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## Community Forum on Changes Proposed for PreK – 8 Schools

by Joan Whelan

In a presentation that for some raised more questions than it answered, Dr. William Hite, deputy superintendent of education for Prince George's County, sought community input for a proposed move to a pre-kindergarten to grade 8 configuration in a number of elementary schools in the county.

In a community forum at Eleanor Roosevelt High School on November 5, Hite outlined the broad strokes of the proposed plan in a presentation entitled Promoting Academic Success Through Programmatic Enhancements and Boundary Adjustments.

Each of the three scenarios outlined in the proposal envision Greenbelt Elementary as a PK-8 neighborhood school while Magnolia and Springhill Lake Elementary schools would be PK-5 neighborhood schools feeding into Greenbelt Middle School.

### County Changes

Depending on the scenario, between 21 and 39 schools across the county would become PK-8 neighborhood schools, and another five to seven schools would

### County Schools Format Update

At the Board of Education meeting on November 12, Superintendent John Deasy presented – for discussion only – a modified proposed plan for some schools differing from what was proposed at the Community Forum on November 5. In this version the school system will apply more rigorous standards for schools eligible for switching to pre-kindergarten to grade 8. Under the new standards Greenbelt Elementary (along with a few other schools) would not be eligible and would not make the switch. GES would be PK-5 instead and flow into Greenbelt Middle School. At the board meeting Deasy also outlined proposed timing for the implementation of the plan which would be carried out in stages and would not impact this part of the county for three to five years.

Deasy obtained consent for this revised plan to be presented formally to the school board at its December meeting.

become PK-8 dedicated or magnet schools offering Montessori, language immersion or performing arts focused education. It was not clear whether the Robert Goddard Montessori and French Immersion PK-8 programs, currently housed on the same site, would receive dedicated sites under the plan.

PK-6 schools would be phased out entirely with remaining elementary schools – between 91-103 depending on the scenario

– transitioning to a PK-5 configuration instead. Meanwhile all remaining middle schools would be expanded from grades 7-8 to include grade 6 as well.

### Concept Not Plan

Highlighting the proposed plan's more efficient matching of school children to available seats to reduce overcrowding, Hite conceded the proposal is lacking in detail. He clarified for the

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## Five Incumbents Reelected To Council, Take their Seats

by James Giese

The 36th Greenbelt City Council took office on Monday, November 11. All members had also served for the previous two years – Judith Davis, Rodney Roberts, Konrad Herling, Edward Putens and Leta Mach. After the Greenbelt City Clerk certified the final count for the election and the winners thereof, Davis, as former mayor, administered the oath of office to the new council.

As required by the city charter, the new council's first order of business was to select one of its members as mayor. Upon the motion of Rodney Roberts, council unanimously elected Davis as mayor for her sixth term. Roberts was again elected as mayor pro tem. Clerk of the Seventh Judicial Circuit Court Peggy Margee administered the oath of office to Davis.

O. B. Pinkney, municipal liaison for County Executive Jack Johnson, attended the brief ceremony. A small group of well-wishers also was present. Following the meeting, which lasted about half an hour, a celebration cake and refreshments were served.

Each councilmember, beginning with Davis, made a brief statement during the meeting. All thanked their campaign workers and the citizens who voted in the election. They expressed

appreciation for the hospitality received and comments made by residents as the candidates campaigned around town knocking on doors.

The two unsuccessful candidates, Ruth Kastner and Kelly Ivy, were also commended for their participation in the campaign with Mach expressing the hope that there would be even more challengers the next time around.

### Mayor's Remarks

Davis gave special recognition to the Board of Elections, City Clerk Kathleen Gallagher and the election judges and workers for running a smooth election. She also thanked the media for giving the candidates the opportunity to express themselves on city issues.

Davis said some people had criticized her for doing too much as mayor. She said she had the time and energy to go the extra mile in her job. "If my being active has raised the bar for whoever may become mayor, that will be a good thing," she said.

She said she had expected to hear a good deal of citizen expression about taxes as she campaigned door to door. While there were such expressions, she said there was more concern

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### ICC Given Go Ahead

U.S. District Judge Alexander Williams, Jr., ruled on November 7 that the Inter-county Connector had been satisfactorily reviewed and approved by the Environmental Protection Agency and Federal Highway Administration. He denied the appeals made by the Audubon Naturalist Society and other environmental groups. Maryland Transportation Secretary John Porcari announced that construction would begin shortly on the \$4.2 billion project.

### What Goes On

**Friday, November 16 1 to 7 p.m.**, Blood Drive, Community Center  
**Monday, November 19 8 p.m.**, City Council Work-session re: Planning for City Goals, Municipal Building (Live on Channel 71)  
**Thursday, November 22 9 a.m.**, Registration Begins at 8 a.m. at Greenbelt Youth Center, 5-K Race and 1-1/2 Mile Fun Run/Walk  
**Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23** City and GHI Offices Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

## American Education Week November 11 to 17, 2007

In a celebration of American education these columns will continue to tell the stories of selected teachers from the schools that service the Greenbelt community. Last week Greenbelt Elementary School teachers were featured; this week readers will get a glimpse inside St. Hugh's School and Greenbelt Nursery School.

In coming weeks there will be stories from Greenbelt Middle School, Eleanor Roosevelt High School and Springhill Lake and Magnolia Elementary Schools.

## Van Den Bossche Instills Love of Learning in Pupils

by Jeanette Der Bedrosian

Margo Van Den Bossche, a third grade teacher at St. Hugh's School, pointed to a poster in her classroom that reads, "You may never make a discovery if you're afraid to make mistakes." The poster, which has a picture of a light bulb on it, teaches an important lesson on failure, Van Den Bossche said.

"Thomas Edison . . . didn't make the light bulb the very first time he tried. He kept working at it, and every time he made a mistake, every time it blew up, he learned something different from it," she said. "We learn sometimes better from our mistakes than we do from our successes."

Van Den Bossche, who has taught at St. Hugh's for just over six years and is in her fourth year of teaching the third grade, said the willingness to make mistakes is something that she tries to teach her students. Beyond this, she said she tries to instill a love for learning and an optimism for



Margo Van Den Bossche

the future within her students.

A lifelong learner herself, Van Den Bossche has taken courses at the University of Evansville in Indiana, Augusta State University in Georgia, Trinity College in the District of Columbia and the

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## St. Hugh's Teacher Helps Students to Love Science

by Jeanette Der Bedrosian

St. Hugh's teacher Marjorie Sparks said she heard a knock on her door at 10 p.m. one night. When she opened the door, she saw a group of her eighth graders arguing over constellations, a subject they were in the middle of learning in Sparks' class. They needed her to settle the argument, she said.

"Middle school children are on that cusp of going from very concrete knowledge to a little more abstract," she said of her sixth, seventh and eighth grade students. "Watching them going through that process and starting to think for themselves, not just accepting everything you say as gospel but taking it in and then applying it somewhere, is really very rewarding," she said.

Sparks, who teaches science and social studies to these middle schoolers, has taught at St. Hugh's for 23 years, something Principal Christopher Trott said is a testament to her dedication to the school and community.



Marjorie Sparks

"She's been through thick and thin with the school. She knows the school in and out," he said, noting that Sparks is someone he turns to when he needs information about the school.

In her long tenure at the  
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# Letters to the Editor

## THANKS

Thank you to all the artists who participated in the Labor Day Art Show, the Public Works crew who delivered the display boards again this year and the staff of the Community Center for their assistance.

*Barbara Simon for the Labor Day Festival Art Shows*

## Greenbelt Wildlife

Pardon me if I pop a few buttons and boast, even though I did nothing to earn what I consider a distinction. There was a coyote circling my home at high noon on Friday, November 9. This is my city home on Fayette Place, just off Greenhill, not some country cabin.

Sitting in the living room reading in front of the picture window, out of the corner of my eye I saw "something large" trotting from the bedroom side of my home over the lawn to the sidewalk. I immediately stood up and stared as my jaw dropped. This was not a dog. If eyes can pop out of their sockets, then mine did.

From the sidewalk it turned onto my driveway and continued through the wooden gate propped slightly open. I followed it by way of dining room and kitchen windows. As I reached the back porch it was romping through my back yard. It circled the pond and then exited through the gate secured by a pitifully stretched bungee cord. Down the culvert, up the other side, disappearing into the wooded area.

No way this was a fox, red or gray. No bushy tail. I've seen and watched fox before. It was tall. Tail dark and hung down during the entire romp. Legs tan. Body blackish with some red and white. Eyes were piercing and face very narrow and long.

Although I'll now be more alert when in my yard and neighborhood, I feel privileged to add coyote to my rabbit, possum, raccoon and red fox visitors. I once had lake ducks and the great blue heron visit, too.

*Sue Krofchik*

## THANKS

The friends and family of the David Craig Memorial Scholarship Fund (DCMSF) would like to thank the Greenbelt Tennis Association (GTA) for their generous donation from the annual David Craig Tennis Tournament. The GTA has been a wonderful supporter both financially and physically for years and we greatly appreciate the visibility they give us each fall with their tournament and funding. A big thanks to Bill Wilkerson and Emmett Jordan, along with the entire membership.

The scholarship, which is awarded every May in David's memory, is given to a senior from Eleanor Roosevelt High School. With the gifts we receive from individuals and organizations we are currently disbursing \$10,000. The fund is a nonprofit corporation and all gifts are tax deductible. The fund is recognized by the United Way Program #14153. Those who would like to support the fund may send donations to P.O. Box 761, Greenbelt, MD 20768.

The Greenbelt Recreation Department was again involved with providing the fund with a donation from the David Craig home run hitting contest, which is a yearly part of the Labor Day Softball Tournament. This year's contest raised \$80 as the players participating contribute to the fund and a 50/50 payout is given to the winner and second place finisher. The 2007 Home Run Champion was Butch Reed with 5 (B.O.D) and runner up was Danny Taylor with 4 (Remingtons). Third place went to local Greenbelter Scott Lubeby, who led most of the way with 3.

We thank the recreation staffers for their support in this event and feel blessed that we can provide educational assistance to today's young scholars.

The DCMSF was established in 1984 and has been awarding a scholarship to one recipient every year since. David's memory is going strong with several past recipients now serving on the board

of directors and the fund granting a \$2,500 payout for four years for a total of \$10,000 in college tuition assistance.

A big thank you to the Greenbelt community for making this possible.

*Doug Mangum,  
President DCMSF*

## THANKS

With the election behind us, I would like to take this time to recognize all those who voted in the election – every vote counts. During the campaign, I appreciated meeting and talking with many citizens and hearing your thoughts and concerns. Thank you to everyone who supported me in my re-election to City Council. I promise to work hard, listen attentively and always consider and act in the best interests of the city. The spirit of Greenbelt is great and together we can make it better.

*Leta Mach*

## Holiday Deadline Monday, Nov. 19

As with all of us, the printing facility that prints the paper will be giving thanks on Thanksgiving Day next Thursday, November 22. Therefore the paper will have to be completed one day early.

Next week's deadline is Monday, November 19. All ads, articles, photos, contributions need to be submitted early and must reach us no later than Monday to be included in next week's issue. Any material received after Monday evening will be held for the November 29 issue.

The office will be open only on Monday, November 19 from 2 to 4 and 8 to 10 p.m.

Please help assure the Thanksgiving holiday issue of the paper contains all the news and messages needed by the community – send Thanksgiving Week materials as soon as possible, definitely no later than Monday.

## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

### WEEK OF NOV. 16

#### MICHAEL CLAYTON (R)

Friday  
\*5, 7:30, 9:50

Saturday  
\*2:30, \*5, 7:30, 9:50

Sunday  
\*2:30, \*5, 7:30

Monday – Tuesday  
\*5, 7:30

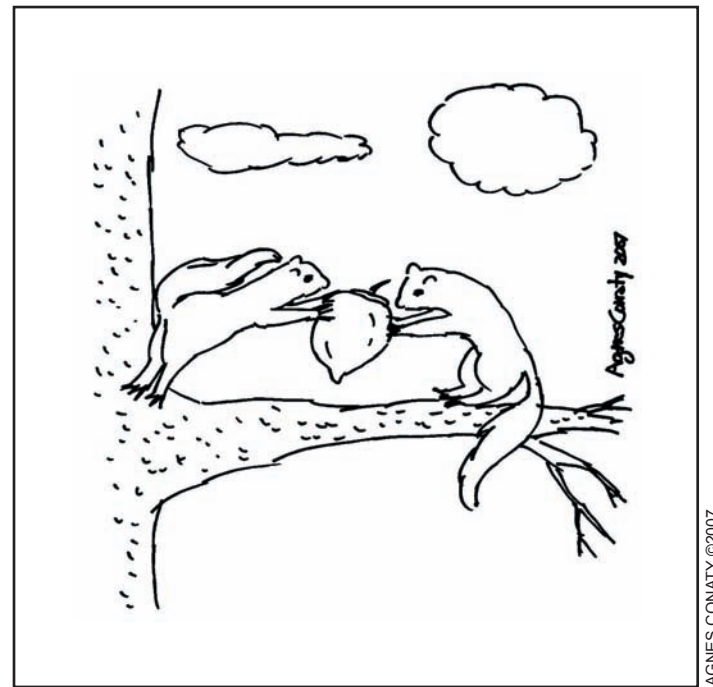
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#### NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (R)

Wednesday – Thursday  
\*5, 7:30, 9:50

\*These shows at \$6.00  
301-474-9744 • 301-474-9745  
129 Centerway  
www.pgtheatres.com

## Grin Belt



"I'm saving this giant acorn for Grandma's Thanksgiving pie . . . ."

## On Screen

### Dark, Amusing Coen Tale

Ethan and Joel Coens' latest movie is a screen adaptation of the Cormac McCarthy novel, "No Country for Old Men." Josh Brolin is a hunter who happens across corpses, cash and heroin near Texas' border with Mexico – and walks off with the cash. Javier Bardem and Woody Harrelson are hit men sent by the drug lords to recover their money and Tommy Lee Jones is the sheriff on the case.

This tale is as dark as any the Coen brothers have told but McCarthy's dialogue provides some of the comedic leavening you'd expect from the makers of " Fargo." Still, the film earns its R rating with extremely graphic violence; runtime is 122 minutes.

– Cathy Jones

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

## Ways to Identify a Coyote

- Black tip on end of tail distinguishes it from a fox;
- Coyotes let their tails hang down, unlike dogs which carry their tails out or curled up over their backs;
- In our area coyotes should be about 25 to 30 pounds, about the size of a mid-size dog;
- Coyote stools are ropy with lots of hair and bones;
- Coyote paw prints are oval with two front claw marks showing, while dog prints are more circular;
- Coyotes walk in a straight line, unlike dogs which tend to walk less straight.



## NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

### LEAF BAGS AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME

FREE paper leaf bags will again be available to GHI members at the GHI main office during regular business hours on a first-come, first-served basis.

NOTE: SPECIAL SATURDAY HOURS: Bags will be distributed from garage #6 on 3 Court of Eastway Saturdays in November from 9 AM - 1:00 PM:

**November 17 • November 24**

Curbside leaf removal by the City is not available to GHI members. Leaves must be in paper bags or bins labeled YARD WASTE and placed in members' service side yards along with regular trash and recycling materials.



# Community Events



## Coming Events At New Deal Café

by Bill Muney

On Friday, November 16 from 8 to 10:45 p.m., "3 Piece Suit" will perform From Folk to Rock. They are a versatile group ranging from original folk compositions in the traditional manner to original rock from the Grateful Dead to Jimi Hendrix.

On Saturday, November 17 something big is happening: a special concert by "I Love You and I Miss You" Productions will present "not another Robfest." A full house is expected.

From 7 to 7:30 p.m., "Least Common Denominator," a powerful acoustic instrumental duo, combines rhythms from all over the world into a danceable fusion of guitar and African djembe.

From 7:45 to 8:45 p.m. enjoy "Sense of Wonder," a WAMMIE-nominated and SAW Mid-Atlantic Songwriting contest-winning group. "There's purity and simplicity in Rick and Audrey's acoustic folk songs, a genuine sweetness that is neither sappy nor trite. It's feel-good music with nice harmonies and in this case, that is more than enough!" says C|Net (Download.com)

### Editor's Pick

"The Honest Mistakes," a four-piece pop act playing original rock songs, coated in three part harmonies and lyrical trickery will perform from 9 to 10 p.m.

On stage from 10:15 to 11:30 p.m. will be iLyAIMY, a WAMMIE-nominated and multiple award-winning act declared "A bone-rattling acoustic act . . . with driving lyrical force, then male/female harmonies that lock in, lift, drop and pull . . . And then slow it down and rip you open" says On Tap Magazine.

For more information call 301-474-5642 or visit [www.newdealcafe.com](http://www.newdealcafe.com) to see what the New Deal Café has to offer.

## Postal Services Available



Limited postal services are now available in the Municipal Building

Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## 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. Information for the coming week follows:

Monday – All sites closed. Training day.

Tuesday – Creamy broccoli soup, vegetable lasagna, field green salad with tomatoes, chick peas, onions, cucumbers and dressing, peach supreme.

Wednesday – Orange juice, meatballs with stroganoff gravy, wide egg noodles, chopped spinach, mixed fruit cup.

Thursday and Friday – All sites closed for Thanksgiving.

## At the Library

### Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories:

Tuesday, November 20, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, November 21, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddletime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children.

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

## Astronomical Society Holds Star Parties

On Saturday, November 17 Astronomical Society members will hold a star party at Northway Field. On Sunday, November 18 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 4:45 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](http://www.greenbeltastro.org/events_shtml).

## Parade, Toy Drive At Beltway Plaza

Beltway Plaza and the Greenbelt Lions Club 16th annual toy drive kicks off Saturday, November 17 at 2 p.m. in front of the mall.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive by fire engine, ringing in the holiday season. Other invited guests for the parade include the Redskinettes, the Misses Greenbelt, Bowie State band, local elected officials Delegates Tawanna Gaines, Justin Ross and Mayor Judith Davis. Following the parade there will be a variety of entertainment inside the mall including face painting, balloon sculpting and a magic show. The Redskinettes will sign autographs. Children can visit and get pictures taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus and costumed characters will also be available to meet and pose for photos.

Toys will be collected in the bright green and red toy box off Center Court until Monday, December 24. The goal is to again collect over \$20,000 worth of new toys to be distributed to families, orphanages, churches and hospitals.

## Chemical Dependency Help Is Available

Chemically Dependent Anonymous (CDA) can help people who are at risk over the holidays. Meeting times and locations are available by calling 888-CDA-HOPE (888-232-4673) or visiting the CDA website [www.cdaweb.org](http://www.cdaweb.org).

The meetings closest to Greenbelt are the Sunday Fun Bunch Group on Sundays at 6 p.m. at the Greenbelt Step Club, 155 Centerway; Cellar Dwellers on Tuesdays at noon at the Greenbelt Step Club; CDA Women's Meeting on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at Greenbelt Community Church, 1 Hillside Road; and Happy Hour Group on Fridays at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Step Club.

## Smell Gas?

(Sulfur or rotten eggs)

Call Washington

Gas Light

800-752-7520

or 911

Our sympathy to the family of longtime Greenbelt resident Lillian Williams, who died November 6, 2007, at the age of 91. She would have been 92 in December. Mrs. Williams lived at Green Ridge House for almost 20 years; more recently, she had been at the Lutheran Home. In 1991, when her grandsons Michael and Eric Stern moved from Greenbelt, Mrs. Williams took over the boys' Greenbelt News Review route and delivered the paper to Lakewood residents for more than 10 years. Her daughter Tamara told how much her mother enjoyed and looked forward to that job; she always made sure the paper was delivered on Friday mornings.

Greenbelters were saddened to learn of the death of Bob Bicknell, Sr., on August 26, 2007, in Leonardtown. When Mr. Bicknell lived here he worked at Berwyn Sunoco and coached Greenbelt's Little League, Babe Ruth Baseball and Boys Club Basketball for 24 years.

Congratulations to former Greenbelter Alfonso Geiger and Eleanor Friend, who married on Saturday, November 10, 2007, in the chapel at Riderwood.

Happy 95th birthday to longtime Greenbelter Jean D'Esposito, now of Green Ridge House. Mrs. D'Esposito and her late husband George moved to 13-Q Ridge Road in the early 1940s. There was a gala family celebration on November 11, the actual birthday date, at the Lakewood home of

Jean's daughter Mary Ann Hawk. Son Stephen D'Esposito also lives in Greenbelt.

Congratulations and best wishes to Fred and Dorothy Baluch, who celebrated their 60 years of marriage at a November 10 party in the Greenbelt Community Center. All eight children and many friends attended. The Baluchs lived in Greenbelt for 30 years before moving to their farm in Freeport, Ohio, in 1986. They were married June 14, 1947, in Youngstown, Ohio. The couple will be staying with family in Greenbelt for several more months.

It's a new grandson for Paula and Bob Luddy of Lastner Lane. Colin Joseph Luddy made his appearance October 8, 2007, at Greater Baltimore Medical Center. He weighed in at 7 lbs. 5 oz. His parents are Shawn and Valerie Luddy, who live in Bel Air. Shawn grew up on Lastner Lane and graduated from Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Colin joins 4-year-old brother Kyle. Uncle Scott currently lives in Durham, N.C., with his wife Cindy, 11-year-old Troy and 4-year-old Kate.

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](mailto:newsreview@greenbelt.com) or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

## BCWWG Meets

Come participate in the November meeting of the Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group (BCWWG) on Tuesday, November 20 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the library of the Greenbelt Elementary School, at 66 Ridge Road.

Among the topics to be discussed will be updates on the fish habitat building last weekend, macro-invertebrate testing equipment and plans, recent developments in the ICC, as well as the past week's Town Hall meeting on climate change.

In addition, BCWWG will consider plans for the winter and next year's meeting schedule. Everyone interested in the local environment is invited to contribute.

## Maryland Art Gallery Interdigitate Exhibit

The Art Gallery at the University of Maryland will present a new exhibit, "Interdigitate," which will run through December 8. Interdigitate features new work by Vienna, Va., artist Yuriko Yamaguchi. The exhibition brings together five major site-specific installations that represent a dramatic shift in the artist's practice.

Regular gallery hours are Monday to Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Wednesday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The exhibition is free and open to the public. The Art Gallery is wheelchair accessible and translation for the hearing impaired can be provided with advance notice.

For information call 301-405-2763 or [www.artgallery.umd.edu](http://www.artgallery.umd.edu).

## GREENBELT ARTS CENTER SEEKING DIRECTORS 2008-2009 SEASON

The Greenbelt Arts Center is seeking Show Submittals for the 2008-2009 season, which will run from August 2008 through July 2009. **The deadline is December 30.**

Please review the Play Submission Information (<http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org/playsubmission.asp>) on the website, which includes links to the submission forms in PDF and Microsoft Word.

Visit [www.greenbeltartscenter.org](http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org) or call (301)-447-8770 x 7



Don't forget to bring a new Toy!!

## Beltway Plaza Mall and the Greenbelt Lions HOLIDAY PARADE AND TOY DRIVE

Saturday, November 17

2 pm

at Beltway Plaza Mall

Target, Value City Dept. Store, Burlington Coat Factory, Giant Food, Gallo Clothing, Marshall's, Academy Stadium Theatres, Planet Fun, Gold's Gym, Jo-Ann Fabrics, CVS

6000 Greenbelt Rd., Greenbelt, MD 20770 301-345-1500

[www.beltwayplazamall.com](http://www.beltwayplazamall.com)





# Obituaries

## Robert Bicknell, Sr.

Former Greenbelter Robert James "Bob" Bicknell, Sr., 71, of Leonardtown, Md., died on August 26, 2007, in St. Mary's Hospital.

Born March 15, 1936 in Washington, D.C., he was the son of the late Roy Nelson and Helen Louise Sutherland Bicknell.

A graduate of Bladensburg High School "Class of 1955," Mr. Bicknell moved to St. Mary's County from Greenbelt in June 1992. He also lived in Riverdale. He was employed as a mechanic for Berwyn Sunoco in College Park.

For 24 years he coached Little League, Babe Ruth baseball and Boys Club basketball for the City of Greenbelt. He was the number one fan of the Dallas Cowboys.

On July 9, 1955, he married Bertie Jane Jackson at St. Francis Xavier Church, St. George's Island, Md.

An infant son, Joseph Andrew Bicknell, preceded him in death.

He is survived by his son Robert James Bicknell, Jr., of Mechanicsville and daughter Sandra Jane Bicknell Guin of Summerdale, Ala.; sister Patty Lee Nicro; grandchildren Joseph C. Mascio, Thomas J. Mascio, Kelli Mascio Powell and Mellisa Bicknell Adams; great-grandchildren, Andrew Adams, Skylar and Kailyn Powell.

A mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, August 31, 2007 at Holy Face Catholic Church, Great Mills, Md. Interment followed in St. George's Catholic Cemetery, Valley Lee, Md. Pallbearers were Thomas, J. Mascio, George E. McKay, Jr., George E. McKay, Sr., Donald J. Hoyt and Loren T. Hoyt. Honorary pallbearers were Mellisa Adams, Joseph C. Mascio and Kelli M. Powell.



## NAMI Support Group Meets November 19

The Prince George's Chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) will hold a meeting of the New Carrollton Area Support Group on Monday, November 19, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Hanco Building at Beckett Field, 8511 Legation Road in New Carrollton. This supportive work group prepares the mailing and performs other volunteer tasks while sharing mental health experiences and each other's challenges and solutions. For more information call Marge Owens at 301-345-1572.



**Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS**

Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building

## St. Hugh Cantor Performs at Clarice Smith

Andrew Adelsberger, head cantor at St. Hugh Catholic Church, will be singing in the world premiere of "Later the Same Evening - An Opera Inspired by the Paintings of Edward Hopper." The opera, in English, is at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at the University of Maryland (UM) this weekend. There is a fee. There will also be a free performance at the National Gallery of Art on December 2.

The opera focuses on five of Hopper's paintings, imagining the lives of the figures in the paintings and connecting them on one evening in New York City in 1932. For those familiar with Hopper's works, Adelsberger sings the role of Gus O'Neil,

the man reading the newspaper in "Room in New York." The opera is a joint project of the UM School of Music, the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center and the National Gallery which currently is offering a comprehensive exhibition of Hopper's work through January 21.

Adelsberger is a graduate of Catholic University's School of Music and is currently working on his master's degree in opera performance with the Maryland Opera Studio at UM. He has been affiliated with St. Hugh for five years. In addition to his cantoring, he is the bass section leader in the church choir. Adelsberger performs regularly in the area.

## Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

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



Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community



**November 18, 10 a.m.**

"Holy Horcrux: Touching Souls"  
by Barbara W. ten Hove, co-minister,  
with Michael Leger and Marilyn Pearl, worship associates

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

## Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt



Open heart, Open minds, Open doors  
www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410



Rev. Dr. Paul C. Kim, Pastor

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

*Come as you are!*

## ST. HUGH OF GRENABLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
301-474-4322



**Mass Schedule:**

**Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.**

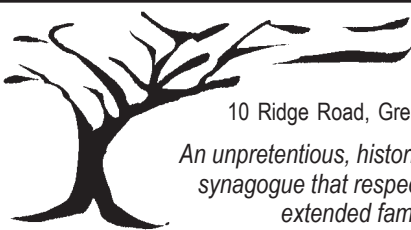
**Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.**

**Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.**

**Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.**

**Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe**

**Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd**



## Congregation Mishkan Torah

10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 301-474-4223

*An unpretentious, historic, welcoming, liberal, egalitarian synagogue that respects tradition and becomes your extended family in the 21st century.*

Shabbat services: Friday evening at 8:00 PM, except 1st Friday of the month, i.e. family service at 7:30 PM. Saturday morning services at 9:30 AM. Educational programs for children K-12 and for adults. Combined innovative full family educational program for parents and children. Conversion classes. Concert choir. Social Action program. Opportunity for leadership development. Moderate, flexible dues. High holiday seating for visitors. Sisterhood. Men's Club. Other Social Activities. Interfaith families are welcome.

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

## HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

6905 Greenbelt Road • 301-345-5111



Sunday 8:15 am Worship Service  
9:15 am Sunday School/Bible Study  
10:30 am Worship Service

Wednesday, November 21 - Thanksgiving Eve Services  
12:15 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 25 Workshop "Ministry to Muslims"  
3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Rev. Farrukh Khan, Director of People of the Book Lutheran Outreach



Fax 301-220-0694 • E-mail myholycross@verizon.net



## St. George's Episcopal/ Anglican Church

7010 Glenn Dale Road  
(Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)  
301-262-3285 | rector@stgeo.org | www.stgeo.org

**Sundays:** 8:00 am Simple, quiet Mass  
9:00 am Christian education for all ages  
10:00 am Sung Mass with organ and folk music, ASL interpreted  
1:30 pm Signed Mass (last Sunday of each month only)

**Wednesdays:** 7:00 pm Simple, quiet Mass

An inclusive congregation!



## Greenbelt Baptist Church

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

Welcome!

**Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School**  
**Sunday 11:00 am Worship Service**  
**Wednesday 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting/Bible Study**

**ALL are Welcome!**

*"Helping People Connect with Christ and His Family Through Loving Service"*

**Virtues Classes for Children!** Sat., Nov. 17, 10:30 a.m. to Noon,  
Schrom Hills Park Community Center Room  
A free, fun experience for kids ages 5 to 10.  
Helping them to understand and develop virtues.

"We have enjoined upon all mankind to establish the Most Great Peace - the surest of all means for the protection of humanity."  
- Bahá'u'lláh

## Greenbelt Bahá'í Community

1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918  
www.bci.org/greenbeltbahai www.bahai.us

## Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

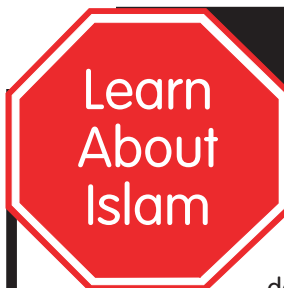


Hillside & Crescent Roads  
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings

www.greenbelt.com/gccucc/  
Sunday Worship  
10:15 a.m.

Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

*"A church of the open mind, the warm heart, the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."*



## GIVE THANKS

Learn About Islam

Every breath that we breathe is a blessing from God and we learn from the Prophet Solomon (peace be upon him) to recognize these blessings each day. The Holy Qur'an tells us how he never forgot to be thankful to God. He is quoted to have said, "This is by the grace of my Lord, to test me whether I am grateful or ungrateful! And if any is grateful, it is (a gain) for his own soul; but if any is ungrateful, truly my Lord is free of all needs, supreme in honor."  
- The Holy Qur'an, 27:40

Count your blessings every day. For more information about gratefulness from an Islamic perspective, call 301-982-9463 or email info@searchislam.org or visit www.searchislam.org.



## 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)

**Nov. 18: Encourage Thanksgiving**

Pastor Lou Redd  
301-474-4499 410-340-8242 (cell)

**...living life together**



**City Notes**

Public Works reports that with the help of volunteers, the playground at South Ora Court was completed on November 3. A picnic lunch was provided for all the workers.

Pepco installed three new transformers on a new pole at the entrance to Public Works and removed old transformers and some other equipment from the old pole. Pepco also raised the power lines on another pole to enable Comcast and Verizon to install their lines.

The building maintenance crew refinished the floors in the Springhill Lake Clubhouse.

The parks crew removed four truckloads of brush and wood from the cemetery on Ivy Lane.

The horticulture crew transported logs to Dickerson, Md., for recycling into lumber.

**CARES**

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program in conjunction with Bowie State University School of Nursing offered a Pediatric Health Clinic on November 6 at Springhill Lake Elementary School. Students from first and second grades visited a variety of information tables about topics including proper handwashing techniques, toothbrushing skills and making healthy food choices.

During October, 12 families on average were seen for counseling at CARES. An average of 46 individuals came on a weekly basis, among whom 14 were 18 years of age or younger. Twenty-six students participated in tutoring services.



Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt  
Democratic Club



**Guest Speaker**  
**County Councilmember Ingrid Turner**

Friday, November 16, 7:30 p.m.  
Terrace Room  
Greenbriar Community Building  
7600 Hanover Parkway



Refreshments served afterward.  
For information, call 301-386-0762



**REMINDER NOTICE FALL GUTTER  
CLEANING PROGRAM**

**NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS**



**WEEK BEGINNING NOVEMBER 26**

Royal Gutter Cleaning and Ned Stevens Gutters of Maryland are scheduled to clean and inspect the 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.



# City Information

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

City Offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 22nd and 23rd, for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The GREENBELT CONNECTION will not be operating.

**REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE**

Week of November 19th

Monday Route – Refuse & Recycling Regular Schedule  
Tuesday Route - Refuse & Recycling Regular Schedule  
Wednesday Route – Refuse & Recycling Regular Schedule  
Thursday Route – Refuse collected on Wednesday  
– No Recycling Collection

There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, November 23rd.

**MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER 19-23**

Monday, November 19th, 8:00pm, **CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Planning for City Goals Meeting** at the Municipal Building (live on Channel 71).

*This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call the number listed above, or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov.*

**NEW WEATHER & INFORMATION  
HOTLINE**

**FOR THE GREENBELT RECREATION  
DEPARTMENT. FOR UPDATED INFORMATION  
ON PROGRAM AND FACILITY SCHEDULE  
CHANGES CALL**

**301-474-0646**

**CERAMICS EQUIPMENT FOR SALE**

Slab roller with table. +/- 10 years old, good working order. New \$1,500, asking \$500 OBO.  
Call for details: 240-542-2061.  
Offers must be received by November 30.

**LEAF VACUUM SCHEDULE 2007 - 2008**

**November 19-21:** Woodland Hills, Greenbrook Village & Estates, & Windsor Green  
**November 26 – 30:** Lakewood  
**December 3 – 7:** Lakeside & Greenspring I & II  
**December 10 - 14:** Boxwood  
**December 17 - 21:** Woodland Hill, Greenbrook Village & Estates  
**December 26 – 28:** Lakewood, Greenspring I & II  
**December 31 – January 4:** Lakeside & Windsor Green  
**January 7 - 11:** All areas  
**January 14 - 18:** All areas

**BABYSITTER NEEDED FOR  
FIT N FUN AEROBICS**

Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays  
9:30-11:00a.m.  
Greenbelt Community Center  
Must be at least 18 years of age.  
Please contact Rebekah Suffin or Di Quynn Reno at  
301-397-2200

**Greenbelt Municipal/Public Access Channel 71**

**MUNICIPAL ACCESS:** 301-474-8000: Monday, November 19th at 8:00pm: City Council Work Session (live) Tuesday & Thursday, November 20 & 22: 10am & 6pm “Ask the Expert – Reverse Mortgages,” 7:00pm: “Greenbelt Museum Lecture on Co-ops” 8:00pm Replay of Work Session  
**PUBLIC ACCESS(GATE):** 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, November 21 & 23: 7pm “Whitewater Rafting Gauley ‘07” 8:00pm GAC “The Effects of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds”

**VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

*Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.*

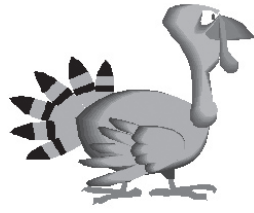
*Vacancies exist on the:*

**Advisory Planning Board  
Arts Advisory Board  
Forest Preserve Advisory Board  
Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee  
Youth Advisory Committee**

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

**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.”



**GOBBLE WOBBLE**

**Thursday November 22**

**9am-Registration begins at 8am**

**Begins at Greenbelt Youth Center**

Spend your Thanksgiving morning with the Greenbelt Recreation Department as we host the 2007 Gobble Wobble. This is a 5K race and a 1½ mile fun run/walk, which is an ideal way to get some exercise in before your Thanksgiving feast. All registrants will receive a Gobble Wobble shirt. Awards will be given to top finishers.

All youth participants receive a medal.

**All ages welcome**

**\$15/racer (\$5 for each additional family member)**

**Info: 301-397-2200**

**FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS**

Each December, the City of Greenbelt holds the Festival of Lights, an all-inclusive celebration of the season; this marking the 36th year. The City of Greenbelt welcomes the participation of everyone in our community in this event. If your organization is interested in having your holiday activities included with City promotional materials about the festival, please contact the Recreation Department at 301-397-2200 or email: youthcenter@greenbeltmd.gov as soon as possible.



**Academy  
Stadium  
Theatres**

Beltway Plaza Mall  
Center Court  
301-220-1155

**ALL SHOWS BEFORE 5 p.m.  
ONLY \$5.50**

Children, Seniors \$5.50  
Adults \$7.50  
R = ID Required  
(!) = No pass, No Discount Ticket

**Week of November 16**

**FRI. - SAT.**

**Saw 4, R**  
12:30, 2:40

**American Gangster, R (!)**  
2, 4:40, 5:50, 8:15, 9  
**Bee Movie, PG (!)**  
12, 12:20, 2:15, 2:30, 4:30,  
6:45, 9:15  
**Fred Claus, PG (!)**  
12, 2:40, 5:20, 8, 10:30  
**P-2, R**  
5, 7:50, 10:30

**Tyler Perry's: Why Did I Get Married, PG-13**  
12, 2:35, 5:15, 7:50, 10:30

**Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium, G (!)**  
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**Beowulf, PG-13 (!)**  
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*There is still time to fill out the Greenbelt  
Community Questionnaire on line at  
[www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)  
Let us know how we are doing!*



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100 or so community members assembled that the proposed plan is in the conceptual stages only and that more information will be available if and when the Board of Education approves the concept.

He specifically invited comments from the community using a workshop format, dividing attendees into small groups to discuss questions, concerns and recommended next steps for the school system.

### Community Input

Overall, the proposal to move to a PK-8 configuration in select schools was favorably received. Many community members cited personal experiences or beliefs that support the move. However, participants overwhelmingly requested more information on timing, costs and how such a sweeping plan would be implemented, including whether the proposed changes may create pockets of overcrowding in parts of the county.

Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis, in attendance at the forum, specifically asked that planned development be considered in enrollment calculations.

Because shifts to the number of grade levels feeding into any given school would occur without any changes in the number of classrooms in that school, some boundary changes will likely occur in order to adjust enrollment. Community members asked for more clarity on this issue before final decisions are made by the board. Boundary shifts would not only directly affect families

but could affect the demographic characteristics of some schools, reducing the level of diversity.

Continuity of programs was a key issue as well. Parents of children in magnet or dedicated schools wanted assurances that their children would be allowed to continue at the schools they currently attend and not be pulled from productive learning environments where they felt solid connections.

Parents of children in schools such as Greenbelt Elementary that are likely to undergo boundary changes in expanding to PK-8 expressed similar concerns.

### Two-Track System

Arguing for the PK-8 scenarios, some parents noted the benefits of going through the troubled middle school years in a familiar environment, surrounded by students, teachers and a school administration that have known them, quite possibly, for years. Other parents, arguing for the traditional middle school configuration, noted the educational resources such as science, theater and music facilities it is possible to provide to the larger student bodies in middle schools.

Both scenarios have their advantages and educational outcomes associated with each middle school configuration are still an unknown. What is known now is simply that if one of the scenarios presented on November 5 is approved and implemented, students in Greenbelt will be provided two very different middle school experiences, depending on

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about future growth that could bring about urbanization and affect public safety.

She noted that the upcoming budget will be a problem for the council to deal with, as the cost of doing business is increasing. She anticipated passage of a tax relief measure for lower income citizens which, depending on state legislation, would become effective next year, if not this year.

"The new council must face these challenges and turn them into opportunities," she said.

Davis is looking forward to a visionary process that council will be initiating in January. The council will be going to all three sectors of the city to listen to residents' views of their vision for Greenbelt.

Davis concluded by noting that she is not a native of Greenbelt. However, after being here for 32 years, she said, "Greenbelt is definitely my home."

### Other Remarks

Roberts gave special mention in his thank yous to campaign worker Yoni Siegel who walked more than 10 miles one day passing out campaign flyers for him. He said he had knocked on every door in GHI as well as on doors throughout the city.

He said that this year he had taken advantage of a change in the city electioneering law that permits campaigning within 150 feet of polling places and had spent most of election day greeting voters in Greenbelt East. "If I run again I'll be out there again because it was a really great experience."

Herling said he would work to

build a more unified community with all its diversity and to bring the original Greenbelt planning concepts to the rest of the city. Some of his specific goals are to revitalize Roosevelt Center, beautify the city's lakes, improve cross-city transit and provide affordable housing opportunities for lower-income people.

Putens noted that he was now serving his 27th year on council. That many years is a long time to be knocking on doors, he said. From this he learned that council needs to do a better job in keeping its citizens informed.

"We need to ease the fear and learn to accept each other," he said. He advocated building more bridges, not tearing any down.

Mach said she found campaigning to be enjoyable. She found citizens were concerned for their safety. Others, she found, were not so concerned about the city taxes as they were in getting the most for their money.

Mach expressed her interest in the planned visionary process and receiving the results of this year's election questionnaire. "I look forward to expanding the possibilities for our town," she concluded.

**Congratulations to the winners of our recent City Council election and best wishes for a productive and rewarding term.**  
- Ruth Kastner

# Laurel Museum Open Thanksgiving Friday

The Laurel Museum at 9th and Main Street in Laurel will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the day after Thanksgiving, November 23.

The museum will offer a special "Kids' History Challenge" with prizes. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. The exhibit includes the history of Laurel Mill, Main Street, the trolley, African American struggles, schools and children's games and the 1830s kitchen in addition to the 1830s millhouse which has been made into the museum.

For additional information call 301-725-7975.

## Government Employees

You can now donate to the Greenbelt Elementary School PTA through the Combined Federal Campaign (enter 41859 on your CFC form).

Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution of a few dollars per pay period.

For more information call Jeff Morissette, 240-432-0087

# Some People Don't Smile in Pictures . . .

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



- The color or shape of your teeth
- Spaces or missing teeth
- Noticeable cavities or old dental work
- Uneven or unhealthy gums



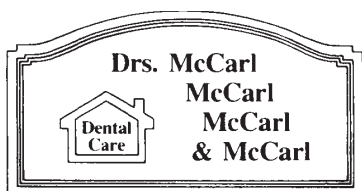
If so, come into the offices of the McCarl Dental Group for a complete and comprehensive evaluation.

Nicole Burgess of Severna Park had severely discolored teeth from a very early age. Throughout her life, Nicole had been self-conscious of her smile. In just three short weeks, the McCarl Dental Group gave Nicole a beautiful smile and a new start in life! Call the McCarl Dental Group to see if a smile makeover could change *your* life.



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New patients only.  
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**Office Hours:**  
Monday 8-5  
Tuesday 9-8:30  
Wednesday 9-8  
Thursday 8-4  
Friday 8-3  
Saturday 8-12

**McCarl Dental Group**  
**301-474-4144**

28 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770-0717

**Greenbelt Co-op**  
**5x16**



# 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](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf).  
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

## Robberies

November 4, 11:44 a.m., 6400 block Ivy Lane, a man reported that he was walking to his vehicle in the rear parking lot of the Marriott Hotel when a vehicle pulled up alongside him. A man exited the passenger door, displayed a handgun and announced a robbery. After obtaining the victim's wallet, the man got back into the vehicle and fled the scene. The vehicle is described as silver in color, possibly a Mitsubishi. The suspect is described as a black male, 18 to 25 years of age, 5'10" with black hair and brown eyes, wearing dark clothing.

November 7, 9:25 p.m., 6400 block Ivy Lane, a man reported that he was in the parking lot of the Marriott Hotel when he was approached by three men, one armed with a handgun. A robbery was announced, with one man grabbing the victim from behind. After obtaining money all three men fled the scene in a vehicle described as an older model Jeep Cherokee, black in color.

November 8, 2:40 p.m., 6300 block Ivy Lane, a man reported that he was returning to his vehicle after making a bank transaction when he was approached by two men, one armed with a knife. The victim was forced to the ground and a robbery was announced. After obtaining money from him, the men fled the scene in a vehicle described as a dark green Jeep Cherokee with tinted windows. The suspects are described as two black males, one was 18 to 22 years of age, 5'10" with a thin build and small mustache, wearing a tan baseball cap.

## Assaults

November 3, 5:47 p.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School, a resident youth and a nonresident youth were arrested for second-degree assault and disruption of school activities after they were involved in a fight after a football game at the school. Both youths were released to parents pending action by the school board and the juvenile justice system.

November 8, 2:33 p.m., 7300 block Hanover Parkway, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with two counts of first-degree assault, two counts of second-degree assault, two counts of reckless endangerment, harassment, violation of a peace order and stalking. A woman reported that her ex-boyfriend came to her place of work, threatened to harm her and her husband, assaulted her and then fled the scene. She contacted her husband, who came to her place of work. The man returned a short time later, threatened the woman and her husband and was arrested. The suspect was found to be in possession of a large knife. He was transported

to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

## Handgun Arrest

November 5, 1:47 a.m., 9100 block Edmonston Court, a non-resident youth was arrested for transporting a handgun in a motor vehicle after he was involved in a verbal argument and stated that he had a gun. He left the scene but returned a short time later. A 38-caliber revolver was found in the vehicle. The youth was released to a guardian pending action by the juvenile justice system.

## Drug Arrests

November 1, 6:06 p.m., Roosevelt Center, a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana, possession of ecstasy and consuming an alcoholic beverage in a vehicle. An officer on foot patrol was suspicious of two people standing outside an occupied vehicle and speaking to the occupant. As police approached the vehicle, the two people on foot walked away from it. The man in the vehicle got out and also left the area. He came back to his vehicle a short time later and was arrested for open alcohol in the vehicle. He was also found to be in possession of a quantity of suspected ecstasy; a quantity of suspected marijuana was located in the vehicle. The man was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

November 2, 6:59 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia and trespass. Police saw him on the grounds of Springhill Lake Apartments after he had been banned from the complex by agents of the property. He was arrested and found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to smoke crack cocaine. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

## Vandalism

November 2, 1:11 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, unknown person(s) threw a rock through the bedroom window of a residence, shattering it.

November 3, 10:52 p.m., 7619 Greenbelt Road, a man threw a brick at the glass front door of the Exxon station, shattering it. He then fled the scene in a vehicle described as a black 4-door bearing Maryland tags 6DD552. The suspect is described as a white male; 20 to 25 years of age; 5'8"; 150 to 155 pounds; wearing a black hat, jacket and pants.

November 5, 10:08 a.m., 6200 block Breezewood Drive, unknown person(s) vandalized the laundry room of an apartment

## Local Man Arrested For Attempted Murder

Following investigation of the attempted murder in the 9100 block of Edmonston Terrace reported November 1, Darrell Decarlo Jefferies of 6212 Breezewood Court was arrested the following day and charged with attempted second-degree murder. Jefferies was transported to the Department of Corrections for hearing before a district court commissioner, where he is being held in lieu of \$750,000 bond pending trial.

building with spray paint.

## Burglaries

November 5, 6:32 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road, unknown person(s) entered a residence by forcing open the sliding glass door. A DVD player was taken.

November 6, 3:01 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, unknown person(s) used unknown means to enter a residence. Two televisions, clothing and a laptop computer were taken.

November 6, 7:11 p.m., 8000 block Lakecrest Drive, unknown person(s) used unknown means to enter a residence. Cooking appliances and a video game player were taken.

## Vehicle Crimes

Three vehicles were reported stolen: a silver and black 2005 Dodge Magnum truck, Maryland tags 774M168 from the 6400 block Capitol Drive; a 2005 Chevrolet Impala 4-door from the 6100 block Breezewood Drive; and a burgundy 2001 Ford Crown Victoria 4-door, Maryland tags 6DFK39 from the 7900 block Mandan Road.

One stolen vehicle was recovered by an outside police department with no arrests made.

Vandalism to, theft from and attempted theft of vehicles were reported in the following areas: Beltway Plaza; 5900 block Cherrywood Lane; 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace; 9300 block Edmonston Road (two incidents); 6600 block Lake Park Drive; 6900 and 7300 blocks Hanover Parkway (three incidents); and 7200, 7500 and 8000 blocks Mandan Road (four incidents).

## Verizon Offers Cell Phone Recycling Tips

Verizon Wireless is encouraging wireless users to help make a difference by recycling no-longer-used wireless phones, batteries and equipment. Verizon Wireless, the first wireless carrier in the country to collect and recycle old wireless phones, offers the following tips on how to go green and save money, the environment and possibly someone's life with no-longer-used cell phones.

### Recycle

Consumers and businesses can recycle their no-longer-used wireless phones through the Verizon Wireless HopeLine program. HopeLine accepts wireless phones, batteries and accessories in any condition from any manufacturer or service provider. Drop off no-longer-used phones, batteries and accessories at any Verizon Wireless Communications Store and the company will dispose of them in an environmentally sound way.

HopeLine has kept more than 200 tons of electronics waste and batteries out of landfills, collected nearly 4.4 million wireless phones and properly disposed of more than one million wireless phones.

### Reuse

Phones collected through HopeLine are refurbished, resold and reused whenever possible. Proceeds from HopeLine are used to provide wireless phones and cash grants for shelters and nonprofit organizations that focus on domestic violence prevention

and awareness. HopeLine has donated more than \$4 million in cash grants to shelters and nonprofit organizations; more than 45,000 phones with airtime and other features to domestic violence prevention organizations; and made more than \$140,000 in grants in the past two years to support domestic violence prevention programs in the Washington Metropolitan region.

### Reduce

When left plugged in, empty cell phone chargers consume standby or "phantom" energy – the same goes for all chargers. To help save energy and energy costs, consumers should plug all electronic chargers into a power strip and switch it off when the chargers are not in use. The U.S. Department of Energy estimates appliances and home electronics are responsible for about 20 percent of a typical home's energy bill. Unplugging appliances, electronics and chargers when not in use can save each household hundreds of dollars a year.

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Related exhibits will be on display at the Old Town Bowie Welcome Center (8606 Chestnut Avenue), the Radio and Television Museum (2608 Mitchellville Road) and the Belair Stable (2835 Belair Drive).

Through artifacts, photographs and illustrations, Key Ingredients examines how culture, ethnicity, landscape and tradition influence foods and flavors enjoyed across

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Key Ingredients is part of Museum on Main Street, a collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES), state Humanities Councils across the country and local host institutions. Check the website [www.cityofbowie.org/museum](http://www.cityofbowie.org/museum) or call 301-809-3089 for further information about the local displays.

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# Parents and Staff Keep Nursery School Thriving

by Lindsey Warne

At first glance, Greenbelt Nursery School might appear comparable to any other nursery school. There are children taking naps or playing with toy trucks. The walls are lined with finger-painted pictures and laughter echoes through the halls.

But unlike other nursery schools, Greenbelt Nursery School, located at 15 Crescent Road, is a cooperative, which means that it depends directly on parents' participation and dedication in order to create success.

On top of monthly fees, parents are expected to contribute the equivalent of \$200 in fundraising to the school, either through helping with housekeeping, serving on a committee or working directly in a classroom alongside teaching staff.

"The unifying theme for all nursery school cooperatives is the belief in parent involvement," Director Lisa Meyer said.

### Early Days

Greenbelt Nursery School is one of the oldest cooperatives in Greenbelt and one of the oldest teaching cooperatives in Maryland. In 1941 a group of Greenbelt parents conducted a survey given to all parents with preschool-aged children to determine if a cooperative nursery school would be in the community's interest. The results showed that interest for this type of school was very high but many parents indicated the inability to pay even a small monthly charge.

After the Greenbelt City Council gave permission for the use of a basement located at 14 Parkway Drive and loaned the school \$150 for the purchase of equipment and supplies, Greenbelt Nursery School officially opened on April 15, 1942. The school served 31 students, charged \$4 per month for tuition and required that parents participate in fundraisers to help keep the school operational. The school was incorporated as a nonprofit organization in 1958 and moved to its present location in the Greenbelt Community Center in 1995.

Both Meyer and Roya Bauman, the office administrators, began their involvement when their children attended the preschool.

"Being a parent here was great for getting to know people in the same situation," Bauman said. "After this, kids will be split into different schools but while they're here you're able to develop wonderful relationships with other parents."

Bauman even spoke of cooperative babysitting groups that were formed among parents.

### Today

The school, which Meyer calls a "warm and friendly place" and "built on love," currently serves 82 children, ages two to four, for the 2007-2008 academic school year. The programs vary in length of time for each age group but Meyer said the most common program is half a day.

The school has three classrooms with areas set up for different activities. Each classroom typically serves 18 children with one to two parent volunteers aiding the eight paid teachers, who all have four-year degrees and at least 12 credits of Early Child Development, Meyer said.

"The teachers are the backbone of this school," she said. "Parents look to them for direction."

Board of Directors President LaShel Baravechia, the parent of a four-year-old child who attends the school, said that she has a lot more patience and understanding of their world since she has worked at the school.

"This is very new for me. I knew I wanted to be involved in upbringing from the inside out and not just through flyers that come through the mailbox," she said. "It has changed my viewpoint and how I interact with my child and other children."

Baravechia plans on staying next year, even though her son is graduating from the preschool. She also has decided to go back to school to get her teaching certificate because of her time spent within the classroom.

### Unique Setting

Although the preschool is predominantly overseen by women, Baravechia said that there are three or four stay-at-home dads this year who also participate in the classroom setting.

"A lot of kids, both boys and girls, seem to gravitate towards these male figures," she said.

Greenbelt Nursery School is "very healthy financially" and hasn't recently been threatened by economic troubles, Meyer said.

"This school is an institution in Greenbelt," she said. Some parents went to the preschool as kids and now have their own children attending the school. "Generations keep coming back," Bauman said. "Some families just continue to come and go for years."

According to Councilmember Rodney Roberts, the school is "probably the most unique nursery school. All of the parents really take part in what's going on there. The parents are what keep it going."

Parent Cooperative Preschools International, a non-profit international council, indicates on their website that there are at least 32 cooperative preschools throughout the country with three located in Maryland. The other two are in Rockville and Linthicum.

"Greenbelt is a really unique place," Roberts said. "You don't find that many cooperatives in many places. People are more active in this community."

For information on the Greenbelt Nursery School visit the website at [www.greenbeltnurseryschool.org](http://www.greenbeltnurseryschool.org). For more information regarding cooperative preschools visit [www.preschools.coop](http://www.preschools.coop).

# SPARKS

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school, Sparks has developed a definitive teaching style as well as a variety of programs for her students.

One program she said she has gotten the students involved with is The JASON Project, a program developed by NASA that "connects students with great explorers and great events to inspire and motivate them to learn science," according to the program's website, [www.jason.org](http://www.jason.org).

Through JASON, Sparks said she has had students study the science and history of areas such as Hawaii, the Everglades, Louisiana and Alaska. Four of her students were chosen to become student argonauts, a position that gives students the opportunity to work with scientists out in the field, she said.

"I want [my students] to want to learn more about things, to be curious about the world around them and to have a thirst for knowledge," Sparks said. To achieve this, she said she uses hands-on activities and differentiated learning, which caters to each student's individual learning style.

Sparks, who has attended the University of Maryland, Bowie State University and Trinity College, said she knew from when she was little that she wanted to work with children.

"She's helped to make a very tough academic program and has helped to get many students prepared for high school science," Trott said. "We have a lot of students who come back and say that Mrs. Sparks provided them with all the solid foundations in science that they'll need when they get to high school."

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College of Notre Dame in Baltimore. She said she originally went to school to study fine arts but eventually realized that her grandfather's suggestion of a career in teaching was the right path for her.

Van Den Bossche said she tries to teach her students that learning should not be something that students dread but rather a lifelong quest for information. It is this energy and enthusiasm about teaching that Principal Christopher Trott says makes her such an outstanding teacher.

"What she does in the classroom is above and beyond the call of duty, many times," Trott said. He said he is especially impressed with her ability to develop her students' writing through creative projects, such as having the children create a menu with detailed descriptions for each item.

For Van Den Bossche's 15 students this year, she said, progress is measured in "oh" moments. "Every day when I have a child get one of those - we call them 'oh' moments - that's a success," she said, on what makes her feel a sense of accomplishment in the classroom. "When they finally make that connection and they make it on their own, that's a success. It's not always the big [achievements], it's those special moments."

# Hospice to Hold Coping Seminar

Hospice of the Chesapeake's Spiritual & Bereavement Care Center is offering a seminar for children, adolescents and adults who need help coping with grief during the holiday season. There will be small group activities, music and information about self-care techniques such as breathing exercises and relaxation techniques.

The seminar will be held Saturday, November 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Hospice of the Chesapeake, 8724 Jericho City Drive in Landover.

The program is free but registration is required as space is limited. To register or for more information, contact Bereavement Coordinator Roberta Rook at 301-499-4500 or [rrook@hospicechesapeake.org](mailto:rrook@hospicechesapeake.org).

# Senior Aviation Day Features Posters


The College Park Aviation Museum, in association with the Smithsonian Institution, presents the next in a series of Senior Aviation Days on Monday, November 20 at 2 p.m. The theme will be Aviation Art.

This activity starts with a tour of the exhibit "Fly Now! Aviation Posters from the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum," featuring advertisements from 1865 to the present. There is a fee which includes museum admission.



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