

Chief Jim Craze Fulfills Life Goal: Protecting Greenbelt over 40 Years

by Jonathan Taylor

Chief James R. Craze has been a Greenbelt police officer for 41 years.

His tenure tracks the evolution of the city he has served: from its sleepy days as a bedroom community, through a contentious development to its current state.

Craze, 64, joined the Greenbelt Police Department May 10, 1971, and was picked to lead it on February 15, 1987, a responsibility he looks unlikely to relinquish any time soon.

In this interview, he reflects on his life, his heroes and his many accomplishments. He also looks ahead to the challenges his department will face in the next few years.

Last year the chief was recognized by his peers when he was elected vice president of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

I began by asking Chief: were you born and raised in Greenbelt?

No, I was born and raised in a little town called Frostburg, in western Maryland, he replied.

I noticed that you went to University of Maryland and stud-



PHOTO BY JONATHAN TAYLOR

Chief James R. Craze

ied law enforcement as an undergrad, so very early you were pretty sure this was what you wanted to do.

I wanted to be a policeman my whole life, he answered.

Coming to Greenbelt

The way I came to be in Greenbelt was – I knew in high school I wanted to be a police officer, so the only way I could do that at the time was to join the military. So I joined the Air

Force, right out of high school in 1966.

At that time you could choose what profession you wanted to be in the Air Force – choose your job or whatever – so I chose to be a police officer. I joined the Air Force. I went through basic training and then from basic training they sent me to what they called the Air Force Police Academy, which is the police academy for the military police of the Air Force. They call them the Air Police. That was in Texas. Then I was sent to Missouri for a while and then eventually I became a K-9 officer in the Air Force – handled the dog. I went overseas.

When I got out of the Air Force, they helped get me set up with a job back home. The Air Force people put me in contact with the Maryland Police Training Commission. The Maryland Police Training Commission oversees all the police training in all the police departments in the state of Maryland.

They sent me applications for

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Greenbelt Symposium

Session Details Success Of “New Town” Planning

by James Giese

With a one-and-a-half hour opening session jammed with speakers loaded with information on Greenbelt’s enduring legacies, the 75th Anniversary Symposium got off to a fast start in the gym of the historic and architecturally recognized Greenbelt Center School, now the city’s Community Center, on April 27. The object of the session was to demonstrate how the work of the architectural and social planners who created Greenbelt as a model planned community had succeeded in planting the seeds, now grown to full maturity, that established a way of life unique in modern suburbia.

Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis served as moderator. She welcomed the almost 200 conference attendees, many of whom were not residents of the city but interested in community planning.

City Plan

Mary Corbin Sies, associate

professor of American studies at the University of Maryland and a Lakeside resident, began the session by talking about Greenbelt’s roots as a planned community and how that legacy has carried through in the more modern developments within the city. In Greenbelt, planners took the principles set forth by Ebenezer Howard for English garden cities and their American interpretation by Clarence Stein in Radburn (a section of Fairlawn), N.J.

She told how city planner Hale Walker took advantage of a natural curving ridgeline by placing the town’s two major streets, Ridge and Crescent Roads along either side of it and dividing the area in between into five superblocks. Houses were clustered in courts generally not facing the streets with one-side to provide access for services and

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Council Debates Fireworks For First Time in 48 Years

by Kathleen Gallagher

The first Independence Day fireworks at Greenbelt Lake were in 1938, the first year there were residents in the new town to celebrate. The occasion also marked the first flying of the new lone-pine Greenbelt flag, designed by high-school student Mary Clare Bonham. When asked how long Greenbelt had regularly been holding fireworks on July 4, Jim Giese, who served as city manager from 1962 until 1991, replied that all he knew for sure was that it had been well more than 50 years. He added that the fireworks were held at Braden Field for a time and then moved to the lake park for safety reasons.

Giese also knew one other thing for sure: an incoming city council comprised almost entirely of newly elected members can-

celed fireworks in 1964 but reinstated them in 1965 at the behest of unhappy Greenbelt residents. The reason for the cancellation of fireworks in 1964 was at least in part financial. The July 2, 1964, issue of this newspaper stated that “the city council decided not to assume the full burden of the cost of these fireworks.” When other city organizations were not willing to share the cost, the decision was made to cancel. According to Giese, in earlier years the fire department had shared the cost with the city but no longer had the funding to do so.

“And the council never questioned having fireworks on July 4 again,” said Giese, until the city council meeting of April 23, 2012.

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Tree Removal and Smart Meters Discussed at PEPCO Meeting

by Marat Moore

After this year, Greenbelt should experience far fewer power outages but will lose an undetermined number of trees to make way for more reliable energy. The power-grid upgrade over the next eight months and the installation of controversial Smart Meters drew about 60 Greenbelters to a community worksession on April 24 held by Potomac Electric Power Company (PEPCO).

The grid upgrade and new meters are key components of the utility’s strategy to reduce power outages and convert to “smart-grid” technology. A team of PEPCO officials presented plans for the upgrade and responded to

questions and concerns raised by residents gathered in the Community Center gym.

The News Review also has learned that PEPCO has filed a request with the Maryland Public Service Commission for a rate increase – four percent for most of its Maryland homeowners – to pay the \$68.4 million bill for its Smart Meters and other Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI). The requested amount represents half the total cost – federal stimulus money paid for the other half. If approved, the rate increase would take effect in July.

Grid Upgrade

“We’re here to solve the outage problem and there will be bumps in the road,” said Gary Keeler, reliability project manager.

The city will make the final determination on the number and location of trees to be removed. PEPCO retracted a comment made to an online news outlet that roughly 100 trees will be cut down in Greenbelt. The comment was “premature,” PEPCO told the News Review.

After initial meetings with PEPCO, the city requested that the company review its tree plan to minimize tree impact. Currently Assistant Public Works Director Lesley Riddle is “closely

scrutinizing” the tree-trimming and removal plan developed by PEPCO’s contract arborists and tree work will begin after the city approves a permit for a final plan.

Along Crescent Road near Buddy Attick Park, Riddle noted that a number of Virginia pines likely will be removed, since they have a high failure rate, their canopy already is compromised and those trees are in the area where new poles and wire will be placed. She added that numbers of trees removed can be misleading, since a one-inch sapling is counted equally to a 12-inch or 60-inch tree.

Riddle, a certified arborist, also is identifying trees that are viable and valuable to the ecosystem, like a healthy black gum specimen near the lake.

She said she is “ecstatic” with PEPCO’s decision to remove poles and power lines in an area that extends from St. Hugh’s Catholic Church through Buddy Attick Park to the public works building. Keeler said in the meeting that the line was redundant; they plan to “heavy up” the upgraded line on the other side of Crescent to supply that power.

At the meeting, Keeler outlined

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Advertising Rate Changes Ahead

Effective June 1, 2012, the News Review will increase its advertising rates to reflect the higher costs it is incurring.

The basic rate for display advertising will change from \$8.50 to \$8.95 per column inch. Similar increases will be applied to all our volume-based discounts, as well.

Classified and subscription rates will remain unchanged.

What Goes On

Thursday, May 3

7:30 p.m., GEAC Meeting, Greenbelt Lake Village

Saturday, May 5

9 a.m. to noon (or until the truck is full), Shredding, Parking Lot behind Roosevelt Center at 112 Centerway

9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Franklin Park Community Event on School Reuse, Greenbelt Middle School

Sunday, May 6

1 to 4 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center

Monday, May 7

7:30 p.m., Tour of the Police Dispatch Center

8 p.m., Budget Worksession for Police, Police Station

Wednesday, May 9

7:30 p.m., Council Budget Worksession/Contribution Groups, Community Center

Letters to the Editor

Brings Back Memories

A front page article in the April 26 edition recounts the memories of several present and former residents of Greenbelt regarding the building that I still call "the Drug Store" (Beijing Restaurant). The storefront has been well documented but I have not heard about the offices above the storefront.

For many years the upstairs was the location of Tony Madden's Nationwide Insurance Agency. I made many visits there from the age of 16 (1959) to arrange for insurance (my father's policy, of course), to make claims, etc. Mary Barcus, Tony's right-hand woman, was always helpful.

Robert H. Haslinger
Gaithersburg

Employee Recognition, Compensation Due

In the fall of 2010, I began to volunteer at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter, sitting with cats to see if I was, in fact, still allergic to them. I was, but that did not stop me from adopting two young cats. For several months, I had watched the animal warden and her assistant at the shelter work miracles with abandoned and forgotten critters. My allergies paled in comparison to the unconditional love emanating in every corner of that place.

Then, this past Labor Day, I met Big Daddy, an abandoned pit bull. The 24/7 love and care

provided for him by the Animal Shelter staff was inspiring. I contributed money toward his surgery and every day still send a prayer his way when I walk past the shelter on my daily walk.

So it was with great interest that I read your article about the Animal Control budget. I was stunned to learn that there was only one full-time position because every time I see Kim, I also see her assistant. The assistant isn't paid full time even though she seems to be working full time? To use City Manager Michael McLaughlin's argument (i.e., meeting the needs of people is more important than meeting the needs of animals), the needs of this assistant are not being met.

Gandhi once said, "the greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." So too the greatness of a community. So too by the way its employees are treated.

Let's compensate work that is unconditionally rendered and never, ever over. Increase the part-time position to full time. Thank you.

Sharon J. Anderson

A Job Well Done!

It takes a city and an active group of volunteers to conduct a successful symposium.

While most of us tend to focus on current issues, Greenbelt's 75th Anniversary Symposium gave us an opportunity to take a long-term perspective on Greenbelt's past, present and future.

Greenbelt's 75th Anniversary Committee recognizes and thanks those who contributed to the success of this symposium, including:

- the 37 speakers and moderators for sharing their memories and knowledge,
- the city's recreation staff for handling registration and room logistics,
- the museum staff for its varied support including box lunches and a multitude of slide presentations and
- the 200 attendees who participated sharing their thoughts and raising questions.

Hopefully, the symposium served as a springboard for continued discussions that will shape Greenbelt's future.

Betty Timer
Greenbelt's 75th Anniversary
Committee

Correction

Our apologies for announcing in last week's paper a blood drive here last Friday that did not occur. Where that incorrect listing crept in, we are not sure and hope nobody is deterred from future donations by a wasted trip. It is always good to schedule a donation when possible by calling 1-800-733-2767 (1-800-RED-CROSS).

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Monsieur Lazhar
(PG-13)

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On Screen

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"Monsieur Lazhar," set in a middle school in Montreal, opens at Old Greenbelt Theatre on Friday, May 4. A beset Algerian refugee in his fifties – Bachir Lazhar – succeeds a highly-regarded teacher who had been under terrible personal strain. He strives to find his way in this new job and new country, where the French he is fluent in has different nuances and the school plus his own life have their different demands. Lazhar is played by Algerian writer-actor Fellag with gravity and sparks of humor, matched in kind by a number of his 11-year-old students. PG-13. Running time: 94 minutes.

– Eli Flam

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NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GDC & GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Thursday, May 10th, 2012

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 PM

GDC Key Agenda Items:

- Declaration of Distribution of Equity
- Loan Request

GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Unauthorized Rentals, Vacant Units Due to Absentee Members
- Board Self-Evaluation
- Finance Committee Recommendation for an Amazon.com Link on Website
- Loan Request from GDC
- 2012 Parking Lot Repairs Contract, 2nd Reading

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

NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS



GHI Email Changes

On Thursday, April 26th at 5:30 pm, GHI will begin switching email services to change all extensions to @ghi.coop. During the transfer, GHI's website could be inaccessible and emails undeliverable to all GHI employees for approximately 24 to 48 hours. GHI is closed on Friday, April 27th. We expect that the system will be fully restored during the weekend.

A list of all the contact emails, effective April 30th, is available at www.ghi.coop or in hard copy form from the Administrative Offices.

Beginning April 30th, any email sent to an ...@greenbelthomes.net address will be forwarded to the correct address for a period of one year. Staff asks that you please make a note of the address changes. If you have any questions, please contact the Management Office at 301-474-4161, extension 148.

(This information is slightly different from previous information sent out.)

Community Events

Metro Work Affects Weekend Service

Greenbelt will be directly affected by Metro work this weekend, with free shuttle bus transport between Greenbelt and Fort Totten adding up to 20 minutes to usual trip lengths.

Metro's massive rebuilding effort will continue from 10 p.m. Friday, May 4 through regular nighttime system closing on Sunday, May 6. The Greenbelt, College Park, Prince George's Plaza and West Hyattsville stations will be closed to allow for National Transportation Safety Board-recommended switch replacement. Free shuttle buses will serve the stations during the outage. Green Line trains will operate normally between Fort Totten and Branch Avenue. Yellow Line trains will operate only between Mt. Vernon Square and Huntington.

Other Metro Work

At the same time, Red Line trains will single track through Forest Glen and Takoma to allow for platform reconstruction and fiber optic cable installation at the Takoma and Fort Totten stations and between Van Ness and Dupont Circle for upgrade work. Red Line trains between Shady Grove and Glenmont will operate every 24 minutes throughout the weekend. Allow 20 minutes of additional travel time. From 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday trains will operate between Farragut North and New York Avenue, only providing service every 12 minutes downtown.

The Orange Line will single track over the weekend for repairs and upgrades between Eastern Market and Stadium-Armory and between East and West Falls Church, with Blue Line trains operating two minutes before or after each Orange Line train, leading to additional travel times in the case of both.

Boxwood Civic Assn. Holds Annual Meeting

Boxwood Civic Association will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, May 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room at the Greenbelt Police Station, 550 Crescent Road. The agenda includes planning for community events (picnic and Labor Day booth), scholarships and other shared concerns.

At the Library

Bookings

Tuesday, May 8, 4 p.m. for ages 8 to 12. Join in fun with books, poetry and word games. This month's book is Philip Reeve's "Larklight: A Rousing Tale of Dauntless Pluck in the Farthest Reaches of Space," in which a brother and sister encounter space pirates, Martians and other creatures in an interstellar adventure.

Storytimes

On Wednesdays and Thursdays a librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props.

Wednesday, May 9, 10:30 a.m.: Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years.

Thursday, May 10, 10:30 a.m.: Toddler Time for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver.

Space is limited; pick up a free ticket for Storytime events at the information desk.

Adult Programs

Tuesday, May 8, 7 p.m.: Historian C. R. Gibbs presents an audio-visual lecture for adults and older children on "Lost Kingdoms & Ancient Mysteries of Africa" in this weekly series of talks through June 26 on African American history and culture.

Saturday, May 12, 11 a.m.: Plants that Work Best in the Shade by the Master Gardeners of Prince George's County on selecting and growing spring and summer plants that do well in the garden.

For more information on any of these programs or events visit the library, call 301-345-5800 or visit www.pgcmls.info.

NARFE to Meet Here Wednesday

The monthly meeting of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Chapter 1122 will be held on Wednesday, May 9 at 1:30 p.m. in the Terrace Room at the Greenbriar Community Building, 7600 Hanover Parkway.

Afterward Dr. Gene Lester from the Beltsville Agriculture Research Center will talk about "Food as Medicine - What Melons Offer." Prospective members are welcome.

For directions call 301-441-1096, ext. O.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club celebrated its 55th anniversary on April 19 with a very enjoyable luncheon and entertainment by the New Dimension Singers, of which Golden Ager Lyn Doyle is a member. We were honored with a proclamation presented by the office of County Councilmember Ingrid Turner, District 4, marking our 55 years of activity.

Seniors enjoyed a history-steeped trip to Fredericksburg with Karen Haseley. The Garden and House Tour took us from the Revolution through the Civil War and much more. Even the trolleys weren't too bad.

On May 9 an Arthritis Association representative will speak to the Club. May 16 the Golden Age Club will host the 75th anniversary luncheon for the City of Greenbelt. All members are invited to attend and our regular potluck food is welcomed. Be sure to mark your calendars.

Greenbelt is great and so is the Golden Age Club!

Shredding Day This Saturday

On Saturday, May 5 from 9 a.m. to noon or until the truck is full there will be a Shredding Day here sponsored by the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union. The shredding truck will be in the parking lot behind Roosevelt Center and the Credit Union.

The amount that can be accepted is limited to five boxes or bags per person of personal records only. No business records or contaminants can be accepted and the person who is bringing the personal records must remain present for shredding. Abandoned boxes and bags are put into the regular trash.

For more information call the Credit Union at 301-474-5900.

Arthritis Walk to Be Held Here May 5

The 2012 local Arthritis Walk will be held at the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) track from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 5. Featuring a Cinco de Mayo theme, the walk is designed to be a family-friendly event, with walkers selecting one lap, one mile or three mile distances or choosing just to visit information and health booths and available activities. There is no registration fee to participate in the walk; registration opens at 9 a.m., with the walk beginning at 10 a.m. The walk takes place rain or shine. Dogs are not allowed at the event.

The national walk will take place on Saturday, May 19 at the National Mall. To register or for information go to <http://www.arthritis.org/maryland/ma-awalk.php>.

Alex to Headline New Deal Café

Casper Alex, 13, a rising musical talent, will headline his first show at the New Deal Café on Wednesday, May 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. in a live acoustic performance.

Less than three years ago, Alex discovered he could play a piano. After realizing his new affinity for music, he developed a passion for singing and songwriting. And most recently adding to his versatility as a performing artist, he began playing the guitar as a complement to his vocals. With influences that range from Elton John to Kanye West, Alex has an eclectic, multidimensional sound that pushes the boundaries of Soul/R&B and Pop/Rock music genres.

More Community Events are throughout the paper.

Cadillac Antique Car Show Here

On Sunday, May 6 antique and classic Cadillacs will be displayed at the free annual Spring Cadillac and LaSalle Show at Capitol Cadillac Company, 6500 Capitol Drive. The show begins at 10 a.m., with awards to be presented at 3 p.m. Approximately 80 cars will be on display both inside and out, rain or shine.

For more information call show coordinators Henry or Diane Ruby at 301-894-8026.

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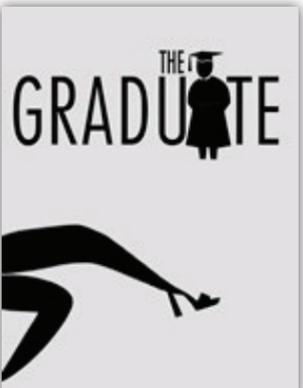
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Opening This Week at the Greenbelt Arts Center!



The Graduate

May 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19 at 8:00 PM
May 6 and 13 at 2:30 PM.

Ticket prices: \$17 General Admission, \$14 Students/Seniors

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Mishkan Torah to Hold Mother's Day Concert

Mishkan Torah Synagogue will present a "Generations United" concert featuring a wide range of musical genre and several professional musicians on Mother's Day, May 13 at 2 p.m. at the synagogue.

The concert marks the culmination of Mishkan Torah's commemoration of "From Generation to Generation," which it has celebrated with a series of Young Performers concerts featuring college-age professional music students and other intergenerational events. "Generations United" will bring together 14 Mishkan Torah performers whose ages range from 19 to their 70s. The program includes a performance by a mother and daughter; by a father, mother and son; and two fathers will share the stage with their sons. The concert will also feature original works performed by two Mishkan Torah composers.

Long-time piano performers Don Anderson and David Charney will play Preludes by Scriabin, an Etude-Tableau by Rachmaninoff, Beethoven's Sonata Opus 54 and a Rhapsody by Brahms. Bassoonist Darelynn



Joshua Rosen

Fung will perform the Hindemith Bassoon Sonata and then a bassoon duet with her mother, Diane Fung. French hornist Joshua Rosen will premiere a French horn concerto of his own composition and flautist Rachel White will present a sonata by baroque composer George Philip Telemann.

There will be several vocal performances including pieces by Schubert, Mahler and Bernstein on the theme of young love. Ben

Greenfield will perform a song by Brahms and "Una Furtiva Lagrima" from "L'Elisir d'Amore" by Donizetti. In an intergenerational performance, Ben will join his father, Phil Greenfield, and his mother, flautist Carolyn Sonnen, in a duet from Bizet's "The Pearl Fishers." Adam Juran will sing two opera arias - Lenski's Aria from Tchaikovsky's opera "Eugene Onegin" and the Flower Song from Bizet's "Carmen." Soprano and recording artist Nadine Wobus will perform "Birth of the Blues" and "Supper Time" by Irving Berlin.

The concert will feature two songs by Gilbert and Sullivan - the comic monologue "If You Give Me Your Attention" from "Princess Ida" and "Am I Alone and Unobserved?" a monologue from "Patience."

Tickets may be reserved in advance, purchased at the door, ordered and reserved by mail (at Mishkan Torah Synagogue, 10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770) or ordered online at www.MishkanTorah.org and by following the prompt "Mother's Day Concert" on the home page under "Upcoming Events."

Greenbelt to Receive Bike Study Funding

The City of Greenbelt has been announced as one of seven winners of \$2.5 million in Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) grants to bring BikeShare stations to Maryland. In a May 1 kick off for Bike Month, Governor Martin O'Malley announced Greenbelt, along with Baltimore City, Frederick City, Montgomery, Howard and Prince George's County are to receive money to fund bike-related grant applications.

There is funding both for feasibility studies and actual implementation and opening of bike stations. Greenbelt will work jointly with Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning on a bike share feasibility project.



LED Lighting Done At Schrom Hills

The city has announced the contractor has finished installing new LED light fixtures in the Schrom Hills parking lot and they were operational beginning Tuesday night, May 1. The fixtures were paid for with federal stimulus funds.

These lights are unique in that they have a somewhat motion-sensitive feature. When motion is detected, they brighten. If there is no movement in the parking lot, they will dim when on. This feature was not announced in advance.

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 must 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 May 7 through 11:

Monday - Orange juice, meatballs with marinara sauce, pasta shells, zucchini, diced peaches.

Tuesday - Apple juice, chicken Mandarin, fried rice, Oriental blend vegetables, Mandarin oranges.

Wednesday - Cranberry juice, roast beef with gravy, black-eyed peas, green beans, fresh apple.

Thursday - Grape juice, vegetarian chili, brown rice, collard greens, fresh orange.

Friday - Orange juice, roasted chicken with garden sauce, carrots, red potatoes, applesauce.

Hunting Ridge Condo Meets, Elects Officers

The Hunting Ridge Condominium Association had its annual meeting on April 25 and elected the following officers for the coming year: President Jacquelyn Water, Vice President Marcia Cain, Secretary Gena Wilson, Treasurer Francisco Gomez and Director Gloria Wright.

Board meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the clubhouse, 6914 Hanover Parkway. Owners and residents are encouraged to attend.

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church
 40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
 Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors
www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410
 Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor
 Worship Service 10am

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church
 3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi
 Phone: 301-937-3666 www.pbuuc.org
 Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community
 Sunday at 10 a.m.
 Rev. Diane Teichert
 See our website: www.pbuuc.org

When all mankind shall receive the same opportunity of education and the equality of men and women be realized, the foundations of war will be utterly destroyed. (Abdu'l-Baha)
 Greenbelt Bahá'í Community
 1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918
Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com www.bahai.us

Greenbelt Baptist Church
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 Greenbelt, MD 20770 - (301) 474-4212
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 Welcome!
 Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School
 Sunday 11:00 am Worship Service
 Wednesday 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting/Bible Study
 ALL are Welcome!
 "Helping People Connect with Christ and His Family Through Loving Service"

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 Holy Cross Lutheran Church is a traditional Bible-believing, Christ-centered congregation! Join Us!
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 Join us around a table where all are welcome!
 Services
 • Sundays
 8 a.m. simple, quiet service (no music)
 10 a.m. main service
 (music includes a mixture of acoustic guitar, piano and organ music)
 • Wednesdays
 7 p.m. service with healing prayers (no music)
 7010 Glenn Dale Road (Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)
 301-262-3285 | rector@stgeo.org | www.stgeo.org

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 301-474-7573
 6301 Greenbelt Road
 Berwyn Heights, MD 20740
berwynpresbyterian.net
 Worship : Sundays at 11:00 am -- Child Care Available
 Sunday School : Sundays at 9:30 am
 Office Hours : M-F 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
 "A hospitable, multicultural community of faith"

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 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Hillside & Crescent Roads
 Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings
www.greenbeltucc.org
 Sunday Worship
 10:15 a.m.
 Daniel Hamlin, Pastor
 "A church of the open mind, the warm heart, the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."

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 135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
 301-474-4322
 Mass Schedule:
 Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
 Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
 Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.
 Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.
 Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

Congregation Mishkan Torah
 10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 301-474-4223
 An unpretentious, historic, welcoming, liberal, egalitarian synagogue that respects tradition and becomes your extended family in the 21st century.
 Shabbat services: Friday evening at 8:00 PM, except 1st Friday of the month, i.e. family service at 7:30 PM. Saturday morning services at 9:30 AM.
 Educational programs for children K-12 and for adults.
 Combined innovative full family educational program for parents and children.
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 Sundays 10 A.M.
 Municipal Building
 ALL ARE WELCOME.



City Information

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 7-11

Monday, May 7 at 7:30pm **TOUR OF DISPATCH CENTER AND CAD/RMS SYSTEM** and at 8:00pm **BUDGET WORK SESSION-POLICE**. Both at Greenbelt Police Station, 550 Crescent Road.

Tuesday, May 8 at 7pm, **GREENBELT ETHICS COMMISSION**, in Room 201 of the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Wednesday, May 9 at 7:30pm **BUDGET WORK SESSION CONTRIBUTION GROUPS** at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Wednesday, May 9 at 7:30pm **GREENBELT ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD** at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 114. On the Agenda: Pedestrian & Bicycle Master Plan – Updated Draft and Next Steps

Thursday, May 10 at 7:30pm **FOUR CITIES MEETING** at New Carrollton

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.



Greenbelt is a new pit stop in 2012!

BIKE TO WORK DAY

Friday, May 18

On your way in to work, stop at the **Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center, 101 Centerway between 6:30am-8:30am.**

Pre-register by May 11 at biketoworkmetrodc.org

to qualify for bike raffle & free t-shirt.

Free food, beverages and giveaways at all locations listed on website.



NATIONAL KIDS TO PARKS DAY

Saturday, May 19th

Encourage outdoor play by taking your family out to visit a local, state, or national park. National Kids to Parks Day support First Lady Michelle Obama's *Let's Move* initiative. As an official *Let's Move* city, the City of

Greenbelt is asking Greenbelters and their families to take some time to visit one of our great parks.

BUDDY ATTICK PARK: 8:00am
Tortoise & Hare 5K Race (sponsored by the Greenbelt Nursery School) for more information visit: www.greenbeltnurseryschool.org/event/gns5k.html

SCHROM HILLS PARK: 9:00am-5:00pm
Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club Soccer Games

ANACOSTIA TRAILS HERITAGE AREA BIKE RALLY "RIVERS TO ROCKETS RALLY": 8:30am-1:00pm Come experience the War of 1812 at the Port of Bladensburg, ride past the oldest operating airfield in the USA, and head on to the home of Goddard-the City of Greenbelt!
Info www.anacostiatrials.org/bike-rally

PUBLIC WORKS ANNUAL SURPLUS PLANTS SALE

Saturday, May 12
10:00am-2:00pm

Greenbelt Municipal Building
Parking Lot- 25 Crescent Road

Greenbelt Public Works will be selling off all of its surplus plants. Tulip bulbs from Southway will be available. Please come early.



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Visit Greenbelt CityLink at www.greenbeltmd.gov

A Fun, Festive Greenbelt Community Event

SATURDAY, MAY 5

9:30AM—12:30PM
GREENBELT MIDDLE SCHOOL
8950 Edmonston Road, Greenbelt, MD

FREE!

The current Greenbelt Middle School will move to a new building this coming school year. **WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE OLD BUILDING?**
Join us for this festive celebration and share your ideas!

Door Prizes, Zumba Demo, Facility Tours, DJ Music, Information Tables, "City Stars Double Dutch", A Mariachi Band, Family Art Activities, GAVA/GATE Information, Shuttle Service Within Franklin Park, And MUCH MORE!

This event is being sponsored and organized by the City of Greenbelt, Greenbelt Middle School Task Force, Franklin Park at Greenbelt Station and Beltway Plaza Mall. Contact Joe McNeal jmcneal@greenbeltmd.gov or the Greenbelt Recreation Department at 301.397.2200 for more information.

City of Greenbelt Animal Control ANNUAL PET CARE EXPO

Saturday, May 12

10am-3pm
Greenbelt Community Center
15 Crescent Road

Rabies and Distemper Clinic, Animal Groups, Information Tables, Demonstrations, Children's Activities, Silent Auction, Police K-9 Demo at noon, Dancing Dogs, Companion Animal Beauty Contest, Games and more!
Light Refreshments available!

Come out and Support the Greenbelt Animal Shelter!

All leashed social pets welcome!

City of Greenbelt Department of Planning and Community Development 301-345-5417

FREE MEAL REVIEW SESSION

Tuesday, May 8 from 11am-12pm
Greenbelt Community Center 15 Crescent Road

Do you want to start eating healthier this spring? Want to find out how easy and practical it can be to start eating and living well? A dietician from Rebecca Bitzer and Associates will give easy mealtime suggestions to Greenbelt residents. Bring a list of the meals you have eaten the day before and get suggestions as to how to improve your mealtimes.

For more information please contact Courtney Swanson at cswanson@greenbeltmd.gov or 301-345-6660 ext 3002. Sponsored by the Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program.

AN ARTFUL AFTERNOON

Sunday, May 6 from 1-4pm
Greenbelt Community Center (15 Crescent Rd.)

Make your own artistic map with Artist in Residence and former professional cartographer Russ Little. Enjoy the free performance, "Around the World in Ten Dances" by the Four Seasons Dancers, and more!

Greenbelt's Artful Afternoon will also offer a studio open house and sale with the Center's Artists in Residence, plus tours of the Greenbelt Museum historic home at 10-B Crescent Road (1-5pm).

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Employee Relations Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, and Public Safety Advisory Committee
For information call 301-474-8000.

Recreation assistants needed at busy community center. Customer service, facility monitoring & event set up. Weekday evening/nights. \$7.25/hr. City of Greenbelt. 301-397-2208.
EOE

SHREDDING DAY

Saturday, May 5
9 AM – 12 NOON
(or until the truck is full)

The Greenbelt Federal Credit Union will be shredding your documents in the parking lot behind the Roosevelt Center at 112 Centerway

Only 5 file boxes/bags per person. Must be present for shredding. Personal records only (no business). No contaminants accepted. Abandoned boxes/bags will be put in the regular trash.

For more information, call the Public Works Office at 240-542-2153

GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER

550-A Crescent Road (behind Police Station)

We have lots of cute adorable kittens.

Cassie was found roaming the streets of Greenbelt all by herself. She can be a bit shy at times, but she gets along with other dogs and is very sweet and mellow.

Come out and visit all of the available pets! The shelter is open on Wednesdays from 4-7pm and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm or by appointment. INFO: 301.474.6124. Donations welcome!

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every department that was hiring at the time. And there were three: Montgomery County Police Department, Prince George's County and Greenbelt. So I applied to all three.

First Job in Greenbelt

Now, Greenbelt was the first to offer me a job. And I've been here ever since. That's how I got to be here. I'd never heard of Greenbelt. I had no idea where it was!

But they were the ones that came to you first.

Yeah. They were the first ones to offer me a job.

Now, you said you knew you wanted to be a police officer your whole life. How did you arrive at that realization at such an early age?

You know, I've thought about this – and it sounds kind of quaint but if you think back to my time, when I was growing up as a young man, there were a lot of John Wayne war movies, John Wayne cowboy movies and things like that. And there were “good guys” and “bad guys” and that kind of thing and it was just something that appealed to me. Public service appealed to me.

So, did you have early encounters with actual police officers that were formative?

No. Never spoke to one. No influential people; nothing like that. It was just something – in fact, my father was an electrician. It was just something that appealed to me personally.

And no early encounters with the “bad guys” either?

No.

Well, I've got to meet this John Wayne . . . What did you see here when you joined the department in 1971?

Well, when I came to the police department, I think there might have been 12 officers – maybe 16 – I don't recall anymore. We now have 56, 57 officers. We have about 70 people all together. So obviously, the department's grown exponentially. Our budget is now \$9.5 million dollars. I'm sure in 1971 the whole city budget was just a fraction of that.

But as far as what did I encounter when I got here, Greenbelt was a sleepy, quiet town. It wasn't as connected. By that I mean we didn't have Kenilworth Avenue and Greenbelt Road and the amount of traffic – the number of people coming through town on a daily basis. The high school wasn't there. The town ended at the Baltimore Washington Parkway. There wasn't anything beyond that. The whole east side wasn't there. Greenbelt Road was a two-lane road.

Early Major Crimes

As for the major crimes of the time, probably theft from auto – people stealing things from cars. There weren't a lot of drugs. There wasn't a lot going on.

As Greenbelt developed during the 70s and 80s from these sleepy quiet beginnings to the city we see now, there were constant clashes between the city and developers, clashing visions of what the city should be. How did that affect the policing you were called to do during that time?

What affects policing in development is the type of development that goes on. If you're talking about a shopping center, per se, or a business center like we have over here on Ivy Lane, where people come and go during the

day, that does increase the city's finances by taxes coming in, but there's not a lot of draw on city services. By that I mean, if you have a lot of commercial development, that really doesn't affect so much the police department. What effects the police department is development that involves people, residences. That's where your calls for service are generated: from families, from residential areas mostly.

Of course, nothing is absolute. If you have shopping centers, then you will have shoplifting, accidents, traffic-related things, things like that – but what generates police calls, calls for service, are people, not places.

By 1986 Chief Craze had been an officer for 15 years, “not ruled by the goal of becoming Chief” yet rising to the position of patrol division commander, when the police chief of two years, Francis T. Hutson, resigned to take a job in Florida.

Pissed me off! I was at the FBI Academy at the time and Chief Hutson comes in saying he had two things to tell me. First, I was being appointed acting chief. Second, the leave I'd planned for next weekend was cancelled.

Temporary Appointment

That temporary appointment would recognize Craze's obvious talent for policing and leadership, talent the elite FBI National Academy had earlier recognized when it accepted him (and only one other officer from Maryland) into that year's class, an honor that only two percent of the nation's police officers receive.

The appointment would also position Chief for the grueling nationwide search then-City Manager James K. Giese was conducting for a permanent chief. There were 65 qualified applicants for the position.

In many ways, Jim Giese is my father. He gave me my job with the department (in 1971). He chose me to be Chief of Police. Depending on how you feel, you have every reason either to thank him or to hate him.

Upon his permanent appointment, Chief immediately set out to improve the reputation of the department. His success in this regard is his proudest accomplishment.

Municipal police departments were often looked down upon by the larger departments at the city, county and state level. This perturbed him greatly. The crowning glory of my time here has been our achievement of accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) Craze said. It is a designation that truly says Greenbelt's second to none. Only 16 to 17 percent of the nation's police departments are accredited.

“I don't look at it only as an achievement for me personally. It's testimony to the great people who are here; to the caliber of people we have working in the department.

Look, we make it tough to be an officer. There are 300 applicants for every opening. We make it tough, because the community deserves good people. I'm proud of how well received our department has been in the community and I'm proud that we are recognized as a leader in law enforcement,” Craze said.

Potential Challenges

Looking forward, Chief sees potential challenges in the area of

recruiting.

The department doubled in the 80s, and now many of those hires are reaching retirement age. Attrition and recruiting are big challenges, due to the number of police departments in the area.

But he is sanguine on collective bargaining, the odds of a Trayvon Martin case happening in Greenbelt and Greenbelt's quality of life.

Collective Bargaining

On collective bargaining Craze said: I'm proud we have collective bargaining. The men and women of the department deserve it. It is not an infringement of management rights. It just puts in written form what is practiced. It is a good thing.

On Trayvon Martin: I don't see that a Trayvon Martin case could happen in Maryland. Our laws are different. We don't have a stand-your-ground law. In the neighborhood watches, do I see a vigilante spirit? No. If anything, the problem is keeping them vital and going, because it's a boring job most of the time. They are what we call “static watches,” with individual citizens watching and reporting, not doing what Mr. Zimmerman was allegedly doing.

On Greenbelt's quality of life: I like to tell people, we live in a wonderful enclave. But we also are part of a larger metropolitan area. We both benefit and suffer from living in a metropolitan area and that has an underside too. The city is not as isolated as it once was. It's a bigger part of the area, with a lot of people going and coming. We have to understand about where we are.

And so we leave Greenbelt's “Duke.” “He's a good man,” John Wayne said as Duke Gifford in the 1951 World War II submarine film Operation Pacific. “Make sure it says so on the patrol report.”

Cahalan to Address GCAN Meeting May 9

The next meeting of the Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN) is on Wednesday, May 9 at 7 p.m. in Room 114 at the Greenbelt Community Center.

The speaker will be Dr. Robert Cahalan, chief of NASA-Goddard's Climate and Radiation Laboratory, who will speak on Climate Change Challenge – Reason for Hope, focusing on what can be done to address the challenges caused by global disruptions of Earth's climate and biosphere that are leading to loss of biodiversity and ecosystem collapse, depletion of fish and forests, loss of fresh water, ocean acidification and species extinctions. He will discuss what individuals can do to make a difference and whether there is legitimate reason for hope. A Greenbelt resident, Cahalan has numerous other credentials as an expert in this field.

For more information contact Lore Rosenthal at 301-345-2234 or email lore@simplicity-matters.org.

GEAC to Meet

The Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition (GEAC) will meet on Thursday, May 3 at Greenbelt Lake Village, on Hanover Parkway across from Schrom Hills Park, at 7:30 p.m.

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the scope of the work in Greenbelt. The company will replace 540 poles, 240 transformers and about 11 miles of wire on two major “feeders,” major power lines that serve up to 1,100 customers. PEPCO also will redesign the electrical grid to limit the number of residents affected by power outages.

In old Greenbelt, PEPCO plans to upgrade two major feeder lines which serve up to 1,100 customers. Feeder 15742 serves the northern half of the city and the larger Feeder 15741 supplies power to the southern half. A preliminary map of the planned upgrade work is available on the city's website at www.greenbeltmd.gov.

Keeler said tree work may begin in June after the permitting and contract bidding process is complete. The next step will be replacement of poles, transformers, lines and other equipment, which also requires a permit from the city. The grid upgrade should be complete by the end of the year.

Smart Meters

Smart Meters sparked the most debate, beginning with the format for questions. After fielding grid-related questions, PEPCO officials directed residents with concerns about smart meters to a corner of the gym to talk privately with PEPCO officials. The audience protested and asked that the discussion be public and Ken Farrell, manager of AMI deployment, came forward to respond to questions.

Farrell opened with an overview of the rollout of 50,000 Smart Meters in the Greenbelt area, which is well underway, and noted that the contractor notified residents just prior to installation but a chorus of “No!” from the audience indicated otherwise.

Farrell listed the benefits of Smart Meters – customers can control appliances for energy usage, monitor their hour-to-hour consumption online through a password-protected account and PEPCO can monitor power loads and target outages more quickly.

Meter readers will continue to manually inspect the meters until the meters are fully calibrated for remote data collection, which may take seven to eight weeks. The meters transmit pulsed microwave radiation from their 900 megahertz and 2.4 gigahertz radios, however, as soon as they are installed.

Many Greenbelt residents, particularly members of Greenbelt Homes Inc. (GHI), have more than one meter located near their home and the transmission level of clustered meters is not clear. The co-operative frame homes for example, are equipped with multiple Smart Meters attached to the exterior wall of a single end unit; brick and block units have meters located in the crawl space of former boiler rooms. According to GHI General Manager Eldon Ralph, the number of meters breaks down as follows: four rows have 12 meters (mostly frame one-bedroom units in a row); 18 rows have 8, six rows have 7, 108 rows have 6 meters, eight rows have 5, 151 rows have 4 meters, three rows have 3, 28 rows have 2 meters, and nine single homes



Multiple Smart Meters are located on end units of frame GHI homes.

have one meter.

Questions and Concerns

In true Greenbelt fashion, residents weren't shy about lining up at the microphone to voice their questions and concerns.

Regarding the grid upgrade, residents asked about the expected length of outages once the upgrade is in place; the project budget; substation upgrades; power load trends; type of transformers and poles; street light outages; and possible

use of energy-saving LED lights.

Keeler responded that outages for blown transformers should be a half-day or less and for a “house drop” about a day. The project budget will be “seven figures,” Keeler said. Substations will be upgraded to handle new relays and the wire replacement is not for an expected increase of consumption but simply to install more reliable wire. Transformers will have animal (squirrel, mainly) guards, new fuses and greater efficiency.

New poles will be an average of five feet higher than existing poles to comply with worker safety regulations, with more separation of wires and transformers.

As the power upgrade moves forward, the city and GHI will be monitoring the project.

Regarding Smart Meters, several residents spoke out about reported health risks of the RF exposure and cited studies showing health impacts including sleeplessness, heart palpitations and elevated cancer risk. One resident noted that the World Health Organization has classified RF radiation as a Class 2B carcinogen, the same risk level as DDT and lead. Four states and municipalities reportedly oppose the new meters and are pursuing litigation and pressuring state utility commissions to allow residents to keep their analog meters.

“Is PEPCO going to let us opt out?” one woman asked.

Farrell said no opt-out is currently available in the state and suggested she contact the Maryland Public Health Commission, which is holding hearings next week on PEPCO and would be the agency charged with that decision. He said that RF radiation exposure is well below FCC standards and are comparable to cell phones, baby monitors and microwave ovens and that the meters will transmit less than a minute per day.

One attendee said he had solar panels on his roof and said the new meter didn't run “backward” like the analog meter, informing him of the energy his panels were contributing to the grid. Farrell said that residents with solar panels must notify PEPCO and obtain a net energy meter which must be programmed to monitor solar energy.

After a question about home-to-home relay transmissions related to GHI townhomes, Farrell said that total transmissions are under a minute a day. The questioner noted that these are microsecond pulses and expressed frustration at not being able to find out more specific levels of transmissions in the home.



Benjamin Braddock (Zachary Hamilton) attempts to kidnap Elaine (Heather Martin) from her wedding, while Mrs. Robinson (Rachel Duda) intervenes.

A Review

Here's to You, Mrs. Robinson!

by Jim Link

Go see *The Graduate*, the Greenbelt Arts Center's excellent new offering, in order to gauge how much you've changed from the person you were 55 years ago, when the movie became a cultural benchmark, capturing the middle class suburban anomie of early 60s California.

Yes, it's been that long since Benjamin Braddock's hearty, shallow neighbor Mr. Robinson urged his talismanic one-word career advice onto the brand new college graduate – "Plastics!" And that long since the callow, alienated, wide-eyed Benjamin asked: "Mrs. Robinson, are you trying to seduce me?"

If you are too young to remember how wonderfully *The Graduate* crystallized a sense of disaffection and drift just before the assassinations of King and the Kennedys, campus sit-ins, anti-Vietnam war protests and civil rights marches, go see this zany comedy anyway to have a rip-roaring good time.

The tension in the play is driven by Mrs. Robinson's restlessness and intelligence. Yes, she is an alcoholic cynic but she is the only one in the play who "thinks"; she refuses to participate in the cheery mindlessness of her "peers." She is the only one whose feelings, actions, goals are not scripted, inauthentic, handed down, pre-packaged.

And Rachel Duda, our Mrs. R, is superb in her droll iciness and zaftig seductiveness. She is spot on when she tells Benjamin that he is lousy in bed and that her daughter Elaine's "dreary diligence and adorable dullness" will make their union a tedium vitae.

And – here's to you, Rachel Duda – she knows how to smoke a cigarette! After Benjamin kisses her abruptly, she coolly exhales a white cloud – not since the vampish Cyd Charisse blew smoke in Gene Kelly's face in *Singin' in the Rain* have I seen such sang-froid.

Duda is surrounded by a very strong cast. Audiences should be prepared to be extremely grateful because no fewer than three women validate the truth of William Blake's dictum that "the nakedness of woman is the glory of God." Mrs. R, her daughter Elaine and a stripper with a heart of gold all manage to shed their cumbersome garments completely, aided by some discreet chiaroscuro lighting.

Zachary Hamilton is very winning as the directionless male ingénue Benjamin, clueless about how lucky he is – while whining, "My life is BS."

"Nihilists," sighs Heather Martin, altogether convincing as Elaine Robinson, "why do I always attract nihilists? Life is precious," she lamely advises Benjamin.

And Aref Dajani as the cuckolded Mr. Robinson has a hilarious moment when he takes an axe to Benjamin after he disrupts his daughter's wedding. Murderously bonkers, he assures everyone, "I'm in control!"

Bob Kleinberg shines as Benjamin's rigidly sensible dad; Mendy Ault is wonderful as his one-dimensional mom. "Aren't we real?" she asks Benjamin when he runs away to meet "the real people of the country."

Phil Brandis runs the gamut of emotions from A to B as a barfly who propositions Elaine, then changes character as the priest who officiates at her aborted wedding.

Jennifer Harvey sizzles as the stripper; "Fever" is her accompaniment.

Catch the fever. See *The Graduate*. It runs through May 19, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2:30 p.m. (May 6 and 13).

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Initially, it seemed about as controversial as, say, a parade on Labor Day. Mayor Judith Davis, a self-confessed aficionada of a good fireworks display, read the comments for an agenda item titled "Selection of Starfire Corporation for July 4 Fireworks." Director of Public Works Kenneth Hall said he had been asked by City Manager Michael McLaughlin to look into offering a special fireworks show this year to mark Greenbelt's 75th anniversary. The goal he set for himself was to find a show that would be different from the usual fare and above the level of what the city itself has the equipment and expertise to produce. The resulting proposal was for a computer-controlled fireworks show that would be choreographed to music. A sample DVD presentation was shown in the council room. The city would be able to choose its own music.

The city typically spends \$10,000 on its yearly July 4 fireworks at Buddy Attick Park. This year, \$12,000 was budgeted in consideration of the anniversary. Although Starfire would charge \$14,000, the savings to the city in overtime for the public works staff, who otherwise would have to set off the fireworks manually, would keep the program within budget.

Councilmembers Silke Pope and Ed Putens had seen a presentation of this type of show by another company at a National League of Cities meeting two years ago and had been quite impressed. Other councilmembers seemed enthused. Putens moved to approve contracting with Starfire, with a second from Pope.

Before the mayor could call for a vote, however, Councilmember Konrad Herling asked for discussion. He had received communications from two members of the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES), Matt Dirksen and Michael Hartman, who objected to the environmental impact of fireworks. Herling is the council liaison to the committee. He said he had learned that cities in the Midwest, where fireworks are often banned because of risk of fire, are doing laser lightshows instead. He did not have information on the cost or availability of laser shows in this area. Hall said time was too short to look into alternatives for this July 4 but he could

do so for next year.

Councilmember Emmett Jordan asked how the music would be broadcast. Hall said they would use either an unused AM radio station or a rental sound system. When Jordan voiced some concern that the sound might bother residents who prefer quiet, Pope asked incredulously, "On the Fourth of July?"

Davis said she understood the concerns regarding noise, wildlife and environmental impacts. "But," she said, "it's the Fourth of July and we need to celebrate." Added Hall "And it's 75 years!" Herling replied that there could be alternative ways to celebrate.

The mayor then recognized GreenACES member Hartman, who was accompanied by two other members of the committee, Eva Fallon and Jamie Phillips. Hartman said they were not speaking for the committee. Davis said she could anticipate what his objections would be.

Hartman said he did not want to be the Grinch who stole the Fourth of July but that fireworks are a problem because of their environmental impact. He listed air pollution, water pollution and danger to birds and other nearby wildlife. He said he thought the issue deserved more immediate attention than Hall's promise to look into it for the future.

Hartman asked the city council to delay its vote until city staff could undertake an environmental impact study and investigate costs for laser shows. He added that Hall said he wanted to propose something different and that a la-

ser show would be different.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts said he shared their concerns about the environment and wildlife but that at a minimum he would like to prohibit people from bringing pet dogs to the event, since they often are greatly distressed and even injure themselves. He said he would not vote against fireworks for this year but would be interested in looking at the options to see if anything else would be acceptable in the future.

Councilmember Leta Mach said she would also support the plan for fireworks for this year. She noted, however, that several residents had mentioned to her when she was door-knocking before the election that they thought fireworks could be dropped from the budget when funding was tight. She said, "Given that it's the 75th anniversary, maybe this year can be the 'last hurrah' for fireworks."

Davis reiterated that she genuinely did understand the objections but that she has always loved fireworks and enjoyed the beauty and the joy that they bring to the audience. She said there is nothing quite like the shared response of the crowd catching its breath and gasping "ah" in unison.

Stephen Polaschik's letter in the July 9, 1964, issue of the News Review might have struck a chord with Davis. He said his little daughter Rita told him, "It just doesn't seem right, Daddy."

The mayor took the vote, which carried unanimously in favor of contracting with Starfire for the 75th anniversary July 4 fireworks.

Mothers Day Menu

Roasted Sirloin Rib of Beef with Roasted Onion Pan Gravy
Herb Roasted Turkey with Cranberry Apple Relish

Fresh Omelets Cooked to Order
Crispy Bacon and Sausage
Waffles made to order with Your Choice of Toppings:
Fresh Berries, Whipped Cream, Butter & Maple Syrup

Fresh Fruit
Artisan Cheese Display

Spring Garden Salad Bar
Artichoke and Marinated Vegetable Salad
Southern Style Potato Salad
Greek Styled Macaroni Salad
Cole Slaw

Jonah Crab Claws, Peel and Eat Shrimp
With Spicy Cocktail Sauce and lemon wedges

Roasted Salmon Filet with a Myer Lemon and Chive Butter Sauce
Seafood Jambalaya

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Carolina Golden Fried Chicken

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NEWS IN REVIEW

May 3, 2012

Celebrate Cooperative Living

By Lauren Cummings

If you haven't yet heard, 2012 is the United Nations International Year of Co-operatives (IYC). It made me wonder, what does that really mean? According to the United Nations website, the IYC "celebrates a different way of doing business, one focused on human need not human greed, where the members, who own and govern the business, collectively enjoy the benefits instead of all profits going just to shareholders." UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon succinctly noted that, "Co-operatives are a reminder to the international community that it is possible to pursue both economic viability and social responsibility."

What might celebrating the Year of Cooperatives mean for the residents of Greenbelt Homes? GHI's motto is "a community for people who value community." When each of us moved here we were told that we own a share of the entire community. We should all feel a vested interest in each other's well being, in each house that adorns our grounds, and in the natural elements that flourish in our community, because we chose to live in a community that values democracy, equality, solidarity and equity.

Perhaps the 2012 International Year of Co-operatives can remind us all to reinvest in our homes, our community and each other, and to remember that we are a Co-op 365 days a year. Take more of an interest in getting to know your neighbors, think about how you can



Photo by: Gretchen Schock, www.cocktailmom.com

volunteer to make GHI better, and keep your home in good repair—it is beneficial to all residents. Our Community Beautification Program is about to begin, and that's a great place to start. Remember, there are prizes for the best sunny and shady yards!

Celebrate the International Year of Co-operatives. Celebrate GHI and what we stand for as a community. We are all in this together!

2012 Homeowners' Property Tax Credit Applications Now Available

The State of Maryland provides a credit for the real property tax bill for homeowners of all ages who qualify on the basis of gross household income. Members of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. who are on limited or fixed income may benefit from this credit. Applications are available online at the State of Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation website, www.dat.state.md.us, or GHI's website, www.ghi.coop.

Printed copies of the application are available in the lobby of the GHI administration building. Since eligibility for the program is based upon income, it may be convenient for you to complete this form at the same time you are preparing your federal and Maryland income tax returns. Applications are processed by the Tax Credit Section of the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation.

County Supplemental Tax Credits

In addition to the State of Maryland's Homeowners' Tax Credit, county supplemental tax credits are available to eligible homeowners in the City of Greenbelt. The county supplemental tax credits are administered by the State of Maryland Homeowners' Tax Credit Program. To apply for the State tax credit and/or county supplemental tax credit, applicants are only required to file this application form (Form HTC-60).

Dorothy Lauber Memorial



At the GHI Board's request, a task force (comprised of Kathleen Gallagher, Barbara Havekost, Diane Hostetler, and Alexa Lauber) was formed to recommend a suitable memorial for Dorothy Lauber, a long-time former Board member and City employee who passed away last year. The funds which have been donated for the memorial total \$675.00.

The task force met with Lesley Riddle, Assistant Director of Public Works for the City of Greenbelt. Lesley prepared a rain garden near the group picnic area at Greenbelt Lake. She proposed that the funds should be used for rain garden plantings, with a bench and a memorial plaque placed near the garden. The GHI Board of Directors approved the transfer of the funds collected for the memorial to the City of Greenbelt for plantings and a bench at the rain garden at its meeting of April 26th.

GHI Earth Day Invasive Species Removal

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Photo blog by Erik Zhang

GHI manages nearly 86 acres of forested woodlands, and one of the biggest problems these woodlands face is invasive plants. These non-native plants can crowd out native ones and disturb wildlife habitat, causing a great deal of damage to the ecological system. On Saturday, April 21, GHI's Woodlands Committee organized an Earth Day invasive species removal. Committee members and volunteers trimmed vines and branches between 58 and 62 courts of Ridge Road.



Committee member Richard Olsen carries away dead branches.



Committee member Rachel Channon pulls vines and branches to the curb.



Three-year-old Zachary helps his father Matt Berres free a tree from Japanese honeysuckle vines.



Communications Committee Website Scavenger Hunt
You could win a Greenbelt 75th Anniversary T-Shirt!

Find the clues on www.ghi.coop or pick up a copy of at the GHI Administration offices on Hamilton Place. Turn in your completed form to the Communications Committee table at the Annual Meeting on May 17. Three winners will be randomly selected at the end of the meeting from entries received. Must be present to win.

2012 SPRING GUTTER CLEANING

May 21 through July 22

Gutter cleaners from Greenbelt Builders, Inc. and Petria Inc. are scheduled to conduct our spring gutter cleaning. Members are requested to please keep curtains and blinds closed to preserve privacy, as the cleaners will appear at your windows and doorways with ladders.

GHI ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, May 17, 2012
7:30 PM - 10:30 PM
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WHAT'S HAPPENING!

MAY			
Sat	5	11:00 a.m.	Pre-Purchase Orientation
Tue	8	8:30 a.m.	Yard Line Committee
Tue	8	7:30 p.m.	Candidates' Forum
Wed	9	7:30 p.m.	Architectural Review Committee
Thu	10	7:30 p.m.	Board Meeting
Fri	11	--	OFFICES CLOSED
Tue	15	7:30 p.m.	Companion Animal Committee
Wed	16	7:00 p.m.	Woodlands Committee
Thu	17	7:30 p.m.	Annual Meeting
Mon	21	7:15 p.m.	Pre-Purchase Orientation
Mon	21	7:00 p.m.	Communications Committee
Wed	23	7:00 p.m.	Buildings Committee
Thu	24	7:30 p.m.	Board Meeting
Fri	25	--	OFFICES CLOSED
Mon	28	--	OFFICES CLOSED-MEMORIAL DAY
Tue	29	8:30 a.m.	Yard Line Committee
JUNE			
Sat	2	1:00 p.m.	Pre-Purchase Orientation
Fri	8	--	OFFICES CLOSED
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Be a Part of Cooperative Living!

Come to the next Pre-Purchase Orientation for prospective members.
Saturday, May 5, 2012 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
GHI Board Room, One Hamilton Place, Greenbelt MD 20770
For more information or to RSVP, call Kathie Linkenhoker at (301) 474-4161, ext. 146.



PHOTO BY STEVE BELLAIRS

Four Seasons Dancers, based in Silver Spring, will perform "Around the World in Ten Dances" at Artful Afternoon on Sunday, May 6 at the Greenbelt Community Center.

Dance around World on Artful Afternoon

The city's May Artful Afternoon program, to be held on Sunday, May 6 from 1 to 4 p.m., features dancing around the block and around the world, with an added mapmaking workshop and all the other usual Community Center activities.

From 1 to 3 p.m. there will be an artistic mapmaking workshop with Center artist-in-residence, former professional cartographer Russ Little. Participants will explore ways of creatively mapping spaces of personal significance near, far and imagined. Under Little's guidance, the project will show what is important to the mapper, their block or town or how to create a world that does not yet exist.

At 3 p.m. the Four Seasons

Dancers take watchers "Around the World in Ten Dances" that will include Russia, India, Israel, Ireland, Turkey, Caribbean beaches, the Amazon jungle and the North Pole with the intricate footwork of an Irish dance, playful moves of samba and fiery spins of Gypsy and Russian dances. Under the direction of Elena Indrokova Jones, this local Silver Spring dance company inspires with the borderless and ageless possibilities of international dancing.

Ticket Drawing

Immediately preceding the 3 p.m. dance performance, a free drawing will be held for two tickets to a show of the winner's choice at the Greenbelt Arts Center or tickets to a Clown Cabaret

performance in Washington, D.C. Enter the drawing online at www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts or in person at the Greenbelt Community Center Art Gallery through 2:30 p.m. on May 6.

Artful Afternoons also offer a studio open house and sale with the Community Center artists-in-residence and tours of the Greenbelt Museum historic home at 10-B Crescent Road (from 1 to 5 p.m.). With the exception of a nominal fee for the museum house tour, Artful Afternoon activities are free and open to the public. They provide an introduction to the many cultural activities offered by the city.

For more details visit www.greenbeltmod.gov/arts or call 240-542-2057.



Congratulations to:

– Greenbelt Middle School teacher Angela Batten, a 2012 Prince George's County Public Schools nominee for the Outstanding Teacher Using Technology Award. Batten, who teaches technology at GMS was honored April 20 at the Maryland Society for Educational Technology Leadership luncheon at the Baltimore Convention Center. Her nomination recognizes Batten as a model teacher who uses technology to inspire young scholars as well as the life-long learning of colleagues and administrators.

– ERHS student Vishnu Rachakonda, who received first place for his paper "Norman Borlaug and the Green Revolution: A Period of Growth" in the 2012 Maryland History Day Competition and will now advance to the national competition.

– ERHS students Jenae Addison, Tosin Ajisebutu, Andrea Scott and Kayla Young, recipients of the Peace Study Center Award in the Maryland History Day Competition for their group exhibit "Apartheid: Global Reaction."

– ERHS students Jordan Lucas and Ngong Temateh, who received the Milton Zaslow Award in Cryptology at the history day competition, held April 28, for their group exhibit "Setting the Standard for Warfare: USA v. USSR."

In February, native Greenbelters Kathy Labukas and Steve Baluch had a great trip to Key West, where they visited with



Steve Baluch, Kathy Labukas and Bobby Mongelli at the Hogfish restaurant.

former Greenbelter Bobby Mongelli, now owner of the Hogfish Bar Grill on the waterfront on Downtown Stock Island. They also took a ferry to Fort Jefferson on the Dry Tortugas, where Dr. Samuel A. Mudd, Kathy's relative, was imprisoned after Lincoln's assassination. Dr. Mudd was the great-uncle of Kathy's mother Eileen Mudd Labukas, a Recreation Department leader in early Greenbelt.

Greenbelt Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) member Melanie Taylor has successfully completed search and rescue training and is now a SARtech II.

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

– Kathleen McFarland

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Police Blotter

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

Robbery

April 24, 11:21 p.m., Greenway Shopping Center. Two men approached a person, displayed a handgun and demanded the person's property. One robber is described as a black male, 5'11" tall with a thin build, with long dreadlocks and a black quilted coat. The other robber is described as being of unknown gender, shorter than the first, robber and wearing a similar coat.

April 24, 11:47 p.m., 200 block Lakeside Drive. Two people approached a person, displayed a handgun and demanded the person's property. The robbers are described as a black female, 5' tall with a thin build, wearing all black clothing and a black male, 5'11" tall with a thin build, also wearing all black clothing.

Drug Arrest

April 19, 9:29 a.m., 6200 block Springhill Court. Three people were arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia: a 19-year-old Greenbelt man, an 18 year-old Temple Hills woman and a 20-year-old Bowie woman. They were released on citations pending trial.

DWI/DUI

April 21, 1:24 a.m., Greenbelt Road at Lakecrest Drive. A 19-year-old Greenbelt woman was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol-related and other charges after a traffic stop. She was released on citations pending trial.

April 21, 3:50 a.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. A 39-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol-related offenses, among other charges, after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

Disorderly Conduct

April 22, 12:49 a.m., 500 block Crescent Road. A 33-year-old Laurel man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. He was released on a citation pending trial.

Burglary

April 19, 12:12 p.m., 8000 block Lakecrest Drive. Electronics were taken.

April 20, 7:32 a.m., 9100 block Edmonston Court. A 23-year-old Capitol Heights man was arrested and charged with fourth-degree burglary and trespassing on private property after breaking into a vacant apartment. He was transferred to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

April 20, 8:38 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. Electronics and currency were taken

Greenbelt Police Join MADD Annual Walk

Greenbelt's police department has formed a team to participate in the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) annual "Walk Like MADD" event starting at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, May 12 on Federal Hill in Baltimore.

Almost 40 cities around the country will hold MADD walks, with thousands of people participating in 5K walks that day in a stand against drunk driving and underage drinking. Those interested in forming a team or who want to make a donation to the Greenbelt police team are asked to visit the walk website at www.walklikemadd.org. Select Baltimore, Md. The next screen provides options for starting a team, joining a team or making a donation. To make a donation, search by team name and enter Greenbelt Police, then follow instructions.

from two apartments.

April 20, 10:49 p.m., 9000 block Breezewood Terrace. Clothes were taken.

April 22, 2:34 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. Electronics were taken.

April 22, 7:01 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. Electronics and currency were taken.

April 23, 6:12 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. Nothing was taken.

April 24, 12:13 p.m., 24 Court Crescent Road. A set of vehicle rims was taken.

April 24, 5:38 p.m., 6000 block Breezewood Drive. An attempted burglary occurred.

Vandalism

April 19, 4:59 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace. A window was broken.

April 25, 1:53 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive. A window was broken.

Vehicle Crime

A John Deere backhoe and bobcat were taken from the 7900 block Belle Point Drive on April 24.

Five reports of theft from autos were received: Beltway Plaza parking lot (purse), 7700 block Ora Court (rear MD tag), Mandan Road at Bird Lane (cell phone and GPS unit) and in the 7700 block Hanover Parkway catalytic converters were stolen in two separate incidents.

Vandalism included reports of windows being broken in the 9100 block Springhill Lane and 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. A gas tank was damaged in the 6000 block Cherrywood Court.

86 Percent Done – GMS Nears Finish

The WebCam at the new Greenbelt Middle School (GMS) is down temporarily as the contractor transitions from the construction trailers to the building; its operation will resume when there are telecommunication/internet lines in the school building with the camera to be relocated from its present location to the entrance to the site. There is permanent power in the building now.

Elements at 90 percent complete or more include two-story classroom area, gymnasium, stage, locker room areas, kitchen, cafeteria and Tech Ed areas, new windows, plumbing rough-in, electrical conduit and sleeve rough-in, interior priming and painting HVAC duct work and sprinkler system, storm drain and sewer system and concrete pour for slab. Interior and exterior doors are 70 percent complete; mechanical equipment 72 percent; interior and exterior light fixtures and sidewalk curbs and gutters 75 percent; and interior ceilings 65 percent. Significant work remains on floor and wall tile, now at 50 percent, vestibule/entrance at 35 percent; gymnasium floor/equipment, green roof installation and roadway work at 30 percent each; landscaping at 18 percent and classroom cases at five percent.

Soccer Alliance Meets Saturday

The Greenbelt Soccer Alliance (GSA) will hold its annual meeting Saturday, May 5 at 4 p.m. in the Greenbelt Youth Center meeting room. GSA has completed its first year as a City of Greenbelt recognition group and will review first-year activities and make plans for the future. All are invited to attend.

GSA is affiliated with the Maryland State Youth Soccer Association. It currently sponsors teams in two local soccer leagues for spring and fall soccer and runs a summer soccer program at Mandan Field here.

Computer Club Meets

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its May meeting on Thursday, May 10 at 7 p.m. in Room 103 at the Greenbelt Community Center. Everyone is welcome.

GHI Candidates Forum Is May 8

On Tuesday, May 8 at 7:30 p.m. there will be a Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) candidates forum presenting members running for the audit committee (three seats) and board of director offices (five seats). Hosted by the GHI Nominations & Elections Committee, it will be held in the council room at the Municipal Building. In addition to presentations by the candidates, attendees will be able to ask questions. The annual meeting and vote will take place on Thursday and Friday, May 17-18.

Participation is possible by attending, by observing the session live on Comcast Channel 71 or Verizon Channel 21, by watching the live video stream from the city website or replayed on the cable stations or on demand from the city website.

Members are urged to mark their calendars and to come early to avoid long check-in lines. Voting begins after the meeting recesses Thursday and continues from 7 to 10 a.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday in the GHI Board Room.

Lecture on Chesapeake Bay Stories at New Deal Café

by Richard McMullin and Joan Clement

Tom Wisner was a scientist, teacher, songwriter, artist and at his core a waterman of the Chesapeake Bay. For more than four decades he collected stories and photographs of its many moods and colorful characters. He wrote and collected poems and songs that depict the lives of those who made their living generation after generation on the waters of the Bay. He also helped teach young people to connect with and respect the Chesapeake.

Wisner died in 2010 leaving behind a storehouse of images and writings that are a valuable record of the history of man's interaction with and growing understanding and respect for the Bay. In 2011 his family and friends partnered with the Calvert Marine Museum and the Chesapeake Education Arts and Research Society of Greenbelt to preserve his work and build a resource archive. Its name – the Chestory Archive – comes from the non-profit project, The Center for the Chesapeake Story, which Tom and Sara Leeland co-founded in 2000. The archive begins to realize Wisner's vision of having a resource to support and promote

a community of eco-artists serving the Bay communities.

In 2011 the Chestory Archive received a boost when it received a grant for a Chesapeake Conservation Corps (CCC) volunteer position. Concetta Laskey was selected to document the collection and prepare a website – www.chesapeake-envlteracy.org that makes the collection more accessible to the public.

On May 12 as part of the annual Green Man Festival, Laskey will present a workshop for teachers of the web-based Chestory Archive and provide ideas and approaches to using it as a classroom resource. The public is invited. The presentation will be at 2 p.m. in the New Deal Café. The art will be on display as part of the Green Man art show during May and June.

NEW DEAL CAFÉ NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The New Deal Cafe Cooperative will hold its annual membership meeting in the café on Sunday, May 20, 2012 at 2:00 pm. Reports will be presented and the election of officers will be held. Sign-in starts at 1:30pm.



Sublease Criteria for GHI Units

The GHI Board of Directors has proposed revised criteria for allowing members to rent GHI units, and would like member feedback.

To see the draft criteria, either pick up a hard copy at the Administration Building, or go to www.ghi.coop

Comments should be submitted via email to mgmtoffice@greenbelthomes.net or written notes can be delivered to the Management Office, Attention: Sheri.

All comments are due by May 30, 2012

JOHN GUERNSEY BOOK-SIGNING

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Middle School Task Force Urges City to Move Forward on GMS

by Kathleen Gallagher

On March 5 the city council met in a worksession with its Prince George's County School Board representative, Peggy Higgins, to discuss the city's interest in using space in the old middle school building when the school moves into its new facility for the fall semester. As reported in the March 22 issue of this paper, the meeting revealed the multitude of uncertainties that make it impossible for the city council to make plans, consult Greenbelt residents on alternatives or advise its own school board member on how best to represent the city's interests.

A month later, the Greenbelt Middle School Task Force (GMSTF) sent the city council a report citing the imminent end of the school year and urging the council to take action. Beatrice Rodgers, vice chair of the GMSTF, was present at the April 23 regular meeting. A related matter that was raised was a communication sent to the task force by the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) regarding its own concerns about a possible use of the old middle school building by Turning Point Academy.

Rodgers said the task force believes discussion about the middle school has become circular and that the time has come for the city council to take a more assertive role in breaking the impasse with the school board in order to have a seat at the table for any discussions taking place. She said once the school year ends, communication will become difficult to impossible.

Mayor Judith Davis agreed that they were going around in a circle. She said, "We started with a grand plan that has become smaller and smaller." She added that the interest of others in using the entire building may also have sidelined a willingness to discuss the city's interest in using parts of it. City Manager Michael McLaughlin confirmed that the city had received no response to its requests to reopen dialogue with the school board.

Davis went on to say that the city council has been unable to take a position because information is not available on how much of the facility, if any, will be available, let alone what the terms of a lease might be. There are also issues regarding the historic status of parts of the building. With no city position, she said, there is nothing that can be negotiated. Even input from residents has been inconclusive, with some supporting city use of the facility and others fearing an uncertain financial commitment. At the same time, she said, the city has a task force that is understandably growing impatient with the lack of progress.

Councilmember Leta Mach said the first and most essential item the city needs is what the county's timeline is. She agreed with Rodgers that the time has come to pound on the school board's door. Mach thought it most likely that Turning Point Academy is talking with the school board and said that if the city is interested, it needs to be participating in the conversation.

Councilmember Emmett Jordan and Councilmember Edward Putens essentially agreed. Adding

to the list of circular questions, Councilmember Rodney Roberts asked how much money the city was willing to spend and where the money would come from.

City Attorney Robert Manzi suggested that the school board staff would know whether a bid had been put in by Turning Point Academy. He proposed that it might be more constructive for city staff to meet with the school board staff.

Davis suggested taking two actions, which the council adopted: having city staff meet with the school board staff and report back; and holding a public hearing after the Saturday, May 5 community event scheduled to bring the public to the middle school.

Regarding the ACE communication to the task force, Jon Gardner, ACE chair, explained

that although ACE would not be involved in plans for an empty middle school building, the matter entered the committee's purview when it was learned that Turning Point Academy wanted to take over the space. He enumerated three concerns: (1) Having two schools at the same location would jump to 1,500 the number of students coming and going at site where such numbers had not been anticipated. (2) The layout of the site is such that the playing fields will belong to the new school and would not be adequate to share. (3) ACE questions the educational impact of having two schools nearby that would overlap in grade levels with Turning Point. Councilmember Konrad Herling suggested that these points be raised as part of the staff-to-staff discussions.

Greenbelt Baseball

Major League Standings as of May 1

American League	W-L	National League	W-L
Cardinals	7-1	Athletics	5-3
Indians	7-2	Giants	4-3
Cubs	5-2	Tigers	3-3
Yankees	0-8	Orioles	0-9

Major League Schedule May 7 through 12

Date	Time	Games
Monday, May 7	6 p.m.	Tigers vs. Indians
Tuesday, May 8	6 p.m.	Cubs vs. Cardinals
Wednesday, May 9	6 p.m.	Orioles vs. Giants
Thursday, May 10	6 p.m.	Athletics vs. Yankees
Friday, May 11	6 p.m.	Cardinals vs. Indians
*Friday, May 11	7 p.m.	Giants vs. Tigers
Saturday, May 12	10 a.m.	Athletics vs. Orioles
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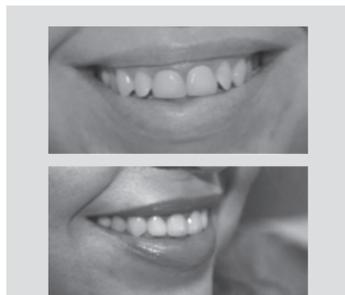


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the other side access to gardens. The town's community and commercial facilities were located within easy walking distance and connected to the homes through a system of safe, interior walkways with underpasses to get across Crescent Road to the town center. It was a comprehensive plan with architecture and landscaping designed as a single unit. Recreation was highly featured and green space highly valued.

Sies contended that many of these original planning features have been carried forth into the new private development within the city, citing in particular Woodland Hills subdivision (for which Hale Walker did the site plan), Lakeside North apartments, Springhill Lake apartments (now Franklin Park), Windsor Green townhomes and Greenbriar Condominiums. All feature extensive recreation facilities and significant areas of green space. She gave credit to the active interest of Greenbelt residents in preserving the city's original planning principles as a successful influence upon builders to do better in planning their Greenbelt projects.

Roosevelt Center Mall

Sharon Bradley of Bradley Site Design, Inc. told of her plan to redesign the appearance of the mall at Roosevelt Center to restore features of the original design plan so that it would be the physical and social link of the community, focus attention to the Mother and Child Statue, make the neighboring stores more visible and facilitate the mall's use as a gathering area. She noted that the mall is used for concerts, art displays, exhibitions and other community activities, as the planners had originally intended.

Recreation

Greenbelt Director of Recreation Julie McHale also noted that the original planners had put great emphasis upon recreation. Greenbelt had the first public swimming pool in Maryland and the first city recreation department. She told how the first Labor Day festivities were organized in order to raise funds to build a recreation building for the benefit of Greenbelt youth, with the city's Youth Center opening in 1961. Since then, the city has added other facilities with the latest being the state-of-the-art skate park. The Recreation Department has received much recognition. McHale noted in particular the "one of a kind" Circus Camp which was featured on television and the Get Active Greenbelt program which put Greenbelt in 2010 as one of the first to adopt Michelle Obama's Let's Move America initiative.

Cooperatives

Leta Mach, once director of communications and cooperative education for the National Cooperative Business Association and a community cooperative activist who is now a Greenbelt city councilmember, spoke on the legacy of cooperatives in Greenbelt. She said that as a part of the interview process for selection of original residents, applicants were asked about their awareness of cooperatives. Cooperatives are democratic businesses owned and controlled by the people who benefit from their services. The first coopera-

tives in this country were mutual insurance companies, with the first one established by Benjamin Franklin.

The new residents of Greenbelt assessed their needs and formed a number of co-ops. The first was to provide financial services, the Greenbelt Credit Union, organized on October 18, 1937. The second provided informational services, the Greenbelt Cooperator (now Greenbelt News Review). Edward Filene, the Boston Department Store entrepreneur, helped Greenbelters start a cooperative for the sale of consumer goods and services through financing by his foundation, with stores established in 1940. Early on, there were nursery school and kindergarten co-ops formed.

When the government sold off the Greenbelt property, the residents formed another co-op, now known as Greenbelt Homes, Inc., to buy most of the original homes. Insurance services were provided with a cooperative that was instrumental in establishing Nationwide Insurance. The newest Greenbelt co-op is the New Deal Cafe, organized to provide a coffee house type setting for the arts.

Newspaper

Mary Lou Williamson, editor, told of the legacy to the city of the Greenbelt News Review, which is also celebrating its 75th anniversary this year. She cited the paper's first editorial, which set forth the newspaper's goals. It is to promote the Greenbelt philosophy of life, which does not include among its goals wealth or prestige. The paper took seriously the effort to get the new town organized and going. It noted that the world was watching what happened here.

From news accounts in the early papers, transportation was a major concern for city residents. After World War II, the sale by the government of the city was a major concern. The paper changed its name from Greenbelt Cooperator to differentiate itself from the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative, known as the Co-op, the business that ran the town's stores. During the 1950s and 1960s, the paper struggled financially and had unstable leadership. That changed, Williamson said, when Al and Elaine Skolnik joined the staff. Al put the paper on a budget and served as editor. With their leadership, the paper achieved stability. Many staff of that era are still helping with the paper.

The biggest challenge to the paper occurred when a developer, Charles Bresler, sued the paper for libel and sought \$2,000,000 in damages on the basis of an account of a council meeting at which a resident objected to a proposal of Bresler, calling it "blackmail." Losing in the Maryland courts, the case went to the Supreme Court, where after the successful argument of the paper's attorney, Roger Clark, the court ruled in favor of the newspaper, declaring that the paper had been performing its legitimate function in reporting city council meetings. The judgment set broader limitations on the reporting of actions of public figures.

While the paper has been challenged by finances, competition from other newspapers and media and shortage of staff



PHOTO BY ERIC ZHANG

From right, the Greenbelt Museum's founding curator Ann Denkler, Education and Volunteer Coordinator Sheila Maffay-Tuthill, current curator Megan Searing Young, founder and volunteer Barbara Havekost and former curator Katie Scott-Childress speak about the past, present and future of the Greenbelt Museum.

before and faces these challenges still, Williamson said that the paper expected to be invited back to participate in the city's 100th anniversary celebration.

Art

Susan Abramowitz Rosenbaum, daughter of noted Greenbelt artist Benjamin Abramowitz and former vice-president of the Corcoran Gallery of Art, who is now an art consultant, first gave tribute to her friend since childhood, Barbara Simon, who has been Greenbelt's advocate for the arts for many years and was not able to participate in the panel. Rosenbaum told of the role her father played in the development of arts in the city after moving here in 1942. He formed the Greenbelt Arts Council and organized the first art exhibit in 1944 at the library. He also organized for many years the art shows held as part of the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival. She also noted that his friend and fellow Greenbelt resident Al Herling, organized the Prince George's Arts Council.

Interspersed in her talk were photos of paintings her father had done of scenes in Greenbelt.

Citizen Activism

The next subject was the legacy of citizen activism as represented by one of the newest citizen ventures, the Greenbelt Farmers Market. Greenbelt resident Joe Gareri and Kim Rush Lynch, part-time education and member outreach coordinator for the Co-op supermarket, told how over lunch at the New Deal Café, the two decided to organize the farmers market so that they would be able to walk to the market to buy fresh local produce. They viewed it as well as a citizen gathering place.

Gareri told how a group of citizens got together, formed an organization, established a board of directors, arranged to be incorporated and sought approval as a non-profit corporation. A grant was obtained from the Greenbelt Foundation to provide startup money for the project. The group also received help from the Co-op. Lynch said that permits needed to be obtained from both the city and county, insurance purchased and a handbook of policies developed. Volunteers help with publicity and setup each week.

The organization selects the vendors who sell at the market, seeking a variety of offerings of produce and products grown or produced within 100 miles of Greenbelt. This year, a holiday

market was run for the first time. Lynch hopes to expand to the sale of crafts as well. Soon to open, this will be the fifth season for the market.

Landmark Designation

Mary Konsoulis, a historian and editor with the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts and an adjunct faculty member in the School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation at the University of Maryland, spoke about research done by Maryland students in 2007 on preservation efforts in Greenbelt. While now designated a Historic Landmark site, one of less than 2,500 in the country, Greenbelt is not subject to regulation by county preservation restrictions as to building construction. Yet, the students found, much preservation work has been undertaken: by the housing cooperative, preservation easements provided by the city for the Community Center and the owner of original buildings at Roosevelt Center, the city's purchase of the movie theater to assure its preservation and restoration of the Mother and Child Statue.

Kathy Knepper, author of Greenbelt, Maryland: A Living Legacy of the New Deal, closed the session as its respondent. Noting the length of the meeting she concluded succinctly ending with this statement: "Greenbelt's continued success relies on the transmittal of the past into today and tomorrow.

Comment: Although the session broadly assessed those legacies of the New Deal planners that make Greenbelt the special place it is today, one significant aspect was omitted. The planners wrote a city charter for Greenbelt that provided for a model plan of government, the council-manager form, the first in the state. This government has successfully served as the community forum for the issues of the day, has provided many of the services that tie the community together and has served as backup support to many of the legacy activities described in the session.

Also, only slightly referred to, the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival, and its predecessors on Labor Day and Independence Day, have been citizen initiated endeavors to bring all parts of the community together, working together and playing together as a means of expressing their strong pride of citizenship and fellowship, values that the planners sought to instill in the life of Greenbelt.

Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

Friday, May 4 John Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then Round About plays acoustic/pop/rock from 8 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, May 5 begins with Bruce Kritt on classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. John Guernsey plays jazz and blues piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then Fractal Cat headlines with psychedelic rock from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Sunday, May 6 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. there will be a reception and book signing for New Deal Piano Man and multi-talented artist, author, painter, musician, musical playwright John Guernsey – come celebrate his new book and latest creative endeavor, "A February Song." Medium Gauge then plays folk/rock from 5 to 8 p.m.

Next Week

Tuesday, May 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. Jack Couldn't Make It performs blues and folk. From 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, May 9 13-year-old Casper Alex wows with R&B and acoustic pop rock. On Thursday, May 10 pianist Amy C. Kraft plays mid-day melodies from noon to 2 p.m., followed in the evening by an open microphone session with James and Martha from 7 to 9 p.m. On Friday, May 11 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Pianist John Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano, then Keltish follows with traditional Celtic tunes with a fun, modern twist from 8 to 11 p.m. The Saturday, May 12 schedule begins with a retrospective of the late, great Tom Wisner (1930-2010), a Chesapeake Bay watershed artist and educator, from 2 to 3 p.m. Bruce Kritt follows with classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m., then John Guernsey with up-tempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Greenbelt Tennis Intro Session

Saturday, May 5 from 9 a.m. to noon a variety of activities will promote tennis at the Braden Field Tennis Courts. Jointly sponsored by the Greenbelt Tennis Association (GTA) and city Recreation Department, the free event is open to all ages and skill levels.

Local tennis instructors will offer an assortment of drills and fun games for testing one's hitting skills. Junior and adult rackets will be available for use.

GTA members will provide information on tennis opportunities in the area. GTA membership is free for Greenbelters this year.

Help Plan the Future Use for Old Greenbelt Middle School Building

by Mary M. Harrison

All are invited for a fun, interactive, productive community planning event on Saturday, May 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Middle School. Suggestions for future uses of the old Greenbelt Middle School building will be voted on by the attendees for the City Council to consider. Many activities are planned for adults and children alike.

Music, Entertainment

At 9:30 a.m. the SityStars Double-Dutch group will perform for



Hip/Hop Gospel singer Adonis Cunningham will perform with the Restoration Center Choir in "The Restored" at the community planning event on Saturday.

30 minutes. From 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., George Kochell, instructor for the GAVA/GATE Animation Program, will demonstrate how to create animation. Those tempted are invited to jump in line at a 10:15 to 10:45a.m. Zumba dance demonstration. Zumba is the hot new Latin dance-inspired fitness workout that everyone is talking about.

From 11 to 11:30 a.m. an uplifting performance by the Restoration Center Choir's "The Restored" and Hip/Hop Gospel artist Adonis Cunningham will get listeners in high spirits just before Humberto Guzman and his Mariachi Band serenade the crowd from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. All performances will be held in the gymnasium.

Arts and Prizes

A DJ will bring some urban swag as music pumps through the air between performances. Then everyone will be eligible to win prizes in three separate raffle drawings. Raffle tickets will be distributed throughout the festival, with drawings held at 10:45 and 11:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

Five tickets will be issued for signing in, two tickets can be obtained at each of the information tables and 20 tickets will be provided to each person voting in the planning room. Prizes will include gift cards for nearby stores. (Ticket holders must be present at

the drawing to win.)

Be sure to stop by the button-making station where attendees and their kids can create unique works of art to decorate a jacket or bag. This activity will be hosted by the Greenbelt Recreation Department arts program.

There will also be food and drinks for purchase.

Building Tours

Guided tours of the building will be conducted by a local architect at 10 a.m., at 10:45 a.m. and finally, with a Spanish interpreter, at 11:30 a.m.

Attendees will have an opportunity to voice their preferences for how the building could be used as a community center by applying stickers to their choices on a large poster board with dozens of possible uses ("Community Planning - One Sticker at a Time").

Over 10 community groups will greet attendees with information to showcase their activities and invite future participation.

The Franklin Park shuttle bus service will take people to Greenbelt Middle School throughout the morning for the convenience of Franklin Park residents. Look for the shuttle bus with the festival sign.

The gala planning event, organized by the Greenbelt Middle School Task Force, is sponsored by the City of Greenbelt, Frank-



The Greenbelt SityStars, shown in their Labor Day Festival parade performance, will put on a show at the Greenbelt Middle School planning event on Saturday, May 5.



Humberto Guzman and his Mariachi Band, a regular feature at Beltway Plaza on alternate Sundays, will serenade the crowd at the GMS program Saturday.

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Greenbelt Symposium

At Greenbelt's Symposium A Personal Connection

by Virginia Beauchamp

Two all-day conferences took place last Friday, both dear to my heart and deepest interests – in fact, to my major areas of expertise. One occurred here in Greenbelt, our 75th Anniversary Symposium. Having lived here since 1957, I think I know a thing or two about this town.



Virginia Beauchamp

The other conference, at the University of Maryland, focused on women in the Civil War. This had been exactly the subject of my book, "A Private War: Letters and Diaries of Madge Preston, 1862-1867" (Rutgers University Press).

What in fact pulled me to the Greenbelt conference was the presence on the program of one of my outstanding students at the University – Jeremy Korr. As an undergraduate honors student, he had done a wonderful paper on the history of U.S. 1 from Bladensburg through College Park, a road beginning as a turn-pike trail and leading eventually

to Baltimore.

Later, as a graduate student, Korr wrote his doctoral dissertation in American Studies on the history of the Beltway. Among his thesis sources was longtime Greenbelter and our News Review colleague, the late Izzy Parker. As an employee of a highway construction company, Izzy had actually designed the Beltway interchange with Wisconsin Avenue.

It has been more than 20 years since Korr and I have seen one another. He moved off to California long, long ago, where currently he is Interim Dean of Arts & Sciences at Brandman University in Irvine.

Korr's topic at the Greenbelt symposium was "The Impact of the Parkway and Beltway" – a topic I think I know in my very bones but that he knows through every angle of superior research. It was truly a joy to meet again.

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Public Works Open House Aimed to Please the Kids

by Kayla Faria

Children sat in the driver's seat of a John Deere tractor, rode an aerial lift, ate hot dogs and pointed what looked like an oversized water gun at an orange construction sign on Saturday, April 21.

Little John McBride had been waiting for the day since last year, talking about it all year long. Each time his mother, Jaky, drove by the place, the young boy asked to go in.

It wasn't an amusement park. It wasn't a carnival. It was the Public Works annual open house.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Greenbelt residents were welcome to tour the facility on Crescent Road where the department's employees volunteered for the day, giving demonstrations, answering questions and overseeing the event.

"I got to go really high," one young boy bragged with excitement after a ride on the lift used to trim trees and fix lights in the city. "High as the sky!"

On the ground and inside the walls of the facility, John Lippert, chair of the city's advisory committee GreenACES, played a guessing game with children and adults before showing that rope lights are more energy-efficient than traditional holiday lights.

"The kids really get into that [and] adults remember more if the kid is learning," said Lippert's wife, Jane Young, explaining the organization's focus at the event. "Educating and encouraging to be as green as possible in ways that don't hurt your budget," she said.

Visitors were offered flyers and visual aids to help them learn more about recycling and sustainability.

Community Gardens

At the table adjacent to GreenACES, Maggie Cahalan presented background information on the Three Sisters Community Garden featured in three different areas of the city.

The garden grew with a grant from the Greenbelt Community Foundation. It serves as homage to the Native Americans who grew corn, beans and squash together so the plants could help each other grow, Cahalan said.

"Growing it in the smallest area possible [and making] use of all space and the layers you have," Cahalan said, was the

premise for the garden she called an "outdoor classroom."

Although education demonstrations were held inside, the learning did not stop at the door.

Children climbed on the backwing mower used on soccer fields, a Case backhoe for digging trenches and a front-end loader that releases salt on the snowy winter days. But the event meant more than that, according to Horticulture Supervisor Brian Townsend.

"It's real good for the kids [to] realize that there's more than the trash man picking the trash up," Townsend said.

Responsible for construction, maintenance and preservation of the city's physical condition, the Public Works Department also deals with recycling, street repair, landscaping, snow removal, recreation and park facilities, road signage and traffic lane marking, as noted on the city's website.

"They learned about the flowers we see across the city [and] machines that fix the road lights in the city [by] incorporating the play," Fatima Gendreau said of her son and daughter.

For young Chase Goddard, who enjoys playing with trucks, "Seeing [tractors] in person is definitely more impressive," his father, Eric Goddard, said.

It's for the Kids

"We try to make it for the kids," said Refuse/Recycling Supervisor William Smith. "Let them see what we have, tell them about some of the work that we do."

Tax dollars pay the department employees' salaries and the open house gives residents an opportunity to learn about what employees do, Smith said.

Gendreau noted how the facility has changed over the last six years when she last attended the open house.

"I'm really amazed by the work they did with the facility. [It's] more organized," she added, "for us adults to see better where the money is going."

Those who attended the open house could see the city grows plants in the heat-retaining greenhouse to save on costs and recycles an estimated 1,400 gallons of rainwater to irrigate the greenhouse flowers, Townsend said.

"We're interested in energy-saving, composting [and] recycling," Gendreau said, "and for the kids to have fun as well."



Horticulture Supervisor Brian Townsend escorts those who ride high in the cherry picker.



Recycling Coordinator Luisa Robles discusses what to recycle.



Small children delight in the big machines. If you know any of these participants in the photos above who have not been identified, send in their names.