer gave chase, and the youth threw the PDA to the ground, breaking it. The suspects are described as a black male 16 to 20 years of age, 5'10" to 6'2", 200 pounds with brown eyes and black hair, wearing a black T-shirt, brown pants and black skull cap, and a black male, 14 to 16 years of age, 5'4" to 5'7", 90 to 110 pounds with brown eyes and black hair, wearing a purple shirt.

October 10, 10:25 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, a handgun was taken from a residence. The suspect is known to the victim. Investigation is continuing.

Burglaries

October 9, 6:03 p.m., 6000 block Cherrywood Court, unknown person(s) used unknown means to enter a residence. Nothing appears to have been taken.

October 10, 6:12 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road, unknown suspect(s) entered a residence by taking off a window screen and opening a bedroom window. An electric organ was taken.

Vehicle Crimes

Two vehicles were reported as stolen: a gray 1990 Toyota Corolla 4-door, Maryland tags 3APZ20 from Parkway and a red 1988 Toyota Camry 4-door, Maryland tags IACS04 from the area of Kenilworth Avenue and the Beltway.

One vehicle was recovered by Greenbelt police with no arrest made.

Theft from, attempted theft of and vandalism to vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7500 block Mandan Road, 6700 block Springshire Way, 6100 block Breezewood Drive, 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, 9100 block Edmonston Road, 9100 block Springhill Lane and Beltway Plaza.

Further Crime Discussion Yields Recommendations

by Brian St. George

On October 2 members of the PSAC (Public Safety Advisory Committee) and CRAB (Community Relations Advisory Board), along with Greenbelt Police Captain Thomas Kemp and Lieutenant David Buerger, met to discuss a going-forward strategy regarding the Spellman Overpass and citizens' concerns about related crime.

The intent was to arrive at a consensus based on two previous citizen forums regarding the Spellman Overpass and crime on Gardenway and at Roosevelt Center. The first forum was held at Greenbriar on August 27 and the second at the Municipal Building on September 15.

One of the members of CRAB characterized the previous forums as "thoughtful, calm, civil, respectful and encouraging."

Some of the top suggestions from those forums, based on the number of individuals recommending each solution, were as follows: cameras (17), more police presence (14), gate (12), do not close overpass (12), landscaping/environmental design (12), no gate (9), lights (7) and close overpass (5).

At the consensus meeting, all of these suggestions and various details of possible implementation were discussed.

Perceptions

A discussion ensued regarding perceptions of crime. Kemp submitted a crime statistic report dated August 23 indicating that calls for service at Roosevelt Center represented 1.1 percent of all calls for service (259 of 22,906) throughout the city from January through July 2007.

Of those 259 calls, 44 were for disorderly conduct, of which 32 identified one or another of three specific individuals. The calls for service on Gardenway/Spellman Overpass represented 0.3 percent of calls for service citywide.

One of the key issues recognized by those present is that if a crime happens to you, then the crime rate seems high no matter what the statistics say.

That being said, the crime statistics do not point to a crime wave pouring across the Spellman Overpass nor in Roosevelt Center.

Referring to the combined Spellman Overpass, Gardenway, Roosevelt Center area, Kemp indicated that there is possibly no where else in the State of Maryland where the amount of police resources is so out of proportion to the number of incidents.

Dan Hamlin also spoke to the perception issue, referencing an article in the September 24 Washington Post titled "In Judging Risk, Our Fears Are Often Misplaced." In the article Jennifer Lerner, a psychologist now at Harvard, determined that anger and fear bias people's estimates in opposite directions. Anger causes people to underestimate risks, as in road rage; while those who are afraid tend to overestimate risks. The events of 9/11 were recalled with the resulting fear of airline flights.

Another example was given by Hamlin, who told the story of how a few years ago shark attacks had captured the public imagination. He observed that the likelihood of his meeting death on the three-hour drive to the beach was significantly greater than his becoming a shark's victim while surfing.

No one at the meeting suggested that the local victims of vandalism or other crimes had faulty perceptions but rather noted how much time, money, effort and other measures are necessary to deal with an issue that, though real, is perhaps not as dire as our perceptions tell us it is.

Recommendations

Though their report needs to be approved by the CRAB and PSAC membership, participants arrived at the following recommendations: Do not close the Spellman Overpass, do not install a gate, straighten the path, fix holes in the fence, put in lights and possibly call boxes, improve the environmental design, clean up the area around the statue in Roosevelt Center, increase community policing, provide greater police presence and educate the community about all of the above.

CRAB and PSAC plan to submit their findings to City Council; then Council will decide upon which recommendations to implement.

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Auth. Debbie Cooley, Treasurer

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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. People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522.

Security Changes In County Schools

The annual statistical report of the Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) shows sharp declines in security incidents in the last school year.

Overall, the data reflects a nine-percent decrease in total school incidents reported during the 2006-2007 school year. Physical and verbal assaults between students decreased by seven percent while student assaultive behavior on teachers and administrators each dropped by more than 17 percent.

Active parents and engaged students who communicate with principals and school administrators help to resolve problems and avoid trouble according to Superintendent of Schools Dr. John E. Deasy, who added, "Every member of our community shares the responsibility for successful schools, and we appreciate the feedback we receive."

At the same time, the use of technology improvements and strong partnerships with law enforcement are utilized to maintain safe learning environments. Every high school has interior and exterior video surveillance, nearly half of middle schools have video surveillance and all newly constructed schools have surveillance video equipment. These tools contributed to a 30-percent decline in breaking-and-entering incidents.

New Technology

On the first day of school this year, PGCPS began a pilot program at Largo High School using security access technology. Students were issued identification badges which are scanned when they enter school each day. The technology assists schools with monitoring each building's entrance, student attendance is recorded and principals are able to generate correspondences to send parents regarding students' late arrivals and absences. It is anticipated that this program will be implemented in other county high schools as well.

M-NCPPC Celebrates Making a Difference

Make a Difference Day is a national day of doing good in the community. The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) Department of Parks and Recreation will participate in this program by sponsoring a clothing drive of new and/or gently used children's hats, scarves, mittens and gloves for the Prince George's County community.

The drive to collect articles of clothing ends October 22. Forty-five parks and recreation facilities throughout the county, including all community centers, are host sites.

The culminating event will be a 5K Fun/Run/Walk "For The Health Of It," to be held Saturday, October 20 at Watkins Regional Park, 301 Watkins Park Drive in Upper Marlboro. The scenic park trail is accessible.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with the walk/run starting at 9 a.m. The first 300 to register will receive a commemorative gift.

The event includes fun demos, skate mobiles, hand dancing and the Positive Pathways Pre-Teens program to help prevent juvenile diabetes.

For information call the Volunteer Services Office at 301-454-1484, TTY-301-454-1493 or visit the website at www.pgpcps.com.

Fall Foliage Bike Tour to Be Held on Oct. 27

The Anacostia Trails Fall Foliage Bike Ride & Tour will be held on Saturday, October 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The bike tour will begin and end at the historic Bladensburg Waterfront Park. The ride is jointly sponsored by Anacostia Trails Heritage Area, Inc. (ATHA), the County Executive's Office, the Oxon Hill Bicycle and Trail Club and other groups. The event promotes and encourages biking as a healthy lifestyle activity and as a viable form of transportation in the county.

The ride offers 10, 14 or 32 mile courses to accommodate all skill levels. The tour routes take participants through 300 years of Prince George's County history with planned stops at Riversdale Mansion, Lake Artemisia, College Park Aviation Museum, Greenbelt Historic District, Beltsville Agricultural Center and Montpelier Mansion.

State and local officials will participate in the day of cycling, sightseeing and after-ride barbecue. Activities for the day include walking tours, pontoon rides on the Anacostia River, bike safety clinics, food and entertainment. Participants will also have a chance to win a free bike. There is a registration fee for the day for adults (free for

children 12 and under), which includes a T-shirt and the after-ride barbecue.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with refreshments at Bladensburg Waterfront Park. Rides will leave at 9 a.m. and be led by experienced cyclists. Bike rentals will be available on a first-come, first-served basis at the park or by reserving in advance. For additional information and to pre-register for the ride visit www.anacostiatrials.org or call ATHA at 301-887-0777.

Mount Airy Mansion Hosts Fall Festival

Celebrate autumn at Mount Airy Mansion in Rosaryville State Park, Upper Marlboro on Saturday and Sunday, October 20 and 21. From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. enjoy tasting wine, cheese and Oktoberfest foods and beer. Craftsmen will demonstrate and sell their wares. There will be musical performances, hayrides, house tours and Napoleonic reenactments on horseback. Bring a mountain bike and participate in a trail ride hosted by M.O.R.E.

The mansion is located at 8714 Rosaryville Road in Upper Marlboro. Admission to the event is free. Call 301-856-1954 or visit www.mountairymansion.org for information or directions.

Patuxent Refuge Has Hikes for All Ages

At the North Tract, located on Route 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 32, there will be a Nature Hike on Sunday, October 21, 10 to 11:30 a.m. for ages 5 to 7. Discover fall changes on this interactive, exploratory hike. Identify trees, listen for migratory birds and just enjoy the outdoors with a naturalist.

The following programs will be held at the National Wildlife Visitor Center. Bird Walks will be on Tuesday, October 23, and Wednesday, October 31 from 8 to 10:30 a.m. for ages 16 and up. Search for birds in several refuge habitats on this guided hike. Field guides and binoculars recommended.

On Friday, October 26, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m. ages 3 and 4 can discover the wild webby world of the spider and learn how they help us through songs, stories and more in this fun program.

Programs require advance reservations, made by calling 301-497-5887. Visit the website at patuxent.fws.gov.

Author Explores Adoption Stories

An article on transracial adoption in Parade Magazine inspired Rhonda Roorda to begin interviewing young African-American adults like herself who were adopted during the late '60s and early '70s into white families. (Rhonda is the daughter of Greenbelter Marjorie Gray.)

The result was her first book, co-authored with American University professor Rita Simon - "In Their Own Voices: Transracial Adoptees Tell Their Stories" (Columbia University, 2000). Now Roorda and Simon have completed a second volume, "In Their Parent's Voices: Reflections on Raising Transracial Adoptees." They will be discussing and signing both books on Saturday, October 27 at 4 p.m., at Adoptions Together, 10230 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, and Sunday, October 28 at 1:30 p.m. at the Washington Christian Reformed Church, 5911 New Hampshire Ave., N.E., Washington, D.C. For more information call Marjorie Gray 301-474-6224 or email jimmarj@juno.com.



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During my Council tenure, Greenbelt has been a leader in limiting the impact of development and in preserving and advancing the environment. This has been especially true in the current Council term. We have stood up for responsible development in Greenbelt West, implemented our Forest Preserve, expanded recycling, relied more on natural gas city vehicles, & taken other positive steps.

MY PRIORITIES FOR THE NEXT COUNCIL TERM:

- ✓ Support the "Greener Greenbelt" initiative to help preserve and sustain our environmental legacy and quality of life.
- ✓ Complete the new Public Works building as a "green building."
- ✓ Improve the water quality in Attick Park lake.
- ✓ Improve the economic vitality of Roosevelt Center.
- ✓ Get State-acquired open space in the Metroland area transferred to the City.
- ✓ Continue to oppose the high-density proposal by the Springhill Lake owners while continuing to press for a rebuilt SHL that offers home ownership opportunities to its residents.

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QUESTION 3 continued from page 1

Of immediate concern is the recent crime increase on both sides of the Parkway overpass. This especially affects Greenbriar and the Gardenway area of GHI. I support surveillance cameras, an emergency call box, better lighting, and police bicycle patrols, and hope to avoid closing the overpass or limiting operating hours, due to all the people who use it.

I favor surveillance cameras in other locations also. Frankly, some Council candidates don't like cameras. Well, I don't like them either, but the question is not whether we like them but whether we need them. If in doubt, read the weekly News Review crime report.

I advocate hiring retired police to offset temporary manpower shortages and help patrol higher-crime areas. The salary and field support costs are about 40 percent less. The cost would be offset by normal officer attrition and reduced overtime costs.

I appreciate the recently renewed interest in neighborhood crime watch programs. However, people will be surprised to know we do not have an automated system to record and analyze crime statistics in our neighborhoods. The police have to construct reports by hand. We need to solve this problem and provide more targeted public information.

In general, my proposals would make a difference and would not be expensive.

Rodney Roberts



I would like Council to evaluate how we can redeploy our existing police resources to put more officers on patrol. I would

like to have more foot and bike patrols that target crime "hot spots" and work with our citizen crime watch groups. As funds become available, I would like to strengthen Greenbelt Cares. I would like to get ideas from our Youth Advisory Committee on additional recreational activities and job programs to target the 15-21 age group.

Ruth Kastner



Crime tends to increase with increasing urbanization and its population pressure. Therefore, we need to resist high-density development. Since crime is also

correlated with public disenchantment and inequity, we also need to oppose poorly compensated giveaways of public land (such as the Springhill Lake Elementary School property sought by AIMCO, the current owners of Springhill Lake). Saying "No" to overly dense development propos-

als and transfers of valuable publicly-owned land to wealthy landowners costs the city no money. We need to be more insistent about safeguarding Greenbelt's interests when dealing with developers like AIMCO who have a less than stellar track record in demonstrating genuine concern for the well-being of their tenants.

We also need to increase community cohesiveness, and we need to let all Greenbelt youth know that they are needed and wanted in the community. In addition, prospective new residents should be welcomed, not as sources of tax revenue, but as valued members of the community. People who feel genuinely valued by the community are unlikely to act against it.

As far as the immediate concerns with Spellman overpass, we can take several steps (in order of increasing intervention): step up police patrols in the area, increase lighting, install cameras. In talking to Greenbelt East residents I find much objection to the idea of a gate. Many residents say they regularly use the overpass to get to Roosevelt center and other amenities. A gate should be used only as a last resort (if a sound basis for its effectiveness can be provided), only with citizen consent, and only if it can be opened by remote control.

Kelly Ivy



These are programs already in place that the community can take advantage of. Cameras need to be placed in "hotspots" in

the Community. Cameras are on duty 24 hours a day. The cost of a camera, between \$4,000 and \$5,000 is much less than the cost of a Police officer. Safety is our #1 priority. We need to reorganize and restructure city departments to find the money. Raising taxes is not an option.

Konrad Herling



Working in concert with our citizens and police department, we need to explore alternative strategies to reduce crime fur-

ther than we have. I am pleased that we have reduced the overall crime of approximately 25 percent over the last five years, but to improve further in this area, I advocate:

* more of our officers' time be spent walking and/or bicycling the streets, providing a greater "cop on the beat" presence.

* all homeowner associations and rental companies assess their current lighting and establish a plan to brighten areas which

require lighting or enhanced lighting.

* the city assess lighting needs for our underpasses and overpass as well. These sights should be highlighted as the bright, inviting connections they were intended to be. Greater police presence should be part of the equation on both sides of the bridge.

* Wise application of cameras – a tool of last resort, they are helpful in prosecuting criminals. Call boxes, as requested by the Public Safety Advisory Committee, should be made more available in "hot spots."

* Citizen creation of more neighborhood watch programs, which have given us more "eyes on the street." In conjunction with this program, I encourage each court or block or condo/apartment building to develop a neighborhood program to welcome new residents, promote community activities, and use "Greenbelt Alert" to communicate the latest information regarding emergencies such as weather power outages with our neighbors.

* Bring the "teen club" back, appropriately supervised by adults. The Arts Center and City should produce more teen variety shows, such as the one Chris Cherry and Steve Brodd put together last August, as well as teen theater.

Each one of us needs to be involved in our community. It will make us a safer, stronger community. It will help keep Greenbelt the great community it is.

Leta Mach



While statistics show that crime is decreasing in Greenbelt, any crime is reprehensible. Greenbelt, unfortunately, is not

immune to the ills of modern society. Recently, the truth of this has been demonstrated by an increased concern about crime in the center city.

A report on this will soon be coming from the Public Safety, Community Relations and Youth Advisory Committees. I look forward to the report. In the meantime, Council has made several decisions that can help fight crime. We have budgeted for two call boxes – these need to be installed. We have budgeted \$20,000 for public safety improvements to the Spellman Overpass. Pending the forthcoming joint committee report, these funds could be used for additional surveillance cameras such as the recently installed Roosevelt Center cameras. Better lighting and improved landscape/environmental design are also possibilities.

Geographically, most crime occurs in Greenbelt West. Our

public/private partnership with Springhill Lake management provides for a community police officer in the complex. We should explore adding another. We also have a similar partnership with Beltway Plaza. To stay ahead of public safety needs with potential development in Greenbelt West, our agreements with developers there provide that they pay for additional police officers. Plans for a rebuilt Springhill Lake also focus on crime prevention.

City-wide we need to improve technology and update police resources. This includes laptops for police cruisers, better records management and retrieval and moving forward with a joint communications center with four nearby cities. Grants have been received for part of this. We can continue looking for more grants. Also, a joint center can reduce expenses.

Finally, we need to restore public confidence. Community policing, bike patrols and foot patrols, school resource officers (paid by the county) with DARE and GREAT programs as well as Neighborhood Watches will help with this.

Judith F. Davis



Greenbelt has a dedicated, effective police force. Through tax dollars and grants, our officers are well

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that officers be cut or any service curtailed. Public Safety is budgeted for 41.8 percent, nearly \$10 million, of City expenditures.

Efficient deployment of officers and expanded use of bike and foot patrols will increase police presence and personal contact. Judicious use of surveillance cameras in high crime areas can augment public safety, but should not replace regular patrols. The City should buy Pepco lights by the Spellman Overpass to provide better, brighter service. Officers need more durable in-car laptops. A fully computerized incident reporting system is a top priority. A Computer Aided Dispatch system, sharing personnel and cost with other local police departments, must be explored further. Dispatcher retention and improved training must be addressed. Council must lobby vigorously for the passage of State speed camera legislation next session.

Many improvements can be incorporated within budget. Others need to be phased in to control costs or be covered by grants, though this revenue source is drying up, especially at the Federal level. Our share of County funds decreased due to the creation of the Bowie Police Department.

Citizens continually express support for our Police Department and for the need to retain and attract officers with salaries and benefits commensurate with other local police agencies. There are no financial shortcuts to community safety. However, if more citizens volunteer to be the "eyes and ears" for our police, to join neighborhood watches and report crimes, our police will be even more effective.

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BARC Director Updates Council on Facility

by Barbara Hopkins

BARC, the Henry A. Wallace Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, is an important neighbor for Greenbelt because of the green buffer and employment opportunities it provides, said Mayor Judith Davis, speaking at a stakeholder's worksession the Greenbelt City Council held with BARC Director Dr. Phyllis Johnson on September 17. At this worksession Johnson said that together BARC and the Patuxent Wildlife Research Refuge form the largest area of open green space between Boston and Charlotte.

She updated council on highlights of activity at the facility, first informing council that BARC had not made the final cut to be considered the site for the National Bio- and Agro-Defense Facility proposed by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). She said the "vigor" of an area's scientific community was an important element in that selection but that DHS officials had considered this area's scientific opportunities so rich that they feared problems in attracting scientists away from competing facilities to work at the new one.

Fiscal Problems

Davis said there are always concerns in Greenbelt that the fiscal situation at BARC could lead to federal decisions that might result in increased development at BARC. She asked about rumors that private contractors could begin setting up businesses within BARC.

Johnson explained that at this time the Department of Agriculture does not have Enhanced Use Lease Authority that could allow such an outcome but it could be granted in the farm bill proposed by Congress. Johnson allayed some of council's fears by adding that she does not foresee increased office space nor commercial ventures at BARC.

Instead, she envisions use of BARC space by private enterprises in work consistent with BARC's research mission. Some source of additional funding is

needed, she said, because the federal budget allocation has been flat for several years and she does not see any change in that for the near future.

Johnson added that at this time last year about one-third of BARC's research projects were "in the red." Budget short-falls led to a re-organization and staff downsizing last winter with about 65 retirements over and above the normal rate. She said the doctoral staff has diminished by over one-third since 1989 and the rate is roughly the same for staff reductions over all. She expressed concerns that BARC could eventually find it difficult to sustain its operations.

Therefore, it is necessary, she said, to find other ways to meet costs for conducting its business, which she considers very important, in part because of its broad spectrum and the multidisciplinary nature of its research. She noted that university professors must compete for grants, which she believes discourages collaboration.

Johnson expressed appreciation for the efforts of a new alliance of businesses and other non-governmental entities devoted to supporting and publicizing BARC's research and educational activities.

Research Update

Johnson pointed out the important role the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) plays in the country's agricultural and horticultural industries. She cited Roma tomatoes and lactose-free milk as two examples of BARC's contribution to public life. She noted that staff at the National Arboretum, also part of ARS,

helped save the cherry trees at the Tidal Basin by succeeding in the difficult process of establishing new trees from cuttings taken from older, dying cherry trees.

As an example of recent contributions Johnson is excited about, she described how BARC scientists are revolutionizing the dairy industry by reducing the time it takes to assess the genetic value of bulls from five years or more to just days through a DNA assay that should be available before the end of the year. This will lower the cost of such an assessment from \$50,000 to \$200 and thereby help keep down the cost of milk.

Another important area of research she mentioned involved using feathers, a waste byproduct of the poultry industry, to create biodegradable flower pots. These could be used by the horticulture industry to replace the plastic planters that currently create a disposal problem.

In response to a question from Councilmember Rodney Roberts about global warming and drought research, Johnson said BARC studies on heat stress may be applied to climate change. She said that increased atmospheric carbon dioxide promotes the growth rate of weeds, which increases the amount of pollen and affects public life.

Increased carbon dioxide, she added, also has positive effects on plant and animal life. In response to another question from council, Johnson said that BARC does not compete with the private sector by selling its edible produce but instead donates it to Food for Others.

Greenbelter Probes for Exotic Matter

Using European and Japanese/NASA X-ray satellites, Goddard astronomers have seen Einstein's predicted distortion of space-time around three neutron stars and in doing so they have pioneered a groundbreaking technique for determining the properties of these ultradense objects.

Neutron stars contain the most dense observable matter in the universe. Astronomers use these collapsed stars as natural laboratories to study how tightly matter can be crammed under the most extreme pressures that nature can offer.

"This is fundamental physics," says Greenbelter Sudip Bhattacharyya of NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center and the University of Maryland, College Park. "There could be exotic kinds of particles or states of matter, such as quark matter, in the centers of neutron stars, but it's impossible to create them in the lab. The only way to find out is to understand neutron stars."

To address this mystery, scientists must precisely measure the diameters and masses of neutron stars. In two concurrent studies, one with the European Space Agency's XMM-Newton X-ray Observatory and the other with the

Japanese/NASA Suzaku X-ray observatory, astronomers have taken a big step forward.

The warping of space-time by the neutron star's powerful gravity, an effect of Einstein's general theory of relativity, shifts the neutron star's iron line to longer wavelengths.

"We've seen these asymmetric lines from many black holes, but this is the first confirmation that neutron stars can produce them as well. It shows that the way neutron stars accrete matter is not very different from that of black holes and it gives us a new tool to probe Einstein's theory," says Tod Strohmayer, a colleague of Bhattacharyya.

This relativistic iron line observed around three neutron stars helped establish a new technique and improve the task of measuring the mass and diameter of such a star.

Besides using these iron lines to test Einstein's general theory of relativity, astronomers can probe conditions in the inner part of a neutron star's accretion disk.

The XMM-Newton paper appeared in the August 1 Astrophysical Journal Letters. The Suzaku paper has been submitted for later publication in the same journal.

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