

Councilmember Ingrid Turner Has Greenbelt Town Meeting

by Thomas X. White

On Thursday evening, September 25, Fourth District County Councilmember Ingrid M. Turner hosted her second town meeting in the council chambers of the Greenbelt Municipal Building. A nearly overflow audience was on hand to receive updates and reports from Turner and a panel of Prince George's County departmental representatives on their respective areas of responsibility.

Mayor Judith Davis opened the meeting by introducing Turner and thanking her for holding her second town meeting in Greenbelt. She offered the city's appreciation for Turner's efforts on behalf of Greenbelt as a new member of the county council.

Davis noted Turner's assistance with the Greenbelt Middle School renovation and replacement issue with her critical and timely letter to the Prince George's County Board of Education on the unacceptable and deteriorating conditions at the school which jump-started the planning process for a new middle school.

Turner also advocated for the county to provide funding for the Greenbelt School Resource Officer Program at Eleanor Roosevelt High School and for grants for several worthy Greenbelt organizations. Councilmember Rodney Roberts and Councilmember

Konrad Herling were also in attendance.

Turner thanked Davis for the city's hosting of the town meeting. Turner noted how important it was for her to hear firsthand the concerns of residents in neighborhoods within her district. She introduced the county department representatives who were present to provide information and updates from their departmental perspectives.

Agenda Guidelines

Turner also set the guidelines for the evening's agenda, which included departmental reports during the first part of the evening and then questions and concerns from individual citizens. She also set the tone for the meeting by highlighting the difficult and tight economic period the county is experiencing, including huge budget deficits facing the nation and the State of Maryland.

The county's current Fiscal Year 2009 (FY09) budget faces a \$53 million deficit as well as the likelihood that continuing deficits will impact the new budget to be presented to council next March (FY10).

Turner also noted the availability of historic property grants to county residents through a Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission pro-

gram. The deadline is November 1 for submitting requests for up to \$50,000 under the program.

Also mentioned were energy conservation tax credits available through the county this year. She urged residents to sign up for her mail list to receive her monthly online updates via email. To sign up, residents should send an email message requesting the newsletter to BKMAdison@co.pg.md.us.

Turner then introduced Rosalind Johnson, First District member of the Prince George's County Board of Education, who provided a brief report on county schools.

Middle School

Johnson spoke proudly of progress being made by the Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) and its students, noting that fewer schools are under corrective action by the state. She also noted that plans for a new Greenbelt Middle School (GMS) are going forward.

She provided a brief outline of the state and county processes for adding projects to the Capital Improvement Program so that new schools and major renovations can be included for funding.

Priority 1 designations for replacement or renovations are

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COG Enlightens Officials, Others on Climate Change

by Jon Sham

In recent years global warming and the changing climate have been heavily deliberated and debated issues. In attempts to face the challenges of the future, local governments are beginning to take matters into their own hands.

At College Park City Hall on Wednesday, September 13 the Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments (COG) Climate Change Steering Committee presented their draft report on the state of the environment, as it pertains to the Washington metropolitan area, to public officials and to interested citizens of College Park, Greenbelt and Bowie.

The report turned out to be a localized, personalized version of Al Gore's "An Inconvenient Truth."

Representing COG were Executive Director Dave Robertson and Director of Environmental Projects Stuart Freudberg. After short speeches from Mayors

Steve Brayman of College Park and Judith Davis of Greenbelt, Robertson gave a brief history of his organization.

COG, which was founded in 1957, consists of 21 local governments in the region and, Robertson added, 4000 square miles and over 4.5 million people. COG services the region's transportation planning board. The organization is involved with coordination of homeland security, as well as with the tri-state air quality planning entity because, as Robertson said, "Air doesn't respect the little lines we draw on maps."

Freudberg then took the floor and began clicking through his presentation. His first slide bulleted the region's best practices, including how two-thirds of local governments have purchased renewable energy, over half have adopted energy efficiency

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Walk Draws Attention To Reducing Truancy

by Vicki Kriz

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School Raiders football team and cheer squad showed their school spirit off the field on September 25 when they joined local law enforcement and school, city and county officials in a walk to promote truancy awareness among local businesses.

The walk was one of several scheduled to take place across the county as part of an anti-truancy initiative sponsored by the county's board of education. Rosalind Johnson, school board member for District 1, along with High Point High School PTA's Anti-Truancy Committee, announced the series of walks in August.

"Our young people are engaging in activities that are dangerous to their health," said Johnson, who participated in the ERHS walk. "We're [also] looking to put up billboards. We have a truancy-initiative DVD that we're handing out in different communities."

Participants walked on the evening of September 25 from the high school to Greenway Center, a popular student hang-out, where they distributed fliers to businesses instructing them to

call the Prince George's County police non emergency phone number, 301-333-4000, if they see a student loitering in or outside their business during school hours. Greenbelt community members can also call the Greenbelt Police non emergency number at 301-474-7200, MPO John Rogers, student resource officer at ERHS, said.

"It's a big problem," Rogers said. "We have kids that do anything from leave for lunch or leave half a day to don't come in at all. They'll take weeks off at a time. We're trying to get the community aware so if they see these kids, they'll call."

When a call is received, an officer will be dispatched to pick up him or her and return them to their school. School personnel are then responsible for notifying the appropriate family members.

ERHS staff is working closely with students and families, Sydney Robinson, pupil personnel worker at ERHS said. "We're having the parents come in for meetings as soon as we realize the student has a routine or

See **TRUANCY**, page 6

Heavy Fire Destroys Section Of Greenbelt Nursing Home

by Anke Bettina Irgang

In the early hours of Sunday, September 28 a fire broke out at the former Greenbelt Convalescent Center at 7010 Greenbelt Road, causing extensive damage to the property and calling firefighters and medics from the Greenbelt area to the scene. No firefighters were injured and no other buildings were affected by the fire.

The Greenbelt Fire Department responded to the call just after 7:30 a.m. Sunday. Because Greenbelt fire trucks were the first on the scene, Greenbelt Fire Chief Brian Rudy was in charge of the fire. Greenbelt firefighters were joined by departments from Berwyn Heights, West Lanham Hills and Branchville among others, many of which responded to a precautionary second alarm. "The second alarm was sounded due to the amount of fire and the large size of the building," Rudy said. More than 50 firefighters were on the scene and Greenbelt Police cordoned off westbound Greenbelt Road for several hours between Southway and Lakecrest Drive.



PHOTO BY JIM DAVIS

Early Sunday morning the flames could be seen through the glass door at the former Greenbelt Convalescent Center on Greenbelt Road.

Cause of the fire is still under investigation. "We are not ruling anything out at this point, including arson," said Mark Brady, chief spokesperson for the Prince George's County Fire Department. When questioned on the amount of damage done to the structure,

Brady said, "The fire originated in the center ring of the building and caused heavy damage to the roof as well."

According to City of Greenbelt Planner Terri Hruby, the

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What Goes On

Monday, October 6
8 p.m., City Council Worksession re: City Manager's Update, Municipal Building (Live on Channel 21 and 71)
Wednesday, October 8 – Yom Kippur. No Council meeting.
Thursday, October 9
7:30 p.m., GHI Board Meeting, GHI Board Room

October Artful Afternoon Features Stamp and Wrap

The next Artful Afternoon at the Greenbelt Community Center on Sunday, October 5 from 1 to 5 p.m. will feature stamps, wrapping, art and live artists.

Participants will learn to make hand-carved stamps to create wrapping paper and decorate lunch bags with tile-making instructor and Artist-in-residence Mary Gawlik from 1 to 3 p.m. This is a skill to use for personalized gift giving. The workshop is appropriate for all ages with adult assistance.

On display in the Community Center Art Gallery will be "Fauna: Paintings by Melissa Dickenson." A menagerie of eerily sentimental creatures inhabits the magical landscapes of Dickenson's paintings. As a finalist for this year's Sondheim art prize, her work was featured recently at the Baltimore Museum



Artist Mary Gawlik

of Art. A closing reception for the show will be held during the Greenbelt Art Walk on Thursday, October 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. Learn more about the artist at www.melissadickenson.com. The exhibit closes on October 17.

Every month, Greenbelt's Artful Afternoon also includes a studio open house with the Center artists-in-residence, Greenbelt Museum historic home tours and current historical exhibit. These activities are open to the public and free, with the exception of a nominal fee for the house tour. Visitors can also enter to win free tickets to see live music, theater, dance, puppetry and more at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

For more information about City of Greenbelt art programs, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts or call 240-542-2057.



PHOTO BY JOHN PETERSOLI

From left: Catherine Peterson, Marzieh Branyan and Sarah McCarthy, all of Greenbelt.

Raiders Girls U10 Win Opener

The Greenbelt Raiders Girls U10 soccer team is off to a great start as they opened the fall season with a 4-1 victory over the Upper Marlboro Stallions on September 13. Greenbelt scoring was led by Barbara Turnbull with two goals, Julia Pedersoli added a goal and Catherine Peterson also scored (her first for Greenbelt). Keeping the offensive attack going were Madison Maragliano, Jasmine Goggins, Marzieh Branyan, Yolanda Ford and Katie York. The defense, anchored by Annina Commins, Megan Dass and goalies Alexandra Sherman

and Sarah McCarthy, denied Marlboro any goals until late in the game.

On Saturday, September 20 Greenbelt and Upper Marlboro played in a rematch. Once again Greenbelt prevailed with a 3-0 shutout of Marlboro. In this second game Barbara Turnbull and Julia Pedersoli each had a goal and Madison Maragliano scored her first of the season. Sophie Bernheisel helped both offense and defense while Alexandra Sherman and Sarah McCarthy ensured the shut-out as goalies.

— Coach John Pedersoli, Greenbelt U10 Girls

Correction

The News Review has been informed that the Goldman Trail fall 4 p.m. mid-week birdwalks are actually held on the first and third Thursdays of each month. The wrong day of the week was announced in last week's paper. The Prince George's Audubon Society and Patuxent Bird Club jointly sponsor these 2.2-mile birdwalks at Lake Artemesia through November. October dates are October 2 and 16. Call 301-459-3375 for more information.



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Join Farmer's Market For Supper Oct. 26

On the evening of October 26 the Greenbelt Farmers Market will hold a "Supper Under the Stars" to support the continuation of the Greenbelt Farmers Market. A gourmet meal will be served featuring foods from Farmers Market vendors and prepared by Greenbelter Ellen Siegel. Put on a favorite wool sweater and join in for a delicious celebration of autumn on the lawn at the Greenbelt Community Church. Lights will sparkle in the trees and live music will accompany good food and conversation with friends and neighbors.



The Farmers Market is a 501(c)3 organization and relies on donations and grants to run its operations and keep costs low for vendors.

The website, www.greenbeltfarmersmarket.org, has more information about the market and how and to purchase tickets to the dinner. More information is also available at the information table at the Greenbelt Farmers Market.

October 26 will be the final week for the Farmers Market.

Unique Theater Comes to Greenbelt

On Thursday, November 6 the Greenbelt Arts Center will host a special one-night-only performance of the contemporary drama "Love Lessons from Abu Ghraib." This show is a solo performance by Philadelphia-based artist and yoga instructor Jennifer Schelter. "Love Lessons" was inspired by several journeys Schelter took between 2006 and 2008 to Istanbul, Turkey, to assist in the collection of testimony from former Iraqi detainees at Abu Ghraib prison. The piece offers a unique and dignified perspective on a difficult chapter of recent American history. Schelter explains: "the play is a puja or sacred ceremony for awareness of basic human rights."

The Greenbelt performance is co-sponsored by the Greenbelt Arts Center, Greenbelt Om Community Yoga, the Greenbelt Recreation Department and Amnesty International U.S.A. - Mid-Atlantic Regional Office.

Tickets are now on sale and advance purchase is recommended. Tickets can be purchased online at www.greenbeltom.com. Telephone and walk-in sales are available through the Greenbelt Community Center business office, 301-397-2208.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF OCT. 3

Religulous (R)

Friday
*5, 7:30, 9:40

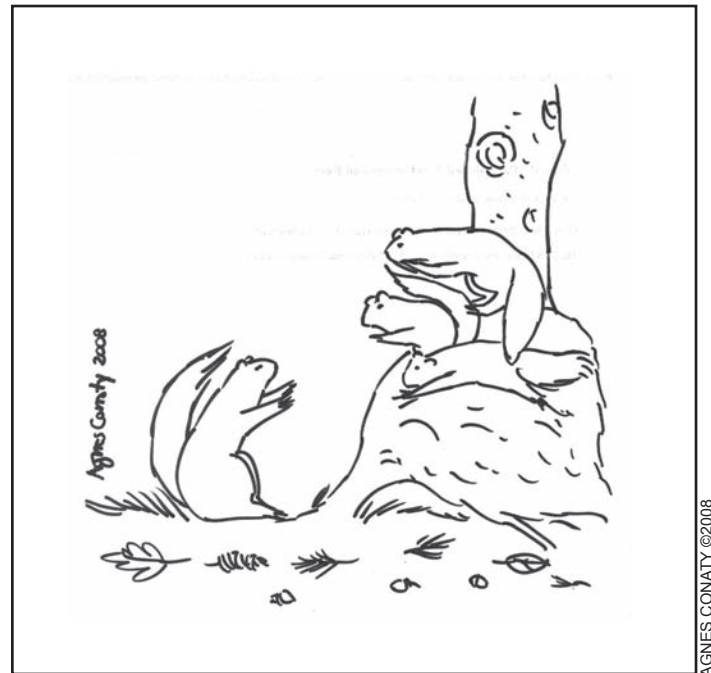
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*2:30, *5, 7:30

Monday - Thursday
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On Screen

New Film Is "Religulous"

The new documentary Religulous (religious + ridiculous) is directed by Larry Charles (Borat) and written, produced and starring Bill Maher is the next featured movie at the Old Greenbelt Theatre. Maher hosts a talk-show on HBO where he regularly criticizes the "religious right," calling religion a "neurological disease." [He moved to the cable network after ABC cancelled his show in the wake of his controversial comments about September 11.] The movie takes this criticism even further, as Maher travels the country interviewing experts and everyday people about religion. He also finally finds out (from his mother) why the family stopped attending Catholic services.

Runtime is 101 minutes. Rated R for some strong language and sexual material, the movie may be offensive to some viewers.

— 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.

Community Events

GHI Notes

Scheduled Meetings:
Sunday, October 5, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., GHI Annual Picnic, GHI Grounds

Monday, October 6, 7:30 p.m., CAC Animal Grief Support Group, GHI Library

Tuesday, October 7, 7 p.m., Greener Greenbelt Initiative Committee, Board Room

Wednesday, October 8, 7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee, GHI Board Room

Thursday, October 9, 7:30 p.m., Board Meeting, Board Room

Saturday, October 11, 1:30 p.m., Greener Greenbelt Initiative Workshop at Greenbelt Baptist Church

Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend and participate.

At the Library

Storytimes
 A librarian will read age-appropriate stories.

Tuesday, October 7, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, October 8, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group.

Thursday, October 9, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years, limit 20 children.

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

Book Discussion

Wednesday, October 8 at 6:30 p.m., Bookids Book Discussion for kids 8 to 12 years old will meet. The book is "Dinotopia" by James Gurney. Ask for a copy of the book at the library information desk.

Utopia Film Festival Seeking Volunteers

Enthusiastic, reliable and friendly volunteers are needed for the Utopia Film Festival to be held in Greenbelt from October 24 through 26. Volunteering for the film festival is a unique opportunity to network, gain event planning experience and have fun. Volunteers will receive free movie passes in exchange for their help.

For volunteer information, email volunteers@utopiafilmfestival.org or call Rebecca at 301-552-2306.



Monday morning offers fun and exercise during the Senior Swim class at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center. Back row: Dorothea Leslie and Flo Abel. Front row from left: Betty Down, Mary McKinley, Lucy Cruz, Bernie Giese and Betty Deitch.

Senior Swim

Senior citizen? Enjoy the water? Mondays from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center Betty Down leads deck and water exercises for seniors. Bring finger foods to share with the class, which is free for all GAFC passholders; there is a minimal fee for non-passholders.

For more information call 240-542-2054.

Love in the Opera Explored October 10

Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation by John Cahill from 1 to 3 p.m. on Friday, October 10 at the Greenbelt Community Center to show how love is expressed in many different ways in operas. Composers such as Puccini, Massenet, Gounod, Bellini, Richard Strauss and Saint-Saens are tapped for examples. There will be video excerpts of operatic love scenes with arias and duets sung in Italian, French and German with English subtitles.

Cahill has both B.A. and M.A. degrees and has been teaching adult education courses in county public school systems and community colleges in Maryland, including the SAGE program for Prince George's Community College.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday. This program will be held in the Center's Senior Classroom, Room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are encouraged.

For more information, call 301-397-2208.

Animal Grief Support Group to Meet

The Companion Animal Grief Support (CAGS) group will meet on Monday, October 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Homes, Inc., administration building library. Anyone grieving for a companion animal is invited to attend and share feelings and stories with others. CAGS meets the first Monday of the month.

Climate Action Film Wednesday

The Greenbelt Climate Action Network will meet on Wednesday, October 8, 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. Attendees will hear about the Community Legal Defense Fund (CELDF) (www.celdf.org), based in Chambersburg, Pa., which has created a new approach to protecting the environment. Communities across the country and internationally have used the CELDF method to fight factory farms, toxic waste dumps and water-mining and offer protection for ecosystems. Through its "Democracy School" CELDF trains communities about how to use these tools. A video lecture by Thomas Linzey, executive director of CELDF, will be shown. For more information contact Bob Fireovid at bob.fireovid@verizon.net or 301-982-0257.

New Deal Café For This Week

On Saturday, October 4 from 8 to 11 p.m., Rio Garage will offer mellow bossa nova jazz and Portuguese vocals. On Sunday, October 5 from noon to 2 p.m., Jim Stimson will perform on the lute during brunch.

Weeknight entertainment from 7 to 9 p.m. will include: Tuesday, October 7, April Stace Vega plays harp; Wednesday, October 8, Bruce Kritter performs on classical guitar and Thursday, October 9 will be an open microphone night.

The New Deal Café is located in Greenbelt's Roosevelt Center at the corner of Southway and Crescent roads. For more information check the website www.newdeal-cafe.com or call 301-474-5642.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald
 The Golden Age Club members are known to be very active and capable but we can't fight Mother Nature. We had to cancel our yard sale on September 27 because of wet, rainy weather. The new date is October 11 at Roosevelt Center. We have many interesting treasures to sell.

We hope to have Dr. Sridhar Chatrathi, cardiologist, at the October 8 meeting and Wanda Darden will speak on October 22.

Don't forget the apple-picking trip to Shaw's Orchard on October 13. Karen Haseley may have some openings. It's always a fun trip and we bring home apples and other goodies.

October is going to be a very busy month, with lots of activities, so keep in touch and come out to meetings on Wednesdays.

Co-op Store Seeks Board Candidates

The Greenbelt Consumer Co-operative will be holding elections for three positions on its board of directors. Candidates will be presented and voting will take place at the cooperative's annual meeting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 1 in the Community Center's multi-purpose room.

Board members are responsible for the operation of the supermarket and meet once a month. Any voting member of the Co-op may be nominated for a position on the board. Those interested need to fill out a nominating form, available from the cooperative's office, and obtain the signatures of at least five voting members who support their candidacy. The completed forms must be returned to the store office by October 24. For further information, call Tom Moran at 301-345-1429 or the store office at 301-474-0522.

More community events can be found on pages 2, 4, 10 and 12.

Invasive Plant Help Sought for Park

Greenbelt Park seeks help to remove harmful invasive plants on Saturday, October 4 at 11 a.m. in the Sweetgum Picnic Area.

The program continues on first Saturdays of the month, rain or shine. Wear appropriate clothing, use insect and tick repellent and bring work gloves and a snack or lunch.

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

For more information, call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944 or visit the park's web page at <http://www.nps.gov/gree>.

Computer Club Meets Thursday

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its October monthly meeting on Thursday, October 9 from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the Greenbelt Community Center in Room 103. Everyone is welcome.

Academy Stadium Theatres

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 301-220-1155
ALL SHOWS BEFORE 5 p.m.
 Adults/Seniors: \$6.50
 Children: \$6.00
ALL SHOWS BEFORE NOON ON SATURDAY \$5.00
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 Adults: \$8.50
 Students/Military: \$7.50
 Children: \$6.00
 Seniors: \$6.50
 R = ID Required
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Week of OCT. 3

FRI. - SAT.
 Burn After Reading, R
 12, 2, 4:15, 6:40, 9:30
 Igor, PG
 12, 2, 4:15
 Righteous Kill, R
 6:40, 9:30
 Beverly Hills Chihuahua, PG (!)
 11:30, 1:30, 3:30, 5:35, 7:40, 9:45
 Miracle at St. Anna, R (!!)
 11:35, 3, 6:20, 9:45
 Lakeview Terrace, PG-13
 11:30, 2:20, 5:05, 7:40, 10:20
 Eagle Eye, PG-13 (!!)
 11:30, 2:20, 5:05, 7:40, 10:20
 Tyler Perry's Family That Preys, PG-13
 11:40, 2:30, 5:15, 7:50, 10:30
 Nights in Rodanthe, PG-13
 11:40, 1:50, 4:10, 6:40, 9:30

SUN. - THUR.
 Burn After Reading, R
 12:45, 2:50, 5:10, 8
 Igor, PG
 12:45, 2:50
 Righteous Kill, R
 5:10, 7:45
 Beverly Hills Chihuahua, PG (!)
 12:30, 2:50, 5:20, 8
 Miracle at St. Anna, R (!!)
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 Lakeview Terrace, PG-13
 12:20, 2:40, 5:20, 7:45
 Eagle Eye, PG-13 (!!)
 12:20, 3, 5:30, 8
 Tyler Perry's Family That Preys, PG-13
 12:20, 2:40, 5:10, 7:45
 Nights in Rodanthe, PG-13
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Holy Cross Thrift Store
 Every Thursday 10 - 4 p.m.
 1st Saturday of the month 10 - 2 p.m.
 Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!
 Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.
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 Oct. 11 - 5 to 7 p.m.
 Mowatt Church
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Condolences to the family of former Greenbelter Sue Sharp, who died in Berryville, Va., on September 21, 2008, at the age of 99.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Edward R. Austin of Jessup, a 1950 graduate of Greenbelt High School, who died of lung cancer on September 19. Among his survivors are his daughter Donna Parrish and former wife Patricia Austin, both of Beltsville; they are granddaughter and daughter of the late pioneer Greenbelter Gilda Kling.

Congratulations to
- Jim Harbaugh, of Eastway, who won the gold medal in billiards at the Maryland 2008 Senior Olympics held in Silver Spring on September 17. Jim, now 72, has lived in Greenbelt for 54 years.

- Kenneth Silberman of Southway, who has been appointed to the National Information Standards Organization (NISO)/ Digital Accessible Information System (DAISY) Digital Talking Book for the blind Standard Revision Working Group by NISO and the DAISY Consortium.

- Nancy DePlatchett, who recently authored the chapter Placing the Magic in the Classroom: TPCK in Arts Education in a Co-Publication of the Routledge/Taylor & Francis Publishing Group in collaboration with the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education. This handbook/textbook addresses the concept and implementation of technological pedagogical content knowledge - the knowledge and skills that teachers need in order to meaningfully integrate technology into instruction in specific content areas. Besides being the curriculum advisor for ARTSEdge, the Nation's Arts and Education website at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Nancy is also an adjunct faculty member at Montgomery College, where she teaches an arts integration course to education majors. Nancy formerly had an art studio at the Community Center.

- Nicole and Ian Minor of Columbia on the birth of their first child, Aiden Patrick, on September 25, 2008. He is the first grandchild for Barb and Larry Wildoner, longtime Greenbelters who have just moved to Taylorsville, Ga., and is the great-grandson of Pat Hand and Al and Marge Wildoner of Greenbelt.

- Novell and Joi (Loretz) Bannister on the birth of their son Eric Robert Bannister, born at 11:22 p.m. on August 30, 2008, at Howard County General Hospital weighing 5 lbs., 8.5 oz. Proud grandparents are Marvin and Barbara Loretz of Greenbelt and Barbara Bannister of Pomfret, Md.

Best wishes to Lucy Wolfe in her new home at Riderwood.

Lucy's late husband Donnie Wolfe was the spark which ignited many a reunion of Greenbelt High School friends. Both Donnie and Lucy, the former Mary Lou Forrester of Berwyn Heights, were 1945 graduates of GHS.

Happy Birthday and congratulations to Theresa Crowley, whose many friends gathered on September 25 to help her celebrate a milestone birthday,

her seventieth. Guests were riveted by her description of a new swain, followed by a performance by aforesaid four-legged Leonardo.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

- Kathleen McFarland

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church
40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
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www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410
Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 10:00am
Prayer Meeting Sun. 9:45 am

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October 5, 10 a.m.
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Interim minister Rev. Phyllis Hubbell
with Marilyn Pearl, worship associate, and Women's Choir
During this high holiday season, we take time to seek the grace which will allow us to leave our pain and fears behind. Chalice Dancers will perform.

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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

What does Bahá'u'lláh say about the day in which we live?
"This is the Day in which God's most excellent favors have been poured out upon men, the Day in which His most mighty grace hath been infused into all created things. It is incumbent upon the peoples of the world to reconcile their differences, and, with perfect unity and peace, abide beneath the shadow of the Tree of His care and loving-kindness."

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.greenbeltucc.org
Sunday Worship
10:15 a.m.
Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

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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.

Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

Blessing of Animals At St. George's Sat.

St. George's Episcopal Church in Glenn Dale will hold a Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 4 at 10 a.m. rain or shine. Animals and their people are welcome. Coffee and baked goods will be on sale 9 a.m.

St. George's is designated as an animal-friendly congregation by the Episcopal Network for Animal Welfare. For more information call 301-262-3285.

Yom Kippur Services At Mishkan Torah

Mishkan Torah's Yom Kippur services will be held on Wednesday, October 8 with Kol Nidrei beginning at 6:15 p.m. Yom Kippur services will continue on Thursday morning beginning at 9 a.m.

Seating is available for non-members by calling 301-474-4223. There will be special services and activities for children of various ages for Yom Kippur.

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

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

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Congregation Mishkan Torah
10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 301-474-4223

Yom Kippur - Oct. 8, 6-10 p.m. Kol Nidrei
Oct. 9, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Yom Kippur with Yizkor
2-4 p.m. Study Group, 4-7 p.m. services

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.

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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

PLEASE COME AND WORSHIP WITH US

Greenbelt Youth Center 99 Centerway
(Behind the Community Center)

Pastor Lou Redd
301-474-4499 410-340-8242 (cell)
...living life together

Fall Harvest Festival Is Sunday in Center

The 5th annual Greenbelt Fall Harvest Festival will be held from noon to 8 p.m. on Sunday, October 5 in Roosevelt Center. This free family-friendly event for all ages, sponsored by Chesapeake Education Arts and Research Society (CHEARS) and the Green Man Project, offers arts, crafts demonstrations and music all day by Transcendent Third, The Scrub Pines, 95 Bluesberry Way, CliffArt, The Druthers, Jack Couldn't Make It and more. A solar cooking demonstration with fresh produce from area farms will take place from 1 to 4 p.m.

The festival celebrates a time to harvest, a time to celebrate as the hemisphere tilts away from the sun and triggers the start of autumn, when the verdant cover morphs to auburn and ocher and other earth tones. In the garden, the soft and fleshy fruits are all but gone, save for a few late bloomers.

Now the hardy gourds and roots take charge and draw upon the drying soil and waning light to fulfill their seeds' imperative. It is time to harvest and take stock of the bounty. It is time to celebrate the work of man and nature. And

it is time to prepare for the cooler shorter days ahead.

In cultures around the world from Australia to Alaska and from the highlands of Chile to the plains of Eastern Europe, the harvest is celebrated with song, rhyme, dancing and feasting. Such gatherings recharge the spirit after a long season of planting and tending the crop. The Harvest Celebration sustains the community and replenishes the reserves of purpose and hope for the coming year.

CHEARS invites the community to join in celebrating this milestone in the yearly cycle of the planet, to celebrate the work and the creations and the spirit of life that springs forth from the earth and reflects in our being.

Stone Soup Chef Richard McMullin will demonstrate how to make a stone soup at the festival. Donations of vegetables and herbs for the soup are welcome. Several local small farmers have offered to provide some organic produce.

For more information email stonesoup@chears.org or call 301-806-8796.

— Richard McMullin,
Stone Soup Chef



City Information

MEETINGS FOR OCTOBER 6-10

Monday, October 6, 8:00pm, **CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: CITY MANGER'S UPDATE** at Municipal Building. (live on Channel 21 & 71)

Wednesday, October 8, **YOM KIPPUR – NO MEETING**

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

Notice of Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2008-1

At its regular meeting of September 8, 2008, the City Council adopted a resolution to amend the City Charter. As required by state law, this resolution will be posted in its entirety for 40 days, until October 18, at the Municipal Building, as well as on the City's Web site at www.greenbeltmd.gov. A copy may also be requested of the City Clerk. The charter amendment will be effective on October 28, 2008, unless a proper petition to submit the amendment to the voters on a referendum is filed as permitted by law. This notice is given to provide a fair summary of the resolution, as also required by state law.

A Resolution . . . to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt . . . by Amending Paragraph (d), "Powers," of Section 12, Titled "Employee Relations Board" to Provide that the Employee Relations Board be Empowered to Hear Grievances Arising out of Collective Bargaining Agreements: Subsequent to a referendum question on the ballot of the 2005 City election, the City Council amended the City Code to include a Labor Code for the purpose of recognizing the right of certain police officers to organize and bargain collectively. The Labor Code requires that all collective bargaining agreements (CBAs) must include a grievance procedure containing a provision for binding decision by the City's Employee Relations Board (ERB). Since the existing powers of the ERB in grievance procedures were limited to making recommendations to the City Council, it was necessary to amend the charter to enable the ERB to address grievances arising out of CBAs as required by the Labor Code.

For additional information, contact
Cindy Murray, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000 or
cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

Vacancies exist on the: Advisory Committee on Education, Arts Advisory Board, Park & Recreation Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee, Youth Advisory Committee.

For more info call 301-474-8000.

FALL FEST 2008

**Saturday
October 18
2-6pm**

Schrom Hills Park
Celebrate Greenbelt's 71st year! Pumpkin Patch, hayrides, amusements, information tables, games, refreshments and entertainment by "JUST US!"
Information:
301-397-2200

UPCOMING

RECYCLING EVENTS

Donation Drop-Off
American Rescue Workers
Saturday, October 11 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00p.m.
Parking lot between City Office and Community Center

Greenbelt Lake Cleanup.
Saturday, October 18, 2008.
From 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Meet at the entrance of Buddy Attick Park. This is part of Gorgeous Prince George's Day.

Shred Day

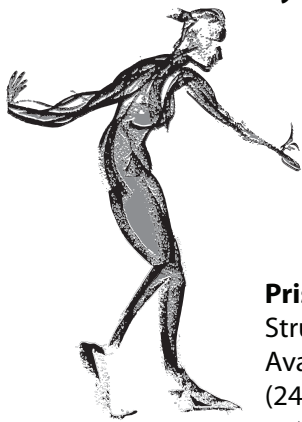
Saturday, October 18, 2008.
From 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. In front of the Credit Union at the Roosevelt Center.

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

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL /PUBLIC ACCESS NOW ON COMCAST 71 & VERIZON 21

MUNICIPAL ACCESS:
301-474-8000:
Monday, October 6th at 8pm: City Council Work Session (live)
Tuesday and Thursday, October 7 & 9: 6pm "Ask the Expert: Grandma's Pieplate" 6:30pm "Camp Dance Performance" 7pm "Labor Day Talent Show" 8:00pm "Town Meeting with Ingrid Turner" 9:30 Replay of Council Work Session"
PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581:
Wednesday & Friday, October 8 & 10: 7pm "Kap Kapistan's MD Slot Interview w/ Aaron Meisner" 8pm "Progressive Cheverly's Forum on MD Slot Referendum"

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NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Thursday, October 9, 2008

GHI BOARD ROOM, 7:30 PM

GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Contract for Repair of 13P Hillside Retaining Wall – 2nd Reading
- Contribution Requests – 2nd Reading
- Request for Oversized Vinyl Shed, 8J Laurel Hill Rd.
- Request for Wood Fence, 54D Ridge Road



Regular Board meetings are open to Members
For more information, visit our website - www.ghi.coop

NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

LEAF BAGS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

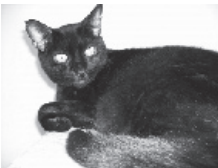
FREE paper leaf bags are again available to GHI members at the GHI main office during regular business hours on a first-come, first-served basis.

NOTE: SPECIAL SATURDAY HOURS: Bags will be distributed from GHI garage #21 on Parkway Road on the following Saturdays: October 18 and 25; November 1 and 8, from 9am to 1pm.

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



Greenbelt Pets of the Month



CONGRATULATIONS TO PEBBLES AND BAM BAM ON THEIR ADOPTION!

SCHWARTZ: A three-year old neutered male. Schwartz is a reformed street cat with lots of personality. A friendly and loving cat looking for attention. He would love to go home with you and curl up on your lap.



IGOR: A one-year old, male boxer-mix. He is playful and energetic, and looking forward to bringing his youthful cheer to your house.

COME VISIT SCHWARTZ AND IGOR AND ALL OF THE ADOPTABLE PETS ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH FROM 11AM TO 3PM AT THE GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER-BEHIND POLICE STATION

For more information on any of the other wonderful animals at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter, call 301.474.6124

FREE DEPRESSION SCREENING DAY

Tuesday, October 14, 2008

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Beltway Plaza Giant – Pharmacy
6000 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, MD
More info call 1-800-422-0009.

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WWW.GREENBELTMD.GOV

Graduate Students Attempt To Help Greenbelt Connect

by Bay Woods

Ten graduate students presented the findings of their Summer 2008 Community Planning Studio's study of the issues that "unite and divide" Greenbelt. The presentation took place in the City Council Chambers on September 9.

The study was part of the graduate program in the Urban Studies and Planning Department at the University of Maryland, College Park. The course, instructed by professors Jim Cohen and Sidney Brower, used demographic data and interviews to produce the report.

Cohen, director of the Urban Studies and Planning Program, introduced the panel of 10 graduate students and gave an overview of the project. "The News Review said that we were going to seek input," Cohen noted, referring to an article on the meeting in the September 5 issue. "We are not seeking input. The students are done with their report."

As she introduced the report, Sennait Kassa, said, "As planning students, Greenbelt is one of the cities we study." She explained, "We take note of the fact that it was based on the principles of garden city planning" to create a community based on interaction. "We were curious to see how this historic city is faring now."

Kassa reported the students discovered that Greenbelt was divided into three parts by three major highways. The group wondered how the historic principles of Greenbelt applied to Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West. The group asked, "What are the social, political and economic factors that divide Greenbelt and how can we increase unity?"

History

Amy Hofstra presented the historical section of the report. She reported that Greenbelt was developed in the 1930's and incorporated ideas such as superblocks, walkability and the screening of potential residents to discover their interest in cooperative living.

Hofstra presented a series of maps detailing the expansion of the original city, including the development of single family homes on Lakeside in the 50s and 60s, the construction of Beltway Plaza in 1962 and the Beltway in 1964. Hofstra reported that when Springhill Lake was built in 1962, it was "meant to reflect the design attributes of historic Greenbelt."

Diversity

Rene Thompson moved the discussion to demographic data defining Greenbelt in the 2000 census in terms of "differences and diversity." Thompson explained that the group looked at the three sections of Greenbelt in terms of race, income, age, education and the amount of time residents have lived there.

They discovered that Greenbelt West had the largest population between 20 and 29, while Old Greenbelt had the largest senior population. Old Greenbelt was 71 percent white, while Greenbelt West was 60 percent African American and Greenbelt East 46 percent African American.

Greenbelt East had the highest median income, with Greenbelt West having the lowest. Old Greenbelt had the most residents

who had been there for over 20 years and Greenbelt West the greatest number who had been there fewer than five.

Methodology

Maixent Ralaingita presented the group's methodology. They began with a research orientation including the development of research questions, in addition to reviews of secondary data and maps, including the FBI's crime statistics.

The group then conducted interviews with residents, city council and community leaders. Finally the group attended a number of public meetings, including those with the NAACP and the ACLU and a transportation visioning session.

Ken Firestone said, based on the interviews, the group identified four areas of concern, including a lack of social cohesion and physical connection, political representation and quality of life.

The group saw uneven participation, stereotyping by neighborhood and racial division as examples of the lack of social cohesion in the community.

They found that roads served as barriers rather than connectors, dividing the city into three parts, a problem exacerbated by the difficulty in traveling between parts of the city. Many residents expressed that outside of Old Greenbelt, the city was very auto-dependent, creating further issues with physical communication.

Firestone also reported that the students found political participation was not consistent and that voter turnout was lower in Greenbelt West than in the rest of the city. The group also found that some residents felt that the at-large voting system can deny minorities equal representation.

Citizen surveys led the Community Planning Studio to conclude that there is an uneven provision of services, with most located in and around Old Greenbelt. Residents throughout the city considered crime a problem but it is perceived to be a greater problem in Greenbelt West. Nevertheless, the students determined that crime seems to be decreasing and is not as great a problem as it is perceived to be.

Solutions

Pete Witte presented the group's recommended solutions to improve social cohesion, physical connection, political participation and quality of life.

Witte proposed numerous changes to increase social cohesion, including increased community artwork, marked entries into the city, improvement of the Greenbelt "brand." He also recommended including all areas of the city in the Greenbelt Museum, as well as a minority advisory board.

The group suggested that the city could connect the three sections of the city with bridges, underpasses and bike or pedestrian routes in order to improve the city's physical connections. Witte stated that the Community Planning Studio recommended increasing political participation by making elections more visible through yard signs, encouraging young residents to participate in the democratic process, adopting alternative voting options, provid-

Glenn Dale Hospital Site Open for Event

In 1934 President Franklin D. Roosevelt approved construction of an adult tuberculosis sanatorium at Glenn Dale, 15 miles outside the nation's capital in rural Prince George's County. Eventually Glenn Dale Hospital would grow into a self-contained community with 23 buildings on 216 acres, accommodating doctors and staff who lived on the property and patients who stayed for years, even decades. In the 1960s Glenn Dale, which was already an important source of jobs and incomes, expanded its mission to treating the chronically ill.

Now the public is invited to join former patients, staff and their families on Saturday, October 4 at 10:30 a.m., for a gathering on the grounds of the now-closed hospital. The event, hosted by the Prince George's County Historical Society and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), which currently owns and administers the site, marks the first such invitation in more than 25 years.

The morning's featured speaker will be former Washington Post reporter Leah Y. Latimer, author of an award-winning Post magazine article based on her mother's commitment to Glenn Dale in the 1950s ("Quarantined," December 10, 2006). Former medical staff, patients and employees will share their memories.

Closed early in 1982, the hospital property has drawn unsuccessful development proposals.

Those wishing to attend the gathering are asked to RSVP by calling the Historical Society at 301-220-0330 or Susan Pearl at 301-262-3367. Detailed directions to the event will be provided to respondents. To share information or personal stories about Glenn Dale Hospital, call 301-499-3574 or email GDhospitalhistory@comcast.net.

Voting Is NARFE's October Subject

The next meeting of National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Chapter 1122 will be at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 8 at the New Carrollton Municipal Building, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway.

Jim Bates of Project VoteSmart will be the guest speaker. All members are urged to attend and the public is invited. Call 301-441-2585 for information.

ing public funds for election campaigns and offering workshops on city organization and political planning.

Finally the group made a series of proposals to improve the quality of life, such as providing outreach to communities most in need; maintaining a list of bilingual volunteers; building on the success of the News Review and adopting "old fashioned but effective types of communication," such as radio, TV and banners for those who do not receive the News Review or have access to the internet.

The recommendations were followed by an opportunity for citizen discussion of the issues and suggestions. Cohen said his Studio would make the report available on the internet and at central locations some time in October.

TRUANCY continued from page 1



PHOTO BY VICKI KRIZ

Participants walked on the evening of September 25 from the high school to Greenway Center, a popular student hangout, where they distributed fliers to businesses in an effort to curb truancy.

a record of being truant. Our goal is to get our kids in school everyday." Businesses that serve truant students and families that consistently have truant children even after serious action has been taken by the school can be fined, Robinson said.

Dare Olaniyan, an ERHS junior and member of the football team, admits to skipping a few of his classes last year but participated in the walk with the football team to show his support for the cause.

"Some of us need to step up, especially people my age," Olaniyan said. "[Skipping is] not the best thing to do. It's important to go to every class."

Olaniyan says from this year

on, he is "putting [his] face in the books" so that he can reach his goal of receiving a college scholarship and attending Dartmouth College after graduation.

Greenbelt's Mayor Judith Davis, a former sixth-grade teacher who occasionally had truant students, walked with the hope that community members will step up to end this countywide problem.

"We need to be the ones," Davis said. "The police can't be everywhere. The teachers can't be everywhere. It's up to everyone to notice that a child or young person is not at school when they should be and call it in, because where that person needs to be is in school getting an education."

Supt. Deasy Will Leave County in February

The Prince George's County Board of Education announced on Tuesday, September 30 that Superintendent Dr. John E. Deasy is leaving in February 2009 to join the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Dr. Deasy will continue to work with the county as deputy director of the foundation's education division, says the Board of Education.

"For the Board of Education," said Chair Verjeana M. Jacobs, Esq., "it is bittersweet to lose an

effective superintendent but [we] see his move to a national level as validation of the ... achievements of our school district."

"We are grateful for the passion and energy that Dr. Deasy brought to making improvements in teaching and learning for all students regardless of their backgrounds or where they live."

The Board of Education has approved Dr. William R. Hite, Jr. to serve as interim superintendent until a new superintendent is named.

GREENBELT



FARMERS MARKET

Supper under the Stars

October 26th, 6:30 pm

Greenbelt Community Church

\$45

a portion of this ticket is tax deductible

Purchase your tickets at the market or at
www.greenbeltfarmersmarket.org

Exciting Evening Planned For Second Art Walk

by Barbara Simon

Greenbelt's second Art Walk will take place Thursday, October 16 from 6 to 9 p.m. The three venues that participated in last May's successful first Art Walk are planning an exciting evening. The New Deal Café and the Greenbelt Arts Center are both located in Roosevelt Center and the Greenbelt Community Center is only a short stroll away.

At the New Deal Café a reception will be held for the current group exhibit "Works in Progress," featuring works in various media by local artists. The artists in the show will conduct a discussion about the process of creation from 7 to 7:30. John Guernsey, the Café's resident pianist, will play standard jazz from 6 to 7 and from 7:30 to 9 there will be local talent participating in an Open Microphone Night.

At the Greenbelt Art Center visitors may view the current exhibit, of works by local photographers, in the lobby, and can take a tour of this community theater from 6 to 7:30 p.m. From 7:30 to 9 they may attend a rehearsal of the cult classic the Rocky Horror Show.

Fauna

At the Greenbelt Commu-

nity Center, sponsored by the city Recreation Department, visitors may attend the reception for the current exhibit "Fauna - Paintings by Melissa Dickenson." The reception includes jazz music performed by Maureen Andary. The artists-in-residence are holding a Studio Open House - 11 artists working in a variety of media. GATE (Greenbelt Access Television) is sponsoring a preview screening of the Utopia Film Festival and experimental films by Riverdale filmmaker Chris Lynn. There is a Drop-in Life Drawing Class in which visitors may work from the nude model for a small fee that includes materials (for ages 18+ years).

The Greenbelt Museum exhibit "Sublime on a Dime - Fashions from the Great Depression and WW II" is on display as well.

Greenbelt's second Art Walk is sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA), with a supporting grant from the Greenbelt Community Foundation. For further information check www.newdealcafe.com, <http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org>, and www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts.

Barbara Simon is the president of FONDCA.

Greenbelt Elementary Kids Walk to School Wed., Oct. 8

by Megan Gustafson

Students from Greenbelt Elementary will be walking to school on Wednesday, October 8 to help raise community awareness about pedestrian safety and to promote physical fitness. The event is part of the larger International Walk to School Day, according to Kirsten Dabelko, vice president of the Greenbelt Elementary PTA, which does the majority of planning for the event.

Walk participants will meet in four different locations in Greenbelt: Roosevelt Center, Greenbelt East (parking lot to Spellman Overpass), Plateau Place playground and the corner of Lastner Lane and Julian Court, said Anne Gardner, president of the PTA. The majority of the walkers will meet at 8:15 a.m. and will start walking by 8:30 a.m., with the exception of the group meeting at Plateau Place. They will meet at 8:30 a.m. and start walking by 8:45 a.m., Gardner said.

The walk is supported by the Greenbelt Recreation Department and the Greenbelt Police Department, and police officers will be present during the walk to help make sure it proceeds safely, Dabelko said.

"[It's a] way to bring the community together, both parents in

the school community, and the wider community, in promoting healthy lifestyles," Dabelko said. In addition to parent volunteers, various members of the community will be walking with the children. Last year, the mayor participated as well as a member of the city council, she added.

"Our emphasis is on pedestrian safety, and safety of the kids. We use [the walk] as a way to promote the fact that school's in session, so be extra careful for the kids," said police spokesperson George Mathews.

At least 10 officers will participate in the walk, some on foot and some on bikes. A lighted squad car will ride along to help motorists see the children, Mathews said.

"[The walk is] also to encourage people not just to walk on that day but to keep walking the rest of the year," said Gardner. She also mentioned the growing childhood obesity epidemic and said "walking is obviously a good way to combat some of that."

"It's always fun to work with kids, and the kids are very enthusiastic about it," Mathews said. "Anything that creates positive interaction between police and kids is positive for all involved."

Celebrate So. Maryland Trails in October

October is Southern Maryland Trails Month, which spotlights the region's seasonal events, heritage festivals and family activities. Many trail sites are scheduling special activities or awarding discounts and gifts to customers who mention the trails on designated days in October or any time throughout the month.

At the center of this celebration is the newly updated and

expanded regional guidebook, "Southern Maryland Trails: Earth, Art, Imagination." It maps more than 200 sites, including farms, art studios, eateries and B&Bs that offer products and activities that are "homegrown, handmade and authentically Southern Maryland." It is available free at visitor centers and partner sites throughout the area, which are listed on the web at www.somdtrails.com.

Charrette Workshops Start October 11

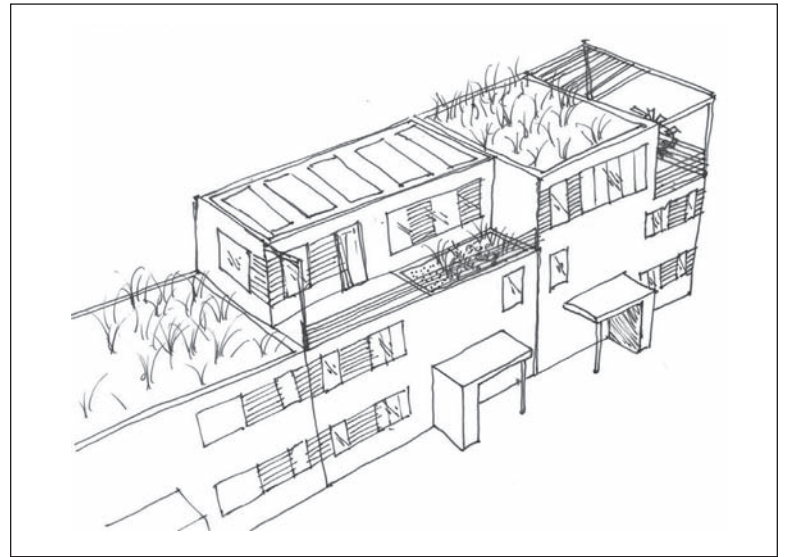
by Jim Cohen

What would green roofs on Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) homes look like and what benefits would they provide? Would active and passive solar retrofitting make sense for these units? What other design ideas can enhance livability and lower co-op member utility costs? And, most importantly, who will be researching, deciding on and paying for these ideas?

Solutions to the above questions will be discussed at a workshop Saturday, October 11 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room of the Greenbelt Baptist Church, at Crescent and Greenhill Roads. The event is the first in a series of four workshops about the future of Greenbelt to be held at the church in October and November.

Sponsored by GHI's Green Ribbon Task Force (GRTF), the workshops are a follow-up to the Greener Greenbelt charrette held in September 2007 when over 400 participants shared their visions of a future Greenbelt that is sustainable, livable, affordable and historically preserved. People are invited to share their knowledge, expertise and insight into planning how to actualize the best of the charrette's ideas.

The challenge now is to turn the ideas gathered at the charrette into reality. As in the past, Greenbelt turns to its greatest natural resource - its citizens - for assistance in researching and planning the next steps to take.



Some of the charrette suggestions included adding a third story to block units, with green roofs, solar panels and an end unit expansion.

GRTF is eager to tap the resource of intellect, passion and creativity in the community to discover the best ways to proceed.

People at the charrette were virtually unanimous about the goal of implementing better insulation of GHI homes in a sustainable and affordable way but how to achieve that goal needs to be explored.

Another important charrette discussion focused on solar and geothermal solutions for energy production, which may present problems in a neighborhood as tree-covered and shady as Old Greenbelt. Would the benefits outweigh the costs both economically and environmentally to install geothermal technology in a neighborhood that is already settled? It would mean tearing up sidewalks and gardens at

great expense and inconvenience. These are just some of the tough questions that need to be addressed and researched in order to plan for Greenbelt's future. The October 11 workshop will begin to outline how the community can plan for solutions to the challenges that face the GHI dwelling units and grounds.

The other three workshops planned will be of interest to all Greenbelters, not just GHI members, as they will deal with Roosevelt Center (October 25); the rest of Greenbelt's historic core (October 26); and Greenbelt City and the region (November 2).

For further information contact Jim Cohen at jimcohen@umd.edu or 301-405-6795.

Jim Cohen is the chair of the GHI Green Ribbon Task Force.



Put ideas to work in the GHI Homes & Grounds Workshop

Follow-up to the 2007 Charrette

Saturday, October 11 from 1:30 to 4:30 P.M.

Energy performance
Livability
Common Areas

Review the Charrette report
Find out where the Green Ribbon Task Force is heading
Learn how you can participate in the work that needs to be done

Help Plan Our Future

Future Charrette Follow-Up Workshop Topics:

Saturday, October 25 Roosevelt Center
Sunday, October 26 Historic Greenbelt
Sunday, November 2 Greater Greenbelt & Region

All workshops are from 1:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. at

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101 Greenhill Road, Greenbelt
(corner of Greenhill & Crescent Roads)

More information and Dwelling Units and Grounds slide show at <http://www.greenergreenbelt.org/>

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given to schools determined to be beyond their expected life, she said.

Candidate schools are added to a list through Board of Education input to the county executive and county council. The county then submits the names of those selected schools to the state's interagency committee for school construction. Now that the GMS replacement is progressing, it will be important for the county to keep it in a priority 1 category, so Johnson urges people to call or write their legislators to advocate for more funds and to retain the GMS project's priority in its various stages.

For a county budget update, Turner introduced Jonathan Seeman, director of the Prince George's County Office of Management and Budget. Seeman spoke from a set of slides he had prepared. He painted a gloomy financial picture for growth in county revenues due to deterioration of the national and regional economies. Contrasted with a period of near double digit growth in revenues for the past three fiscal years, the current FY09 budget reflects just a 0.02 percent growth in revenue.

This severe reduction is primarily due to the reduction in recordation and transfer taxes from real estate transactions, he said, as well as to a decrease in income tax growth due to state actions and the overall poor economic performance within the national economy. Everything points to a poor FY09 and FY10 fiscal outlook for the county, Seeman said. In the rest of FY09 the county is looking at further transfer and recordation tax shortfalls, the loss of state aid to the county, underperformance of the local income tax that the county relies upon and increasing inflationary costs and expenditures. If there is no economic recovery at the national and state levels, the FY10 budget could bring a larger potential gap between county income and expenditures.

Public Works

Turner next introduced Susan Hubbard, public information officer for the county Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T). Hubbard noted that the department is responsible for over 5,000 lane miles and rights of way within the county, snow removal, operations of TheBus and a variety of other county maintenance programs.

In light of the aforementioned fiscal issues, she noted that no major roadway resurfacing projects are planned this fiscal year. She said the DPW&T will only be able to take care of serious pothole or hazardous situations.

Hubbard also noted upcoming hearings in October for TheBus routes and operations and that TheBus fare is being increased from 75 cents to \$1 in October.

In response to a question from Davis, Hubbard explained the laws and procedures dealing with illegal roadside signs, noting that all commercial signs within the state or county rights-of-way are illegal and should be removed. The only exception is that real estate signs are allowed from noon Saturday until noon on Monday. If people wish to report an illegal sign, they can call 301-499-8520.

Foreclosure Issue

The last county speaker on the program was Mary Ann White, a financial advisor with the county's

Housing Development Division that is dealing with housing foreclosures. She and Lloyd Baskin, manager, Department of Housing and Community Development Homeownership Center, outlined programs that are in place to assist Prince George's County homeowners threatened with foreclosure. The county has been harder hit than any other county in Maryland.

White noted that over 5,000 foreclosure actions have occurred in Prince George's County. In the last six months there have been 3,300 of what she referred to as foreclosure events and, of that number, only 150 families have lost their homes. She also noted that Maryland ranks number three in mortgage fraud in the nation.

Baskin joined White in describing various programs available to county residents to assist them in face of potential foreclosure of their homes. They noted the informational materials available at the meeting and urged homeowners threatened with financial setbacks to act early to seek help, so that county, state and federal assistance can help them remain in their homes.

Citizen Issues

Following the county reports, Turner opened up the meeting for questions. First up was Andy Carruthers, who raised an issue regarding county government's adherence (or lack thereof) to Prince George's County Charter provisions requiring that all tax increases be submitted to the electorate via referendum for approval. Turner and Seeman responded that, in the case of the increase in the county telephone tax proposed last year, that increase is being subjected to referendum after being challenged.

However, they noted that regarding an increase in the recordation (real estate transfers) tax, the county had sought legal advice and determined that that tax was authorized by the state and had been found to be legal.

David Lange sought answers to four concerns in regard to Greenbelt Middle School. The first question had to do with safety issues for GMS students in the area of the ballfield and for students outside of Greenbelt making it safely across Greenbelt Road.

He also wondered whether new development in Greenbelt West had been considered in the capacity planning for a new GMS. Another concern was the gap between budgeted funds of the state and county for school projects and the final (actual) costs of construction taking into consideration changes, revised estimates and cost overruns. Last, he wondered about issues regarding plans for the historic portion of the existing GMS.

Johnson responded she felt there would be opportunity for collaborative uses. In regard to the question dealing with gaps in estimates, she promised to look at the formula for changes.

On the question regarding school capacity, Johnson stated that the new GMS would only provide for populations from the current feeder elementary schools sending students to GMS. Any future development in the area would require new schools.

Home Invasion

A third speaker used his time to convey concern and outrage at the recent publicized actions by

lice and the Sheriff's Department in the home invasion by a county SWAT team that resulted in the death of the homeowners' two pet dogs. He said that, according to published comments, the law enforcement agencies provided contradictory statements as to their adherence to county procedures and have never offered a public apology to the family.

He asked Turner, "How could citizens feel safe in their homes considering the brutal actions of Prince George's law enforcement agencies?" Turner responded that she was asking questions regarding those events, that a report on an investigation of the incident is expected. County officials are reluctant to go further because of the ongoing investigation and the possibility of litigation.

Another speaker who identified herself as the PG County Coordinator for Help Save Maryland.com raised issues regarding illegal immigration. Before responding to the issue, both Davis and Turner reminded the speaker that the preference is not to use the initials "PG" when referring to Prince George's County. They asked the speaker to use "Prince George's" when referring to the county.

Specifically the issue related to state and county funding being used to provide tuition assistance at Prince George's Community College for courses provided to illegal day laborers.

In response Turner noted that the illegal immigration issue needs a federal solution. Robert Fireovid joined in the issue with the earlier speaker. He questioned the use of county funds for illegal immigrants as basically unfair to those who play by the rules. Seeing that this also touched upon PGCPD policies in regard to illegal immigrants in the school system, Rosalind Johnson agreed with Turner that immigration is a federal issue.

She noted that the Board of Education would not put a burden on children. "When children come to our doors, we accept them if they meet our immunization, birth certificate and address verification requirements," she noted.

Bill Orleans asked about the status of the conversion of the The Bus to the Smart Trip fare system. Hubbard responded that the system will be phased in as the DPW&T acquires the meters and installs them in the individual routes. On another matter, Hubbard indicated to Orleans that the Transportation Plan (for The Bus) is not yet in its final version for the county council. When it is submitted, it will be available in disk format, she said.

The last speaker raised a more personal issue relating to recent notices regarding rent payment defaults to tenants of the Greenbelt Plaza apartments on Parkway. When she advised Turner and the mayor that similar threatening notices have been received by several other tenants, both Turner and Davis advised that she should contact the city office and Turner's office staff regarding the issue.

ACE Reading Club Announces 2008-9 School Year Programs

The ACE Reading Club, a free reading-incentive program offered by the City of Greenbelt, is offering fun reading activities and events for the 2008-2009 school year.

The club is a community-based youth program that strives to inspire and encourage students to read and enjoy books and develop a lifelong interest in the foundational skill of reading. The club is voluntary and open to all children in grades K through 12 who attend school or live in Greenbelt. Members of the club visit local schools and host several special programs and events throughout the year to promote the motto, "Reading is fun!"

Registration forms can be requested by contacting Liz Murray, program coordinator, at 301-345-6660 or lmurray@greenbeltmd.gov or CARES at 301-441-8248. To participate, students need to complete the form, have their parents sign and return it to the club. For more information on any of these programs contact Liz Murray.

Activities

Monthly Newsletter and Reading Activity Calendar: Items in the newsletter include articles, games, word puzzles, comics, upcoming events, jokes and more. ACE encourages students to contribute reading- or writing-related work to be published in the newsletter. The monthly newsletter is mailed to school principals, teachers, parents and students. The Reading Activity calendar provides a variety of reading- and writing-related activities. Students are encouraged to complete and send to the club as many activities as interest them. Activities are then posted online, printed in the club newsletter or considered for a special television program.

Club Meetings

Club meetings are held approximately once a month after the regular school day for most schools serving Greenbelt stu-

dents. Club meetings include reading-related projects, games and activities.

Book-it television program tapings occur in the school (for classroom assignments and extra-curricular reading projects) and in the City Council Room of the Municipal Building (for special tapings). Tapings are aired on the City of Greenbelt cable channel 71.

Website

The website includes enrollment forms, contest news, events, activities, student artwork, student book reviews, Parent's Corner, Teacher's Corner and more.

Contest

The contest is open to students in grades 3 through 12 who live or attend school in Greenbelt; it focuses on both poetry and short fiction.

Any student who lives or attends school in Greenbelt is also eligible to submit poetry, short stories or artwork to the Greenbelt Voices Literary Magazine. Students with winning contest entries and some who have work selected to be printed in the magazine are invited to attend the Greenbelt Youth Literary Showcase where they will present their work. For more information on entry deadlines and complete rules contact ACE or check website updates.

Volunteers

Service Learning Hours: As a volunteer for the ACE Reading Club, high school students will have the opportunity to help plan, facilitate and evaluate a variety of children's programs. To become a volunteer, a student must complete and return the Volunteer Information Form. Part of this form requires that the student's parent or guardian read and sign a waiver. When ACE receives the completed form the student will be contacted about their eligibility and possible service hour dates available. For questions contact Liz Murray at 301-345-6660 or email lmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.

Free Fall Greenfest In Beltsville on Oct. 11

On Saturday, October 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. there will be a free county-sponsored Fall Greenfest held at the new LEED-certified Vansville Elementary School in Beltsville. The Greenfest will include Living Green workshops, children's activities, "green" vendors, giveaways, food and tours of the school, which is the county's first LEED-certified K-12 school and one of only 15 in the country. LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design and is a designation given by the U.S. Green Building Council. There will be free shuttles from Greenbelt Metro Station.

Environmental displays will include solar energy, pervious concrete, green building materials, rain gardens and composting. Tours of the new school will showcase its "green" features including mirrors in the flooring, 20 percent recycled materials and 20 percent of construction materials from within 500 miles of the site, limiting the amount of energy and fuel used to transport building materials.

Eighty percent of the school's waste will be recycled; its underground geothermal heating/cooling system will use 35 percent less energy; toilets and urinals are designed to use 40 percent less water; natural lighting comes from sloped ceilings and skylights reducing electricity use. Some of the furniture was made from trees on the site. The event is for all ages, children, families and anyone interested in the environment and green building.

Some vendor spaces still remain. Interested vendors can register at <http://egov.co.pg.md.us/ocsregistration/GreenFest>.

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Fresh Value Pack Boneless Chicken Breasts 10 lb. Bag	\$1.48 lb.	Prima Porta Fresh Value Pack Italian Sausage 3 lb. Box	\$5.98 ea.	Fresh Lean Beef Tenderloin Filet Mignon	\$8.98 lb.
Aquastar Frozen Wild Salmon Fillets 1.25 lb. Pkg.	\$4.88 ea.	Boneless Beef Value Pack Bottom Round Steak	\$2.48 lb.	Hormel Deli Cooked Ham	\$1.98 lb.
Fresh Value Pack 85 % Extra Lean Ground Round	\$1.98 lb.	Fresh Slab Style Value Pack Pork Spareribs	\$1.58 lb.	Boneless Beef Value Pack Eye Round Steaks	\$2.98 lb.
Fresh Value Pack Boneless Beef Ribeye Steaks	\$5.88 lb.	Easy Peel Frozen 26/30 Count Raw Shrimp 32 oz. Bag	\$8.98 ea.	Shurfine Sliced Bacon 16 oz. Pkg.	\$2.48 ea.

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Police Blotter

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

Assaults

September 21, 7:04 p.m. 7700 block Hanover Parkway, a man was approached from behind by two black males in their teens, who pushed him to the ground and then fled the scene on foot.

September 24, 11:26 a.m., 6200 block Springhill Court, a resident man was arrested and charged with second-degree assault, littering and malicious destruction. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Drug Arrests

September 19, 11:40 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway, two nonresident women and a resident man were arrested for possession of paraphernalia during a traffic stop. All three were released on citation pending trial.

September 20, 1:07 a.m., Walker and Capitol Drives, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia. Another nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia, driving while impaired, driving under the influence and driving under the influence of drugs. Both men were released on citation pending trial.

September 24, 1:45 p.m., 28 Court Ridge Road, a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Vandalism

September 20, 4:04 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane,

it was reported that unknown person(s) broke the living room window of a residence.

September 20, 7:28 p.m., 7800 block Emily's Way, it was reported that unknown person(s) threw a rock through the bedroom window of a residence.

September 23, 10:49 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane, it was reported that unknown person(s) broke the bedroom window of a residence.

September 24, 10:34 p.m., 7300 block Morrison Drive, it was reported that unknown person(s) threw a rock through the living room window of a residence.

Burglaries

September 19, 9:15 p.m., 6300 block Ivy Lane, a commercial burglary was reported.

September 23, 2:34 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Court, a laptop computer and a personal check were reported as taken.

September 24, 5:36 p.m., 7900 block Mandan Road, it was reported that a semiautomatic handgun, video game players, video games and watches were among the items taken.

September 25, 6:15 a.m., 6100 block Springhill Drive, a laptop computer and a cell phone were reported as taken.

Vehicle Crimes

September 20, Greenbelt Road and 63rd Avenue, a nonresident woman was arrested for theft and was released on citation pending trial.

September 23, 9100 block Edmonston Road, a resident man was arrested and charged with two counts of motor vehicle theft, two counts of theft, unauthorized use of a motor

vehicle and two counts of malicious destruction. One of the vehicles, a 1994 Jeep Grand Cherokee, had been reported stolen. Another vehicle, a 1998 Chrysler Concorde 4-door, was also recovered at the scene. The man was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

September 20, in reference to a robbery reported September 17 in the 6000 block of Springhill Drive, the vehicle taken during the robbery, a 2000 Ford Expedition, was recovered in the 9100 block of Edmonston Road. No arrests were made.

The 6200 block Springhill Drive was the scene of an attempted stolen vehicle.

Vandalism to vehicles was reported in the following areas: 7800 block Somerset Court (three broken windows), 9100 block Edmonston Court (broken side and rear windows), 6200 block Breezewood Drive (broken side window), 6200 block Springhill Court (damaged door lock) and 7200 block Hanover Drive (broken front window).

Theft from vehicles was reported at: 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive (GPS); 6400 block Ivy Lane (GPS); 700 block Jacobs Drive (money); 7800 block Walker Drive (GPS); 6500 block Lake Park Drive (semiautomatic handgun, digital camera, CDs, cell phone); 100 block Westway (two incidents – tires, rims and GPS, DVD player, DVDs); 9100 block Edmonston Court (tags); 9000 block Breezewood Terrace (tires, rims); and 7200 block Hanover Drive (GPS).

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property's owner had recently received a permit to have the building demolished. "There was a plan to build condominiums at the site. The city approved the site plan but the project has been on hold for over a year. When the condo market went soft, the

project was not viable anymore," Hruby said.

It is unclear whether plans for the property have changed since the fire. The property's owner, Lowell E. Baier of Baier Properties, Inc. in Bethesda could not be reached for comment.



PHOTO BY JIM DAVIS

The entire roof of one section of the Greenbelt Nursing Home is burned out. One can see the gutted portion from Greenbelt Road.

Vacant Care Center Was Ordered Closed in 1998

by Mary Lou Williamson

The Greenbelt Convalescent Center opened May 15, 1966, on a 4.5-acre parcel on Greenbelt Road next to the Greenbelt Armory. Present at the ribbon-cutting that day was owner Charles S. Bresler, developer of a number of parcels in Greenbelt during the 1960s. The center offered beds for 16 private and 78 semiprivate patients and, after some formalities, was expected to be ready for patients within a week.

At the end of December 1998 the nursing home and convalescent center, now owned by Extencare Health Services, Inc. of Milwaukee, Wisc., and operated by its subsidiary Northern Health Care Facilities, was closed following a cutoff of Medicare and Medicaid funds by federal and state regulators. This action was precipitated by a federal suit charging the nursing home with "Filing of a False Claims Act Complaint." The owners sought a temporary restraining order on the federal order to close but the request was denied. Also, building maintenance problems had surfaced under the inspection program of the city. The 82 nursing home patients were relocated to other facilities in the area. Since then the facility has been empty. The center was

rumored to be for sale.

New Owners?

In the fall of 2003 plans were underway for the Little Sisters of the Holy Family to acquire the vacant nursing home. Affiliated with the Catholic Archdiocese of Washington, the group anticipated consolidating several centers they had been operating, into the Greenbelt facility. They planned to renovate the building and begin operations in a few months but a full inspection of the interior revealed extensive mold. Purchase of the property was abandoned.

Greenbelt Crossing

New plans began to surface in late 2004. A luxury condominium development, to be called Greenbelt Crossing, with 90 units and a parking garage, would replace the deteriorating nursing home. Council and its Advisory Planning Board appeared to view the project and its developers quite favorably. They could not, however, convince the owners to make it a cooperative residence for seniors, leading one member of council to vote against the project.

In August 2007 property owner Lowell E. Baier told council the project had been placed on hold: "The current (depressed) housing market has impaired our position to move ahead."

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The Prince George's County Board of Elections is opening its office at 16201 Trade Zone Avenue, Suite 108, in Upper Marlboro every Saturday leading up to the voter registration deadline from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

To register, people must be U.S. citizens and live in Prince George's County. Seventeen-year-olds can register and vote in the Presidential General Election if they will be 18 years of age on or before November 4, 2008. Also under Maryland law, ex-offenders are eligible to register to vote if they have completed the court-ordered sentence of imprisonment, including any term of parole or probation.

Voter Registration Applications may be obtained by calling the Board of Elections on 301-430-8020. They are also available in county libraries, the Motor Vehicle Administration and all U.S. Post Offices. Applications can also be downloaded at <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/Elections/>.

For more information call 301-430-8020 or visit the website.

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A person assisting a voter in completing an absentee ballot must execute a certification and include that certification with the completed ballot. Contact the local board of elections in the county of residence of the voter for details on this process.

Absentee Ballots

Any registered voter may vote by absentee ballot.

The deadline to request an absentee ballot is October 28. The application for one may be obtained at http://www.goprincegeorgescounty.com/Government/AgencyIndex/Elections/2008_Absentee_Ballot_Application.pdf.

A request for application may also be mailed or faxed to Board of Elections, 16201 Trade Zone Avenue, Suite 108, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774.

Foreclosure Does Not Affect Right to Vote

Attorney General Douglas F. Gansler, in response to widespread media reports and numerous calls about efforts to challenge voters who have lost their homes to foreclosure, has stated the law in a letter to the State Board of Elections.

Gansler states that persons who lose their homes to foreclosure do not lose their right to vote. "Both the Federal and State constitutions guarantee citizens the right to vote Public confidence in the election process cannot be maintained if voters are impeded from exercising their right to vote by intimidation, misinformation or deceit," Gansler writes.

Should anyone have information that individuals are challenging the right to vote of persons whose homes have been foreclosed, they should contact the Office of the Attorney General at 410-576-6300 or 1-888-743-0023 toll free.



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The 85 lb. boys and girls club team practices on Braden Field.

Raiders Football Season Now in Full Gear

by Jim Inzeo, Football Commissioner

The Greenbelt Raiders opened the 2008 season with five games. The flag team traveled to Clinton and battled South Bowie to a scoreless tie. The 65-lb. team won on the road, defeating the Clinton Jets 13-0. The 75-lb. team, hosting the Glenarden Bulldogs, scored early and often, winning 21-7. The 85-lb. team was victorious at home, beating Hyattsville 14-6. The 95-lb. team played at South Bowie and came up short, losing 6-0.

For more information about the football program call Commissioner Inzeo at 301-441-2426 or visit www.greenbeltbgc.com.

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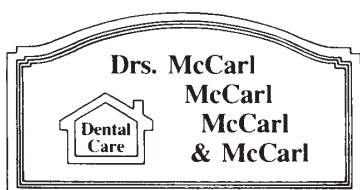
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Learn to Garden For Birds and Bees

On Wednesday, October 8 from noon to 1 p.m., a free program at the U.S. Botanic Garden (USBG) will offer information for those who want to know how to garden for pollinators and birds. Visitors will be able to take a tour through the National Wildlife Federation's (NWF) Habitat Garden at the USBG.

Roxanne Paul of Habitat Education Programs at the National Wildlife Federation will introduce the how-to and "what's that?" of a habitat garden. Also she will provide the information needed to have one's garden certified by NWF as a habitat garden.

Pre-registration is required; call USBG at 202-225-1116 or visit the online event registration at www.usbg.gov/education/events.

Hard Bargain Farm Holds Oktoberfest

Saturday, October 11 will be Oktoberfest from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Alice Ferguson Foundation Hard Bargain Farm in Accokeek. This annual celebration at the foundation's 330-acre farm on the Potomac shoreline features traditional Alpine music and dance from the Alt Washingtonia Schuhplattlers, homemade German cuisine, hay-wagon rides, a silent auction, door prizes, barnyard animals and beautiful fall scenery. Live and silent auctions will be held for works of local artists and vacation spots from around the metropolitan area.

There won't be a styrofoam cup or plastic bottle – for the first time Hard Bargain Farm's Oktoberfest will use only biodegradable corn- and potato-based flatware and drinking cups. All waste will be hauled to a composting facility.

Admission is free for children ages 7 and under; there is a modest fee for others. Food, beverages and some activities are not included in the admission fee. All proceeds will benefit environmental education programs that reach schoolchildren throughout the Potomac watershed.

Arboretum Exhibits Viewing Stones

On Saturday, October 11 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. the U.S. National Arboretum's National Bonsai & Penjing Museum hosts a free exhibit of one of the largest viewing stone collections in the country. Join collectors Jim and Alice Greaves in the exhibition space for an informal discussion of their stones and the exhibit. No registration is required. Visit www.usna.usda.gov or call 202-245-5898.

Children's Storyteller Macklin on Oct. 12

At 3 p.m. on Sunday, October 12 children's storyteller Diane Macklin will spin tales for ages 3 and up at the Old Parish House in College Park. Macklin, a vibrant storyteller, incorporates music and rhythm into her energetic retellings of traditional folk tales from around the world. All children must be accompanied by an adult at this family time event.

Registration is suggested as space is limited. To register call 301-927-3013 or email info@cpae.org. The Old Parish House is at 4711 Knox Road.

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measures, nearly 90 percent have begun transit-oriented development and over 80 percent have walkable community initiatives.

As foreboding as is the state of the environment, the tone of presentation soon shifted toward urgency. After showing a few slides reviewing the basic information of global warming as a whole, such as the rise in carbon dioxide emissions and the steady rise in global surface temperature, Freudberg turned to a slide highlighting the threats that exist in our own neighborhoods.

"This slide actually concerns more than almost any other slide about the impact," he said. The slide assessed the state of the Chesapeake Bay and its rising temperature since the 1930s (about 0.5 degree per decade), citing a possible increase of nearly 5 degrees by the 2030s. "The bay does not do well with high temperature – it can't absorb oxygen, fish aren't happy, it creates disease," Freudberg said.

Another local matter Freudberg discussed was the possible increase in the number of days in the year where the tempera-

ture rises above 90 degrees and, worse, days when the thermometer is over 100 degrees.

Rising Temperatures

According to Freudberg's research, the region sees between 30 and 40 days above 90 degrees each year and only about two or three above 100 degrees. But if the trend continues, we could see as many as 60 to 100 days above 90 degrees and 25, possibly 35 days, over 100 degrees by the end of the 21st century.

The committee has worked out a list of nearly 80 recommendations for dealing with these potential problems. Some are basic, such as improving the efficiency of our energy use and reducing energy demands; others are more specific, such as investing in tree canopy preservation.

"Trees are tremendously beneficial, they take up carbon dioxide," Freudberg said. "But what they also do, is they lower the average temperature on hot days. The more trees we can get planted or retain, the cooler we're going to be and the less energy we're going to need for air conditioning in the summer."

LEED

Another helpful measure Freudberg discussed is the green building rating system, which they call LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification. Local governments are adopting this system of certifying buildings according to LEED standards.

According to the climate change draft report, "green buildings will decrease demand for electricity; displace power generation from coal, oil and gas-fired sources; and reduce greenhouse gases and other pollutants."

Before concluding his presentation Freudberg gave a list of additional recommendations and outlined COG's climate program plan.

Doug Love, a University of Maryland graduate student in meteorology and climatology who attended the meeting, said his studies are basically to prove that global warming exists. He said, after it was concluded, that the presentation was "one of the most useful things that has happened in this area in years."

On the effectiveness of the

presentation and the evening overall, Mayor Judith Davis said, "I am a little disappointed that we didn't have more councilmembers here." She added, "I'm glad it was presented. How effective will it be? We will find out when we get the comments back. And then, of course, we'll start implementing the plan . . . I'm hoping that it opens up communication. In that, it was effective."

COG is online at www.mw-cog.org. The complete climate change draft report with all information and graphs can be found by clicking on the "Environment" tab.

Montpelier Recital Presents Soprano

The Montpelier Arts Center in Laurel presents soprano Makeda Hampton on Sunday, October 5 at 3 p.m. This is the first in Montpelier's Classical Recital Series. A small donation will be requested. Call 301-953-1993 for more information.

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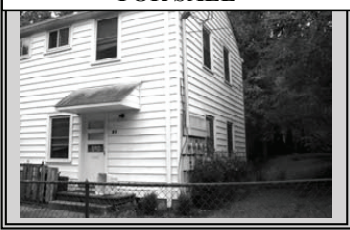
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A team of NAMI-trained volunteer family members who know what it's like to have a loved one with a serious mental illness will be teaching the course. The class will start in October and meet for 12 two-hour sessions one evening a week for 12 consecutive weeks at the University Park Church of the Brethren, 4413 Tuckerman Street.

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Vegetables and even fruit are not necessarily free of salmonella. Be sure to wash fresh fruits and vegetables to remove any pathogens from dirt or handling – even if rinds or peels are discarded – just before cooking or eating. Wash with clean, running water but not soap. Give them a good scrub with a brush or by hand for more delicate fruits. Dry produce with a clean towel.

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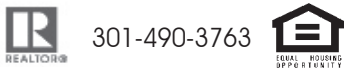
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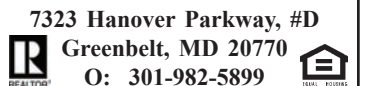
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GHI Upper Level Unit with oak hardwood flooring. Overlooks trees and protected woodlands. Why rent when you can own for less? \$99,900

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Charming cottage in large GHI cooperative. All new energy efficient windows, washer and dryer. One level living comfort. \$160,000 **SOLD**

Frame Townhome
Two bedroom townhome in the original Greenbelt. Refinished hardwood floors, remodeled kitchen and decorator touches. \$157,000 **SOLD**

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One level living - backs to large open space. Enjoy the birds and other wildlife. Modern kitchen cabinets. Shed included, too! \$119,500

Charlestown Village
Spacious and airy one bedroom home on one level with assigned parking close by. Beautifully maintained & tastefully decorated. \$196,485 **SOLD**

Townhome With Addition
Unique among the three bedroom townhomes, this home has half bath on main level and a two story addition on gardenside. \$221,215 **SOLD**

Large Block Townhome With Vinyl Siding
Three bedroom townhome with modern kitchen and bathroom. Pergo flooring in living room. Quality fixtures throughout home. \$214,900

Waldorf
Three story townhome in Westlake Village. Neighborhood access to swimming pools, playgrounds and more. Value Priced at \$289,900

Snowden Oaks
This 3 br, 2 ba. Rambler has more than \$60,000 in improvements this year. NEW kitchen, bath updates & more. \$314,900 **SOLD**

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The Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative, Inc. original 1984 board of directors included: front row (l. to r.) Manager Bob Davis, Jim Cassels and Margaret Hogensen; back row Mike Burchick, Chuck Sarahan, Wayne Williams, Richard Bates and Joe Timer.

Co-op Is Committed to Serve Members and Community

by Dorrie Bates

Almost 25 years ago Greenbelters woke up to what to some seemed unthinkable. The Greenbelt Consumer Services, also known as the Greenbelt Co-op, could be on the brink of closing its doors, leaving this New Deal walking community without a grocery store, a major part of the old town center and its history. Yet in typical Greenbelt fashion, out of a moment of crisis came a new entity: the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative, Inc., which now has more than 8,000 members, employs more than 68 people and registers sales above \$12 million a year.

To the casual eye the Co-op is a small-town grocery store, reminiscent of a past when neighbors come to shop and visit. Today aisles are stocked with everything from curry sauce to Wonder Bread and cashiers not only know your name but your family history. On closer look one notices organic produce from local farms, frozen ostrich and free-range chickens in the meat department, a full service pharmacy and an extensive wine and beer selection. Behind it all is a member-based cooperative organization, committed to providing its members with quality goods and engaged with its community.

None of this could have happened without the tradition of co-ops helping other co-ops and the support of the local community, which is so central to the Greenbelt culture. In 1984 the fledgling cooperative found expertise from former GHI board members Margaret Hogensen and Wayne Williams. Organizational talent and energy were supplied by Jim Cassels, a housing cooperative expert who had helped bring about Green Ridge House. Joe Timer, Richard Bates, Mike Burchick and Chuck Sarahan completed the original seven-member board. General Manager Bob Davis came from a cooperative background to take over the store's day-to-day operations. Funding was arranged through the National Cooperative Bank, and membership was offered to anyone for the grand sum of \$10, which is still what basic membership costs today.

Open Membership

The Greenbelt Co-op believes in the cooperative principles of open membership, independence and democratic member control. The board of directors is elected by the membership and is responsible for setting policy. Committees are set up on an ad hoc basis. Board meetings are held monthly at the store; a general membership meeting is held annually in the fall.

One of the unique elements of the Greenbelt Co-op is its patronage refund plan. As a member-owned cooperative, the Co-op shares its profits with its members when possible. Patronage refunds are authorized by the board after the annual audit and are usually distributed in the form of vouchers and contributions to members' capital accounts.

Since it benefited from the support and expertise of other cooperatives at the beginning, the Co-op is committed to helping other cooperatives in a similar fashion. Over the years members from the Co-op have participated in both regional and national cooperative discussions, in one instance forming the Mid Atlantic Cooperative Alliance, a purchasing cooperative. Working with GHI, the Co-op hosts a group of future cooperative leaders attending the National Cooperative Business Conference held annually in Washington, D.C. and often sponsors an emerging Co-op leader who wishes to attend the meetings.

Assists Café

The Co-op also has lent assistance and expertise to local groups over the years including the New Deal Café and the Greenbelt Internet Access Cooperative. It works closely with the Roosevelt Center Merchants Association, most recently helping with the "Shop Local" campaigns as well as being a perennial sponsor of the Labor Day Festival. Co-op management provided technical and financial support during the genesis of the Farmers Market and regularly participates in community events. It also encourages community involvement through the Jim Cassels Community Service Award, which recognizes an organization's contribution to the people of Greenbelt and helps fund future projects.

As it prepares to embark on a major remodeling project, the Co-op continues to watch its bottom line while it looks for new ways to serve its members and its community. Tours of the store highlighting healthy options, cooking demonstrations, newsletters and a consumer corner are all low-cost ways to connect with customers. Both board and staff search for energy-saving opportunities, new methods of communicating and creative ways of engaging members, both old and new. But whatever the future brings, the Co-op will remain committed to "paying it forward" in the best sense of the cooperative spirit.

Dorrie Bates is the chair of the Greenbelt Consumer Co-operative, Inc.

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News Review Celebrates 71 Years Of Week-in, Week-out Publication

by Virginia Beauchamp

Which came first among Greenbelt co-ops: the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, which has long claimed that honor? Or was it this paper in its former guise as the Greenbelt Cooperator? Where does the starting date for an organization begin?

That is a major question, it turns out, in history. Does an organization begin when problems are discerned and solutions sought? When folks gather to discuss an issue? Or when a group gets its first set of bylaws and its initial set of officers?

As between the Credit Union or this paper, we'll duck the issue of which came first in the late 1930s. As the early residents were arriving to populate this new town, many needs were asserting themselves and many solutions were being found, and a means of keeping everyone informed was a clear need.

The first residents were busy indeed. As we know from the early history, those being interviewed for possible acceptance as renters in the low-income housing provided here by the federal government had to answer one particular question: Will you be willing to participate in community affairs?

There was only one correct answer, of course. And so the feds stacked the deck. Greenbelt residents spent most of their evenings and many weekends forming new clubs or organizations, going to meetings, rehearsing their parts in plays or participating in sports.

Oldtimers like to recall how local residents finally had to set up a week in December between the holidays when no meetings at all would be held. Everyone in town savored that special time to spend at home.

The Cooperator

Since the first issue of this paper was published, 71 years have gone by. Initially it appeared as a mimeographed and stapled set of pages. Although staff members have come and gone, it has persisted weekly through all those decades. It has never missed an issue.

It did, however, change its name. When readers began to believe the paper, as The Cooperator, was the official organ of the cooperative grocery store, the paper ran a contest to find another name. For a week or two it was published without a name. Finally it became the Greenbelt News Review.

Several times it also has changed its format from the mim-

eographed set of pages to the photo-offset process to linotype, back again to photo-offset and now to digital press. It has been printed in Greenbelt, then elsewhere in Prince George's County, then in Charles County and now in Sterling, Va.

Over these years its demographics also have changed. In the earliest years the position of editor-in-chief seemed transient. Perhaps those in charge wore out from late nights running mimeograph machines, collating and stapling pages.

But sometimes federal policies required the departure of families whose incomes had risen above the maximum set for this planned low-income housing. Or, a few years later, sudden wartime reassignments caused quick moves away to other places. Through it all, staff members met their weekly commitment.

Then, in the 1950s, the federal government decided to divest itself of responsibility as an owner of the three greenbelt towns. The others were Greendale, Wisc., and Greenhills, Ohio and they were sold to private developers. Greenbelters, however, organized a housing cooperative, now called Greenbelt Homes, Incorporated (GHI), and purchased the town.

With the war over, the federal government began to grow. And so did Greenbelt – first with a few individual homes on Lakeside Drive, then the cooperatively-purchased Woodland Way development, then the privately constructed Lakewood Development. Later privately-built apartment developments and single home communities were added on both sides of the original community.

Young families still predominated after the war. In those years markers at the town's entrances on Southway and Crescent Road noted the number of children living here – 3,700.

Changing Staff

The changing number of children had practical implications at the News Review, too. As post-war husbands were caught in high-pressure jobs, most staff members of this paper became

women – and young ones, too. Changing names on the staff list indicated changes in family configurations, as one or another editor dropped out for a time when infant-care responsibilities took priority.

Since those days, many new members have joined the staff. Sometimes they have been retirees, happy to keep their hand in on challenging and significant work for their community. Sometimes devoted members have left the city and so have also left our staff.

Several staff members have stayed on for years – even many decades. Elaine Skolnik, for example, began with the paper in 1955; I started in 1957. Our editor, Mary Lou Williamson, joined the staff in 1962 and has held her current position since 1972. Assistant editor Barbara Likowski has served since 1971. Staff writer Sandra Lange began in 1966, treasurer Diane Oberg in 1980. Our beloved cartoonist, the late Izzy Parker, was both an editor and a reporter in the 1950s, then moved away but returned to Greenbelt in recent years after his retirement and enlivened our editorial page with his deft cartoons.

After their retirements as city manager and member of the city council, James Giese and Thomas X. White have continued their involvement with city affairs through the new-to-them medium of the press.

Other staff members have worked at the ad desk as typists (now computer operators) and proofreaders. Today, the paper's masthead lists over 70 staff members and could always use more.

With the advent of new electronic machines, younger volunteers have become crucial to our operations. A contemporary online News Review awaits new, younger volunteers.

And of course we believe our activities offer invaluable and sometimes intangible contributions to the richness of life in Greenbelt. It's a happy place to work.

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