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“Everything You Need to Know” Concerning Tuesday’s Primaries

by James Giese

“Tuesday, February 12 is presidential primary day in Maryland, as well as Virginia and the District of Columbia. It is being called Chesapeake or Potomac Primary Day depending on who one listens to. Only registered Democrats and Republicans will be able to vote in Maryland in this election to help choose their parties’ nominees for President of the United States.

What has been left unresolved in the selection of party presidential candidates following the results of the Super Tuesday, February 5 election, when 24 states either held primaries or caucuses, may be resolved by what happens in Maryland and its neighboring jurisdictions. Or maybe not. The nation will still have to hear from four major states – Ohio, Texas, Pennsylvania and North Carolina – and a number of smaller states at future elections and caucuses.

Tuesday is also primary day for candidates for the U.S. Congress. Greenbelters will vote for

party nominations for candidates for the Fifth Congressional District. Incumbent Steny Hoyer, the majority leader of the House of Representatives, is being challenged by a relative unknown for the Democratic Party nomination and will face one of three challengers on the Republican side who are also little known.

Closed Primary

Members of minor parties and independents, persons not affiliated with either the Democratic or Republican Parties, will not be permitted to vote in this election. The only non-partisan election to be considered for this primary was to fill an unexpired term on the Board of Education. That election was removed from the ballot when no one challenged the candidacy of Amber Waller, the person previously appointed to this position, thereby eliminating the need for a primary election.

The primary election includes party nominations for five sitting

judges of the District Court Seventh Judicial Circuit for election in November. However, the five judges have cross-filed as both Republicans and Democrats and will appear on both party ballots running unopposed. They are: Andre Michael Chapaldaine, Lanzell Martin, Jr., Crystal Dixon Mittelstaedt, Albert W. Northrop and Nicholas Elias Rattal. (An earlier article erroneously listed the candidates for District Judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit.)

The party ballots will list the names of those party candidates who filed in Maryland as candidates for President. However, most of these candidates have since withdrawn from the campaign, narrowing the field to a select few. Nevertheless, the withdrawn candidates’ names will remain on the ballot and supporters may still vote for them.

The presidential preference vote will determine which candi-

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A Smaller but Lively Group At the Third Visioning Session

by Thomas X. White

On a clear and brisk midwinter morning last Saturday about 40 participants attended the third and final visioning session hosted by the Greenbelt City Council. This session was held in the multi-purpose room of Eleanor Roosevelt High School located in the Greenbelt East neighborhood. Earlier visioning sessions were held in Springhill Lake (Greenbelt West) and in the Community Center.

Although this final gathering did not match the nearly overflow crowd that participated in the January 26 session in the Municipal Building, the last session garnered a fairly representative crowd from a variety of Greenbelt areas.

The session was opened by Mayor Judith Davis, who introduced the other members of council, city staff and volunteers from selected city advisory boards or committees who assisted in the day’s sessions. The format remained the same, with tables set up in the spacious multi-purpose room for the six city departments. Each table had a city staff member as a note-taker and a city volunteer as a topic facilitator.

Davis welcomed the participants and thanked them for attending on a beautiful Saturday morning. She also briefly outlined the process to be followed during four sessions of about 30 to 40 minutes long with a break between sessions for transitioning between topic areas and refreshments made available for participants. People

could participate in as many sessions as they wished; they could stay with each topic group for as long as they wished.

As with the previous visioning sessions, Davis reiterated that council was seeking citizen input on ideas and suggestions for Greenbelt’s future. She emphasized that the city was more interested in ideas for the future rather than “griping” about current issues. People were asked to probe a little deeper in their thinking about what ideas and suggestions should be considered by council for assuring that Greenbelt can continue to provide superior service to residents in the future.

Planning

The ideas put forward at this session dealt generally with development issues. The ideas touched on a need for more mixed-use types of development (retail/commercial office and residential) for the city’s future.

Participants proposed a city goal that approximately 80 percent of Greenbelt residents’ needs should be available in Greenbelt or its immediate environs.

Even though it appeared that development progress was on hold for the Springhill Lake redevelopment and slowed for the Beltway Plaza redevelopment and the Metroland (Greenbelt Station) new development, participants wanted council to continue to pursue planning a mixed-use development. Also there was strong sentiment

to encourage Beltway Plaza to enhance its retail offerings.

Another suggestion was that council consider using the existing Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad (GVFD) site for future low-cost housing if the GFVD is successful in its effort to relocate to a more accessible site within Greenbelt.

Accessibility issues were also raised at this session, mainly focusing on the need for a more reliable and friendly local bus service. Bus service should be focused on pick-up and drop-off locations at frequently used Greenbelt facilities, including government, cultural, recreational and shopping locations.

According to participants, security concerns about the use of the Spellman Overpass between Greenbelt East and Old Greenbelt by youths restricts its use. In the future there should be more accessible options available for all populations between the three sectors of the community.

Communication and dissemination of information was another topic. Community-wide wireless accessibility (WiFi) was suggested. Participants also felt that the Greenbelt News Review (GNR) was not uniformly available in all sectors of the city and in sectors where it was readily available and/or delivered to residences, it often did not arrive until mid-day

See **VISIONING**, page 8

Election 2008

Over 8,000 Voters Eligible To Vote Here in Primary

by Elaine Skolnik and Mary Moien

In next Tuesday’s primary election, the 7,361 Greenbelt residents who are registered Democrats and the 1,302 residents who are registered Republicans may vote for their presidential preference. (See table on page 12.) Registered Democrats and Republicans will mark their choices on separate party ballots, which will also include their party’s candidates for Representative to Congress from the Fifth Congressional District. On both ballots there will be a list of delegates to their party’s convention next summer.

Although a total of 10,782 residents are registered in Greenbelt, those who are registered as Unaffiliated/Others, Greens or Libertarians must

wait until the General Election on Tuesday, November 4 when the same ballot will be available to all.

In other words, all voters registered in Greenbelt at the time of the General Election will be eligible to vote for President. The number of registered Greenbelt voters has increased by 30 percent since the last national primary in 2004.

Party Preferences

In Greenbelt, active Democrats outnumber Republicans by five to one. Of Greenbelt’s total active registered voters, 68 percent are Democrats, 12 percent are Republicans and less than one percent each are registered as belonging to the Green party

See **VOTERS**, page 12



City Audit, Banks, Trees Are Subject of Council Meeting

by Carol Griffith

The regular City Council meeting of January 28 touched on a number of issues important to residents. Several dealt with city financial operations including selecting a bank, receiving the annual audit report and hiring temporary help for the Finance Department. Other business dealt with unauthorized removal of city trees, rent controls for Charlestowne North Apartments and a proposal to locate a DC United soccer stadium in the city. All members of council were present.

Petitions

The first item of business was petitions to council. A resident had a tree service remove two pine trees that leaned over Crescent Road and two apparently dead cherry trees, not realizing that the trees were on city property. The resident and owner of the tree service questioned the

resulting violation against the tree service. Mayor Judith Davis referred the matter to staff after some discussion, in which she noted that, in Greenbelt, “We hold every tree dearly.”

Mary Ann Scott, president of the Charlestowne North tenant association, updated council on the association’s ongoing discussions with the management of the apartments over the proposed rent increases of 25 to 50 percent. She reported that some residents had not received the promised communications from management.

Davis noted that the apartment management had not notified council of their plans regarding rent increases and asked City Manager Michael McLaughlin to send them a letter requesting their plan and a letter to District

See **COUNCIL**, page 5

What Goes On

Saturday, February 9

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot between City Offices and Community Center

Monday, February 11

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

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

Thursday, February 14

7:30 p.m., GHI Board of Directors Meeting, GHI Board Room

Letters to the Editor

Equal Attention To SHL Crime

In the Thursday, January 31 News Review there is an article on ways to address Spellman Overpass security issues. As per the article there is a significant involvement of concerned citizens and of the Greenbelt city government. This gives me confidence that Greenbelt will successfully resolve the problem.

In the same issue of the News Review, the crime reporting section describes the usual number of armed and unarmed robberies in Springhill Lake. In reading the News Review over the years, it is obvious that Springhill Lake is Greenbelt's crime hot spot. In comparison, the problems around the Spellman Overpass appear to be a minor, highly localized and resolvable issue.

I would like to see the residents of Springhill Lake benefit from a concerned focus and resource allocation just like the Spellman Overpass. I realize that Springhill Lake presents a larger and more complex problem but that is where the most criminal activity occurs.

William E. Hatch

Crosswalk Games

As someone who frequently uses pedestrian crosswalks in Greenbelt, I have to disagree with the letter in the January 31 News Review, which said that parked cars were the reason that drivers are unable to see pedestrians and presumably not stop for them.

My experience has been that far too often, drivers see pedestrians just fine but merrily proceed on through the crosswalks anyway. It is just good driver sense to pay more attention when approaching any crosswalk or intersection and make a point of looking for pedestrians, but pedestrians seem to fall into the category of nuisance for many drivers. I don't think carrying a red flag, as the letter writer mentioned are used in other jurisdictions, would help the cause. (I'm conjuring a visual of being flattened out in the middle of the street, red flag clutched in an outstretched hand.)

The crosswalks at the Southway/Ridge Road intersection as well as those along Crescent are the worst. Ironically, the two crosswalks on Crescent closest to the police station are particularly hazardous as drivers who were shortly before traveling at Beltway or Kenilworth Avenue speeds, come speeding into town. Maybe a blatant sign reminding drivers that it's time to switch gears – figuratively and literally – would help. Perhaps something mentioning hefty fines!

Drivers who do stop at crosswalks are often penalized because while they are at a standstill, vehicles in the opposing lane will frequently proceed right on through, which means both pedestrian and stopped driver must wait longer. Drivers who obey the law and stop are also at risk for being hit from behind by impatient and inattentive drivers. Sometimes cars will even attempt to drive around the waiting one.

The campaign to get drivers to stop at crosswalks, with the installation of the cone-markers, did help but not nearly enough. Using crosswalks in Greenbelt is too frequently an unhappy guessing game: will they or won't they stop?

Colette Zanin

Need More Speed Cameras

This letter is in response to the letter last week by Carol Biegel regarding the use of speed cameras in Greenbelt. I say that it is about time! Unfortunately, in many parts of Greenbelt, Old Greenbelt in particular, the police are unable to use radar to slow traffic.

Southway and Ridge Road are two prime examples. There is virtually nowhere for the officers to sit and "shoot radar." It has been my experience, given the fact that I have lived on Southway for the past 15 years, that traffic on this road travels at speeds far in excess of the posted speed limit. The same is true for Ridge Road.

Ms. Biegel's reasoning for not installing/utilizing speed cameras in the city (persons doing business in the city will charge more for services to offset the cost of tickets) is ridiculous. If contractors and the like are driving in such a manner that they will incur many costly tickets, their management should be more concerned, as should the citizens of Greenbelt, about their employees unsafe driving of their fleet vehicles than the cost of doing business.

Ms. Biegel also makes a point that this is being done to improve pedestrian safety. I do not believe that the sole reason the city is considering the use of cameras is to improve pedestrian safety, although I do believe strongly that it will do just that.

I walk around Old Greenbelt every single night with my two dogs. I usually wear a white coat and a hat with LED lights on the brim to ensure that drivers can see me in crosswalks. I am not, as Ms. Biegel states, walking out between parked cars thus making myself less visible to drivers. I only cross at crosswalks which don't normally have cars parked on either side.

Marion Holland

Many times, careless drivers who are not paying attention to the crosswalks have nearly struck me while in the crosswalk. On two separate occasions, the drivers, one an off-duty Greenbelt police officer and one a young man who I know to live on Plateau Place, were on their cell phones and nearly hit me and my dogs.

The idea of red flags in buckets at the crosswalks is not something that I believe is feasible here. As I said, I walk two dogs, thus making me unable to carry the red flag across the street. If drivers can't see me with a white coat and lighted hat, how are they going to see a red flag? It's not that they can't see me, it's that they don't see me as they are inattentive and oftentimes traveling at speeds that make it difficult to stop without driving in to the intersection/crosswalk. Additionally, my feeling is that the flags would not last too long. Most likely they would become a huge temptation for those who like to take things that don't belong to them.

I also feel that the speed cameras would cut down on the volume of "cut through" traffic in Old Greenbelt. Many people who speed through town do not live here and don't care about the community. They only care about getting where they are going as quickly as possible. I only wish we could obtain red light type cameras for the stop signs – another law difficult on these roads for the police to enforce.

I implore the city to place the speed cameras on the three main roads through Old Greenbelt – Ridge Road, Southway and Crescent Road. I cannot speak for the rest of the city as I do not spend much time in the other areas. I do know that Old Greenbelt is in serious need of traffic calming and if speed cameras is what it takes, then let's do it!

Corrections

We misread the announcement from 4-H about the newly-elected club president, who is actually Jeremy Tuthill, leading to us congratulating the wrong person in last week's Our Neighbors column.

There were several problems in listing Visioning facilitators in the January 31 article by Thomas X. White. The News Review corrects the following: Jeff Morisette, incorrectly listed as a member of the Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB), is actually a member of the city's Advisory Committee on Education (ACE); the name of George Branyan, chair of the city's Advisory Planning Board, was incorrectly spelled; and Betty Timer, erroneously listed as a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB), is actually a member of the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee (SCAC).

The News Review regrets the errors.

GIVE BLOOD, GIVE LIFE

– Monday, February 11, 1:30 to 7:30 p.m.,
Knights of Columbus Prince George's Council,
9450 Cherry Hill Road, College Park

– Tuesday, February 12, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.,
Prince George's County Association of Realtors,
8400 Corporate Drive, Landover

– Wednesday, February 13, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.,
Computer Sciences Corp., 8400 Corporate Dr., Hyattsville

– Thursday, February 14, 1 to 6 p.m.,
City of Hyattsville, 4310 Gallatin Street, Hyattsville

– Friday, February 15, 1 to 6 p.m.,
I.U.E.C. Local 10, Main Building,
9600 Martin Luther King Blvd., Lanham
Call 301-552-8060 for an appointment.

Grin Belt



"When you're strong enough to crack these nuts, then you can vote in the primaries."

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NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

PRELIMINARY AGENDA BOARD MEETING

GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, February 14, 2008

GHI BOARD ROOM, 7:30 PM

Key Agenda Items:

- Hedge Height Discussion
- Boiler Room Usage
- Yard Line Certification: 6 Ridge Road
- Discussion of 25' Side Yard Rule for Frame Homes
- 2008 Slate Roof Contract – 1st Reading

Regular Board meetings are open to Members

For more information, visit our website - www.ghi.coop

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

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

Community Events

At the Library

Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories:

Tuesday, February 12, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, February 13, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children.

Thursday, February 14, 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.

Book Discussion

Wednesday, February 13, 6:30 p.m., Bookids Book Discussion, ages 8 to 12, a librarian leads book discussions for children.

Call Greenbelt Branch Library, 301-345-5000, TTY 301-808-2061 for details.

GHI Notes

Scheduled Meetings:

Tuesday, February 12, 8:30 a.m. – Yardline Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 13, 7:30 p.m. – Architectural Review Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 14, 7:30 p.m. – Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, February 18 – Offices Closed for Presidents' Day

Unless otherwise noted all events take place at the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Administration Building. Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

Note: The 2008 Board Meeting schedule has been changed to the second and fourth Thursdays of every month through May.

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, February 11 through Friday, February 15 include:

Monday – Split pea soup with crackers, meatloaf with parsley gravy, whole boiled potatoes, green beans, mandarin orange slices.

Tuesday – All sites closed

Wednesday – Apple juice, turkey stew with vegetables, brown rice, broccoli, fruit cocktail.

Thursday – Cranapple juice, oven-baked chicken with gravy, mixed vegetables, twice-baked potato, pink frosted cupcake with red hearts.

Friday – Creamy broccoli soup with crackers, seafood pasta salad, sliced beets with onions, tossed salad with dressing, two sugar cookies.

Free Kids' Concert At New Deal Café

There will be a free concert for kids at the New Deal Café on Saturday, February 9 from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. Geff King will sing kids' songs appropriate for all ages and light refreshments will be provided. This event is sponsored by the Greenbelt Mamas & Papas.

The Greenbelt Mamas & Papas meet every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Youth Center multi-purpose room or in the playground across Crescent Road from the library in good weather. This is a good opportunity for local parents to meet and chat while their children play. They also have a Yahoo email group.

For more information go to www.greenbelt.com/mamasandpapas or call Jamie Casey at 301-345-4974.

Greenbriar Boards February Meetings

The Greenbriar Community Association has scheduled February meetings:

Tuesday, February 12, 6 p.m., Phase III Board; 7:30 p.m., Phase I & II Board

Wednesday, February 27, 6 p.m., GCA Board

Note: Unless otherwise noted, all board meetings are held in the Greenbriar Commons Room. Board meetings are open to Greenbriar residents.

Computer Club To Meet Feb. 14

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its February monthly meeting on Thursday, February 14 at the Greenbelt Community Center in Room 103, 15 Crescent Road, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The meeting is open to all.

4-H Club Elects New Officers

On January 27 the Greenbelt Lucky Leaves 4-H Club elected Jeremy Tuthill as president, Quinn Valentich as vice-president, Melissa and Archie Vigil as co-secretaries, Rachael Roland as treasurer and James Domchick as reporter. The leader is Sarah Brown.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club has a revised schedule this month. Hope you have been reading the News Review and keeping up to date.

The birthday lunch will be held on February 20. And on February 27, a speaker from Public Works will give an update on recycling. Who says seniors can't take change?

Ellie Rimar is at Heartland Health Care Center in Adelphi. She sends thanks to everyone for the visits and cards and would like lots more. We miss her and keep sending happy thoughts her way.

Go vote! It's a privilege we have in our great country.

Greenbelt Hosts Blood Drive

The next blood drive in Greenbelt, sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department and the American Red Cross, will be held on Friday, February 22 from 12:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center.

The urgent need for blood makes it important that there be a large turnout.

Those who have not already made an appointment through the Red Cross may call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212. As was the case in the last blood drive, walk-ins will be accepted at the end of each hour to fill in for those unable to make it to their appointments.

Greenbelt Disability Connection to Meet

The Greenbelt Disability Connection (GDC) will host its second meeting on Sunday, February 17 in Room 103 of the Greenbelt Community Center from 2 to 4:30 p.m. The February meeting will offer a time to share with the group in a fun and relaxing environment. Bring a story, song, poem, object or something to share. Some discussion of activities between monthly meetings or other topics of concern may be addressed if time permits.

Meetings will take place at this location and time on the third Sunday of every month in 2008. GDC is a peer social, support and advocacy group for all persons with disabilities and their family members.

Postal Unit Has Reopened

The U.S. Postal Unit in the Greenbelt Municipal Building has reopened for business. The former postal clerk has returned to school and his temporary replacement is city employee Anne Marie Belton. When the city is able to transfer or hire a permanent postal clerk, Belton will return to her regular duties.

The postal unit is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. All basic mail services are available: stamps, packages to 10 lbs., foreign mailing, registered and certified mail. All payments must be made by cash or check.

No Explorations On February 15

Explorations Unlimited will not be held on Friday, February 15. It will resume on Friday, February 22.

For more information call 301-397-2208.

Upcoming Events At the New Deal

Playing at the New Deal Café through Thursday, February 14:

Friday, February 8, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m., dine to the accompaniment of John Guernsey jazz and blues piano.

Following from 8 to 11 p.m. will be the Blues-All Stars Acoustic Jam featuring Waverly Milnor of ACME on vocals and harp, Mike Westcott of Blues On Board on guitar and vocals; also Dave Miner (dobro), Gene Monroe (bass), Ian Morrison (guitar/vocals) and Mike Baytop (guitar/vocals/harp/bones).

Saturday, February 9

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. is the second in the Lunch and Learn series, featuring Tai Chi for the Chinese New Year by Penny Martin of Greenbelt Om.

5:15 to 6:15 p.m., King Sings for the Kids with Geff King presenting a set of songs for the young folks.

6:30 to 7:45 p.m., dine to the accompaniment of John Guernsey jazz and blues piano.

8 p.m., iLYAiMY, the darlings of the Folk Underground and High Energy Urban Angst with special guest Adam Day.

Sunday, February 10

11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Jim Stinson plays the lute over brunch.

6 p.m., annual membership meeting including election of board members and discussion of current financial status.

Thursday, February 14 from 7 to 9 p.m. will be an Open Mic with James. Sign up when arriving.

The New Deal Café is located at 113 Centerway in Roosevelt Center. For more information call 301-474-5642 or visit the website at <http://newdealcafe.com>.

Democratic Club Meets Feb. 15

The Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will meet Friday, February 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbriar Community Center Terrace Room. Julie McHale, Greenbelt Department of Recreation Assistant Director of Programs, will be the special guest. The Community Center is located at 7600 Hanover Parkway. For information call 301-386-0762.

Co-op Nursery School Plans Open House

Greenbelt Nursery School will hold its annual open house on Saturday, February 23 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is the start of registration for the school year beginning in September 2008.

Greenbelt Nursery School is a not-for-profit parent co-operative in its 65th year of operation. The school is certified by the Maryland State Department of Education and accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. The school offers classes for children ages 2, 3 and 4. Full-day educational programs are available.

Families are invited to attend the open house, meet the director and teachers, view the classrooms and get information about the classes.

The school is located at 15 Crescent Road in the Greenbelt Community Center. Parking is available in the lot behind the Greenbelt Library.

For more information visit the school website at www.greenbeltnurseryschool.org or call the school at 301-474-5570.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE WEEK OF FEB. 8

Juno (PG-13)

Friday *5:15, 7:30, 9:30

Saturday

1*, *3:10, *5:15, 7:30, 9:30

Sunday

1*, *3:10, *5:15, 7:30

Monday - Thursday

*5:15, 7:30

*These shows at \$6.00

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LOVE NOTES ARE COMING

Deadline is Feb. 12!

Valentine Dinner & Dance
FEBRUARY 14, 2008
Dinner from 6-8 p.m.
DJ starting at 8 p.m.
\$15.00
Greenbelt Post 136
6900 Greenbelt Road
Not just for couples - groups welcomed.
Dinner includes: Steak, shrimp, potato, vegetable, salad bar & dessert
Wine & cheese basket raffle

Our Neighbors

Condolences to Margaret Bowen of Westway on the death of her sister Doris Jarvis, known as Sister Julie, a Sister of Notre Dame de Namur. Sister Julie died January 28, 2008, at the age of 93, after 67 years in religious life.

Our sympathy to News Review staffer Barbara Hopkins on the death of her mother on January 30.

Congratulations to:

– Esther Webb, who in her 90th year has received another award. On January 20 the Prince George's chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference presented a plaque to Esther for her long years of working for peace. The ceremony took place at the Conference's annual dinner, held at Mount Calvary Baptist Church.

– ERHS student basketball player Brooke Wilson, who has been nominated to play at the 2008 McDonald's All American High School Basketball game in Milwaukee. Ranking among 1,500 top basketball player nominees nationally who are competing to fill one of 24 positions on the boys and girls teams, they will play in an East vs. West Ronald McDonald House fundraising showdown on March 26. The final team roster is to be announced later this month.

– Leigh and Amy Jascourt of Gilbert, Ariz., on the birth of a daughter, Kendyl Faith, on February 2, 2008. The new baby weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. and joins brother Austin. Their happy grandmother is Resa Jascourt of Maplewood Court.

– Greenbelters Lauren Elizabeth Schreiber and Julia K. Snyder, who were named to the Dean's list for the fall 2007 semester at St. Mary's College of Maryland.

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



Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

Baha'i Faith

"Were man to appreciate the greatness of his station and the loftiness of his destiny he would manifest naught save goodly character, pure deeds and a seemly and praiseworthy conduct."
— Bahá'u'lláh

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NARFE Meets Feb. 13

The next meeting of NARFE Chapter 1122 will be at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 13 at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Pkwy. The public is invited and members are urged to attend. Call 301-937-7987 for details.

NAMI Course

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Prince George's County is again offering a free 12-week course starting in March for family members of someone with a mental illness. The course covers symptoms, medications and practical advice for all family members. Call Dori Arbach at 301-982-1218 or Bonnie Durant at 301-572-9058.



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Heavy rains may have contributed to the downing of this tree on the path around Greenbelt Lake. Residents on Lakeside Drive heard the loud crash on Wednesday morning around 6:30 a.m. City crews worked long hours to clear the path for use.



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Greenbelt, MD 20770 – (301) 474-4212
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Sunday	9:45 am	Sunday School
Sunday	11:00 am	Worship Service
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

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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

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9:15 am	Sunday School/Bible Study
10:30 am	Worship Service
12:15 pm	Service
7:30 pm	Devotions, Bible Study

Wednesday Lenten Service

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– The Holy Qur'an, 27:40

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February 10, 10 a.m.
"Masks and Mystery: Exploring the Power of Masks"
by Barbara W. ten Hove, co-minister, with Tasha O'Neal, worship associate
(Participants from the January mask workshop will challenge people to see masks in a new light.)
– Barbara W. and Jaco B. ten Hove, co-ministers

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Prayer Meeting Sun. 10:00am
Wednesday Lenten Bible Study – 6:30pm Soup & Bread, 7:00pm Bible Study
Starts February 6 Come as you are!



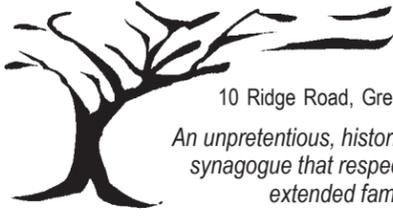
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	9:00 am	Christian education for all ages
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Bible Study & Worship

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)

Feb. 10 – The Love of God
Romans 12:9-21
Pastor Lou Redd
301-474-4499 410-340-8242 (cell)
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4 County Councilmember Ingrid Turner asking for a meeting of the parties with her. Davis also asked City Solicitor Robert Manzi to investigate the issue of citywide rent controls.

Finance

Council adopted a resolution to purchase goods and services in excess of \$10,000 per fiscal year. Specifically the resolution enables the Finance Department to contract with temporary staffing company Accountemps for help in covering two recent vacancies and the additional year-end workload through March. The cost of using the temporary service will be offset by salary savings.

Staff has reviewed eight bids from local banks and interviewed representatives of five in a process to select one for the city's banking services. With the availability of new services, including remote check scanning, the need for daily armored car pickups could be reduced. All bids reduce the cost of banking to the city by about 25 percent.

Bank of America was the lowest bidder by a close margin but since Bank of America had removed its branch from Roosevelt Center, council agreed to accept the next lowest bid, M&T Bank. Council noted that the approximately \$1,000 cost incurred by not choosing the lowest bidder would be offset by a reduction in the

number of armored car pickups.

Mike Stephens of Clifton Gunderson presented the city's 2007 audit report. The audit comprises a large part of the city's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report which is submitted for review each year to the Government Finance Officers Association.

Stephens noted that the cost of post-employment (retirement) benefits will increase. He reported that the audit found no weaknesses in the city's financial recordkeeping and that staff found the audit conformed to all requirements. He added that this report had to conform to new post-Enron accounting standards focused on internal controls.

Council supported HB 74, the Maryland Housing Rehabilitation Program Loans to Members of Cooperative Housing Corporations. Sylvia Lewis, president of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., spoke about the advantages of the bill

to owners of cooperative housing in obtaining housing assistance program loans.

Soccer Stadium

A January 23 Washington Post article reported that Prince George's County Executive Jack Johnson has had talks with DC United regarding the feasibility of locating a soccer stadium near the Greenbelt or New Carrollton Metro stations. The city's focus has been on a transit-oriented, mixed-use development for the area around the Greenbelt station. A stadium is not consistent with standing county legislation for the area or the development agreement between the city and Greenbelt Metropark. Staff recommended that council send a letter to Prince George's County asking to be involved in any discussions related to use of the Greenbelt Metro station area. The letter will also express the city's reservations about using the area for a stadium.

Clarice Smith Center Has Free Performances

On Wednesday, February 13 at 7 p.m. the Kronos Quartet presents a reading of works by School of Music composition students in the Dance Theatre.

p.m. the Maryland Opera Studio will present "Ordinary People" in Gildenhorn Recital Hall. The new opera is based on the 1976 Academy-award winning movie and book of the same name.

Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club

are looking for soccer commissioners, football commissioner, registrar and athletic director.

Volunteers are welcomed to apply at the Greenbelt Youth Center during club hours, Mon. thru Fri., 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club

will be holding registration for **2008 SOCCER season** on **February 1, February 5, February 8, February 12 and February 15**

at the Greenbelt Youth Center from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

There will be a U-14 co-ed team this year as well.



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City Information

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Week of FEBRUARY 8

FRI. - SAT.

Meet the Spartans, PG-13

12:40, 2:40, 4:50, 7:40, 10

How She Move, PG-13

2:50, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50

Rambo, R

12:30, 2:50, 5:05, 7:30, 9:50

Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins, PG-13(!)

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The Eye, R (!)

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First Sunday, PG-13

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THUR.

Schedule to be Announced.

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL

February 11, 2008 - 8:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting-Municipal Building

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

Oath of Office for New City Police Officer - Jason Kelley

Introduction of New Staff - Lesley Riddle and Savitri Belizaire

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**

Advisory Planning Board Report #08-01 (Capitol Cadillac Expansion)

LEGISLATION

OTHER BUSINESS

Capitol Cadillac Expansion Project - Revision to Detailed Site Plan Plan for Spellman Overpass Area

State Legislation

* Request for Use of Facilities

* Resolution of the Greenbelt Board of Appeals for Variance 07-002-V

* Resignations from Advisory Group

* Reappointments to Advisory Groups

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

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board

Notice is hereby given that the Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board will hold a public hearing on February 20th, 2008 at 7:30 pm in the Greenbelt Community Center, (Community Meeting Room 103) 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD on an application filed by Greenbriar Recreational Association Inc. for consideration of a request for a Departure from Parking and Loading Standards for premises located at 7600 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt, MD 20770. The applicant is requesting permission to waive the requirement for 36 parking spaces. For more information call 301-345-5417

DONATION DROP-OFF

American Rescue Workers

Saturday, February 9th from 9:00 a.m.-12:00p.m.

Parking lot between City Office and Community Center

Info: City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8303.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.

Vacancies exist on the:

Arts Advisory Board

Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee

Youth Advisory Committee

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MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY 11-15

Monday, February 11th, 7:00pm, **RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, at the Community Center

Monday, February 11th, 8:00pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL 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.

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By Christopher Cherry

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MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Monday, February 11th at 8pm: City Council Meeting (live)**Tuesday & Thursday, February 12 & 14 10am & 6pm** "Ask the Expert" 7:00pm: Labor Day presents "The Orioles"

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, February 13 & 15 7pm "Black History, 7:15 "Charles Herbert Flowers" 8:15pm "Bill Frazier Fir Dedication" 8:45pm "GES Martin Luther King Poetry and Poster Contest"

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dates delegates will be pledged to vote for at the party convention. The methods for allocating delegates differ for the Republicans and Democrats.

Democrats

The Democrats will have a total of 4,049 voting delegates at its convention. A presidential candidate will need to receive 2,025 votes in order to be nominated. Because of the strong contest between Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama and the use of proportional allocation of pledged delegates based upon preferential voting, it is unlikely that either candidate will have the needed 2,025 votes before the Maryland primary.

There will be both pledged delegates and unpledged or super Democratic delegates from each state. Maryland will have 29 unpledged and 70 pledged delegates. Virginia will have 83 pledged and 20 unpledged delegates. The District will have 15 pledged and 37 unpledged delegates.

The super delegates are members of the Democratic National Committee, Democratic members of Congress, Democratic governors and other prominent Democrats. These total 796 delegates, nearly 20 percent of the total.

The unpledged super delegates are not bound to vote for any candidate but may voluntarily commit to doing so. Prior to Super Tuesday some 295 super delegates nationwide had committed to either Clinton or Obama, with Clinton well in the lead.

Of the 70 pledged Maryland delegates to be elected, 15 will be at large. Nine will be party

leaders and elected officials. The remaining 46 will be elected from the eight Congressional Districts, with three women and four men to be chosen from district five, the district which includes Greenbelt.

Pledged delegates will be allocated among the candidates based on the number of preferential votes received. Any candidate receiving at least 15 percent of the preferential votes throughout the state will receive a portion of the at-large delegation, while any candidate receiving 15 percent within a district will be entitled to a portion of the district delegates.

Pledged delegates are not legally bound to vote for the candidate to whom they are pledged but any delegate pledged to a candidate can be replaced by the candidate if the delegate is believed to be disloyal.

Republicans

The Republicans have a simpler system for selecting delegates and fewer of them – only 2,380. A candidate will need 1,191 votes to be selected as the party's nominee. To fill up the convention hall, however, Republicans will also elect alternate delegates.

The number of delegates awarded to a state varies. Each state gets 10 at-large delegates. There will be three party delegates for each state, two Republican National Committee members and the state party chair. Three delegates are elected from each of Maryland's eight Congressional Districts. Some states receive bonus delegates depending on how well voters in the state sup-

ported the reelection of George Bush in the last Presidential Election. Maryland, not entitled to any bonus delegates, has a total of 37 delegates.

The three party delegates are uncommitted but can pledge support to a candidate. The ten at-large delegates selected at the state party convention are obligated to vote for the candidate receiving the greatest number of votes in the state. The district delegates elected are obligated to vote for the candidate receiving the greatest number of votes in that district.

Candidates

The Democratic presidential race has narrowed to only two candidates – Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama. Both are U.S. Senators. Obama is serving his first term from Illinois and Clinton is serving her second from New York.

Clinton grew up in Park Ridge, Ill., and graduated from Wellesley College in Massachusetts and Yale Law School. As the wife of President Bill Clinton, she served as First Lady for the eight years he was in office.

In 1993 she led a task force that developed proposed legislation to provide universal health care for all Americans that failed to achieve passage. She has one daughter.

Obama was born in Hawaii and lived in many places in his youth, including Indonesia. He graduated from Columbia University in New York and earned a law degree at Harvard University. He previously served in the Illinois state legislature and

worked as a civil rights attorney. He and his wife, Michelle, have two daughters.

While still listed as an active candidate, former Senator Mike Gravel of Alaska, now a resident of Virginia, has done little in the way of campaigning and has been largely ignored in the election campaign. But his name does remain on the Democratic ballot. Five other names are also included on the Democratic ballot, all candidates who have now withdrawn from campaigning. They are Delaware Senator Joe Biden, Connecticut Senator Christopher J. Dodd, former North Carolina senator John Edwards, Ohio Congressman Dennis J. Kucinich and former New Mexico governor Bill Richardson.

Republican Candidates

Of the eight names on the Republican ballot, only three were considered still in the race prior to Super Tuesday – John McCain, Mitt Romney and Mike Huckabee – although others have yet to withdraw from the campaign. McCain is a senator from Arizona. He served in Vietnam, where he was a prisoner of war for more than five years. He previously ran for President in 2000. He was born in the Panama Canal Zone where his father was serving in the U.S. Navy. McCain is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. He and his wife, Cindy, have seven children and four grandchildren.

Romney is the former governor of Massachusetts. He oversaw the 2002 Winter Olympics committee in Salt Lake City. He was born in Detroit, Michigan

when his father was serving as that state's governor. He was a valedictorian from Brigham Young University in Utah and received business and law degrees in a joint program at Harvard University. He and his wife, Ann, have five sons.

Huckabee is the former governor of Arkansas and a former Baptist preacher. He received national attention for losing 110 pounds and encouraging others to improve their diet and exercise. Born in Hope, Arkansas, he graduated magna cum laude from Ouachita Baptist University in Arkansas and attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Texas for one year. He and his wife have three children.

Ron Paul has run an aggressive internet campaign that has raised large sums of money for his campaign and garnered him a few delegates before Super Tuesday. A Congressman from Texas, he previously was a flight surgeon in the U.S. Air Force and an obstetrician. Born in Pittsburgh, he graduated from Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania and Duke University School of Medicine in North Carolina. He and his wife Carol have five children and 17 grandchildren.

Other names appearing on the ballot are those of former New York City mayor Rudy Giuliani, San Diego Congressman Duncan Hunter, former assistant secretary of state and radio and television commentator Alan Keyes, Colorado Congressman Tom Tancredo and former Tennessee senator and television actor Fred Thompson.

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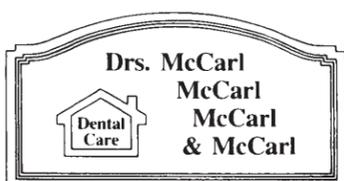


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Police Blotter

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

Robberies

January 27, 8:42 p.m., Parkway, a food delivery person reported that she walked into an apartment building attempting to make a delivery when she was grabbed by two young men each armed with handguns. After taking money and a cell phone, the young men fled the area on foot. The suspects are described as a white male 15 to 18 years of age, 5'6" to 5'9", 160 to 180 pounds, wearing a black puffy winter coat and a black bandanna with white skulls covering his face; and a black male 15 to 18 years of age, 5'6" to 5'9", 160 to 180 pounds, wearing a black puffy hooded jacket and a black bandanna with red print.

January 29, 4:22 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a man reported that he was assaulted by three men while he was walking to work. The men then attempted to take his property when he struck the one suspect in his face and ran away from them. Two suspects were described as an Hispanic male with long hair wearing a black University of Maryland jacket with red lettering; and a black male wearing a dark-colored hood and dark clothing.

January 30, 4 p.m., 6000 block of Springhill Drive, a man reported that he was walking home on Metro Drive when a vehicle passed him and then stopped. Two men from the vehicle approached him from behind and demanded that he get on the ground, which he did. The men rummaged through his jacket pockets taking his cell phone and wallet. The suspects then re-entered the vehicle and drove away. Both suspects were described as black males, in their 20s, one was described as about 5'6" and thin, both were wearing all dark clothing. The vehicle was black in color, a two-door sedan with tinted windows.

Drug Arrests

January 29, 8 p.m., 6100 block of Breezewood Drive, while on routine patrol, police observed a man pull baggies containing suspected marijuana from his pocket and then a cigar blunt from the same coat, which he began cutting open. A nonresident man was placed under arrest and transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

January 29, 10:42 p.m., 6300 block of Greenbelt Road, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of CDS and charged on traffic citations for operating an unregistered, uninsured vehicle, driving without a license and driving while suspended out of state. A routine computer check on a vehicle tag revealed that it has been cancelled. During the traffic stop, the driver presented only a Washington, D. C. identification card and it was revealed that he had an open warrant through the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department for driving while uninsured. He was placed under arrest and also found to have a baggie containing suspected marijuana in his possession. The man was transported to the Department of Corrections for warrant service and for presentation to the district court commissioner for a hearing.

January 31, 10:20 a.m., Crescent Road, a resident youth was arrested for possession of marijuana. While on routine patrol, police saw the youth who appeared to be truant and attempted to stop him. The youth ran from police but was later located in the library and was found to be in possession of marijuana. He was charged on a juvenile petition for possession of marijuana and CDS paraphernalia and released to his mother pending action by the juvenile justice system.

January 31, 1:53 p.m., Stream Valley Park, police on routine patrol observed two suspicious men in the park. Both were found to be in possession of hypodermic syringes used for CDS. Two resident men were charged on criminal citations with possession of CDS paraphernalia and released, pending trial.

Theft

January 25, 10:14 a.m., Beltway Plaza, a nonresident youth has been petitioned for theft and forgery after he allegedly cashed a check belonging to another person at the Giant Supermarket.

Disorderly Conduct

January 28, 10:27 p.m., 9100 block of Edmonston Road, a nonresident man was arrested for disorderly conduct in a public place and released on citation, pending trial.

Trespass

January 24, 10:30 p.m., 9200 block Springhill Lane, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespass after he was observed on the grounds of the Springhill Lake Shopping Center after he had been banned by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

January 30, 4:36 p.m., 9200 block of Springhill Lane, a resident man was arrested and removed from this property after having previously been banned. He was transported to the station where he was released on a criminal citation.

Burglaries

January 28, 10:07 a.m. 100 block of Westway, it was reported that unknown suspect(s) used unknown means to make a pry mark in the keyhole of the deadbolt of a resident's door and attempt to pry the door handle; entry was not gained.

January 31, 3:59 p.m., 9300 block of Edmonston Road, it was reported that unknown suspect(s) entered an apartment by unknown means and removed an empty DVD rack. There were no signs of forced entry.

Vehicle Crimes

Theft from, attempted theft of and vandalism to vehicles were reported in the following areas: 8300 block Canning Terrace, Roosevelt Center, unit block Lakeside Drive, 9100 and 9200 blocks Edmonston Road and 6000 block Springhill Drive.

In addition, GPS system thefts were reported in the following areas: 7200, 7300 and 7400 blocks Morrison Drive (five incidents); 7000 block Mathew Street; 6500 block Springshire Way (two incidents); 6800 block Greenbelt Crescent Court; and 6400 block Ivy Lane. GPS thefts are a growing problem in the Washington area.

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Saturday or later.

This reporter advised that the GNR is essentially an all-volunteer enterprise separate from the city and described the paper's publication scenario that usually results in the printed copies being delivered to Greenbelt by the printers either late Thursday or early Friday for delivery to households by school-age children after school on Friday.

Participants countered that the paper's weekly publication date is Thursday and questioned its general unavailability until Saturday.

Recognizing that the GNR is a critical component of communication for Greenbelt residents, participants requested more efforts to secure widespread distribution of the paper to all Greenbelt neighborhoods, local businesses and other strategic Greenbelt locations and possible online accessibility.

Public Works

The input for this topic area was varied and covered several topics that included expansion of the Greenbelt (bus) Connection, with greater access, more visible routes and seven-day service; and recreational facilities for Greenbelters of all ages, including more active recreation for seniors, trail improvements and promoting walking and fitness.

The group was also concerned with providing a better balance between streetscape trees and street-lighting needs by appropriate pruning. They suggested trees may be crowding out lighting. Street-level solar-powered lighting was also mentioned. The city might find ways to help neighborhood communities with tree plantings, maintaining green elements and reforestation as well as education on tree maintenance.

Some thought the city might consider ways to provide more direct information to homeowner associations, civic or neighborhood groups, condominium associations and cooperative organizations.

Several environmental and energy-related suggestions included future replacement of city-owned vehicles with energy-efficient alternatives, investigation of possible methane recovery from former city landfill sites, more education and enforcement of city standards for clean air, water and littering.

Greater city participation and support of programs by schools, organizations and volunteers in providing assistance to seniors and handicapped residents for household-related task such as yard work and snow removal was also mentioned.

Recreation and Parks

Wide-ranging ideas were offered by the participants, including consideration of more improved directional signage for city facilities, the availability of city maps at strategic locations, updating (and possible placing at other main entrances to the city) the city's map sign at the Southway entrance, development of digital message-board types of signs for special events and the possibility of a "virtual tour" of Greenbelt on the city's website.

Other participants suggested there might be more promotion of city facilities (dog park, etc.) online, on cable channel 71 and in city publications. They suggested considering the establishment of a communications/information technology advisory committee to assist the city in improving and updating its communication functions. Another idea was to develop a fact-sheet type of publication that would be distributed

regularly to civic and neighborhood associations highlighting city projects, events and programs.

Another group of ideas focused on consideration of specific facility-related improvements including possible reinstatement of the gate at the entrance to the Northway Fields to restrict inappropriate nighttime use of the area; improved fitness facilities in parks/on trails; a bocci ball court at a suitable location; installation of park benches near the Spellman Overpass and other city locations to encourage more public use; and establishment of additional dog parks in other neighborhoods. Other suggestions were water fountains at park areas near natural springs and additional recreation or community centers.

General types of suggestions included: city sponsorship and support of the annual "Pumpkin Walk" in the Northway Fields area; a clean-up for the Greenbriar park area adjacent to the high school and improved design for the open space at the intersection of Mandan Road and Hanover Parkway. Participants urged the city to continue maintaining recreation/park areas and open spaces; and expand the diversity of recreation programming for all populations with more outdoor activities such as fishing, boating, hiking and bird-watching. At the same time they felt that events such as the Labor Day Festival should be kept at a manageable scale and that planning for Greenbelt West development/redevelopment should include small neighborhood-oriented "pocket parks" as well as larger open space areas.

Public Safety

Participants suggested consideration of a "zero tolerance" for small violations such as littering or broken windows so they don't lead to larger violations. One person voiced appreciation of a greater police presence in Greenbelt East and others discussed the difficulty of attracting young people to law enforcement and the need for better lighting throughout the city, especially in areas near Greenbelt Road, the Beltway and the Spellman Overpass. Other topics included preventing crime by using appropriate design and the need for a seven-day-a-week city shuttle-bus system that serves the Greenbelt Metro Station and all city neighborhoods.

Social Services

Participants noted that Greenbelt needs to better promote itself as a family-oriented community and said that a need exists for health services, such as shots for residents without health insurance. Liz Parks, director of Greenbelt CARES mentioned the city's Health Fair and other services and attendees discussed the need to get information about Greenbelt's social services to homeowner associations and boards in Greenbelt East on a more consistent basis.

General Government

This catch-all topic area included suggestions similar to those at the other tables, as well as some targeted suggestions and questions and comments on the process.

Participants at this table reiterated the need for a future focus on

bus service expansion and reliability, communications enhancements for the 21st century including e-government approaches, webcams for council meetings and better directional signage for city facilities.

This table elicited a deeper treatment of some of those topics such as defining what makes each city sector "special" and building unity from the differences. Greenbelt East residents don't perceive a need to go to Greenbelt Center, some thought; thus, more and better directions for facilities, services and attractions would help change that perception.

Another topic explored was how the city can capitalize on its three sectors. It is good to have the Greenbelt Center as a meeting place but not, some thought, as a focal point. Attendees pointed out that the city needs to develop marketing positives for Greenbelt to offset the negatives; a proposed farmers market could be a unifying force. They also felt that the city should work toward reducing the number of employees by greater utilization of technology and volunteer resources.

Other suggestions from participants at this table included: promoting summer jobs for Greenbelt youth by Greenbelt businesses and a better city alert system for severe weather and catastrophic events and emergencies, including warning sirens. The city should continue its role in encouraging more homeownership in Greenbelt East and consider supporting the formation of a city chamber of commerce-type of organization.

Along the lines of a "where's the beef?" approach, this table questioned the process: "Are these sessions just going through the motions or will (the) suggestions be implemented?" or "Could there be a follow-up meeting or other opportunities to comment on the results of the three visioning sessions?"

While this was the final session for obtaining first-hand ideas and suggestions of Greenbelters, the closing remarks by the mayor and councilmembers indicated that additional opportunities will be afforded for citizen participation in the process that could take the better part of a year to develop. Next steps may include assimilation and consolidation of all ideas brought forward at the three sessions into poster-type outlines that would be accessible on the city's website or online; future council/staff worksessions to fine-tune and organize the visioning input for additional consideration and other steps to develop a coherent vision to guide the city's planning and budget efforts for a projected 20- to 25-year time-frame.

Council is committed to the idea that citizens may continue to have the opportunity to provide their ideas and suggestions as council and staff move forward. The notes for the first two visioning sessions have been posted on the city's website (www.greenbeltd.gov) and a mechanism for people to continue to submit ideas has also been created.

Robin Everly also contributed to this story.

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City Notes

Animal Control staff reports one dog was taken into custody due to a cruelty investigation, one dog was captured running at large, one sick cat was turned in and one ferret was adopted.

The planning staff consulted with the architect for the Old Greenbelt Theatre to arrange for meeting with a contractor to conduct a review of the project.

Eldon Ralph, director of Physical Plant Operation for Greenbelt Homes, Inc., has informed one of the inspectors that its workers put dye tablets in the storm drain system on Wednesday, January 23 which created excitement for safety personnel in the city and county. Ralph is in the process

of formulating standard operation procedures for future reference, such as notification to the Planning & Community Development Office, Public Works and the Fire Department.

Public Works reports 47 residents dropped off approximately 5,500 pounds of electronic equipment, including 27 televisions, at the Electronic Recycling Drop-off last Saturday.

Parks crew installed 11 refurbished benches at Schrom Hills Park.

Planning worked with Environment Systems Analysis, Inc. staff on obtaining a cost proposal for completing a dredging plan for Greenbelt Lake.

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21-6 Greenbelt Elementary	1,296	388	29	4	411	2,128
21-8 SHL Elementary	1,396	136	3	2	359	1,896
21-13 Eleanor Roosevelt High	1,492	214	11	3	391	2,111
21-18 Turning Point Academy	1,443	207	2	6	392	2,050
Total Greenbelt	7,361	1,302	82	22	2,015	10,782
Prince George's County	343,657	49,273	680	543	67,906	462,059
5th Congressional District***	140,003	33,367	434	328	34,364	208,496
State of Maryland****	1,733,102	889,849	8,048	5,279	499,495	3,135,773

*Registration figures include active registrants only - those who have voted in at least one of the last two presidential elections.
 **Unaffiliated (Declines) who are newly registered or those who do not choose a party.
 ***These figures represent only 5th Congressional District people who live in Prince George's County. The district also includes all of St. Mary's, Calvert, Charles and part of Anne Arundel counties.
 ****State figures are total registered voters.

Source: Prince George's County Board of Elections (city, county), and State Board of Elections (congressional district and state totals).

Greenbelt East Now Votes In Precincts 13 and 18

Because of increased voter registration in Greenbelt East, Prince George's County has split election precinct 13 into two precincts with different polling places, creating a fifth precinct within the city, called precinct 18. Registered voters living in the new precinct number 2,377; in the remaining part of precinct 13 are 2,210 registered voters. The change affects voters living in that part of Greenbelt East that is east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and the Capital Beltway and north of Good Luck Road. Affected households were mailed cards several weeks ago providing information about the changes and, this week, sample ballots and voting instructions were received from the county board of elections which repeat the voting location information.

Precinct 13

Precinct 13 contains all of Greenbriar Condominiums, Greenwood Village and Glen Oaks north of Greenbelt Road. To the south of Greenbelt Road the new boundaries of Precinct 13 follow Hanover Parkway south to Ora Glen Drive, east on Ora Glen

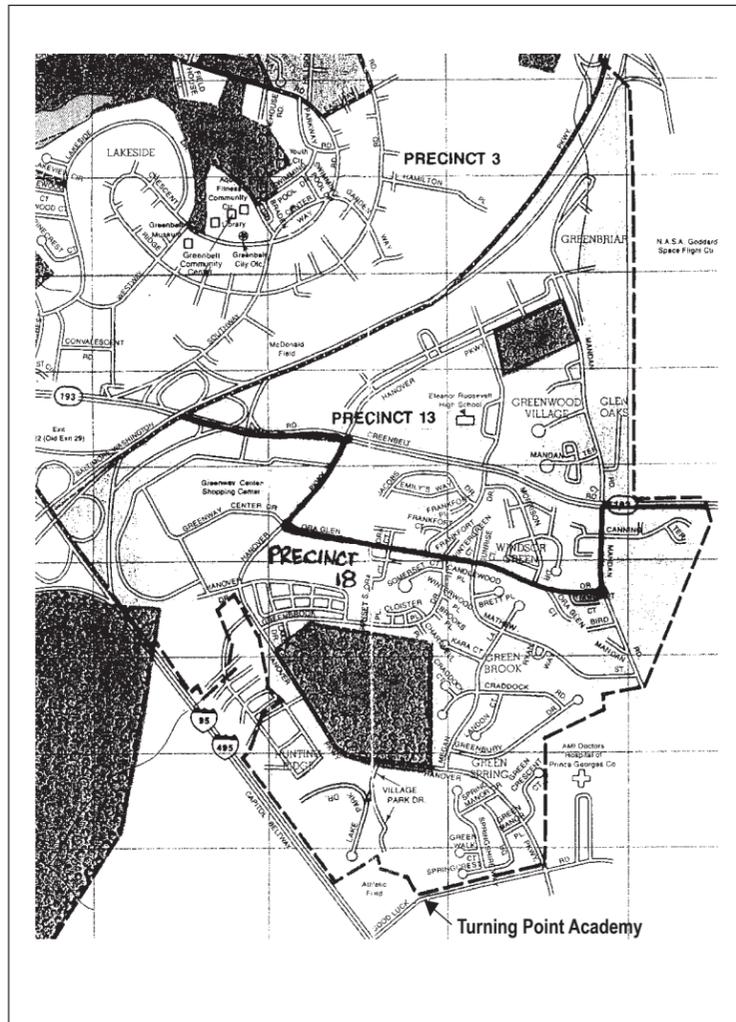
Drive to the end at Mandan Road and then back to Greenbelt Road. The centers of the streets listed are the dividing line between the two precincts. This area includes most of the Windsor Green development and a piece of Greenbrook Village.

The polling place for precinct 13 remains at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Precinct 18

Precinct 18 contains the remaining parts of Greenbelt East. The new precinct contains all of the area south of Greenbelt Road except for that part between Hanover Parkway and Mandan Road north of Ora Glen Drive. Precinct 18 includes the developments of Green Spring, Greenbelt Lake Village, Hunting Ridge and parts of Greenbrook Village and Windsor Green. The Hanover apartments east of Hanover Parkway are also within precinct 18.

Turning Point Academy at 7800 Good Luck Road is the polling place for precinct 18. This school lies within the corporate limits of Greenbelt despite its Lanham postal address.



VOTERS

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or to the Libertarian party, two other political parties separately reported by the county.

More than 2,000 residents are registered as unaffiliated with any political party or as a member of another political party (19 percent). Active registered voters are those who have voted in one of the last two presidential elections.

A review of Maryland county statistics shows that Prince George's County and Baltimore City have by far the highest proportions of registered Democrats, 74 and 79 percent respectively. Some counties, such as Garrett and Carroll, have a majority Republican electorate. Thus there is great diversity across the state. For the state as a whole, Democrats outnumber Republicans by two to one.

Greenbelt is divided geographically. The historic Greenbelt Center has two precincts, which represent 44 percent of registered voters. Greenbelt East, also now with two precincts, comprises 29 percent; and Greenbelt West (Springhill Lake) has 18 percent of the registered voters.

Voting Absentee Is Still Possible

Absentee ballots can still be obtained and voted through election day by going to the Prince George's County Board of Elections Office, 16201 Trade Zone Ave. (off Md. Rt. 301), Upper Marlboro and filing a late application (telephone 301-430-8020).

Completed absentee ballots must be returned to the election board by 8 p.m. election day unless mailed. Ballots mailed and postmarked on or before February 12 and received by the board by no later than 10 a.m. February 22 will be counted.

Only those persons who will be absent from their voting precinct or unable to vote in person on election day will be permitted to vote early by absentee ballot.

Free Taco for Voters

California Tortilla, the popular East Coast quick casual chain, wants all eligible voters to cast their ballot in the primary elections. On Tuesday, February 12, all customers sporting an "I Voted!" sticker will receive a free taco. Greenbelt residents can visit the restaurants in Bowie Town Center, downtown College Park and The Centre at Laurel.

Two Fires Hit Springhill Lake in Under 24 Hours

by Jim Davis

Two more fires occurred at Springhill Lake Apartments on Wednesday, January 30.

Firefighters from Berwyn Heights, Greenbelt, College Park and surrounding communities were called to battle at Springhill Lake Apartments just after 7 p.m. An apartment building was ablaze with heavy flames in the 9100 block of Springhill Lane. Firefighters encountered fire coming from the first and second floors of the three-story garden-style apartment building not equipped with sprinklers. With the possibility of the fire extending to the top floor and other buildings, a second alarm was sounded bringing over 75 more firefighters to help battle the blaze.

Firefighters were then able to bring the fire under control within 15 minutes. No injuries were reported, fire loss is estimated at \$100,000.

A total of 11 apartment units are uninhabitable and 30 residents were displaced. The displaced residents are being assisted by the

apartment complex management with temporary shelter until other arrangements can be made.

Fire investigators determined that an 8-year-old boy playing with matches ignited bedding materials. The child will be referred to the Fire/EMS Department's Matchless Opportunities Program, which provides education and intervention for juvenile fire setters.

Earlier that day, just before 3:30 a.m., firefighters from Berwyn Heights, Branchville and Greenbelt and surrounding fire departments were alerted for a building fire in the 9100 block of Springhill Lane. Units arrived on the scene with fire showing from the roof area on a one-story heating plant building.

An aggressive attack was made by firefighters bringing the fire under control within 10 minutes. No one was injured. The cause of the early morning fire is under investigation.

Alexandra Lopez contributed to this story.



Firefighters found fire showing from the roof of a heating plant.



Burned out ground level apartment.

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