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## Council Election Roster Grows to Nine As Candidates Pope, Herling and Ivy File

The slate for the November 3 Greenbelt City Council election is now set as challengers Silke Pope, Kelly Ivy and incumbent Konrad Herling's nomination forms have been certified by the city clerk. Incumbents Ed Putens, Leta Mach, Judith Davis and Rodney Roberts and challengers Emmett Jordan and Che Sayles have already submitted their nomination forms; biographies for them were in prior issues. Ivy has not yet submitted his biography to the News Review. It will be printed in a future issue.

#### Silke Pope

A proud and active member of the community for 11 years, Silke Pope came to Greenbelt from Frankfurt, Germany in 1998 with her husband, Joseph, initially making a home in Springhill Lake (since renamed Empirian Village). Quickly taken with Greenbelt's welcoming spirit and rich tradition of community, Pope soon engaged with neighbors and local government, helping in 1999 to found the Springhill Lake Neighborhood Improvement Team. The group bridged gaps, sharing concerns and generating solutions among residents, complex management and the city on topics of public safety and other quality of life issues. It marked her initial foray into public life in Greenbelt.

That can-do community spirit has been shown repeatedly by Pope over the years in our special city. A mother of two with one still in school, her accomplishments include serving as president since 2006 of the Belle Point Homeowners Association where her family now resides. She has served on the city's Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC)



Silke Pope

since 2000, chairing the group since 2003. She helped uplift and empower many underprivileged children including those learning English as a second language at Greenbelt Middle School (GMS) from 2001-2007 and presently as full-time Parent Liaison for GMS and Magnolia Elementary School.

During her tenure leading the Public Safety Advisory Committee, the city has seen real improvements in safety including the upgrade of security cameras at See CANDIDATES, page 6



**Konrad Herling** 

Roosevelt Center and their installation on the Spellman Overpass, as well as emergency call boxes on Metro Drive and in the Springhill Lake area. She's long supported community policing and the use of bicycle patrols. Always mindful of public input, Pope has pushed for yearly PSAC community forums on public safety throughout the city - in Greenbelt East, West and Center. By inviting feedback

## We Again Ask Questions Of Council Candidates

Monday, September 21 was the last day for filing nominating petitions for candidates seeking election to the Greenbelt City Council. The News Review is once again asking questions of them. The answers will be published in future issues of the paper before the November 3 city election.

This year we ask four questions. Answers to the questions will be published during the month of October with the first question's answers published October 1, the second question's answers published October 8, etc. Candidates are required to submit their answers to the News Review offices before 9 p.m. on the Monday preceding the question's publication date, preferably on disk or by email. Answers will be limited to 300 words. If an answer exceeds the limit, the answer will be cut off at that point.

This year's questions are:

1. Why do you seek this office and why do you think you are well qualified to be a city councilmember? (Due September 28 for October 1 issue)

2. Expected development in Greenbelt West has been delayed due to the downturn in the national and local economies. Is it more important to revise covenants, agreements and approved development plans to accommodate developers under the present economic climate and add value to the city tax base with new construction or to hold fast on past efforts to achieve higher quality development for land close to Metro? Why? (Due October 5 for October 8 issue)

3. Do you support the changes in election procedures enacted by the city council to achieve greater voter participation and diversity of candidates? If not, why not? Are other changes needed? If so, what changes? (Due October 12 for October 15 issue)

4. With property values down and state and federal shared revenue cut or eliminated, the city can expect less growth in revenue than in the past or even significant loss of revenue. If so, what specific changes to the budget will you seek if the choice becomes one of either increasing taxes and fees or cutting programs and services? (Due October 19 for October 22 issue)

## **County Plans for Area Roads Omitted Input from Greenbelt**

#### by Barbara Hopkins

A major issue before the Greenbelt City Council for the September 14 regular meeting was discussion of the Prince George's County Master Plan of Transportation, which was approved in resolution CR-54-2009 (DR-1) by the Prince George's County Council on July 21. This resolution updates the 2002 plan to give guidelines for transportation spending in support of the county's preferred future development. The City of Greenbelt had sent testimony on February 4, 2009 expressing concerns to county officials about the preliminary plan. The draft plan as adopted in July did not address all of the city's concerns. Intensive expansion of Kenilworth Avenue, which the City of Greenbelt has long opposed, is still included in the revised plan, though expansions to Crescent Road, Ora Glen Drive and Ridge Road have been excluded. The City of Greenbelt opposed these expansions as well. The city requested, but did not get, limits to the expansion of Hanover Parkway and Cherrywood Lane. The current plan calls for the Maryland-National

Capital Park and Planning Commission, Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation and the City of Greenbelt to work together "to address both the failing levels of service" of the two roadways and "all other traffic and operational challenges associated with the

and Cherrywood Lane within the city. Mayor Judith Davis noted both roads are owned by the city, not the county.

Hofstra recommended that the city provide testimony on the current plan at the last public hearing, repeating the city's request that expansion of Hanover Parkway and Cherrywood Lane be dropped from the plan. She recommended that parts of the plan also be rewritten to specifically include municipal participation on any inter-jurisdictional boards or other groups assigned a focus on development within city limits or changes to municipalityowned roads. The final public hearing is scheduled for October 13 and Davis requested that the city be represented there. Councilmember Konrad Herling said he would also introduce the issue for support at the Prince George's County Municipal Association meeting on September 17.

## Youngest Contestant Wins Greenbelt Idol Competition

#### by Tami Le

The first ever Greenbelt Idol competition, held during the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival, was a huge success, with the youngest contestant, Nneka Lyn, winning the competition and the \$500 prize.

The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival, since its inception in 1954, has put on many different events for the enjoyment of both locals and visitors who attend the festi-

Greenbelt Labor Day Festival coordinator Linda Ivy and city councilmember Konrad Herling. After two hours of conversation at the Roosevelt Center, they had plans to offer for the first ever Greenbelt Idol competition.

Tryouts Tryouts, which began over the summer, were open to all those 16 and over who live, work or volunteer in Greenbelt. Among

buildout land use projected by the Master Plans for this part of Prince George's County.'

Amy Hofstra, a community planner in the city's Department of Planning and Community Development, told council the plan focuses on multi-modal transportation and includes a number of policy recommendations that are broad and vague in scope. Some of these, Hofstra said, may strongly influence future development in Greenbelt.

Staff would be monitoring these issues, Hofstra said, and as things become clearer, she thought council might want to comment on them to the county.

She added that in other instances the county is recommending inter-jurisdictional boards to address certain parts of the plan, although the city is not included on such a board, to look at the expansion of Hanover Parkway

#### Stormwater Management

Citizen Bill Duncan asked council to send a letter to the county executive in support of a strong county ordinance for

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val. This is the first year, however that the festival committee put on a singing competition.

Greenbelt Idol came about through a conversation between See IDOL, page 11

those who came to the summer tryouts was Lyn, a 17-year-old senior at Eleanor Roosevelt High

#### What Goes On

#### **Tuesday, September 29**

8 p.m., Regular City Council Meeting, Municipal Building. Live on Comcast 71, Verizon 21 and Streaming on Greenbelt CityLink

#### Wednesday, September 30

7:30 p.m., Senior Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting, Community Center

8 p.m., City Council Worksession with GreenACES, Community Center

#### Thursday, October 1

7:30 p.m., Candidates Night at Greenbriar Community Building 7:30 p.m., GHI Board Meeting, GHI Board Room Sunday, October 4

1 to 3 p.m., GHI Members Annual Picnic, Hamilton Place 1 to 4 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center

### Election Rules on Letters

With the City Council election before us, this is a good time to remind everyone of the rules about letters in the weeks prior to the election.

The News Review does not print letters of endorsement for individual candidates although paid advertising for that purpose is accepted.

New issues cannot be raised in letters closer than two weeks before the election since fairness requires time for letters of rebuttal about those issues also to run before the election. Thus, the deadline for that kind of letter would be the issue of October 22, with a deadline of Tuesday, October 20.

Finally, as always, to be considered for publication all letters must be about Greenbelt-specific issues. We do not run letters about issues being debated at the national or regional level and we do not generally accept letters from outside Greenbelt unless there is a Greenbelt-centric issue involved.

All letters must be signed and include the letter writer's address.

## **Letters to the Editor**

#### THANKS!

From the first song by Sea Chanter, Bill Edwards, to the last note of The Fabulous Hubcaps, the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival was a unison of cooperation, spirit and fun!

We are especially grateful to the City of Greenbelt for the continued support of dedicated staff members. To our police department, public works, recreation departments and the administrative staff, thank you. Thank you for all of your hard work and continued support of the festival!

A special thanks to the Co-op Supermarket for selling our wristbands, the Greenbelt Arts Center for their weekend performances and for allowing the festival committee to use their facility for the Greenbelt Idols tryouts.

You may have noticed the teens in volunteer T-shirts, selling tickets and working the information booth. A special thank you to all of them, members of the Eleanor Roosevelt National Honor Society.

Thank you to all of the parade participants. Didn't they do an outstanding job? More than anything the parade shouts "community" and every year the groups use their imagination as they march down Crescent Road. Thank you to the members of the Central Maryland Amateur Radio Club who are the parade marshals.

Most importantly, I would like to thank the Labor Day Committee. Without a doubt, I am so fortunate to be part of their committee. For 55 years the all-volunteer committee has organized every aspect of the Festival.

You will not find a more dediated, hard working group anythank everyone that donates their time to make our Greenbelt Labor Day Festival a success. You are all the reason Greenbelt is great.

We are already starting our plans for next year and volunteers are needed. Email laborday@ greenbelt.com if you would like to volunteer for the Greenbelt Labor Day Committee.

Thank you for your continued support, Greenbelt!

Linda Ivy, President Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee

#### Kids Games Winners And Thanks to All

The Greenbelt Recreation Department would like to thank those that participated in another successful year at the 2009 Greenbelt Labor Day Festival's Kids Games! With a sunny sky and a slight breeze, more than 60 kids participated in the carnival-like games. The following were first place winners: Hayden Chandler, Noah Eubanks, Allison Jacobson, Ruby Colandrea, Keegan Coste, Jessica Zhou, Az Toulan, Macy Granzow, Isabel Walder, Paige Tinsley, Lily Granzow and Justin Barnes.

We would also like to take the time and thank all the volunteers and other staff that helped this year!

> Rebekah L. Sutfin Community Center Coordinator City of Greenbelt

#### Further Thoughts On Beltway Plaza

Just a brief note to acknowledge that the article entitled "City Meeting with Beltway Plaza Raises New Issues" appeared to be a This letter could not possibly fair, balanced and largely accurate

reporting of the discussions at the annual stakeholder's meeting of August 26 (not 8/24 as reported).

So you know, Fred Wine has been associated with the management and improvement of Beltway Plaza for approximately 24 years and has been an owner since 1996 and Dave Sullivan has been involved in the construction and property management of Beltway Plaza since 1993. I, Kap Kapastin, have been the attorney and community relations representative for Beltway Plaza for 20 years, since the time of Mayor Gil Weidenfeld.

On our watch and under our management, Beltway Plaza brought Greenbelt the nation's best discounter, Target, the region's foremost grocer, Giant, and a renovated 8-screen movie house with stadium seating, the Academy 8.

However, Greenbelt West, including Beltway Plaza, is and has been ripe for further rejuvenation for a significant period of time. So far, as we related at the stakeholder's session, planning obstacles have been repeatedly raised to the evolution of Beltway Plaza to a revitalized center, offering mixed-use residential and retail aspects. Opportunities have been missed, not only at Beltway Plaza but at the former Springhill Lake and in the North Core and South Core areas of the Greenbelt Metro Station project.

As the recent past has amply demonstrated, it is far easier to stop and curtail improvements than it is to encourage and foster them. No doubt, the economic recession is today stifling the financing and construction of improvements. But take heart, a reasonable approach and a sustained, phased planning effort needs to be undertaken now, to prepare for the next upturn in the economy.

Our rental housing stock (along with our population) is aging and requires replacement and augmentation. Unnecessary roadblocks and delays are expensive and ultimately destructive of our future as a community.

We scaled back our project to improve the Breezewood Road side of Beltway Plaza only and to act as an impetus to Empirian Village as well.

At the stakeholder's session, we found the interest in senior housing, cooperative housing, owner-occupied housing and rental housing among councilmembers encouraging and we look forward to working with the city to meet the needs of Greenbelt West and of greater Greenbelt, too.

Kap Kapastin Quantum Companies



"There's too many of these . . . my paws are starting to hurt."

#### Corrections

The article about the Animal Shelter Worksession with Council on the front page of last week's paper incorrectly identified the veterinarian visiting the shelter. The visiting veterinarian who is working with the shelter is Dr. Sherry Seibel, who is providing general wellness checks, treatment for non-emergency health issues and is doing most of the spay/neuter procedures on shelter animals. Dr. Laura Kressler, who is mentioned in the article is a Greenbelt resident, has consistently provided advice on shelter procedures and operation but is not the visiting veterinarian.

Greenbelt will use five voting places this year, not four as was reported in the September 10 article "Voting Process Discussed with Bd. of Elections." They are: Precinct 3, Community Center; Precinct 6, Greenbelt Police Station; Precinct 8, Springhill Lake Recreation Center; Precinct 13, Greenbriar Community Building; and Precinct 18, Turning Point Academy.

The September 17 obituary for Walter W. Andersen, who died August 31, incorrectly stated the name of his wife as Annie instead of Anne in one paragraph.

The News Review regrets the errors.

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#### NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS



PRELIMINARY AGENDA **GDC & GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING** 

## Thursday, October 1, 2009

GHI BOARD ROOM, 7:30 PM

#### **GDC Key Agenda Items:**

2nd Quarter Financial Statements

#### **GHI Key Agenda Items:**

- Proposed 4' x 6' Tricvcle Shed, 3D Plateau Place
- Yard Line Certification: 9N Southway and Boiler Room
- 2009 Fall Concrete Sidewalk Contract 1st Reading
- 501(c)(3) Mission
- Strategic Plan KRA #5, Risk Management

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

OLD GREENBELT **THEATRE** • WEEK OF SEPT 25 Yoo-Hoo Mrs. Goldberg (NR) <u>Friday</u> \*5:15, 7:30, 9:30 <u>Saturday</u> \*3:15, \*5:15, 7:30, 9:30 Sunday \*3:15, \*5:15, 7:30 Monday - Thursday \*5:15, 7:30 **STARTS FRIDAY** Capitalism: A Love Story \*These shows at \$6.00 301-474-9744 • 301-474-9745 129 Centerway www.pandgtheatres.com • •

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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**

#### 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 September 28 through October 2 include:

Monday – Orange juice, pulled barbecued chicken on a bun, broccoli slaw, pinto beans, fruit cocktail.

Tuesday – Grape juice, Italian sausage on a bun, green peppers and onions, penne pasta with tomatoes, chopped collards, fruit cocktail.

Wednesday – Creamy broccoli soup, Cuban chicken with sauce, yellow rice, field green salad, cherry cobbler.

Thursday – Cranberry juice, chicken lasagna, garden salad, green beans, pineapple chunks.

Friday – Vegetable soup, turkey salad, cold rice salad, bag of popcorn, banana pudding.

#### At the Library Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories.

Tuesday, September 29, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

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

Thursday, October 1, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages three to five years, limit 20 children.

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

#### **GHI Notes**

Wednesday, September 30, 7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee – GHI Lobby

Thursday, October 1, 7:30 p.m. Board Meeting – Board Room Friday, October 2. Offices

Closed. (Emergency maintenance available, call 301-474-6011.)

Sunday, October 4, 1 to 3 p.m., Annual Picnic – GHI Compound

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

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

#### GEAC Holds First Candidate Forum

The Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC) will hold the first forum of candidates running for city council on Thursday, October 1. The meeting will be held in the Greenbriar Community Building at 7:30 p.m.

## Upcoming Free Music At the New Deal Café

On Thursday, September 24 from noon to 2 p.m., Amy C. Kraft and the Mid-Day Melodies get the New Deal Café music off to an early start. This repeats on Thursday, October 1. Evening brings the monthly Songwriters Association of Washington open microphone session from 7 to 9 p.m. Regular open mike sessions are held every Thursday at the same time.

Every Friday and Saturday from 6:30 to 8 p.m., New Deal Café piano man John Guernsey taps out jazz and blues. After Guernsey plays the last note on Friday, September 25, Harold Anderson, Mark Puryear and Phil Wiggins are "At Home with the Blues," from 8 to 11 p.m. Classical guitarist Bruce Kritt works his magic on Saturday, September 26, from 1 to 3 p.m. The rest sounds like a night of food music, with Glori-Fried playing an acoustic set from 3 to 6 p.m. and then The Hot Noodles playing their own songs plus those of the Beatles, the Grateful Dead and others from 8 to 11 p.m.

Sunday, September 27 gets off to a royally meditative start as Jim Stimson relaxes everyone with music played on Rennaisance-replica lutes, as he does on the first and last Sundays of each month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The pace picks up with the Irish Music Jam from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., a regular event on the fourth Sunday of each month. Then things really heat up with Pillar of Fire from 5 to 8 p.m.

On September 30 there is a Greenbelt Pumpkin Walk Benefit Concert with folk rock/experimental group American Sinner from 7 to 9 p.m.

Best Latin Vocalist Alicia Deeney sings on Friday, October 2 from 8 to 11 p.m. Saturday, October 3 is another full day starting with Steve Pollack's finger-picking guitar style from 1 to 3 p.m.; Bruce Kritt's classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m.; and then Banjer Dan with rocking banjo from 8 to 11 p.m.

Everyone is invited to an art

#### Explorations Focus – Reverse Mortgages

Considering a reverse mortgage? Join Explorations Unlimited for a session with Carole Morton of Jacob Dean Mortgage on Friday, October 2. Learn what a reverse mortgage is and the process from application to completion. Find out how to qualify and the benefits as well as the drawbacks.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center in the Senior Classroom, Room 114. Everyone is welcome. Call 301-397-2208 for details.

#### Greenbelt Homes Are On Solar Home Tour

As part of the National Solar Homes Tour, three Greenbelt solar homes, representing solar water hearing and solar electric solar cells, will be open to the public for scrutiny and questions from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, October 3.

Inexpensive brochures, which also serve as entry tickets, are being sold at the Co-op Supermarket and other local vendors. Additional information, including free tickets in PDF format, is available on the website www. solartour.org.

More Community Events can be found on pages 4, 5, 6, 8 and 12



#### Bookreading at Café On Tues., October 6

Three Greenbelt authors will read from and sign their recently published books at the New Deal Café on Tuesday, October 6 from 7 to 9 p.m. The women are members of Greenbelt Writers' Group. Available for purchase will be "The Ant Hills" and "In Search of the Songbird" by Peggy Rooney, "Mulled Words: A Word a Week from God's Word" by Marjorie Gray and "2016: A Novel of America and the World" (with discussion guide) by Marj Donn. Jazz pianist Ian Dankner will play in interludes following each reading.

#### Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday 10 – 4 p.m.

Good, clean clothes for women, men and children! Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

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Sunday – October 4 Hamilton Place - 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Relax with co-op neighbors and enjoy the delectable food of COZY, listen to the sounds of LENNER, view pumpkin creativity by KIDS and win a fabulous DOOR PRIZE. See you on the 4th. Above, Marjorie Gray, Peggy Rooney and Marj Donn will all read from their recently published works on October 6 at the New Deal Café.

Academy Stadium Theatres Beltway Plaza Mall Center Court 301-220-1155 ALL SHOWS BEFORE 5 p.m. Adults/Seniors: \$6.50 Children: \$6.00 ALL SHOWS BEFORE NOON ON SATURDAY \$5.00 ALL SHOWS AFTER 5 p.m. Adults: \$8.50 Students/Military: \$7.50 Children: \$6.00 Seniors: \$6.50 R = ID Required

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#### Week of SEPT 25

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#### Poverty Action Program Wednesday

RESULTS, an antipoverty group, will hold a program at the Community Center at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 30 in Room 103.

The program will feature Lucy Chesire, a guest speaker from Kenya who turned from tuberculosis survivor to TB advocate working to control the disease internationally. She now works with the group to raise families from poverty. There will also be a discussion about the organization and how to effect change in the political system that allows everyday people to take real action to end poverty.

For more information call Pat Behenna at 301-776-4025 or email behenna@verizon.net.

reception on Sunday, October 4 from 7 to 9 p.m.

All events are free. For more information call Chef Karim Kmaiha at 301-474-5642 or visit www.newdealcafe.com.



(Please bring a can of food to support a local food bank.)

Sponsored by GHI Member & Community Relations Committee

#### Greenbelt Arts Center

## OPENING THIS WEEKEND BUS STOP

By William Inge, directed by Randy Barth, produced by Malca Giblin September 25 – October 17 Fridays and Saturdays: Sept 25, 26, Oct 2, 3, 10, 16, 17 at 8:00 PM and Sunday Matinees at Oct 4 and 11 at 2:00PM Tickets \$15/\$12 students and seniors Call for reservations at 301.441.8770

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#### **Peace Pole Planted** At Mowatt Methodist

This Sunday morning, September 27 at 9 a.m., parishioners at Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, 40 Ridge Road, will plant a peace pole in front of the church. A peace pole is a four-sided monument that displays the message "May Peace Prevail On Earth" in a different language on each side. It is a reminder that people pray for peace.

The Peace Pole Project was started in Japan in 1955 as a response to the bombings in Hiroshima. There are now over 200,000 Peace Poles in 200 countries around the world.

#### Fall Changes Faith Walks Schedule

Because of the fading daylight that comes with autumn, starting Saturday, September 26 the Methodist Church Faith Walks will be held on Saturday mornings at 8:30 a.m. instead of the prior weekday evening time.

The Faith Walks are for adults, families and pet owners of all faiths. Everyone looking to converse and exercise are invited to join the group at Mowatt Methodist Church, 40 Ridge Road, for an hour-long walk every Saturday morning.

For more information about the walks or other church activities call Doug Mangum at 301-474-7874.

#### Astronomical Star Parties this Weekend

On Saturday, September 26 the Astronomical Society will hold a star party at Northway Field. Members of the society will begin to set up to view the moon and other celestial objects at approximately 7:30 p.m. On Sunday, September 27 the Society will hold a sidewalk astronomy party at the Roosevelt Center near the New Deal Café at 7 p.m.

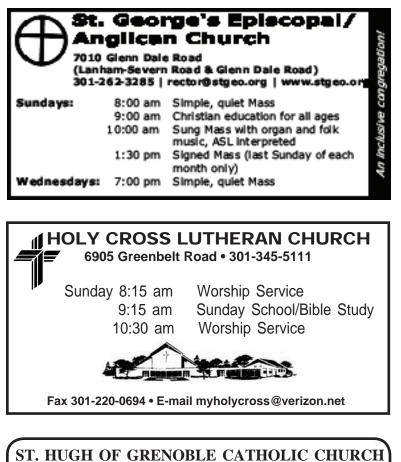
In the event of rain or hopelessly cloudy skies the event will be cancelled without notice.

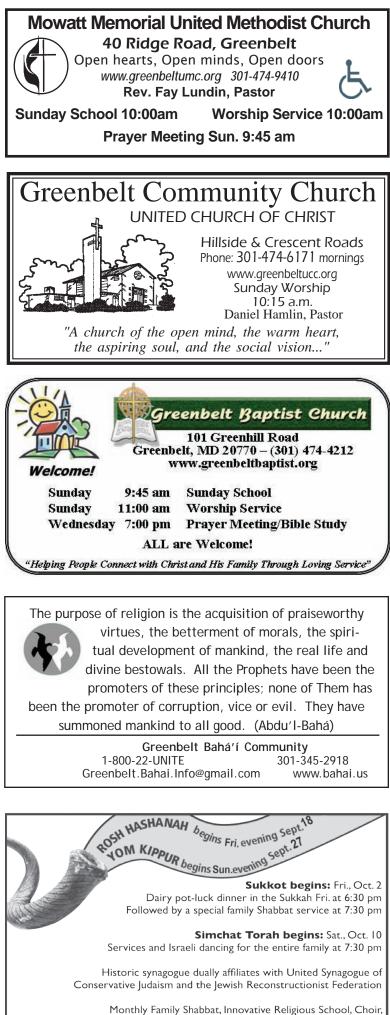
Visit www.greenbeltastro.org/ events/shtml.

#### Amendments to Co. Master Plan Hearing

A second public hearing will be held on proposed amendments to the adopted countywide master plan of transportation on Tuesday, September 29 at 7 p.m. The hearing aims to give all interested persons a chance to express their views on the amendments identified in CR-54-2009 (DR-1), which can be found at http://egov.co.pg.md.us/lis/:.







Adult Education, Social Action, Sisterhood and Men's Club

FREE children's service tickets for High Holidays (MishkanFamily@gmail.com) Non-member seating available ~ Moderate flexible dues

> Mishkan Torah Synagogue Greenbelt, Maryland Liberal, egalitarian synagogue that respects tradition and acts as part of your extended family

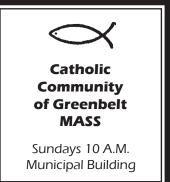
The hearing will be held in the Council Hearing Room, first floor of the County Administration Building, 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive in Upper Marlboro.

Those wishing to speak are asked to call 301-952-4584 or TTY 301-952-4366 to register in advance. For more information call 301-952-4947.

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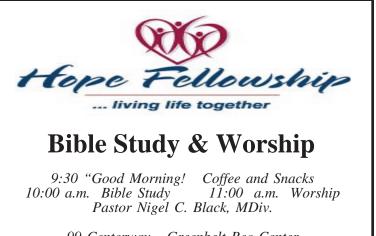
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#### Jim Cassels Community Service Award Deadline Is October 15

The October 15 deadline to submit applications for the 4th Annual Jim Cassels Community Service Award is fast approaching. The Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative (Co-op) uses the \$1,000 grant to recognize an organization or group that has

made significant contributions to the Greenbelt community. The award is to initiate and implement a new project or activity during the following year and is awarded by a panel of Co-op members on the basis of the application.

Greenbelt community, Jim Cassels was an outstanding cooperator. Whether helping local groups, mentoring new cooperatives, guiding the formation and realization of senior housing or getting up at the crack of dawn to deliver newspapers in Green Ridge House, he was tireless in making Greenbelt the place it is.

Applicants interested in being considered for this award should complete the application form available at the Co-op office or online at http://fd2.formdesk.com/ coop/cassels\_award. Applications must be returned to the Co-op main office by October 15. The award ceremony will take place at the Co-op's annual meeting this fall.

For more information call Steve Kane at 301-437-8814 or email srkane@gmail.com.

Throughout his years in the

#### **Recreation Dept. Has Openings for 3 Trips**

The Greenbelt Recreation Department still has openings for three upcoming trips that are open to all ages.

**Apple Harvest** 



The 45th Annual National Apple Harvest Festival in Biglerville, Pa., trip is on Saturday, October 10. The

group will leave at 7 a.m. and return at 7 p.m., traveling by bus. There will be a chicken lunch and a stop at Hollabaugh Brothers Fruit Farm to get a bag of apples. Fee includes entrance to the festival, lunch, apples and transportation.

#### **Dinner Theater**

The Rainbow Dinner Theater trip is on Thursday, October 22, leaving Greenbelt at 9 a.m. to attend the premiere of the play "Uncle Chick's Last Wish."

Uncle Chick was the uncle everyone loved: the practical joker and the happy-go-lucky life of every party. Even when he died, he wanted the last laugh. So the nicest man in the world's last request was to have his ashes scattered on his favorite beach. His sweet wife, her niece and the niece's daughter face this very humorous dilemma posed by Uncle Chick's last wish when they find out Uncle Chick's favorite beach was a nude beach. And the only way they can get on the beach is to, well

#### Harrisburg Gift Show

On December 3 there will be a trip to Harrisburg, Pa., to the Pennsylvania Christmas and Gift Show. Leave Greenbelt by charter bus to do holiday shopping at the Show, returning at 6 p.m. Fee includes entrance to show and transportation.

All the bus trips are partially subsidized by the City of Greenbelt through the Golden Age Club. Seats will be filled on a first come, first-served basis.

There is a fee for each trip. For more information call 301-397-2208.

# City Information GREENBELT

September 29, 2009 - 8:00 p.m. **Municipal Building** 

#### COMMUNICATIONS **Presentations**

Cooperative Month - Proclamation

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

**Minutes of Council Meetings** 

**Administrative Reports** 

**Committee Reports** 

Public Safety Advisory Committee Report (Trail Markers at Buddy Attick Park)

#### **LEGISLATION**

A Resolution of the City of Greenbelt Adopted Pursuant to the Authority of Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland and Section 13 of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition as Amended), Title, "Corporation-Municipal," Subtitle "Home Rule" to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt Found, in Whole or in Part, in the Compilation of Municipal Charters of Maryland (1983 Edition as Amended), as Prepared by the Department of Legislative Services Pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1983, by Amending Section 5, Titled, "Meetings"; Section 7 Titled "Council-Rules; Attendance; Expulsion of Members"; Section 8 Titled "Same-Quorum, Procedure" and Section 9 Titled "Ordinances and Resolutions - Procedure for Adoption; Enacting Clause" to Establish New Voting Requirements for Instances Where More than a Simple Majority of Council is Required to Take Certain Actions (Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2009-3)

- 2nd Reading, Adoption

A Resolution to Establish a Committee to Plan and Organize the Celebration of the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of the Incorporation of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland - 2nd Reading, Adoption

A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of a Computer Aided Dispatch/Records Management System from New World Systems Corporation of Troy, Michigan at a Cost of \$603,820 - 1st Reading

A Resolution to Amend Resolution 1050, A Resolution to Purchase Certain Goods and Services from Various Vendors as Enumerated Herein When Total Fiscal Year Purchases from Each Vendor Exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000)

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Report from City Solicitor on Whether a Violation of the Open Meetings Act Occurred

- Reappointment to Advisory Group
- Resignation from Advisory Group

#### **MEETINGS**

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

#### **MEETINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 28-OCTOBER 2**

Tuesday, September 29 at 8:00pm, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, at Muncipal Building. Live on Comcast 71, Verizon 21, and Streaming on Greenbelt CityLink.

Wednesday, September 30, at 7:30pm SENIOR CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE, at the Greenbelt Community Center.

Wednesday, September 30 at 8:00pm, CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION with GreenACES, at Greenbelt Community Center.

Thursday, October 1 at 7:30pm, CANDIDATES NIGHT at Greenbriar Community Building, 7600 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt, MD. Sponsored by Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition

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

#### GREENBELT RECREATION FIT 'N' FUN AEROBICS 452203-1

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#### **GREENBELT RECREATION DEPARTMENT YOUTH SOCCER PROGRAM**

YOUTH SOCCER SHORTS (3 year olds) Saturdays @ 9am, beginning September 26 (six total sessions) Braden Field #2, Resident: \$25; Non-Resident: \$30

YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE (4&5 year olds) Wednesday Practices @ 6pm; Saturday Games @ 10am (Practices begin Wednesday, Sept. 16) Braden Field #2 Resident: \$50; Non-Resident: \$60

> For more information please call 301-397-2200. Registration is limited!

#### **VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. Vacancies exist on: Youth Advisory Committee, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Arts Advisory Board, Community Relations Advisory Board, Public Safety Advisory Committee For more info call 301-474-8000.

Members of City Advisory Boards and Committees are eligible for half-price annual individual or family memberships at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Ctr.

#### **GREENBELT ANIMAL** SHELTER PETS OF THE MONTH

**GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING** 

#### NEW DEAL CAFÉ NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES

The New Deal Café will have a special membership meeting in the café on Monday, October 5, 2009, at 7 p.m. to take action on the following motions. The purpose of the motions is to allow a board member to be compensated if working as a paid bar employee.

1. Motion 1 – Approve a proposed change in the bylaws: In Article V, Section, 3a. add at end: "Unless superceded by Article V, Section 6.' 2. Motion 2 - Direct that a board member may be compensated if working as a paid bar employee, subject to approval of the board, and according to the specifications of the approved bar position descriptions.

#### **UPCOMING GREENBELT RECREATION TRIPS**

These trips are open to any age adult.

APPLE HARVEST FESTIVAL Sa 10/10; 7:00am- 7:00pm Res: \$48, Non-Res: \$58

UNCLE CHICK'S LAST WISH: RAINBOW DINNER **THEATER** Th 10/22; 9:00am- 5:30pm Res: \$67, Non-Res: \$79

#### PA CHRISTMAS & GIFT SHOW

Th 12/3; 8:30am- 6:00pm Res: \$30, Non-Res: \$42

The seats will be filled on a first come, first- served basis. If you have any questions, please call 301- 397- 2208.

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For more information on any of these pets, call 301.474.6124.

#### **GREENBELT MUNICIPAL ACCESS**

Comcast 71, Verizon 21 and streaming www.greenbeltmd.gov Tuesday, September 29 at 8pm: City Council Meeting "live." Wednesday-Friday, September 30-October 2: 1pm "Ask the Expert" **2pm** "Labor Day Parade" **3:30pm** Replay of Council Meeting of September 29" 6pm "Ask the Expert" 7pm "Labor Day Parade" 8:30pm "Replay of Council Meeting of September 29"



## CANDIDATES continued from page 1

and explaining initiatives, Pope has contributed to the reality and the perception of enhanced safety for all residents.

Even before earning U.S. citizenship in 2006, Pope had been very active in the American Legion Auxiliary where she was president for two years. She's helped coordinate Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department fundraising on projects that include restoration of their historic fire truck and helped organize two USO fundraisers in conjunction with the American Legion.

Employed in local schools since 2001, Pope has been able to make a difference in the lives of youth across Greenbelt, many of them disadvantaged. She currently works with approximately 1,300 families providing referrals to county agencies and information on school policies, attendance/truancy issues and mentoring initiatives. Sympathetic to the challenges that face lower income families and local Hispanic and African American youth, Pope led a mentoring group for 14 girls, many from broken or troubled homes. The six-week course culminated in a very nice, paid-for graduation dinner in Greenbelt, a moment of pride and progress.

When still in Germany, Pope worked in the field of international business relations where her bilingual ability and organizational skills were critical. Attuned to cross-cultural issues, Pope has long practiced effective communication across all kinds of demographic boundaries. Her prior professional experience includes positions of responsibility within large international institutions focused on finance and account services.

A member of St. Hugh since 2000, Pope serves actively on the fundraising committee. She has been involved in efforts to gather funds including the Texas BBQ, Shrimp Feast and Oktoberfest events.

Raised in small-town Germany, Pope brings to Greenbelt familiar small-town values of community with the professional and social experience that comes from living and working in diverse cultures. Her natural tendency is one of engagement and activity in the community, taking on numerous volunteer roles and accruing accomplishments in Greenbelt over the past decade, many even before becoming a U.S. citizen.

#### **Konrad Herling** Elected to the City Council in

ing the effort, nurtures the group until it has reached a critical mass, continues in a counseling role to assure that the effort becomes selfsustaining and then allows others to assume the leadership mantle of the many community organizations he has launched. Many others have been introduced to the process of participating in civic activities by his example and leadership. Trained initially to be a teacher at Towson University, where he received his undergraduate degree, he has been a legal analyst for the Federal Communications Commis-

sion for over 30 years. To improve the city's planning process, as early as 1989 Herling proposed, in an earlier attempt to run for City Council, that the city create a Department of Planning. Council, in its next session did so, resulting in an effective focus for city planning and providing professional analysis and recommendations to the City Council for the past 20 years.

Herling was the catalyst for the Charrette planning process to actively involve residents in planning for our community's future. He organized the original Roosevelt Center Charrette of 1985, which provided four designs to help improve access to the Center. Other charettes have resulted: for Springhill Lake Apartments (when owned by AIMCO) in 2004 and the Greener Initiative, GHI's planning exercise to develop proposals for a more sustainable community. Additionally, Herling was a strong advocate of including citizens in the visioning process of 2008, resulting in goals for the city derived from citizen input.

To help improve access around town, Herling made transportation a top priority during his six years on Council. He wrote the grant proposal to the Council of Government's Transportation Planning Board yielding \$20,000 to secure a transportation planning firm, assess current transportation offerings and prospective needs of the community and create a citizens charrette to chart out possible new routes to ease access throughout town. As a founding member of Transit Riders United - Greenbelt, he has met with representatives of the County's Department of Transportation and Metro officials to advocate bus service for those commuting to Metro and for those needing to get more easily from one sector of town to another.

Improving walkability and bikability have been aspects of access supported by Herling at charrettes concerning Greenbelt East, Greenbelt Center and Empirian Village, where he lived from 1979-1984. He also requested that Greenway Center work with Metro to improve safe access for the disabled community and that every proposed change in city sidewalks take the needs of the disabled into account. Public safety is key to effective transportation and Herling has pressed for traffic circles and other speed reduction techniques, where needed and for improved lighting. Herling has advocated the use of underpasses in any new development, such as in Greenbelt West, taking advantage of the original planners' design to provide for safe access for children, walkers and bicyclists. Herling, a strong supporter of the proposed Purple Line, regularly keeps abreast of transportation planning concerns on a regional basis, which inevitably links to local

transportation issues.

To enrich the community, in 1979 Herling led the charge for a new cultural arts center. As the founder of the Greenbelt Arts Center in 1979, he brought cultural programs to Greenbelt which offered patrons an opportunity to be enriched by performances in theater, music, and classic film - using the Old Greenbelt movie theater which had been vacant for nearly three years, thus helping to restore and preserve that space. For his work leading the way on a new Arts Center, he was honored as one of Prince George's County's Outstanding Citizens in 1984 and as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Marylanders in 1985 by the Maryland State Jaycees. Herling also is a founding member of the Utopia Film Festival.

To build a more inclusive community, Herling, in 2003, as a member of the Community Relations Advisory Board, helped write the "Community Pledge" to increase diversity. In 2006, Herling initiated an international cultural festival, with invaluable help of a diverse group of talented Greenbelters who produced programs celebrating Celtic, Scandinavian and Latin American cultures. For many years Herling has advocated for a program to welcome new residents. It was adopted this year by Council as part of the city's effort to educate and promote awareness and involvement for all of its citizens. Herling also serves as chair of the Four Cities Coalition on homelessness and on COG's Washington Area Housing Partnership Board of Directors.

As a councilmember, in addition to his steadfast support of the arts and a more effective transportation system both for commuters and for intra-city trips, Herling has also been a strong supporter for the construction of a new Greenbelt middle school, exploring coordinating grants and marketing to secure additional revenues in a challenging fiscal period and increasing participation in the electoral process and voted to expand the number of council seats from five to seven.

When not busy with his full time job or at council meetings, he may be found cheering on Greenbelt's youth, including Allen and Kristen Beauchamp (his friend, Edith's children) at Boys & Girls Club football, basketball or Greenbelt Baseball League games.

(Candidate biographies are prepared by the candidates.)

#### **Candidate Placements**

The following chart lists the placement of each candidate on the November 3 ballot, followed by the candidates' placement on each of the 15 signs posted around the city:

Placement	Candidate	Placement
On Ballot	Name	On Signs
1	Che Sayles	5
2	Judith Davis	8
3	Edward Putens	9
4	Leta Mach	7
5	Silke Pope	6
6	Rodney Roberts	1
7	Kelly Ivy	3
8	Emmett Jordan	2
9	Konrad Herling	4

#### City Council Forums Set for October

Four Candidate Night Forums have been scheduled for the upcoming Greenbelt City Council Election. They are: GEAC on Thursday, October 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Center; GHI on Tuesday, October 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room in the Municipal Building; Green Ridge House Residents Association on Tuesday, October 13 at 7 p.m. at Green Ridge House; and League of Women Voters on Thursday, October 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.



2003, Konrad Herling is running for a fourth term to continue his ongoing commitment to unify the community. A lifelong resident of Greenbelt, Herling, 56, has served the community for over 30 years continually seeking to bring the community closer together and to improve the quality of life for all of its residents. For his sustained efforts, Konrad Herling was honored in 2001 as Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen.

To help connect Greenbelt, Herling has been a catalyst in proposing and developing programs which increase the sense of community and common purpose. His work in the arts, transportation, community access television, and efforts to revitalize the town center, for example, are driven by this motivation. A common thread in all of his efforts through the years is that he initiates many new ideas, engages others in join-

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## **Police Blotter**

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#### **Robberies**

September 11, 11:34 p.m., 7500 block Ora Glen Drive. A person was approached by three males who displayed a handgun, demanded the person's ATM card and then fled on foot.

#### **Multiple Charges**

September 12, 3:25 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. An 18-year-old non-resident male was arrested and charged with burglary, assault, false imprisonment, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct and various drug charges after forcing his way into an occupied apartment. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

#### **Burglaries**

September 11, 2:30 p.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace, tools were taken.

September 12, 9:09 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Court, a vacant apartment was broken into but nothing was taken.

September 12, 9:09 p.m., 7300 block Mandan Road, nothing was taken.

Burglaries also occurred September 14 and 16 in Greenbelt East for which an arrest was made. See separate article at right.

Vandalism September 12, 10:53 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Court, a window was broken.

September 15, 3:10 a.m., 5900 block Springhill Drive, a window was broken.

#### Vehicle Crimes

One vehicle was stolen from the 6900 block Hanover Parkway. a green 1993 Honda Accord with Va. tag JGK4063.

Thefts from autos happened in the following locations: Greenbelt Metro Drive (catalytic converter), 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive (GPS unit), 7500 block Mandan Road (laptop), 7700 block Hanover Parkway (GPS unit), 7800 block Hanover Parkway (golf bag with clubs), 7800 block Jacobs Drive (GPS unit). Two thefts from autos occurred in 6200 block Springhill Court (tools; CD player and wallet).

Vandalism occurred in the 7600 block Mandan Road (vent window broken) and 5800 block Cherrywood Lane (side window broken). In 7500 block Mandan Road a resident juvenile was petitioned for malicious destruction after throwing a rock at a vehicle. The child was released to a parent pending action by the department of juvenile services.

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.

#### Jan. SHL Shooting Nets 60-yr. Sentence

On September 11 Leonardo Eloy Atkins, 17, of Hyattsville, was sentenced to 60 years in prison for the shooting of a man in Empirian Village in January this year. A juvenile, he was charged as an adult and subsequently pled guilty to first degree assault and use of a handgun in the commission of a crime of violence. In addition, he pled guilty to the attempted armed carjacking of an off-duty Takoma Park police officer that occurred in September 2008.

#### **Greenbelt East Arrest** In Triple Burglary

On Wednesday, September 16 an arrest was made in connection with three burglaries in Greenbelt East. Officers responding to a burglary in progress saw a man flee from a house in the 7700 block of Ora Court. He was apprehended after a short foot pursuit and later linked to a second burglary in the in the same court and a third burglary in the 8000 block of Brett Place. The suspect, a non-Greenbelter, was charged with three counts of burglary, three counts of theft over \$500 and three counts of malicious destruction, among other charges. He was transferred to custody of the Department of Corrections.

#### Greenbelt U12 Girls Beat Marlboro 7-1

On Saturday, September 12 the Greenbelt U12 girls started their soccer season off on a high note with a 7-1 win over Marlboro U12 girls. Greenbelt roared out to a 5-0 lead before Marlboro put one in the net. Scoring for Greenbelt were Madison Maragliano and Julia Pedersoli with two goals each and Elaina Perry, Jasmine Goggins and Tesi Smith with one goal each. Alexandra Sherman played goalie first half and allowed no goals. Providing a stout defense were

Sophie Bernheisel, Barbara Turnbull, Jancy Samuel and Mairead Alexander.

Assisting on offense were Katherine Turnbull, Clare Alexander, Marzi Branyan, Sarah McCarthy, Yolanda Ford, Catherine Peterson and Sofie Dabelko.

Story and photo by Coach John Petersoli.

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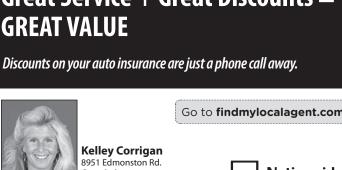
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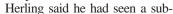
stormwater management. Counties are required to conform to a state act passed in 2007 and must provide the state with draft regulations by November. Duncan said the state act has good regulations for new development but he thought it was lax on restrictions for redevelopment.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts said he had attended a stormwater forum several weeks earlier and believed the city was already working on sending a message of this nature to the county. Davis asked to refer the matter to the city's Planning Department, the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES) and perhaps the Advisory Planning Board. She asked that it be included on the agenda for council's next meeting.

Davis also advised Duncan that a GreenACES meeting was currently in progress and he left immediately to attend the meeting.

#### Springhill Lake Gym

Council learned earlier this month that the gym at Springhill Lake Elementary School had been closed because of structural problems. City staff had little information about the nature or extent of the problem.



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stantial crack in the gym wall but said there could be other problems as well. Roberts made a motion that the city send a letter to the board of education to ask about the issue and to urge a repair as soon as possible.

Council wanted to indicate in the letter that the city is willing to work with the board of education to resolve the problem and in the meantime wants to see space provided for the children to have physical activities. Council unanimously passed the motion to contact the county.

#### Resolutions

Council introduced for first reading a resolution to amend the city charter to change the number of votes that would constitute a "super majority" from the current four to six in preparation for the enlargement of council after the next election.

Another resolution, introduced for first reading, will establish a committee to plan and organize

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Both resolutions will come before council for second reading and adoption at its next meeting on September 29, at which time they will be open for discussion.

#### Mid-Week Fall Bird Walks

Take a guided bird walk around Lake Artemesia to look for migrating and resident songbirds, waterfowl and other bird flyovers on the Luther Goldman Birding Trail. Sponsored by the Prince George's Audubon Society, the walk is on a paved path that loops around the 38-acre

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School. During tryouts Lyn sang "Stop in the Name of Love" by the Supremes. She said she felt "comfortable at the tryouts because it was small and (held) in the cozy Greenbelt Art Center space."

Nine contestants made it to the finals of the Greenbelt Idol, which was held on the first night of the Labor Day Festival. Friends and family members gathered at 9 p.m. on Friday, September 4 to hear and cheer for their favorite Greenbelt Idol singer. Emcee Chris Fominaya introduced each contestant while judges Jenna Jones, Konrad Herling and Ann Burt provided critiques.

In the end the audience members got to choose the winner by purchasing tokens to cast their votes. By the close of the night, Lyn was able to capture the audience with her rendition of "Chasing Pavements" (originally sung by Adele) and became the winner of the 2009 Greenbelt Idol competition.

#### **Biography**

Raised in Prince George's County, Lyn has performed in various concerts, as well at her school's coffee house. Lyn also won the Roosevelt Idol in 2009. Her musical background includes being a classically-trained pianist and studying jazz, classical cello and classical voice. Additionally, Lyn is the principal cellist of the ERHS Chamber Orchestra and a member of the Chamber Choir and String Theory Cello Quartet.

Lyn's musical journey started at age seven when her parents encouraged her to start piano lessons. She said she tried to quit a few times but her parents wouldn't hear of it. Now, however, Lyn has changed her perspective about music.

"I realized how much I loved music and how it had grown to become a part of me," she says. "Music taught me discipline and has helped develop my view of the world and a respect for different cultures and peoples so I don't look at music as a hobby but as a tool for understanding myself and others."

Instead of focusing on one genre of music, Lyn said she tries to practice what she does best and then learn new skills and idioms. "I also enjoy improving or 'jamming' with people. Jamming forces you to always be on your feet and to think and plan by the second. Making melodies and harmonies on the spot is the most exhilarating benefit of playing an instrument," said Lyn.

Idol a new experience with its own challenges. For one, she was the only contestant under 18 to participate. She said, "I was uneasy walking into the tryout room because I thought I was in a room of professionals." However, Lyn was grateful that all the other contestants were friendly and welcoming.

Also, unlike the ERHS Idol competition, where she played the piano while singing along to the track of another song, Lyn had to sing a capella for the Greenbelt Idol.

"Singing a capella placed me on the spot," she says. "I had to stay in tune; keep up with the rhythm; and I had to ensure that the song kept moving, otherwise the pulse of the song could have gotten lost without the presence of music," said Lyn.

#### **Major Challenge**

Another challenge that Lyn had to face was to sing in front of such a large audience for the first time. To cope with this, she made sure she chose a song she knew very well in case she got nervous and forgot the lyrics. Additionally, to prepare herself for her performance, she would practice singing over the roaring of traffic on the pedestrian bridge between the apartments on Hanover Parkway and the entrance to Old Greenbelt.

Even with the challenges she had to face, Lyn received a great deal of support from her family and friends. Her mom said she and their father enjoyed being there for their children, taking them to programs and participating when they could. Mrs. Lyn said she is very proud to see Lyn "taking the initiative to practice and do something with her Godgiven talent."

Although Lyn has been performing on stage, she said her dream job is actually in the classroom, teaching high school orchestra. She also does not plan to compete in any more Greenbelt Idol because she said it would be unfair. Lyn said she already got her chance to win this year and would like to give others that chance.

When asked what she would do with the prize money that she won from the Greenbelt Idol competition, Lyn said she plans to give a contribution to her church and buy a laptop for college. She is also grateful for all the support she has received during this competition.

"I would love to thank the city of Greenbelt, all of my family (mom, dad, grandma, uncle and cousing) and all of my special



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The Orfeia Ensemble, an all-woman vocal group in the Washington metro area, preserves and promotes traditional music from Bulgaria and Eastern Europe. - photo by Edwin Remsberg

## October Artful Afternoon Features Eastern Europe

The next Artful Afternoon, from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, October 4 will feature the arts of Eastern Europe in "Sing, Dance, Create: Music & Arts of Eastern Europe." The Artful Afternoon programs are free, for all ages and held in the Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Road. There will also be an exhibition reception and free ticket drawing.

Learn about culture and traditions of the Balkans with The Orfeia Ensemble presenting a concert and hands-on crafts projects. The Orfeia concert of traditional Balkan and Bulgarian music will begin at 3 p.m., both a cappella and accompanied by accordion. Audience members of all ages will be invited to dance and sing!

Tatiana Sarbinska, the founder and director of Orfeia, is a worldrenowned Balkan vocalist, teacher and director. Sarbinska has been awarded "National Treasure" status by the Bulgarian government for her artistry and for preserving the musical heritage of her native country. In 2004, she was the recipient of the Wammy (Washington Area Music Award) for World Music Vocalist. Sarbinska is joined by Natalia Blinkova, Courtney Deines-Jones, Heather Livingston, Diane Weinroth, Elin Zurbrigg and sometimes Blinkova's daughter Sofia.

People of all ages are invited to come early and outfit themselves for the performance. Learn to make traditional belts, headdresses and "martinitsas" (Bulgarian good luck symbols) with members of the Orfeia Ensemble from 1 to 3 p.m.

#### **Exhibit, Reception**

In the Community Center Art Gallery, see "Human Subjects: Paintings by Sasha Blanton." Blanton's paintings are an exploration of the human body via built up and torn down textural layers of the paint.

The reception will be held from 1:30 to 3 p.m. The exhibit is on display from September 28 through October 30.

#### **Ticket Drawing**

October marks the return of Artful Afternoon ticket giveaways for performances at local venues. This month, enter to win free tickets to see the University of Maryland theater department production of James Joyce's "The Dead" at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Joyce's short story, adapted for the stage as a musical, follows Irishman Gabriel Conroy as he takes his wife to a lively holiday party hosted by his two aunts.

Enter any time the Community Center is open, at the Art Gallery, until 2:30 p.m. on October 4. The winner will be announced at 3 p.m., just before the Orfeia Ensemble concert.

Every month Greenbelt's Artful Afternoon also offers a studio open house with the Center's 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 museum tour. Artful Afternoons are a great introduction to the many art classes and activities offered by the city.

For more information, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts or call 240-542-2057.

#### Arts Alliance Works Displayed at Café

Artworks from members of the Hyattsville Community Arts Alliance are on display at the New Deal Cafe through October 25. The show features photography, paintings, collage and stained glass in a range of styles from contemporary to realism. Work is displayed in both rooms of the Café.

On the next Greenbelt Art Walk, October 15 from 6 to 9 p.m., artists will be on hand to show other work and answer questions. Learn more about each artist at the Alliance website, www.hcaaonline.org.

The exhibit is sponsored by Friends of the New Deal Café Arts with support from Prince George's County.

#### Chinese Harvest Moon Kids' Festival

The College Park Arts Exchange will celebrate the Chinese Harvest Moon Festival on Sunday, September 27 at 2 p.m. Learn the story of the moon cake, accompanied by beautiful music on traditional Chinese flute and zither. A reception will follow the presentation. Spend time with the kids at this free event for ages 3 and up. Registration is suggested as space is limited. Email info@cpae.org or 301-927-3013 for more information. The festival will take place at the Old Parish House in College Park.

#### **Hospice Hosts** Information Day

Hospice of the Chesapeake will offer a Volunteer Information Day for prospective volunteers from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, October 3 at the Prince Georges County office, 8724 Jericho City Drive in Landover.

A Patient Care Volunteer Training course will be held on November 7, 14, and 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Landover office.

Volunteer opportunities include patient care and bereavement support, office support and community outreach. Hospice staff will discuss the various volunteer opportunities available and answer questions. Refreshments will be served.

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Trophies were given to the top three winners (in order of age): Micah Hughes with butterflies, Ben Sombar with Redskins and Lauren Birner with her patriotic scooter. All participants received a prize and a good time was had by all.

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