

## Mid-decade Census Data Shows Racial Diversity in Greenbelt

by James Giese

According to mid-decade estimates provided by the U. S. Census Bureau, the population of Greenbelt is significantly more racially diverse than that of the nation as a whole. At the same time the Hispanic or Latino population is less than for the nation as a whole. Compared to the nation, fewer Greenbelters are married, more are female, more are better educated and earn better incomes, more are employed and their houses are worth more.

This information is gained from the results of the mid-decade census estimates for mid-size cities and counties with populations between 20,000 and 65,000 released by the Census Bureau for the first time. The information is based on sampling information obtained over a three-year period, 2005 through 2007. These estimates, known as the American Community Survey (ACS), have fairly high margins of error.

Greenbelt Councilmember Leta Mach brought this information to the attention of city staff and council. It is available on the census bureau fact finder website ([www.factfinder.census.gov](http://www.factfinder.census.gov)).

With a population estimated at 21,425, the City of Greenbelt is included in the ACS. (The Census Bureau notes, however, that this is not the official city population estimate, which is produced by another census program,

Population Estimates Program.) The ACS estimate reflects a slight growth over the 2000 census population of 20,716.

Data provided by the ACS breaks down that population by race, age and sex. It also provides estimates concerning economic, social and housing characteristics. The following is a summary of some of the data provided by the ACS.

### Sex and Age

There are more women than men in Greenbelt, 54 percent to 46 percent. Nationally the difference is less than 1 percent in favor of women.

Persons under age 20 comprise 23 percent of the population. Of that group there are somewhat greater numbers of preschoolers (0-4) and highschoolers (15-19) than elementary and middle school age students.

Seniors age 65 and older comprise 9 percent of the population as compared to 12.5 percent for the nation. The median age for Greenbelters is 35 years, for the nation 36.

### Race

A little over 3 percent of Greenbelters claim to be of two or more races with the most common mixes being White with Asian, White with African American and African American with Native American. Nationally the figure is 2 percent.

The remaining 97 percent of one-race people are divided as follows: White, 38 percent; African American, 48 percent; Native American, 1 percent; Asian, 10 percent and Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, 0 percent. Among Asians, 48 percent are Indian, 22 percent are Chinese, 11 percent are Korean, 8 percent are Filipino and 7 percent are Vietnamese. The national one-race figures are White, 74 percent; African American, 12 percent; Asian, 4 percent and some other race 6 percent.

Hispanics or Latinos are categorized separately and can be of any race. The ACS estimates the Greenbelt Hispanic population as under 1,000 and comprising 4.5 percent of the total population. Nationally Hispanics comprise 15 percent of the population.

### Social Characteristics

The average Greenbelt household size is 2.25. For the U.S. it is 2.6. The average Greenbelt family size is 3.02 as compared to 3.19 for the U.S.

Of the estimated 13,990 over age 25, 96 percent are high school graduates and 45 percent have obtained bachelor degrees or higher. This compares very well with U.S. demographics of 84 percent and 27 percent respectively.

Nine percent of Greenbelt's

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## Greenbelter Is Severely Beaten In Local Church Parking Lot

Greenbelters were shocked to read the lead story in Friday's Washington Post Metro section that local resident and former Greenbelt Homes, Inc. leader Wayne Williams had been assaulted and robbed on Christmas Eve at about 11:15 p.m. outside Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in College Park. Williams had just dropped off his wife, Ginny, for choir practice and returned to the church parking lot where he was attacked, severely beaten in the face with a baseball bat and robbed of his wallet. Williams was able to call 911 to seek help before reaching the front steps of the adjacent school. There a mother and daughter on their way to midnight Mass found him.

Williams was transported by ambulance to the Washington Hospital Center where his condition was initially described as critical. He was primarily injured in the lower part of his face with broken nose, cheekbone and upper jaw. Luckily his skull was not injured. He had repair surgery on Saturday, December 27.

Williams has been an active member of the Greenbelt com-

munity and the housing cooperative for many years. In 1988 he was elected GHI president and served until 1992. He served in other capacities between 1977 and 1995. He is also the unofficial historian for the Labor Day Festival.

### Police

Prince George's County Police have made an all-out effort to find the attacker. Fliers soliciting information concerning the robbery and suspects were handed out to church parishioners following Christmas services. The neighborhood was canvassed. A departmental press release implored anyone with information to come forward.

Police describe the suspect as possibly a black or Hispanic male approximately 20 years of age, 190 pounds, wearing a black sweater and armed with a baseball bat.

Anyone with information about this case is asked by the police to call the Prince George's County Police Department's District I Investigative Section at 301-699-2601. Callers wishing to remain anonymous may call Crime Solv-

ers at 1-866-411-TIPS (8477).

A cash reward of up to \$25,000 is being offered for information that leads to the arrest and indictment of the suspect(s).

*Information in this article is based upon The Washington Post news stories, a Prince George's County Police press release and information obtained by Virginia Beauchamp and Konrad Herling.*

### What Goes On

**Monday, January 5**  
**8 p.m.,** City Council Meeting re: Greenbelt in Focus, at Beltway Plaza  
**Wednesday, January 7**  
**7:30 p.m.,** Advisory Planning Board, Community Center, Room 103  
**8 p.m.,** City Council Worksession re: Presentation of Classification Study, Community Center  
**Thursday, January 8**  
**7:30 p.m.,** GHI Board Meeting, GHI Board Room

## Top Ten Stories of 2008

The following stories were prepared by Virginia Beauchamp, Judy Bell, James Giese, Barbara Hopkins and Tom White.

### Election Procedures

On February 28 Deborah A. Jeon, legal director for the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) wrote the city about ACLU and NAACP concerns over Greenbelt's election procedures and to offer to collaborate on electoral reform to make the system "fairer and more inclusive." The letter said the city's at-large election system ran afoul of the federal Voting Rights Act. A plan illustrating how the city might be divided into five districts accompanied the letter.

The city did not publicly acknowledge receipt of the letter until late March following closed-door sessions with legal counsel. Subsequently, an organization called Fair-Vote, which advocates alternative voting methodologies, also joined. The three groups agreed to participate in a June 30 public meeting council worksession.

Greenbelt residents filled the council chambers on June 30 at what became the first of three meetings. About 50 residents spoke, some more than once.

After the third meeting Mayor Judith Davis announced staff would evaluate and research materials and that council would come up with a proposed public position for citizen comment at future meetings and make reports of activities on a monthly basis.

### Springhill Lake Sold

Empire American Holdings, LLC of Montvale, N.J., bought the 2,900-unit complex of Springhill Lake from AIMCO, renaming it Empirian Village. A three-year renovation plan includes upgrading the infrastructure. Empire American, one of America's largest privately-owned multi-family property owners, has nearly 40,000 residential units in 17 states. Due to owner cancellations, council has yet to meet with Empire American to discuss project problems.

### Farmer's Market

The seeds of a farmer's market in Greenbelt were sown long before those of the produce that would be sold there. In February the Greenbelt Community Foundation contributed funds toward establishment of the market, the market's board of directors applied for nonprofit status with the IRS and the city council agreed to support the market in various ways for the first season. The market, running from early June to the end of October, was such a success that the board considers extending its run with an earlier May opening. Customers averaged 850 each week. Council and staff were comfortable with renewing the market's permit for next year.

### Intercounty Connector

The year 2007 closed with the news that Judge Alexander Williams agreed with the Maryland Department of Transportation that the Intercounty Connector (ICC), an 18-plus mile toll highway linking the I-270 corridor in Montgomery County with the I-95 corridor at Laurel in Prince George's County, should be approved. Nevertheless, opposition to the project continued. Early in January 2008 Environmental Defense, the Naturalist Audubon Society and the Sierra Club filed an appeal of the Williams decision with the US District Court in Richmond, Va. Legislation introduced in the Maryland General Assembly would "defund" the \$3 billion dollar highway as local groups, environmental organizations and public officials, including the City of Greenbelt, continued to oppose the costly project.

This effort was not successful. Midway through 2008 and continuing to the present, as the national fiscal crisis and its impact on state and local budgets became evident, opponents continued their campaign to defund the ICC.

### Kenilworth Avenue

Earlier plans for extending Md. Route 201 from Cherrywood Lane in Greenbelt northward to meet up with the proposed Intercounty Connector (ICC) came back to life during 2008. The Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) held workshops on six proposed alternatives for the US Route 1/ MD route 201 Corridor Study. The Greenbelt

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PHOTOS BY HELEN SYDAVAR

A balcony display of snowmen at 9210 Cherrywood Terrace in Empirian Village.

**150th Dino Anniversary At Montpelier Jan. 10**

On Saturday, January 10 the grounds of Montpelier Mansion will be the site for a celebration of the 150th anniversary of the discovery of *Astrodon Johnstoni*, a sauropod that is the official State Dinosaur of Maryland.

In November 1858 two teeth of the dinosaur were discovered by Philip Tyson, state agricultural chemist, at an open-pit iron mine near Muirkirk in Prince George's County. He turned the teeth over to Dr. Christopher Johnston, a local physician and dentist, who described the tooth in the American Journal of Dental Science in 1859 and named it *Astrodon*, meaning "star tooth," a name describing the appearance of dentine in cross section.

In 1865 pioneer of American paleontology Dr. Joseph Leidy formally described the new species and named it *Astrodon Johnstoni*, in recognition of Dr. Johnston's contribution. It was the first sauropod dinosaur described from North America.

All are invited to the anniversary event January 10 at 10 a.m. at the Montpelier Arts Center. There will be talks by scientists and activities for young children, dinosaur fossils and other exhibits that will be displayed through January.

Admission is free though reservations are suggested. For reservations call 301-377-7817 (TTY 301-454-1472). Montpelier Mansion, a National Historic Landmark operated by the Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation, is at 9650 Muirkirk Road in Laurel.



**Board of Education Meeting on HSAs**

The Prince George's County Board of Education will hold a meeting for parents of students who did not take or pass the HSAs.

The meeting will be on Wednesday, January 7 at 7 p.m. at Northwestern High School, 7000 Adelphi Road, in Hyattsville.

**Patuxent Refuge Has Winter Walk Jan. 10**

On Saturday, January 10 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. there will be a winter walk at the National Wildlife Visitor Center for those aged 12 and above. The easy walk will be led by a volunteer naturalist.

The Visitor Center is located on Powder Mill Road between the B-W Parkway and Rt. 197.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

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\*2:15, \*4:50, 7:30

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\*5, 7:30

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*PRELIMINARY AGENDA*

**GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

**Thursday, January 8, 2009**

GHI BOARD ROOM, 7:30 PM

**GHI Key Agenda Items:**

- Auditing Firm Bids, 2nd Reading
- Spending Authorization #1 for 2009, 2nd Reading
- Business Owners' Insurance Policy, 2nd Reading
- Yard Line Certification: 34 Court Ridge Road

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

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



# Community Events



PHOTO BY HELEN SYDAVAR

The front yard of 3 Woodland Way sports a glittering snow family.

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition "Food and Friendship" program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for January 5 through 9 include:

Monday – Orange juice, turkey stew with vegetables, brown rice, broccoli, orange sherbet.

Tuesday – Grape juice, stuffed peppers, Mexican corn, whole boiled potatoes, fruit cocktail.

Wednesday – Navy bean soup, baked pork chops with gravy, candied sweet potatoes, sweet peas, stewed apples.

Thursday – Orange juice, baked curry chicken with gravy, pinto beans, turnip greens, sliced pears.

Friday – Cranapple juice, oven-fried fish on a bun with tartar sauce, macaroni and cheese, chopped spinach, vanilla ice cream.

## GHI Notes

**Monday, January 5,** 7 p.m., Companion Animal Grief Support Group – GHI Library

**Thursday, January 8,** 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting – Board Room

**Saturday, January 10,** 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

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

## At the Library Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories.

Tuesday, January 6, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, January 7, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group.

Thursday, January 8, 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.



## Donations Sought For Shelter Animals

GHI's Companion Animal Committee is seeking holiday donations for animals at the Greenbelt Shelter and the Prince George's County Animal Management Division.

Bring old blankets, cat and dog beds, towels, toys, treats, food and kitty litter to the donation box in the lobby of the GHI office on Hamilton Place between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. The Companion Animal Committee urges people to help make animals in the shelters more comfortable.

## New Deal Café Music Offerings This Week

On Friday, January 2 from 8 to 11 p.m., "The AntiSocialites" will play alternative rock at the Café, blending elements of jazz, hard rock, hip-hop and R&B. Saturday, January 3 from 8 to 11 p.m., "The Druthers" will feature acoustic music.

On Sunday, January 4 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jim Stimson plays the lute. On Tuesday, January 6 the "Wayward Street Players" will play from 7 to 9 p.m. On Wednesday, January 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. "Chapter Three" will perform. Thursday, January 8 there will be an open microphone session with James and Martha from 7 to 9 p.m.

For more information visit the website at [www.newdealcafe.com](http://www.newdealcafe.com) or call 301-474-5642.

## Exploring DeMarr Historical Library

On Friday, January 9 at 1 p.m., Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation by Sarah Bourne, a retired history teacher and active member of the Prince George's County Historical Society. She will discuss the County Historical Society and the Frederick S. DeMarr Library. The DeMarr Library focuses on county history and is now on the ground floor of the Greenbelt Library, having moved from Marietta Mansion in Glenn Dale to Greenbelt in May when the ribbon cutting and grand opening were celebrated.

Explorations Unlimited is a speaker series held in the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be in the Senior Classroom, Room 114. All are welcome to attend the library tour following the presentation. Questions are encouraged. For more information call 301-397-2208.

## Computer Club To Meet Jan. 8

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its January meeting on Thursday, January 8 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center, Room 103. There will be an open discussion on what technology was cool in 2008 and what to look forward to in 2009. Everyone is welcome.

**NOTE that Metro will not use paper transfers after January 4.**

Transfers will be included in one's Smartcard.



Pictured accepting the award are: left to right MPO Scott Kaiser, Chief James R. Craze and Corp. Tom Moreland.

## City Is Tops in Seatbelt Use

On November 19 at a Pacesetter awards ceremony at the BWI Marriott, Greenbelt's police, residents and several groups received recognition for sustained high seatbelt use. In a two-part survey done 30 days apart by the State Highway Administration and the Committee for Safety Belt Use, Inc., the groups were identified with seatbelt use ranging from 93 to 100 percent.

Maryland now boasts the highest seatbelt compliance rate on the east coast and one of the highest in the country. The Maryland Chief's Challenge campaign and the Maryland Pacesetter program are credited with helping the state achieve its record-setting seatbelt usage rates. The Pacesetter program recognizes organizations trying to increase this number by "setting the pace" to encourage even higher seatbelt use.

The Greenbelt Police Department and U.S. Park Police

Greenbelt substation ranked highest at 100 percent. The Maryland State Highway Administration on Kenilworth Avenue had a usage rate of 96 percent, Greenbelt residents 96 percent with students and faculty at Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School coming in at 93 percent.

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## Week of Jan. 2

**FRI. - SAT.**

**Tale of Despereaux, G**  
11:30, 2, 4:15, 6:30, 8:45

**The Spirit, PG-13**  
11:15, 1:50, 4:35, 7:15, 10

**Bedtime Stories, (PG) (!!)**  
11:30, 1:50, 4:15, 7, 9:50

**Yes Man, PG-13 (!!)**  
11:15, 2, 4:45, 7:15, 9:50

**Seven Pounds, PG-13**  
11, 2, 4:45, 7:40, 10:30

**Marley and Me, PG (!!)**  
11:40, 2:15, 4:50, 7:30, 10:20

**Valkyrie, PG-13 (!!)**  
11, 2, 4:45, 7:40, 10:30

**The Day the Earth Stood Still, PG-13**

2:15, 4:50, 7:30, 10:20

**Bolt, PG**

11:40

**SUN. - THUR.**

**Tale of Despereaux, G**  
11:20, 1:20, 3:25, 5:30, 7:45

**The Spirit, PG-13**  
11, 1:40, 4, 6:30, 9:10

**Bedtime Stories, (PG) (!!)**  
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## The Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team's 2009 Winter-Spring training season for summer swimmers\*

**Runs from January 13 to May 3**

Walk-in registration will be held January 7 and 8, 5:30 to 6:30 pm at the Aquatic Center. Fees are discounted for registrations received by January 13!

Swimmers practice Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and Sunday mornings. Information and applications can be found at the GMST bulletin board in the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center, 101 Centerway in Old Greenbelt.

**Registration questions? Call Diane Irving, 301-390-8009 or send an email to [greenbeltswimteam@yahoo.com](mailto:greenbeltswimteam@yahoo.com).**

*\*Note the training season session is open to swimmers who plan to swim with the team for the 2009 summer season.*



# Obituaries

## Philip B. Beard

Former Greenbelter Philip Brent Beard, "Phil," 51, of Gambrills, Md., died on Wednesday, December 24, 2008.



Mr. Beard was born on February 4, 1957, in Victoria, Texas, the son of John R. and Lori M. Beard. The family moved to Greenbelt in 1965.

Mr. Beard attended St. Hugh's and North End elementary schools, Greenbelt and Mary Bethune junior high schools and Parkdale high school.

He graduated with honors from Prince George's Community College in 1989 with a degree in nuclear medicine technology, then worked as a Certified Nuclear Medicine Technologist at the private practice of Dr. Anees Ahsan and Dr. Mohammad Chaudhry (The Heart Center) both located in Takoma Park. After his marriage, he moved to Gambrills.

He was the husband of Jeanne A. Beard; father of daughter Kelli Wallace and her husband Charles Wallace of Bay Minette, Al., sons John R. Beard, II, and Michael P. Beard; grandfather of Mason, Marley, Ryann and Roan of Bay Minette; son of John R. Beard and the late Lori M. Beard; brother of Cathie L. Schumaker, Glennis J. Reslock and Lisa A. Beard; uncle to Amanda, Vincent, Zachary, Ian, Matthew and Jeremy. He was fortunate to have had a host of uncles, aunts, cousins and close friends.

A Celebration of Life is to be held on Saturday, January 3, 2009, from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Greenbelt American Legion Post 136, 6900 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt. In lieu of flowers, a memorial contribution may be made to Hospice of the Chesapeake, 445 Defense Highway, Annapolis, MD 21401, 800-745-6132, www.hospicechesapeake.org.

### In Memoriam

## Philip Beard

Although we mourn our loss, this is not a time for sorrow. This is a time for celebration. The holiday season is about gathering of family, love and giving. Let's celebrate the life of one who made us laugh till we cried, mad till we burst, was there when needed, who had wit, humor and integrity. He shall be missed by all his family and friends alike.

- Glennis Reslock



**Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS**

Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building



Our sympathy to the family and friends of former Greenbelter Philip Beard, who died December 24, 2008, at the age of 51. A memorial gathering will be held on Saturday at Greenbelt American Legion Post 136.

Congratulations to dancer Paris Jackson of Eleanor Roosevelt High school, who was one of five county high school seniors honored November 22 at the seventh annual Washington Post Music and Dance Educational Awards ceremony. The event, held at the Warner Theater, featured an opening performance by all of the finalists that included Jackson dancing to another finalist's piano performance of "Moonlight Sonata."

Happy birthday to former Greenbelter Charlotte Clinedinst who turned 94 on January 1, 2009.

Betty and Joe Timer are pleased to announce the arrival of their third grandchild, Jackson

Paul Timer. Jackson was born on December 23, 2008, and lives with his parents Amy and Jeff Timer in Millsboro, Del. The other two grandchildren, Ethan and Taralynn Timer, live in Memphis, Tenn., with parents Denise and Pete Timer.

Greenbelters were shocked and horrified to learn of the vicious assault on Wayne Williams Christmas Eve at church and extend best wishes for his recovery.

Did you know that our city has become so famous that we are now a trivia question? In John Kelly's Christmas Day column in the Post, one of the questions in his quiz was: "Which of these is NOT a planned community: a. Columbia; b. Reston; c. Greenbelt; d. Annandale." The answer: "d."

To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

- Kathleen McFarland

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9:00 am Christian education for all ages  
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Lighted deer graze the lawn at 7913 Greenbury Drive.

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**Mass Schedule:**  
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Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.  
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.  
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.  
Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe  
Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd

[Baha'u'llah] willingly endured difficulties for the unity of mankind, praying that the world of humanity might realize the radiance of God, the oneness of humankind become a reality, strife and warfare cease and peace and tranquility be realized by all.  
(Abdu'l-Bahá)

Greenbelt Bahá'í Community  
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### Greenbelt Baptist Church

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# Council Presents 2009 Programs For State, County Legislation

by James Giese

The Greenbelt City Council presented its proposed 2009 Legislative Program to the senator and delegates in the Maryland General Assembly and the county councilmember representing the city at a December 15 dinner meeting. Top state issues were providing municipalities with site plan authority, funding upgrades to municipal police radio systems, funding for dredging Greenbelt Lake and encouraging or requiring gas stations to offer alternative fuels. County issues were funding and approval for the construction of Greenbelt Middle School, re-establishing the county landlord-tenant commission, increasing M-NCPPC funding of Greenbelt recreational programming and funding of a new Greenbelt fire station.

### Site Planning

In 2005 the state legislature enacted legislation to enable the county to delegate additional planning and zoning authority to municipalities. However, the county council has failed to delegate such authority to its municipalities. City Council has now asked its state legislators to secure passage of a bill, MC/PG 108-09 which will require the county to delegate to municipalities detailed site plan approval: certification, revocation and revision of non-conforming uses; minor changes to approved special exceptions and vacation of municipal rights-of-way.

### Radio Upgrades

Prince George's County is upgrading its public safety communications system to a state-of-the-art 700 MHz system. The new system will allow interoperability with other police and public safety agencies. For county municipalities to utilize this new system, they must replace all mobile radios, portable radios and dispatch communications equipment. For Greenbelt alone the preliminary cost estimate is \$500-750,000. The city hopes that it can receive state funding through the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention or another appropriate state agency.

### Lake Dredging

The forebay, peninsula and cove areas of Greenbelt Lake in Buddy Attick Park require dredging due to sediment accumulation. Due to environmental regulations, dredging has now become a very complicated and costly process. The city has funded the preparation of a dredging plan, now underway. The estimated cost is between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000.

Besides being a recreational amenity, the lake also performs a valuable storm water management function, capturing sediment from a 500-acre drainage area. However, the staff of the Maryland Department of the Environment has advised that these types of maintenance projects are not eligible for grant funding.

### Gas Stations

Council believes that increased use of alternative fuels will not occur until such fuel becomes more widely available. A state program is needed to either mandate or encourage gas stations to offer alternative fuels.

### Middle School

Greenbelt Middle School is

the oldest middle school in the county, originally built in 1938. A new or renovated school has been on the county's Capital Improvement Program since 1988. Current plans are to build a new 135,000 square foot building on the existing site at another location and to then renovate the historic portion of the current building and demolish the remainder. The county has requested \$20 million in state funding for fiscal year 2010 but the first round of recommendations by the state's Interagency Committee on School Construction is for only \$6.350,000.

### Landlord-Tenant

The county abolished this commission years ago and there is no agency now charged with resolving disputes between landlords and tenants. More than half (54%) of city housing units are renter occupied, and there are many other large concentrations of rental units within the county. The Prince George's County Municipal Association also supports re-establishing this commission.

### M-NCPPC Funding

There is a county-wide tax for recreation programming and facilities. However, Greenbelt's programs and many of its facilities were well established before the county began providing recreational services and taxing to pay for them. City taxes fund most of the city expenses. While the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) provides limited funding for a few city activities, council believes the amount is not commensurate with the amount of taxes city residents pay to the county for recreation. Council therefore seeks an increased level of funding aid from M-NCPPC.

### Fire Station

The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad is currently housed in a city-owned building originally built in 1961. The department has outgrown the building and its two subsequent additions. Nor is the building well-located to serve all city residents. A new station is desired in the vicinity of Greenbelt Road and Southway. Acquisition of a suitable site would be the first step towards building a new facility. Currently the project is included in the county's Capital Improvement Program with an allocation of \$100,000. Additional funding allocation is needed.

### Other Issues

The council expressed its concern over expected cutbacks in state and county budgets as a result of the economic slowdown. The city would like to receive early alerts as to reductions that would impact upon the city and hopes that such cutbacks would be minimal.

Opposition to the extension or widening of Kenilworth Avenue was reiterated by the council even though such a project is on the Maryland Consolidated Transportation Program and is near the top of the county's road project priority list. Council prefers improvements to US 1.

Council again expressed its support for the construction of a Purple Line cross-county light rail line and opposition to construction of the Intercounty Con-

necter.

Council urged legislation to prohibit gas stations now holding liquor licenses at their convenience stores from being able to transfer these licenses to any other gas station or owner.

Council would also like to see enabling legislation to require contribution and expenditure disclosure on individuals or groups circulating petitions.

Other matters noted were: additional funding for noise barriers along main highways; full funding of the Thorton Plan for education; creation of a container deposit program; permission for municipalities to pool their residents with those of other municipalities to obtain better bulk electricity rates; increased penalties for violating red lights when enforced by use of cameras and better coordination of transportation services to avoid duplication and improve marketing.

## Chinese Music Event Offered on Friday

On Friday, January 9 at 7:30 p.m., the College Park Arts Exchange monthly Cultural Connections event will be the captivating sounds of Greenbelters Yuli Wang and Elizabeth Barber, accomplished string musicians, and special guest Shengyong Zhou on the Chinese flute at the Old Parish House in College Park. Wang and Barber were performers at last year's Greenbelt New Year celebration.

The monthly Cultural Connections series offers free lectures and performances focused on cultural exploration, music, art, literature and history. A "Pay as You Can" donation is asked to help fund Cultural Connections events.

For more information email [info@cpae.org](mailto:info@cpae.org) or call 301-927-3013.

The Old Parish House is at 4711 Knox Road in College Park.

## Planetarium Program Features Wanderers

The next planetarium program at the Howard B. Owens Science Center on Friday, January 9 will feature "The Planets."



These wanderers hold fascination for many people, from the simple beauty of watching them dance in the night sky to the intense beauty magnified through advanced photography. Come for an evening of enjoying the planets aesthetically through music, visuals and poetry. Participants will also get a glimpse of future discoveries as they are introduced to current/future planetary missions. The evening concludes with a tour of the current night sky.

Doors open 7:15 p.m.; the program starts at 7:30 p.m. There is a nominal fee, reduced for seniors and teachers; children under three are admitted free.

The Howard B. Owens Science Center is located at 9601 Greenbelt Road in Lanham. To confirm the topic call 301-918-8750 during school hours or visit the website at <http://www1.pgcp.org/howardbowens/>.

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## City Information

### MEETINGS FOR JANUARY 5-9

Monday, January 5th at 8:00pm, CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Greenbelt in Focus at Beltway Plaza.

Wednesday, January 7th at 7:30pm, ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD, at the Greenbelt Community Center, Room 103. Agenda: I. Call to Order, II. approval of Agenda, III. Approval of Meeting Minutes: December 3, 2008, IV. Discussion with Greenbelt MPO Scott Kaiser, V. Discussion of the Development of a City-wide Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan. VI. Adjourn

Wednesday, January 7th, CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Presentation of Classification Study at Community Center.

*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 [cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov).*

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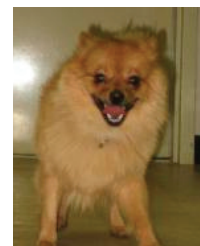
### GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER

#### Greenbelt Pets of the Month



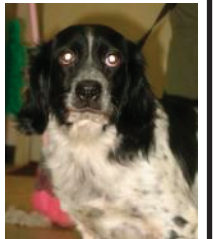
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*Davey: A young male Pomeranian. Very adorable and friendly!*



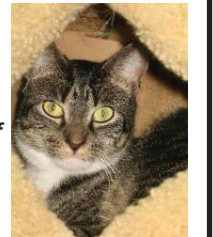
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*Kimmie: Friendly, but shy. Easily gentled, especially if bribed with food and treats! Young adult spayed female cat.*



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## Museum Curator Enjoys Varied Duties

by Miriam Pinheiro

Megan Searing Young says her new job as curator and director of historical programs for the Greenbelt Museum is a perfect intersection of her experience and interests.

Young says she has always had an avid interest in things and how people use them.

"I was always interested in early 20th century history," she said. "My focus was first on the visual arts, then I became more interested in social history. The study of the history of decorative arts allowed me to combine the two. Instead of studying just the painting, you are studying the whole room in which the painting hangs. When a painting is hung in a room, I wonder who bought it? Who could have owned it? What does it mean to them? I am also interested in the design of things."

Young's day-to-day duties are different every day. She is responsible for operation of the city's museum that focuses on the history of the Depression, the New Deal and the establishment and ongoing evolution of the "green town" that is Greenbelt.

She oversees installation of exhibitions and operation of the house museum. In addition she manages the museum's collection and plans public programming, including walking tours and a bi-



Megan Searing Young

monthly museum lecture series.

Young also served as National Endowment for the Humanities education/volunteer coordinator for the museum from January 2007 to August 2008.

The museum, which is open on Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m., serves as an information clearinghouse about the history of Greenbelt.

Young has a bachelor's degree in art history from Johns Hopkins's University in Baltimore and a master's degree in the history of decorative arts from the Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum, Smithsonian Institution and Parsons School of Design in Washington, D.C. In addition, she has held jobs and internships at a variety of cultural organizations.

Prior to employment with the

Greenbelt Museum, Young had been involved with the museum for several years. She gave two talks as part of the museum's lecture series, lent artifacts for exhibitions and served as a consultant on the museum exhibition "Living the Healthy Life."

### Future Plans

Young is making plans for the future of the museum. Under the tenure of her predecessor, museum curator Jill St. John, the museum was awarded several grants by the Maryland Historical Trust, the Maryland Humanities Council, the Greenbelt Community Foundation and the City of Greenbelt. These grants will help fund the remaking of the museum's 10-minute orientation film shown to each visitor. The first film was made 20 years ago.

Young says she would like to work more with local schools. She invites everyone to visit the museum, which has a devoted, highly trained group of volunteers.

She advises those interested in pursuing a career as a curator to "learn as much as possible about the history of the era you are interested in. Volunteer. Talk to people. Enroll in museum study programs to get training."

Young is a Washington, D.C., native. She grew up in Cheverly and currently lives with her husband and two daughters in a row house built in 1915 in the Mount Pleasant neighborhood.

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population over 5 years of age claim a disability status as compared to 15 percent nationally. At 24 percent, Greenbelt has almost twice as many foreign born as the nation's population as a whole.

Fewer Greenbelters are married than is the case nationally. For males over 25, only 40 percent of Greenbelters are now married and not separated and for females, only 32 percent. This compares to the national figures of 53 percent for men and 48 percent for women.

### Economic Characteristics

Of those over age 15, 77 percent in Greenbelt are in the labor force. Nationally the figure is 65 percent. It takes Greenbelters an average of 32.3 minutes to get to work, a little longer than the 25.1 minutes average nationally.

The estimated median household income in Greenbelt is \$59,261 as compared to \$50,007 nationally. The median family income is \$75,840, well above the national estimate of \$60,374. Greenbelt's per capita income is \$32,120 compared to a national average estimate

of \$26,178.

Eight percent of Greenbelt individuals and 4 percent of Greenbelt families fall below the poverty level. Nationally it was 13 percent and 10 percent respectively.

### Housing Characteristics

Ninety-three percent of Greenbelt's estimated 10,237 housing units were estimated to be occupied at mid-decade. For the nation it was 88 percent. Of those occupied, 52 percent were estimated to be owner occupied and the rest rentals. Nationally, 67 percent of occupied units were owner occupied.

The median value of owner-occupied homes in Greenbelt was estimated to be \$227,000 as compared to \$181,000 for the nation. The median monthly owner costs for those with a mortgage in Greenbelt was only slightly more than for those surveyed nationally (\$1,483 vs. \$1,427). Inexplicably, however, the average monthly owner costs for those without mortgages was significantly higher than the national average (\$584 vs. \$402).

## Rediscovered Master Lievens Art Show

An exhibition of the works of Jan Lievens, a rediscovered Dutch master, will run through January 11 in the West Building, main floor, of the National Gallery of Art, Sixth Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. Lievens worked in many styles reflecting multiple influences from the various cities in which he lived.

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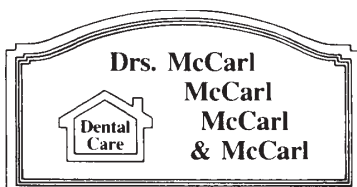


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### Robbery

December 22, 9:22 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a man attempted to take a woman's purse as she was walking through the parking garage to the rear of the shopping center. The man obtained the purse after a short struggle and fled the scene on foot. The suspect is described as a black male, 18 to 21 years of age, 5'5" to 5'6" with black hair in dreadlocks, wearing an olive green jacket and blue jeans.

### Shots Fired

December 19, 1:52 p.m., Cherrywood Terrace and Market Lane, witnesses reported that unknown person(s) fired several shots at a vehicle described as a black Ford Explorer. After the shots were fired, four or five people were observed running from the scene; the Explorer also fled the area.

### Malicious Burning

December 20, 2:32 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway, a bulletin board was set afire in the hallway of a condominium building. The fire department responded to put it out; there was minor damage. Two possible suspects seen in the area are described as two black youths, both 14 to 16 years of age and 5'11" to 6'; one was wearing a gray jacket and black pants.

### Vandalism

December 20, 7:35 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Drive, unknown person(s) used unknown means to break out the bedroom window of a residence.

December 20, 7:55 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Court, a rock was thrown through the bedroom window of a residence.

### Burglaries

December 19, 3:25 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Court, it was re-

ported that an artificial Christmas tree was taken from the balcony of a residence.

December 19, 3:47 p.m., 7800 block Jacobs Drive, watches, jewelry, money, a laptop computer and passports were reported taken.

December 19, 4:23 p.m., 7700 block Cloister Place, a camera, an HD radio, a laptop computer, a GPS unit, money and credit cards were reported taken.

December 24, 1:41 a.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, a man was in his residence when he heard the sound of breaking glass in his bedroom. Climbing through his bedroom window was a young man who fled upon being observed.

### Vehicle Crimes

A gold 2001 Dodge Intrepid 4-door, Ohio tags EEF117 was reported stolen from the 6900 block Hanover Parkway.

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

Thefts from vehicles were reported at 6100 block Breezewood Court (work tools), 7300 block Morrison Drive (two airbags), 9300 block Edmonston Road (rear tag), 6200 block Springhill Court (money) and 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace (rear tag).

Thirteen incidents of broken vehicle windows were reported on December 22, 23 and 24. They occurred at: 9100 block Edmonston Court (three incidents), 6200 block Springhill Court (two incidents), 6000 and 6200 blocks Springhill Drive, 9000 block Breezewood Terrace, 9100 block Edmonston Terrace, 9200 and 9300 blocks Edmonston Road, 9100 block Springhill Lane and 6100 block Breezewood Court.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522.

## Coastal Navigation Class at High Point

For those with a touch of the winter doldrums, it is time to prepare for spring boating. U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 72 is offering a seven-week course starting Wednesday, January 7 for boaters and aspiring boaters. The Coastal Navigation class will meet twice a week on Monday and Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. at High Point High School.

Among the subjects covered are compass use and adjustment, chart reading, dead reckoning (planning voyages), piloting, tides and currents and aids to navigation. The instructors are all well-trained, volunteer members of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary who are devoted to promoting recreational boating safety.

Registration will be held the first night of class. The only cost is for books and charts. Pre-register after 9 a.m. by calling Jean at 301-261-7735 or Steve at tsksk10@hotmail.com or 410-531-3313.

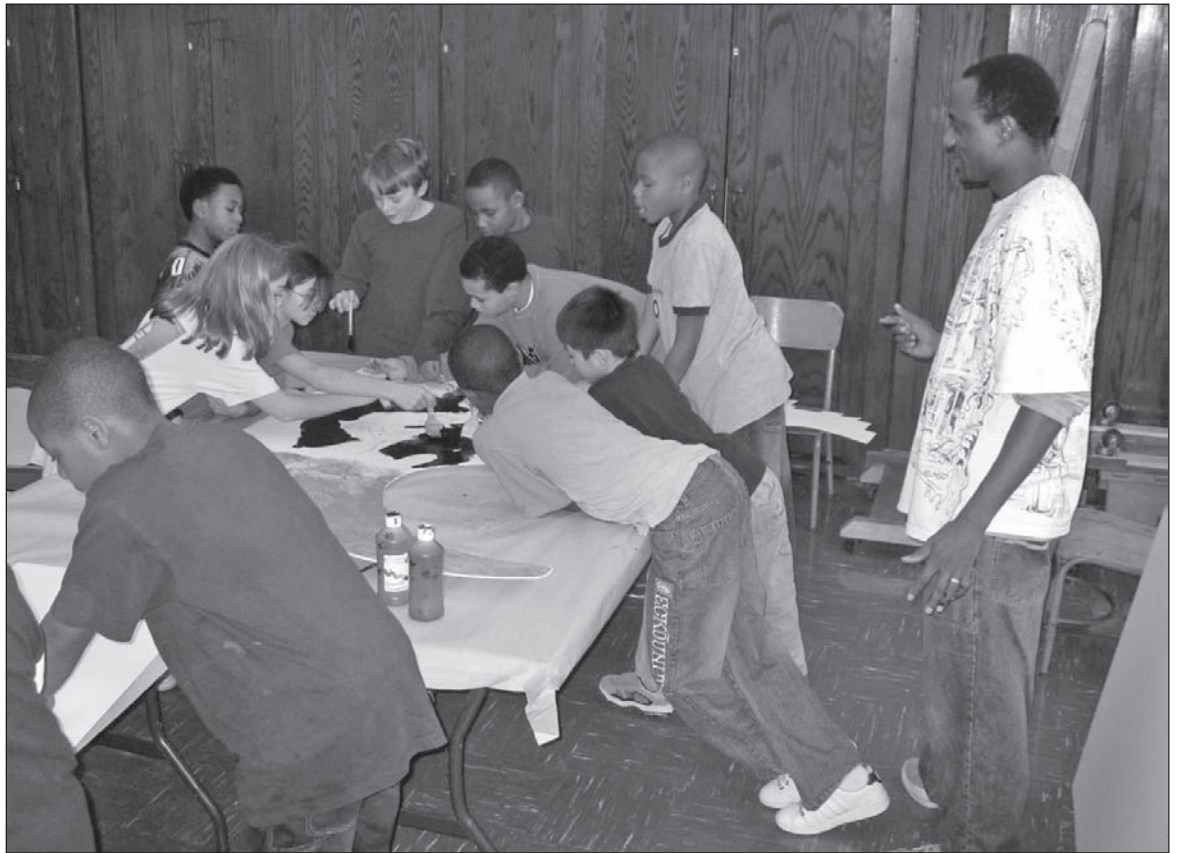
High Point High School is at 3601 Powder Mill Road in Beltsville.

## Advocates Sought For Foster Care

The office of the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), Prince George's County, Inc., recruits and trains volunteers to advocate for the needs of children living in foster care. Volunteers spend 10 to 15 hours per month visiting with a child and collaborating with other adults protecting the child to ensure that his or her needs are met and that a safe permanent home is found.

Applications for day and evening training sessions are now being accepted for the winter training session. To participate, apply by Monday, January 5. Bilingual volunteers are especially needed and urged to apply.

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Fifth graders gather around the studio table to view a piece of the set they will continue to paint.

## St. Hugh's Students Make Party Decorations

by Chrissy Chiddo

The fifth and sixth grade students of St. Hugh's School received an opportunity to participate in two visual art workshops on Wednesday, December 10 at the Community Center. The field trip was hosted by the Greenbelt Recreation Department.

One workshop was lead by Beth Fendlay and Artist-in-residence Hussein Saidi.

The students designed stage props and party decorations depicting the theme of revolution for the Greenbelt New Year's celebration.

Before setting to work, the students participated in a brainstorming session and discussed what "revolution" meant to them. Thoughts about progress in technology, music, politics and automobiles also were shared. The students helped paint a large backdrop, using Saidi's sketches. Many students created individual posters to express their ideas of revolution.

Natalie Thomas led the second workshop which invited the students to design their own comic strip. She discussed with the class what the purpose of a comic might be – to entertain, advertise and/or tell a story. The students' assignment was to write down three possible topics for a comic strip, either fictional or realistic.

After choosing their favorite idea, they viewed various templates, created a preliminary sketch and then started their comic. The topics ranged from how to build a snowman to how to defeat a superhero but all the comic strips were well thought out, humorous and carefully designed.

St. Hugh's School students enjoyed this field trip and the two art workshops.

Chrissy Chiddo is an art teacher at St. Hugh's School.



Sixth graders Josh Stattel (left), Jeremy Tuthill (center) and Jacob Ewing (right) create their own space to paint posters for the New Year's Eve party in Hussein Saidi's workshop.



Sixth grader Richard Kern (left) shares his excitement with Saidi (right) about his finished painting of the universe.

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City Council met with SHA planners on July 21 reiterating the city's longstanding opposition to the widening of Md. 201 and its northward extension to meet the ICC.

At council's request the Advisory Planning Board (APB) considered the alternatives, finding all of them deficient but choosing the best of the build alternatives (the widening of US Route 1 from Sunnyside to Domer Street in Laurel) as its starting point for creating an improved alternative with more focus on bicycle lanes and roundabouts.

Council generally approved the APB recommendations.

### New Deal Café Survives

The New Deal Café, a cooperative venture founded in 1995, was in dire straits by 2008. Problems were numerous and it desperately needed a manager. Enter Chef Karim Kmaida, formerly executive chef with Lebanese Taverna, and his wife, Maria Almeida, who agreed to finance a state-of-the-art kitchen, with Café General Contractor Bill Wilkerson and volunteers staffing the installation. The board worked out a long-term lease, with Kmaida running the restaurant. After several months of renovating, cleaning and organizing, the New Deal Café opened with a Middle Eastern menu. By year's end, local residents were enjoying good food and diverse music at the café.

### Spellman Overpass

Following several crime incidents near the Gladys Spellman pedestrian overpass of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway council heard an eight-step plan to improve public safety and listened to citizen comments on January 22. On February 11 council approved a modified plan based on advisory board recommendations to increase police presence, improve maintenance, relocate the Spellman dedication monument, provide education and outreach to neighbors concerning problems and install a call box and two security cameras.

At year end, the cameras and call box were still not installed but staff expected work to be completed in January.

### Visioning

In January the city sponsored three visioning sessions – one each in Springhill Lake, Greenbelt Center and Greenbelt East, inviting residents to brainstorm on how to make the city better. Major city officials were note-takers for the 40-minute topic sessions led by junior employees or citizen volunteer board members. Over a more than three-hour period at each session, participants engaged in a variety of topics dealing with city departments and their projected responsibilities and opportunities within a projected quarter-century time frame. By years' end the city had not yet reported back.

### Historical Society Library

Two long-unused rooms on the lower level of the Greenbelt Library became the new home this year of the Frederick S. DeMarr Library of County History, a facility operated by the Prince George's County Historical Society and named for its late founder. Before the May 31 grand opening, the facility was freshly painted, carpeted and equipped with shelves along the wall for the more than 5,000 books in the collection. The library is open regularly on Saturday afternoons and at other times by appointment.

### News Review Online

The News Review became available online through the city's website in February. Technology students from the University of Baltimore planned to develop a new website for the paper and conducted a survey of readers to determine needs and interests. The survey showed that many readers rely on the Greenbelt News Review for local information. The redesigned website is still under construction. Archives from January 17, 2002 through the end of 2007 are available and searchable online at [www.greenbeltnewsreview.com](http://www.greenbeltnewsreview.com).

## Reel and Meal Celebrates First Year Anniversary

by Brian St. George

In September at the New Deal Café about 60 people gathered for the first anniversary of what has become a monthly gathering of Greenbelters exploring the issues of sustainability, social justice and animal rights. Celebrating a first anniversary, another sellout crowd was on hand to dine and see the film.

Jean Newcomb, originator of the Green Man Festival, one of several local sponsoring groups for the Reel and Meal, said originally the idea was to support the New Deal Café while it was transitioning to new management. "It started on a wing and a prayer," Newcomb said. An artist with a background in biology and social work, Newcomb said, "the café brought us together, it's our living room. Our houses are a little small so we have to meet somewhere."

The films are free; dinner is offered for sale, an all-you-can-eat meal prepared by Chef Karim.

#### Sponsors

Sponsoring groups include the Chesapeake Education Arts and Research Society (CHEARS), Consciousness Press, Prince George's Peace and Justice Coal-

ition, Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group, Greenbelt Climate Action Network and the Green Man Festival. The film shown at the September anniversary was "King Corn." Damon Austin, agricultural sources librarian of the University of Maryland, discussed some recent developments of corn production and its use as a sweetener and a fuel. He noted that the University of Maryland's library facilities are open to the public.

Susan Barnett, president of the Beaverdam Watershed Watch Group listed some sustainable ideas happening in Greenbelt since inception of Reel and Meal, such as Generous Joe's now serving a veggie burger, Chef Lou offering homemade vegan bread. Chef Karim is donating spent oil to fuel a biodiesel car, Greenbelt's recycling department is expanding the number of items it recycles and the Co-op has stopped selling glue mouse traps.

Reel and Meal is held the third Monday of the month. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m., the film at 7 p.m. Proceeds go to benefit the New Deal Café and fund the film series, listed at the New Deal and on the Co-op bulletin board.

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Wednesday	4:30-6:45 pm	Gentle Kripalu Yoga	Laura
Wednesday	7:00-8:30 pm	Moderate Kripalu Yoga	Laura
Thursday	7:30-8:30 am	Morning Kripalu Yoga	Laura
Thursday	6:30-7:45 pm	Ashtanga Yoga	Brecken
Thursday	8:00-9:00 pm	Chill Yoga	Brecken
Friday	10:30-11:45 am	Gentle Yoga/Yoga 1	Melissa
Friday	12:00-1:00 pm	Lunchtime Yoga	Melissa
Saturday	9:00-10:00 am	Mixed level Pilates	Emily
Saturday	10:15-11:30 am	Integral Hatha 1	Karl

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## Free workshop reveals 7 ways to slash college costs

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The workshop dates are Tuesday, January 6th and Saturday, January 10th at the Greenbelt Community Center, Room #114. The Greenbelt Community Center is located at 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770. On Tuesday, January 6th, the class is from 7:15pm to 8:45pm. On Saturday, January 10th, the class is from

11:15a.m. to 12:45p.m. The workshop is being taught by Susan Newland, CPA, an expert on paying for college, who is a member of a tax, accounting and financial planning practice located in Beltsville, Maryland.

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