

## State Delegates Summarize 2012 Legislative Session

by Thomas X. White

State Senator Paul Pinsky and Delegates Tawanna Gaines, Anne Healy and Justin Ross were on hand at the June 18 Greenbelt City Council meeting to provide council with reports on the 2012 Maryland General Assembly session as well as the special session held in May to complete work on the state budget.

Pinsky led off his report on the increase in income taxes adopted during the special session. He said only about 13.7 percent of Maryland filers will be subject to a tax increase (generally applying to single taxpayers with incomes in excess of \$100,000 and joint filers with combined income more than \$150,000). Pinsky noted that increased revenue will benefit most Maryland residents.

On the environmental front, Pinsky reported on adoption of a State Smart Growth plan for rural areas. He noted the adopted plan was not as strong as he would have liked. He also said the General Assembly authorized

increased funding for waste water treatment and implementation of storm water management fees at the local level. The governor and the legislature failed to reach agreement on additional casino sites and approval of table games in Maryland, Pinsky reported. (Subsequent to the June 18 meeting, a special committee appointed by Governor Martin O'Malley and General Assembly leaders also failed to reach agreement on new sites or the expansion of gaming in Maryland.)

### Education Issues

Healy reported generally on education program improvements and her disappointment that the county delegation failed to support the imposition of a fee to discourage the use of plastic bags at retail outlets in Prince George's County. She was also disappointed at the end-of-session "drama" and the failure to pass a budget. She noted there was always major debate about

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## July 1 Artful Afternoon Celebrates Vaudeville

The July Artful Afternoon program on Sunday, July 1 from 1 to 4 p.m. harks back to the age of vaudeville with a show, hands-on crafts and more. This free monthly family-friendly program and artists' open house is held at the Community Center.

From 1 to 3 p.m. there will be craft-making inspired by the experimental films of French filmmaker Georges Melies, the medium's first special-effects master. Special emphasis will focus on the imagery of Melies' 1904 "The Mermaid."

At 3 p.m. Hap-

penstance Theater will present Diz and Izzy Aster, Vaudeville's Late Bloomers, in a show at the Community Center gym. In the tradition of Burns & Allen and Ball & Arnaz, this offbeat couple bring their baggage to the stage in harmonies from Between-the-Wars and cheery songs of the Great Depression. A trio of performers including local legend Mark Jaster will offer slapstick comedy, ukulele and musical sawin' – a sweet little music hall show.

Immediately preceding the vaudeville show, a drawing will be held for two tickets to a performance of the winner's choice at the Greenbelt Arts Center (in-



PHOTO BY PAUL GILLIS

**Mark Jaster and Sabrina Mandell as Izzy and Diz Aster bring vaudeville to the Greenbelt Community Center in the tradition of Burns & Allen, Ball & Arnaz and Seeley & Fields.**

cluding the option of their acclaimed Alice in Wonderland reprise at the Capital Fringe Festival, which requires a Fringe button purchase). Enter the drawing at the Greenbelt Community Center Art Gallery now through 2:30 p.m. on July 1.

Greenbelt's Artful Afternoon also features a studio open house and sale with the Community Center's nine artists-in-residence from 1 to 4 p.m. Participants will be inspired by their work in many styles and media and may find unique gifts.

This month may be the last

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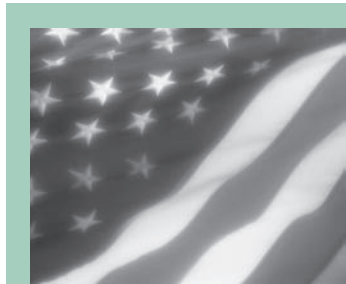
## For 75th, City Plans Bang-up July 4th Fireworks Celebration

The City of Greenbelt increased its budget for this year by \$4,000 to provide an extra special Independence Day fireworks display in celebration of the city's 75th Anniversary. Instead of setting off the rockets and ground displays with flares handled by Public Works employees, the city plans to have the fireworks electronically discharged in synchronization.

The Wednesday display will be at Buddy Attick Park on Crescent Road. The display will begin at dark (about 9 p.m.) and is to last 20 to 30 minutes. Those planning to watch at the park are advised to come early to claim a viewing spot and enjoy a variety of additional free programs during the afternoon and evening, including the playground or walking around the park's 1.25-mile wooded trail. Refreshments will be sold by Greenbelt's Babe Ruth Baseball, offering a variety of summer outdoor food for sale as part of a fund raiser.

### Concert

The Greenbelt Concert Band will take the bandstand from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. for a rousing performance of patriotic selections.



### Bad Weather?

Call Greenbelt Recreation Department Weather and Information Hotline for fireworks schedule adjustments.

301-474-0646

### Drum Circle

There will be a drum circle at the bandstand from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. People are invited to bring a percussion instrument of their own or use one provided to join in celebrating freedom and the interweaving of individual rhythms in this community drum circle. It will be facilitated by Katy Gaughan, back by popular demand.

She is a certified drum circle facilitator, a member of the

Rhythm Workers Union and drums in the bands Firewheel and Djesben.

Participants are reminded to observe all posted parking regulations and to cooperate with the Greenbelt Police Department, which will staff the events at the park. For everyone's safety, attendees may not bring fireworks (including sparklers) or alcohol into the park. All are asked to recycle using containers available in the park or by taking recyclables home with them.

Buddy Attick Park is located on Crescent Road near Kenilworth Avenue. In case of inclement weather call the Greenbelt Recreation Department Weather and Information Hotline at 301-474-0646 for schedule adjustments.

### Police Guidelines

The Greenbelt Police Department has issued guidelines to enhance holiday safety during the celebration at Buddy Attick Park. A tent with Police Department employees will be set up in the grassy area by the main parking lot to provide first aid

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## Council Gets Legislative Report, Closes Books on Budget Year

by Thomas X. White

At its meeting Monday, June 18 the Greenbelt City Council received reports from 22nd District legislative representatives (see separate story), completed end-of-fiscal year budget adjustments and acted on a range of business items before beginning an early summer sabbatical. Actions included approving proposed safe routes to Springhill Lake Elementary School improvements and a Fiscal Year 2013 Program Open

Space program proposal.

With the Maryland Municipal League (MML) convening June 24 through 27 in Ocean City and the upcoming July Fourth holiday, no council meetings are scheduled until July 9.

Most councilmembers will attend MML, where Mayor Judith Davis assumes presidency of the organization for 2012-13.

### Summer Intern

Following legislative reports, the mayor introduced Mark Perlman, who will serve Greenbelt this summer as an MML intern. The intern program is a partnership between MML and the University of Maryland's School of Public Policy.

Perlman will work closely with the city manager and city departments on a number of projects, including affordable housing approaches, "Complete Streets," Metro development and creation of a request for proposals relating to council's economic development initiative.

The second-year Master's candidate specializing in social policy and urban community development received a warm welcome from council.

### End-of-year Adjustments

As the June 30 end of the city's fiscal year approaches, minor adjustments in various funds

will be required to bring them in balance. Because no further meetings will take place in this fiscal year, the manager presented three ordinances dealing with required appropriations, requesting first reading and suspension of the rules so these ordinances could be adopted the same evening.

The first action was to make an appropriation of \$8,500 to the Greenbelt West Infrastructure Fund from the Fund Balance to provide for fuel monitoring system repairs at the police station. The Greenbelt West Infrastructure Fund was established to account for public improvements as a result of required contributions from Greenbelt West developers.

The second ordinance made a \$335,000 appropriation in the Special Projects Fund for purposes including \$205,000 for the new police radio system and \$75,000 to cover the expense of vehicle leasing applicable to the Metropolitan Area Drug Task Force. The city will be reimbursed for these expenses. In addition, \$25,000 had been escrowed for 75th Anniversary expenses which had not been included in the Fiscal Year 2012 expenditure budget. Finally,

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### What Goes On

**Sunday, July 1**  
 1 to 4 p.m., Vaudeville: An Artful Afternoon, Community Center  
**Tuesday, July 3**  
 7 p.m., Arts Advisory Board Meeting, Community Center  
 7:30 p.m., Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Community Center  
**Wednesday, July 4 – Independence Day**  
 5:45 to 6:45 p.m., Concert at Buddy Attick Lake Park Bandstand  
 7:15 to 8:30 p.m., Drum Circle  
 9 p.m., Fireworks

## Letters to the Editor

### Feels the Welcome

I am a brand new and proud Greenbelt resident.

Having lived and traveled throughout the US and beyond, I must say that I have never felt so welcomed as I have since arriving here.

Thank you to all the lovely people who have made me feel that I am truly home.

Aileen Kroll

### Thanks, New Deal For Sing-along

Last night's (June 20) community sing-along sponsored by Greenbelt Mamas and Papas at the New Deal Café was a success. Our thanks to the New Deal Café for hosting this fun event.

About 20 folks of all ages participated in singing a lot of kids' songs and active/movement songs, plus spirituals and folk songs. We learned new songs and even signed some (in American Sign Language) as we sang. Participants enjoyed the shakers and scarves, too, it appeared.

Perhaps we'll do it again in the near future . . . and thanks to all who participated.

Still Singing,

Li'l Dan Celdran  
and Danzson

On behalf of Greenbelt  
Mamas and Papas

### French Immersion, A Good GMS Fit

Last week an article appeared in the Greenbelt News Review sharing the possibility of the return of the French Immersion School to Greenbelt Middle School. The program was a part of the Greenbelt community from 1998 through 2001 when then Rogers Heights' seventh and eighth graders attended Greenbelt Middle School. In 2002 the elementary and middle school students were consolidated into one building at Robert Goddard French Immersion School in Seabrook. Today that facility houses two unique schools: Robert Goddard Montessori and Robert Goddard French Immersion. The French Immersion School is approximately 575 students from across the northern part of Prince George's County

including many Greenbelt elementary and middle school students.

Our alumni, staff and past and current families are long-time Greenbelt residents. We have been or are members of a vital, first class learning community that offers students and families many amazing local, national and international opportunities. We have been a Maryland Green School since 2006 and have worked hard to landscape and beautify our surroundings in Seabrook. We would absolutely want to do the same if we are granted the opportunity to move our school to the old Greenbelt Middle School site.

For the past three years our students have participated in the Greenbelt Labor Day parade, winning runner up in the category with a Citroen truck. Our after-school activities offered by both parents and faculty range from athletics like Zumba, STEP and belly dancing classes to international affairs such as model United Nations, to chess club. We would welcome a partnership with the Greenbelt community to both participate and support these types of activities for our students.

Provided the board grants us the wonderful opportunity to move forward into the old Greenbelt Middle School as residents of Greenbelt and members of the RGFI community, we would like to explore even more opportunities to work with the community to share opportunities and space at the school.

Susan Brown, former Robert Goddard Technology Teacher;

Sandrine Boukabara, current Robert Goddard Grade 1 Teacher; Catherine Francoeur, Greenbelt resident, mother of two RGFI graduates; Martha Kristy, Robert Goddard Instructional Program Coordinator

### Supports GMS French Immersion Move

Last week's Greenbelt News Review covered the city's recent public hearing regarding old Greenbelt Middle School (GMS) as well as information on the county school system's plans for the school and adjacent bus lot. For a detailed memo provided by

the city manager prior to the public hearing, see the Greenbelters post on June 9.

I firmly believe that both the city and the county will be well served by relocating the French Immersion program into old GMS. Operating it there along with the new middle school would form an attractive academic campus. This should enable cost savings for all taxpayers due to shared maintenance and security as well as enabling growth for a well-regarded specialty school in our area. Even without moving the bus lot, this would be a net positive for all residents whether they have children in school or not.

Utilizing old GMS as a school in its entirety, both the historic and the more recent portions, will enable the school system to focus on much-needed repairs to the building instead of conversion costs or demolition of unneeded space. The relocation of the adjacent bus lot would enable expansion of playing fields available to the schools and likely local residents, as well as removing an unattractive feature along Greenbelt Road.

The reason I oppose expanding city programs at old GMS is simple. We face a long list of major expenditures that is likely to stretch the city budget in coming years. These include paying off cost overruns from the Public Works building, state-mandated dam repairs plus dredging of both Greenbelt Lake (Buddy Attick Park) and Greenbrooke Lake (Schrom Hills Park), a major renovation of the movie theater, a new roof for the Aquatic and Fitness Center, along with numerous vehicles for both Public Works and public safety. Look for a capital projects worksession on the city calendar in early August if you want more insight on these coming costs.

Christopher Shuman

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### OLD GREENBELT THEATRE WEEK OF JUNE 29

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#### SUNDAY

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### News Review Deadline Holiday Change

This year, with the Fourth of July on a Wednesday when staff will be unable to do normal final preparations for the early Thursday scheduled press time at the printer, the deadline must move back by a day to Monday, July 2.

All content for the July 5 issue – ads, photos and articles must reach us no later than Monday, July 2 at 10 p.m. Earlier is fine. Content received later than Monday will have to wait until the July 12 issue. Please assure our readers have all news needed in time for inclusion in the paper.

### Corrections

In the front page article last week on council's stakeholder meeting with Greenbelt Homes, Inc., (GHI) there were some errors according to Eldon Ralph, GHI general manager.

The August 12 Roosevelt Center co-op event "Co-ops: Building a Better Greenbelt" is being held by the Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance, of which GHI is just one of seven members.

Concerning the city proposal to remove two small playgrounds within GHI (12 Court Hillside and 2 Court Laurel Hill) and build one multi-age playground requires approval by GHI.

GHI has not been dumping onto the forest preserve.

GHI did not accept the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission's final proposal for infrastructure upgrade to water piping in GHI's masonry units that would have made GHI responsible for 21,000 feet of extra pipe at great maintenance cost.

The News Review regrets the errors.

# Community Events

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition "Food and Friendship" program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals 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 July 2 to 6 are below.

Monday – Orange juice, broccoli and cheese chicken with gravy, mashed sweet potatoes, seasoned peas, fruit cocktail.

Tuesday – Apple juice, pulled turkey BBQ, baked beans, corn, fresh peach.

Wednesday – Fourth of July holiday, all sites closed.

Thursday – Cranberry juice, minestrone soup with saltines, tuna salad on wheat pita, cucumber salad, fresh apple.

Friday – Apple juice, baked pollock with lemon butter sauce, wild rice, broccoli and cauliflower, fresh orange.

## GHI Notes

Thursday, June 28, 7:15 p.m., Unauthorized Rental Task Force – Board Room

Wednesday, July 4, Office Closed – For Emergency Maintenance Service call 301-474-6011

Friday, July 6, Office Closed – For Emergency Maintenance Service call 301-474-6011

Tuesday, July 10, 8:30 a.m., Yard Line Committee Meeting – GHI Lobby

Wednesday, July 11, 7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee Meeting – Board Room

Thursday, July 12, 7 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting – Board Room

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

## Labor Day Festival Volunteers Needed

The 2012 Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee is searching for new volunteers for two special positions – parade coordinator and a mini-entertainment coordinator.

Interested persons are asked to email [laborday@greenbelt.com](mailto:laborday@greenbelt.com).

## At the Library

### Adult Programs

Tuesday, July 3, 7 p.m.: African Diaspora historian and author/lecturer Carroll R. Gibbs presents an audio-visual lecture for adults and older children on "Warriors with Words: How the Black Press & Freedom Narrative Fought Slavery & Oppression" as part of the ongoing series of audio-visual lectures on African American history and culture.

### Storytimes

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

Wednesday, July 4: The library will be closed for Independence Day.

Thursday, July 5, 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.

For more information on any of these programs or events visit the library, call 301-345-5800 or visit [www.pgcmls.info](http://www.pgcmls.info).

## Women Composers Focus of SAGE Class

Registration is open for a tuition-free Prince George's Community College Seasoned Adults Growing Educationally (SAGE) class to be held at the Greenbelt Community Center starting Monday, July 16, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on "Music from the Daughters of Eve: Women as Composers."

The focus will be on the lives and music of women composers mainly in the 19th and 20th centuries, such as– Fanny Mendelssohn, Clara Schumann. Most are classical though there will be female jazz, ragtime, folk, Broadway, electronic and country composers too.

The class will be led by John Bowen, the grandson of a concert pianist who has offered earlier courses on composers of the romantic era, women and the Smithsonian's Steinway Diary Project. Bowen volunteers at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History and is a researcher on the Steinway Diary Project.

SAGE classes are limited to those age 60 and older; a college registration fee applies. Pre-registration is required. For more information call 301-397-2208.

## Dinner Theater Trip Tickets Available

The Recreation Department trip to the Rainbow Dinner Theater in Paradise, Pa. for "Things My Mother Taught Me" on Thursday, July 19 still has seats available. The bus will leave from the library parking lot at 8:45 a.m. and return at 5:45 p.m.

The new romantic comedy is about Olivia and Gabe as they move into their first apartment together halfway across the country from their parents. Imagine their surprise when everybody shows up to help them! The parents' words of wisdom come back to haunt them when the talk turns to love and life's big decisions. Funny and touching, the show makes audiences laugh out loud and fall in love all over again.

There is a fee and pre-registration by no later than Thursday, July 5 is required. The fee includes transportation, the show, lunch and all gratuities. For details call 301-397-2208.

## Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club does not take a summer vacation but there will not be a meeting on July 4. Instead, we will honor our national holiday.

On July 11 the speaker will be George Denney, who will discuss his book, which has a chapter about Greenbelt.

We were saddened to learn of the death of Ed Griffin, a long-time member of the club. He was living with his brother in Pennsylvania.

Enjoy the summer weather – stay cool and drink lots of water. Keep coming to club meetings on Wednesdays.

## Café Bellydancers Show with Ishtar

Ishtar will perform with five bellydancers and four female musicians on Thursday, July 5 at 7 p.m. at the New Deal Café. Ishtar Vintage Bellydance Band turns on its ear the long-standing tradition that men are the musicians and drummers while women dance. The group fuses folk songs of the Mediterranean with Western musical principles. Reservations are recommended at 301-474-5642.

## Paper-based Art At Courthouse

Paper and Color, presented by University of Maryland University College and 'Art at the Courthouse,' runs through July 23 at the U.S. District Courthouse (6500 Cherrywood Lane). There will be a reception Thursday, June 28 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The exhibition features works by Gladys Goldstein and Preston Sampson, artists known for their innovative use of paper and color in figurative and abstract creations.

## Community Clinic Council Briefing

On July 16 City Council will hold a worksession at 8 p.m. with Community Clinic, Inc. regarding its interest in expanding into the former Giant Learning Center in Franklin Park. The nonprofit community clinic provides primary care and women, infants and children Nutrition Services (WIC) and other health-related services to medically under-served persons. Started in 1969 the clinic now serves 45,000 children and adults in Montgomery and Prince George's County.

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July 9 – Incorruptible (Auditions)  
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# Obituaries

## John A. Foster

Longtime Greenbelter John "Jack" A. Foster, 80, died on June 20, 2012 of multiple injuries and heart disease. He would have been 81 on July 2.

The Fosters came to Greenbelt in 1974 and bought their home on Rosewood Drive. He was in the U.S. Army for 23 years and then worked at NSA. There were few jobs available after the war so he decided to attend Prince George's Community College, learned electronics and became a computer programmer. He worked for the Army Research Lab in Adelphi.

The Fosters attended Greenbelt Community Church. Later they became members of St. Andrews Episcopal Church in College Park. He was head of the DeMolay.

Mr. Foster volunteered for Boys and Girls Club activities, the Scouts (he became a Scoutmaster) and other youth activities.

A caring, friendly and outgoing person he helped others when he could. A heart attack in 1995 slowed him down but he continued to volunteer for community projects especially for young people's activities. Although he worked in pain, he refused to give up.

He is survived by Helen R. Foster, his wife of 43 years; sons Ted John Foster, Sterling Scott Foster and John Alexander Foster, IV; daughter Juli Anastasia Foster-Frey; sister Ruth Houser and brother James L. Foster; his grandchildren Michelle, Philip, Rachel, Brian, Eric, Maya and Zander; great-grandchildren Noah, Grady, Daniel and Mary.

A funeral service will be held at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 4912 College Avenue, College Park on Saturday, June 30 at 11 a.m. with The Reverend Carol Jablonsky officiating. Interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery on Thursday, July 5. Arrangements were by Borgwardt Funeral Home. After the Arlington National Cemetery ceremony Borgwardt will provide transportation to family and very close friends to Calvert House, Riverdale Park, for a buffet luncheon.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church or the Heart Institute of Washington Hospital Center in honor of the exemplary care given Mr. Foster by Dr. Samer Najjar.

## Drop-in Soccer Is Sunday Evenings

Greenbelt drop-in soccer is looking for new players of all skill levels to kick the ball around in a fun, friendly, informal atmosphere. Meet at the Northway ballfields at 5:30 p.m. on Sundays.

For more information email JDBlockhead@yahoo.com or send a blank email to Greenbeltpickup-Subscribe@yahoo.com to get on the email list for updates on times and locations.

## Host Families Needed For Exchange Students

ASSE International Student Exchange Programs is seeking local host families for boys and girls 15 to 18 years old from a variety of countries around the world coming for the upcoming high school year or semester. Academically selected and conversant in English, they are seen as bright, curious and excited to learn about America by living as part of a family while sharing their own culture and language.

Students arrive shortly before school begins and return at the end of the school year or semester. Each student is fully insured, brings his or her own personal spending money and expects to contribute to household responsibilities as well as being included in normal family activities and lifestyles.

For more information call Peggy Duhamel at 540-830-0182 or the ASSE Eastern Regional office at 800-677-2773.

## Our Neighbors

Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death on June 23, 2012, of longtime resident Ed Griffin, who was staying with his brother in Pennsylvania. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Condolences to Helen Foster and family on the death of long-term Rosewood Drive resident John (Jack) Foster on June 20, 2012.

Congratulations to Emma Olsen of Rosewood Drive, who received a degree in political science from Niagara University in New York.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We'd especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Franklin Park). To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at newsreview@verizon.net or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

— Kathleen McFarland

## Patuxent Refuge Weekend Programs

On Saturday, June 30 from 8:15 to 10:15 a.m. there will be a bird walk for all ages at the North Tract of the Patuxent Wildlife Refuge. Search for birds in several refuge habitats on this guided hike. Field guides and binoculars are recommended.

### Herp Search

On Saturday, June 30 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the North Tract join a naturalist on a guided search for reptiles and amphibians. Wear good walking shoes.

### Night Hike Sat.

Join a night hike on Saturday, June 30 from 8 to 9:30 p.m. at Patuxent National Wildlife Refuge for ages 5+. Discover the nighttime world of the refuge while looking and listening for nocturnal animals on this guided walk.

The North Tract is located on Rt. 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 32.

For more information call 301-497-5766.

## Farmers Market Tent On Biking July 8

On Sunday, July 8 there will be a bike information tent at the Farmers Market from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Staff and volunteers from Proteus Bike Shop will have maps of local trails and bike routes, commuting and safety tips general information on local cycling opportunities and lively discussion. They hope to also bring their pedal-powered cargo bike with on-board blender.

For details call 301-441-2928.

## McCrinkle Exhibit At Nat'l Gallery

An exhibit at the National Gallery of Art's West Building celebrates Joseph F. McCrinkle's legacy with 71 drawings from his collection spanning five centuries including watercolors by John Singer Sargent. The exhibit continues through November 25.

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The poor in your midst are My trust; guard ye My trust, and be not intent only on your own ease.  
(Baha'u'llah)

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Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.  
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and to help with lost and missing children.

**No Alcohol/Fireworks**

Do not bring alcoholic beverages to the park. Alcohol is strictly prohibited in all city-owned parks and violators will be subject to arrest.

All pets must be on a leash.

The guidelines note that fireworks are deadly, dangerous and illegal. All forms, including firecrackers, snakes, sparklers and bottle rockets are prohibited by law in Greenbelt and throughout Prince George's County. Those found in possession of fireworks will be subject to arrest with penalties including fines up to \$1,000 and/or six months in jail.

For safety and security reasons, people carrying coolers and packages into the park may be asked to have contents of their packages inspected.

**Restricted Parking**

The parking lot is reserved primarily for handicapped and elderly individuals. Vehicles must have handicapped or elderly persons on board. Handicapped tags and/or placards will not necessarily be required nor will they guarantee a parking space.

Temporary "No Parking" signs will be posted on streets surrounding the park. Vehicles parked in these areas will be towed.

Because of ongoing construction and loose soil, motorists should not plan to park alongside Kenilworth Avenue to watch the fireworks. Those parking adjacent to Kenilworth should make sure the car is completely off the roadway or risk being required to move. The roadway must remain clear for passage of emergency vehicles.

**Traffic Regulations**

Fireworks will begin at dusk (approximately 9 p.m.) and last 20 to 30 minutes. When they are over, exiting traffic will be redirected outbound on Crescent Road toward Kenilworth Avenue. Traffic from Kenilworth Avenue will not be allowed onto Crescent Road until most cars have left the area.

Motorists exiting the Beltway will not be allowed to proceed north on Kenilworth Avenue. I-95 traffic will be directed onto southbound Kenilworth Avenue. Motorists heading for the Old Greenbelt area can turn left onto Greenbelt Road and make another left onto either Lakecrest Drive or Southway.

If the fireworks begin on time and no problems develop, these temporary changes in traffic patterns should last no longer than from about 9:45 to 10:30 p.m.

Registered boaters on the lake, for safety reasons, will need to remain behind the temporary buoys that will be in place. Boats not registered with the city will not be allowed on the lake.

**Calls for Information**

Residents are asked not to call the police dispatcher to inquire "What time are the fireworks?" or the effect any inclement weather might have. Police telephone lines must be kept open for those with emergencies or for other police-related concerns. Those needing additional information for any recreational event should call the Greenbelt Recreation Department at 301-474-0646.



# City Information

**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, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability and Public Safety Advisory Committee  
**For information call 301-474-8000.**

**City of Greenbelt BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS** are invited to provide materials for the next round of **WELCOME TO GREENBELT PACKETS.**

**Five hundred welcome packets will be assembled on July 12th at 6pm at the Greenbelt Municipal Building. Volunteers needed to help. If you would like to include your pamphlets, coupons, etc. in these packets, please bring them to the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road by July 9th. For more information contact Beverly Palau, 240-542-2026 or bpalau@greenbeltmd.gov**

**MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 2-6**

Tuesday, July 3 at 7 pm, **ARTS ADVISORY BOARD**, the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Tuesday, July 3 at 7:30pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD** at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, On the Agenda: Greenbelt Station – Reconsideration of Preliminary Plan of Subdivision, Traffic Conditions and Pedestrian & Bicycle Master Plan – Updated Draft and Next Steps

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

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**JULY FOURTH FANFARE**

**Wednesday, July 4th**  
**Buddy Attick Park**

**Tune your car radio to 88.3 FM to hear the musical sound track for the fireworks.**

Celebrate Independence Day with friends and neighbors at Buddy Attick Park! Bring a picnic! Walk the lake trail! Enjoy the playground!

- Starting at noon, Greenbelt Babe Ruth will be at the lake serving up some great food as part of a fund raiser. They will have: hot dogs, nachos, snow cones, hamburger/cheeseburger, bbq chicken tacos, bbq chicken on a stick, grilled corn on the cob, watermelon slices, water and sodas and ice cream.
- Greenbelt Concert Band playing 5:45 pm - 6:45 pm at the bandstand.
- Drum Circle: 7:15 pm - 8:30 pm at the band stand, facilitated by Katy Gaughan as in the past. The public may listen or participate. They may bring their own percussion instruments, or use those provided by the facilitator. All ages. No experience required.
- Fireworks: approximately 9 pm (as soon as it is sufficiently dark).

**PLEASE LEAVE YOUR PETS AT HOME!**

**FIREWORKS ARE DAMAGING TO THEIR HEARING AND CAN MAKE THEM VERY NERVOUS.**

In case of inclement weather, the public should call the Recreation Department hotline for recorded information: 301-474-0646.

**Fresh Produce Distribution Date Changed!**

The June 28th Produce Distribution has been canceled and rescheduled for Thursday, July 5 at Green Ridge House - 22 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, Md from 2:00-3:30pm. Please enter on the right side of the building and do not park in the lot. Volunteers will be on site to assist with loading your car. Please bring a cart or luggage to make transporting your items easier. Green Ridge House residents will have their produce delivered to their door by 1pm. For more details please contact Courtney Swanson at 301-412-2480.

**Greenbelt CARES Summer Educational Enrichment Program (tutoring camp!)**

A tutoring program for children completing grades 2-6\*  
\*Children in grades 8-12 may assist as tutors and earn community service credit hours

Monday afternoons, from July 2 – July 30, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Springhill Lake Recreation Center Clubhouse, 6101 Cherrywood Lane,

A summer tutoring experience for students completing grades 2-6. The children are split into groups (2nd and 3rd graders are together, 3rd and 4th graders are together and the 6th graders work by themselves). The schedule: 1 – 2pm English grammar and writing skills; 2 – 3pm Reading/literature; 3 – 4pm Math

This cost of the entire program is \$15, which covers the cost of instructional materials.

If you have additional questions, please call 301-345-6660 ext. 2016

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

City Offices will be closed Wednesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating.

**REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE**

Week of July 4

- Monday Route – Collected Monday
- Tuesday Route – Collected Tuesday
- Wednesday Route – Collected Thursday
- Thursday Route – Collected Friday

There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, July 6th.

**VAUDEVILLE: AN ARTFUL AFTERNOON**

Sunday, July 1 from 1-4pm  
Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd

Hark back to the age of vaudeville with a show, hands-on crafts, and more. Activities are kid-friendly and open to all.

1-3pm: make crafts inspired by the experimental films of French filmmaker Georges Melies, which were screened at vaudeville houses of an earlier era still.

3pm: Happenstance Theater presents Diz and Izzy Aster. In the tradition of Burns & Allen, Ball & Arnaz, this offbeat couple brings their baggage to the stage in harmonies from Between-the-Wars and cheery songs of the Great Depression.

ALSO: ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE OPEN HOUSE AND MUSEUM TOURS.

For more information visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts) or call 240-542-2057.

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\$50,000 was expended in FY12 on the police computer system upgrade that had been originally budgeted in Fiscal Year 2011 but not spent.

### Funds Re-appropriation

The third action was a resolution related to re-appropriation of funds within departments in the General Fund. This resolution is necessary to meet the City Code requirement that the expenditure budget for each functional area in the General Fund (i.e., Public Safety, Public Works, etc.) exceed actual expenditures every fiscal year.

The manager noted this accountability sometimes requires funds to be transferred from functional areas in which savings were achieved to functional areas that may have exceeded their adopted budget. The resolution lists specific transfers in or out for these respective department accounts.

For FY12 it appears that the Public Safety and Public Works Departments bailed out General Government, CARES, Recreation, Miscellaneous and Non-Departmental with total transfers of \$300,000.

### Chevy's

Council took no position on a routine transfer application for a Class B(BLX) Beer, Wine and Liquor License for use by Chevy's Fresh Mex restaurant at Greenway Center. The transfer is essentially from the current Chevy's to a new Chevy's entity at the same location.

### School Safety

Council considered and approved plans for proposed Springhill Lake Elementary School Safe Routes to School (SRTS) improvements. These improvements, supported by a federal grant under the Maryland SRTS program, will involve a variety of improvements to Springhill Lake Drive in front of the school.

With a city match of \$15,000, the project will make about \$150,000 in safety, signage and crosswalk improvements in the area. The city's Advisory Planning Board provided a report on the project but did not take a position.

Councilmember Silke Pope expressed concern about the timing of the project and possible construction taking place during the school year. The project is estimated to take away about 17 street parking spaces on Springhill Drive but council felt there were sufficient available spaces in the area.

### Open Space Program

Council considered and approved a report from Assistant Director of Planning Terri Hruby regarding the city's Fiscal Year 2013 Program Open Space (POS) Annual Program. A city submittal was due to the National Capital Park & Planning Commission by June 25.

The city has been notified it will not be receiving any FY13 POS funding but will receive about \$41,000 in previously approved POS funds.

From the city's unencumbered fund balance of \$145,904.13,

staff has proposed that FY13 include Youth Center gym floor replacement (new development project), 12 Court Hillside Playground Improvement Project and Buddy Attick Park Master Plan Improvements.

### Stormwater

Hruby also reported to council on proposed new county legislation (CB-40-2012) to establish a Stormwater Management Retrofit Program. If enacted, the program would offer financial incentives in the form of rebates to individuals, businesses and nonprofit organizations that install "green" stormwater management techniques. The program would be available starting in Fiscal Year 2014 for at least five targeted communities in the county.

Based on suggested amendments by Councilmember Leta Mach relating to broadening the scope of the program to include cooperatives and not-for-profit organizations, council approved support for the legislation and agreed that the city convey its interest in being chosen as one of the five targeted communities.

### GATE Rent

Council direction was requested on the imposition of a rental fee for the Community Center space (792 sq. ft.) that has been used for operations of Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATE) since the center opened in 1996. The manager's information indicated that, at a recent meeting, council had asked that the issue of rent for the space be placed on a council agenda for discussion. Staff provided a brief analysis of rents applied for other spaces in the Community Center.

After introducing the topic, Davis moved that a rental fee be applied to the GATE space at the same level as that charged for the Greenbelt News Review. There was no second to the mayor's motion.

Mach said that more background on the history and range of rental information would be helpful and after further discussion and comments from the audience, council agreed to defer the question.

### Legislation

One item of business was consideration of Greenbelt's submission to the MML of statewide legislative action requests. Staff recommended the city submit a request related to speed camera enforcement, specifically modifying the requirement for a police officer to review and certify speed camera citations by authorizing a trained civilian to perform the function. Another item was to support again the Plastic Bag Fee Bill. If enacted the Bill would allow counties and municipalities to impose a fee on plastic bags dispensed at grocery stores and other retail outlets. The last request would provide for alternative revenue authority for municipalities. Greenbelt obtains 60 percent or more of its revenue from the real estate tax, making it subject to periodic sharp declines in property valuations.

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anything involving a "fee."

Gaines reported on efforts a little more close-to-home, namely legislative efforts to persuade the Maryland Department of Transportation to select a site in Baltimore for locating a proposed CSX Intermodal freight facility to serve the Port of Baltimore. This issue is of concern to Greenbelt since one site is in nearby Beltsville and the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center.

Gaines also reported on her ongoing efforts to secure adequate funding for Maryland Youth Service Bureaus (YSB), such as Greenbelt CARES. She said it has been difficult dealing with the Maryland agency handling YSBs over the past several years but is hopeful that things will improve.

Ross reported on his efforts to secure passage of the Civil Marriage Protection Act which will permit marriages by persons of the same sex; changes in income tax reporting procedures, which would mean about \$70 million more in state aid to Prince George's County schools; a new installment tax payment provision for seniors who own their homes free and clear of a mortgage; and his strong support for legislation that would require students to remain in school until they are 18.

### Ballot Issues

The delegation reminded people there will likely be three major ballot issues associated with the upcoming November elections.

Two actions of the legislature may be petitioned to referendum if the opponents secure sufficient signatures. One is the Civil Marriage Protection Act and the other is the Maryland Dream Act which provides reduced tuition for certain illegal immigrants at Maryland colleges and universities.

The third ballot would require public officials to leave public office when they are found guilty of a criminal offense. Current law allows such individuals, such as former County Executive Jack Johnson and his wife Leslie, who were criminally charged, to remain in office until they are sentenced.

Assistant City Manager David Moran followed the legislators with a brief report to council on the city's legislative program. He provided a scorecard for council on the 13 pieces of legislation where council had taken a position this year. Of the 10 bills supported by the city, only three were enacted into law.

One was legislation requiring apartment and condominium projects with 10 or more units to implement a recycling program by October 2014. The other two bills would prohibit retail alcohol delivery in Prince George's County and require family services agencies to use only evidence-based, home-visiting programs for improving parent and child outcomes.

In the three cases where the city opposed suggested legislation, their success was better. Two bills that would allow commercial signs within state high-

way rights-of-way never made it out of committee. The other failed bill related to telecommunication taxes and the establishment of a reform commission dealing with cable telecommunications.

City opposition was based on the possibility that such legislation could impact cable franchises within the city. The city's and MML concerns were addressed by deleting references to public access, education and government fees and the inclusion of a municipal representative on the proposed commission.

## Exhibit Displays Historic Trees

Now through November 16 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily the U.S. National Arboretum presents an outdoor panel exhibit, "Land-slide: Every Tree Tells a Story." Discover and appreciate the nation's horticultural heritage at this exhibit of endangered trees of historic and cultural significance from around the country.

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chance to view the Greenbelt Museum's current exhibition at the Community Center, "Green from the Start: A History of Gardening in Greenbelt." For more information about City of Greenbelt art programs, visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts) or call 240-542-2057.

## Kids' Refuge Program On Metamorphosis

On Saturday, June 30 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. kids age 5 to 7 are invited to participate in a Patuxent National Wildlife Refuge program on metamorphosis.

Ever want to change into someone else: metamorphose? Many animals do just that, from frogs to dragonflies. Learn about them in this interactive interpretive program at the Visitor Center located on Powder Mill Road between B-W Pkwy. and Rt. 197.

For more information call 301-497-5766.



## VOLUNTEER HELP WANTED: GHI MEMBERS TO SERVE ON A TASK FORCE ORGANIZING THE 2012 MEMBER PICNIC

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[mgmtoffice@ghi.coop](mailto:mgmtoffice@ghi.coop)  
or call 301-474-4161, ext. 148.  
Please respond by July 16.



Greenbelt News Review  
75th Anniversary Dinner  
6 p.m. Sunday, November 18, 2012



Greenbelt Marriott  
6400 Ivy Lane, Greenbelt, MD

MENU Selection  
(choose 1 entrée per person)  
\_\_\_ Chicken with Mushrooms  
\_\_\_ Grilled Salmon with Soy & Ginger Sauce  
\_\_\_ Vegetable Napoleon  
Cost: \$50 per person

Amount Enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ person(s)

All reservations must be made **no later than October 25, 2012**. No refunds or cancellations after that date.

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E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

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Greenbelt News Review  
Greenbelt Community Center  
15 Crescent Road  
Greenbelt, MD 20770

To receive your tickets by mail, send your check and this form with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the above address. Tickets may also be purchased at the News Review office in the Community Center on Tuesdays, 2-4 p.m. The Marriott Hotel is reserving a small number of rooms at a discounted rate for those who wish to spend Sunday night at the hotel. Contact the Marriott Hotel at 301-441-3700 to make your own reservations.

**Celebrate the best of Greenbelt  
with your neighbors.**

A Review

# Alight Dance and City Museum Highlight the City's Women

by Yagana Shah

Visitors were taken back to the founding years of Greenbelt on Sunday, June 24 during a performance of "Hometown Heroes: 75 Years of Extraordinary Greenbelt Women" at the Greenbelt Museum.

Attendees were greeted by a tour guide dressed in a 30s-style cotton dress, with hair curled, cheeks blushed and lips noticeably rouged. Angella Foster, artistic director of the alight dance theater, who began planning the performance nearly a year ago, said she sent the dancers hair and makeup tutorials to mimic the era. Foster said she made about half the dancers' costumes.

Hair, makeup, costumes and shoes were all meant to be reminiscent of 1937-39 when Greenbelt was founded.

The performance-led tour took visitors through scenes of daily home life in Greenbelt during the era, with a solo dancer performing in most scenes and the entire group coming together for a dance performance in the outdoor scene.

Foster said all performers had some dance background. Their

experience ranged from ballroom and flamenco to ballet and modern contemporary. "We're an eclectic bunch," said Foster.

The tour started in the yard with a housewife hanging laundry on the clothesline. Most scenes were narrated with an audio recording of interviews of Greenbelt residents, adding insight to the surroundings. The tour took visitors through a day in the life of a housewife as she performed household chores and looked after her infant.

The dancer brought each scene to life, performing a sequence of rhythmic movements and bringing character to the simplest household tasks. From dusting to dishwashing, each scene was illustrated beautifully by careful movements of the dancer. The museum house provided an ideal set, complete with 30s-era household items such as a radio, antique telephone and even a bar of Palmolive soap.

With six dancers participating, no two performances were the same. In each performance,

a different dancer took the lead role, putting her own personality into the character.

**Bringing History Alive**

"It's an interesting approach to bring history alive by making it personal and bringing real people into it . . . Angella has an amazingly creative mind. She does a meld of theater and dance together in an original way," said attendee Penny Martin. "The amount of vision it takes to create a performance in the space and the way she used the museum as a background worked really well," Martin said.

Megan Searing Young, curator and director of historical programs at the Greenbelt Museum, said, "We knew it would create a certain buzz and it has!"

Future performances are scheduled for July 15 and 22 at 1, 1:30, 2 and 2:30 p.m. Each performance tour can accommodate only six to eight people, so reserving tickets ahead of time is encouraged. Tickets can also be purchased on the day of the performance at the museum.

## Greenbelt Soccer Alliance Girls Win in Final PG Tournament



PHOTO BY JENNIFER BROWN

The Greenbelt Soccer Alliance Grade 3-4 girls' team participated in the Prince George's Soccer I League final tournament on June 9, scoring victories over both other girls' teams in their division. Greenbelt fielded all-girls teams at the third, fourth, fifth, sixth and high school levels this season. First row, from left: Dinah Cohen, Jasmyn Brown, Aaliyah Underwood, Louisa Ellison and Stephanie Whiteman. Second row: Madison Telfer, Karriane Zevallos, Emely Ardon, Zion Albright, Jailyn Brown and Brianna McGregor. Last row: coaches David Whiteman and Michael Cohen.

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# Police Blotter

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## DWI/DUI

June 17, 4:27 a.m., Greenbelt Road at Kenilworth Avenue. A 52-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol-related violations, among other charges, after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

## Burglary

June 15, 4:39 a.m., Roosevelt Center. An attempted burglary occurred.

June 16, 11:41 a.m., 9100 block Springhill Court. An attempted burglary occurred.

June 16, 11:21 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. An attempted burglary occurred.

June 17, 4:34 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. Electronics were taken.

## Vehicle Crime

June 19, 6000 block Spring-

hill Drive. A 20-year-old man with no fixed address was arrested and charged with theft under \$1,000 after taking tools from a vehicle. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

June 17, 7600 block Greenbelt Road. A purse and wallet were taken.

June 19, 6000 block Springhill Drive. A 20-year-old man with no fixed address was arrested and charged with theft under \$1,000 after taking tools from a vehicle. The suspect was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

June 17, 6000 block Springhill Drive. Door locks were damaged.

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## Kids' Health Insurance July Open Enrollment

The Maryland Insurance Administration has announced that July is open enrollment season for child-only health insurance policies.

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CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield: 1-800-544-8703; [www.carefirst.com](http://www.carefirst.com). July 31 application deadline, with coverage starting August 1.

Kaiser: 1-800-245-3181; <http://individual-family.kaiserpermanente.org/healthinsurance/>. Applications completed by July 15 for coverage starting August; by July 31 for coverage starting August 16.

The Maryland Insurance Administration provides "A Consumer Guide to Health Insurance" at [www.mdinsurance.state.md.us/sa/docs/documents/consumer/publicnew/consumerguidetohealthinsurance.pdf](http://www.mdinsurance.state.md.us/sa/docs/documents/consumer/publicnew/consumerguidetohealthinsurance.pdf) or by calling 1-800-492-6166 to request a copy.

## Patuxent Refuge Extends Hours

The Patuxent Research Refuge in Laurel will extend hours for public visitation again this summer. Through August 11, the North Tract entrance to the Refuge (off Rt. 198 east of Laurel) will be open from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday evenings.

The walking trails of the Refuge's National Wildlife Visitor Center also will be open until 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday ("Twilight Tuesdays") through August 28.

The Visitor Center grounds routinely open at dawn so bird-watchers, wildlife photographers and others can enjoy the trails.

The Visitor Center is located south of Laurel off Powder Mill Road between MD Rt. 197 and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

For more information visit their website at [www.fws.gov/northeast/Patuxent](http://www.fws.gov/northeast/Patuxent).

# Crazy Music, Festive Quilts Crowd Roosevelt Center

by Vasudha Kowtha

A bright sun and steady stream of live music graced Roosevelt Center last Saturday, as on-lookers basked. Old Greenbelt's 13th annual Crazy Quilt Music Festival, sponsored by Friends of New Deal Cafe Arts (FONDCA), lasted from about noon to 10 p.m., spanning an impressive breadth of genres, chamber, pop, rock, electronic, country, folk, honky tonk and their many permutations. Genre-fidelity was rare but a covenant to innovation to soulful music that pushed, ripped through the envelope of expected musical parameters was predominant. "This is unexpected music" says a long-time attendee of the festival.

Ethan Balis is the lead singer and guitarist of "Machines on Vacation," a band comprised of a string quartet, a singer/guitarist and a Mac, who take the stage at 1 p.m. "Don't let the moonlight tell you otherwise" his voice soars and people get on their feet and sway to the music. The group labels themselves "electronic chamber pop" but what exactly this means – do people really slow dance to electronic chamber pop? – is unclear. Balis agrees. "What's interesting," he begins, clearly passionate about the subject, "is that people make music in genres but people listen to music they like, regardless of genre. Classifications are unnecessary." His music, a combination of electronic and acoustic sound exemplifies this, the former being "full of sound potential but cold," balanced by the "warmth and infinite possibilities" of the latter.

As ubiquitous as the non-typecast bands is the small-town camaraderie of the event, the tight-knit community feel. Much of the audience has attended in previous years or plans to attend in years to come. A homemade jewelry vendor describes the evolving festival. "What's funny is that it used to be called the Crazy Quilt Festival and people would come here to buy quilts and instead find music. When they finally tacked on the word 'music,' someone came and brought quilts" she laughs, and points at a host of quilts which hang side by side, held by clothespins to a line. Chrissy Wilkins, an Old Greenbelt resident who brought the quilts, says that she makes them with her sister-in-law and is especially proud of their cubist-piecing techniques.

Joe Harris, the producer of this year's festival as well as part



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The Nice Trys perform at the Crazy Quilt Music Festival.



Colonel Josh and the Honky Tonk Heroes.

of "The Nice Trys" who performed at 6 p.m., has organized the festival three times in the past. Credit for the eclectic mix of bands that are invited to perform at the festival goes to him and audience members give him lots of it, know him by face. "I think Greenbelt's great" he says and pauses, before adding "I still believe in this town." He introduces Dorian Winterfeld, who sits on the board of the New Deal Café and has attended the festival for all 13 years of its existence. "It's gotten bigger" he reminisces. "I just hope it's going to get even bigger." The festival is free, has always been, but its future is tied to not only the generosity of FONDCA but also to an increase in funding from the city. In hard times like now, the fate of public, steadfastly creative endeavors such as the Crazy Quilt Music Festival remain in the hands of the local government.

The festival surges on. "Star FK Radium," a play on "RFK Stadium" produces hauntingly melodic pieces, elevated by an

abiding commitment to rhythm. The three person band includes a violinist, guitarist and percussionist. Alissa Taylor sways with her violin in deep arcs as she plays. "Our music is simple" she says later, "it's simple and intense, three parts shared equally and no unnecessary sound." Audience member Tara Wilson tried to describe the music: "It's like I'm on the grass at night, gazing at the stars and having a realization. I've known, subconsciously, the elements of this realization but it comes together at that moment, on that night, my eyes are tearing up and the world is suddenly so beautiful." And as darkness falls, everyone trooped into the New Deal Café to listen to Kevin Robinson and KERQ who are full of jazz and energy. Outside, Joe Harris and the sound manager are packing up. "I had an amazing time," says the latter, "I just had surprise after surprise, it was crazy." Joe chimes in, "It was crazy man, it was Crazy Quilt!" They high-five and laugh in the dark.

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# Astronomical Society Star Party Turns Locals to the Night Sky

by Jenny Paulson

Thousands of stars and fireflies twinkled in the night sky as experts and amateur astronomers gathered Saturday, June 23 at Northway Field to gaze at stars, planets and the crescent moon.

Next to the Northway softball fields in Greenbelt is a dome that encases the Celestron 14-inch catadioptric telescope called "Mead Celestron." The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt holds "Star Parties" twice a month for locals to come look at the night sky through the telescope.

Everyone is invited to bring their own telescopes if they have them or to come look through the Mead Celestron telescope. Experts came on Saturday to teach attendees about astronomy.

"Does it pass the twinkle test?" asked Doug Love, director of the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt. "Stars twinkle. Planets do not. That's how you tell the difference."

Morris Hedge of South Laurel attended his first Star Party Saturday. He considers himself an amateur astronomer and came to learn more about telescopes.

"I've always had an interest in astronomy," said Hedge. "It's great to be here with others who share my interests." At the party, Hedge had his first experience looking through the "Mead Celestron" telescope at star Alberio. With the naked eye, Alberio appears as one star but, looking through the telescope, it is clearly two stars.

## Donated to Society

The "Mead Celestron" telescope and the dome were donated to the society by Montgomery College in 2001. The telescope was named after professional astronomers Gil and Jaylee Mead who had donated money to the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt.

Love was a founder of the group in 1992 along with George and Lynn Gliba. Love enjoys teaching astronomy to those who attend Star Parties.

"We're so benefitted here with a lot of professionals in the club," said Love. Sometimes Love brings crescent or star-shaped cookies to share with Star Party attendees.

The purpose of the Astronomical Society is to educate people on science and astronomy. In addition to Star Parties for the public, the club meets the last

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Thursday of every month to discuss recent astronomy news and upcoming events. The society is part of the International Dark Sky Association and seeks to educate the public on light pollution or artificial light that decreases visibility of the night sky.

"It takes 20 minutes for your eyes to adjust to the darkness again after looking at a bright light," said Love.

Martha Gay, who has been with the club since 2001, currently serves as president. "Fireflies are the only kind of light pollution I can accept," said Gay with a smile.

Kevin Balch of Silver Spring has been attending Star Parties here for several years. At Saturday's Star Party, he got nice views of the planets Saturn and

Mars with his telescope and allowed those in attendance to take a look. "Many people don't know there are polar ice caps on Mars," said Balch. "But they are visible through a telescope."

Saturday night's party included education on "earthshine," which is light reflected from the earth onto the dark side of a crescent moon. Attendees also witnessed the International Space Station streaking across the sky.

In the summer months professionals and amateurs alike often find themselves witnessing a flash of light across the viewfinder of their telescopes and wonder, "Was that a meteor, or a firefly?"

For more information about the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt and upcoming events, visit <http://www.greenbeltastro.org>.

## Nat'l Gallery Opera Has Catalan Focus

At 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 1, the New York Opera Society will perform music by Catalan composers at the National Gallery's West Garden Court.

Seating is on a first-come, first-seated basis 30 minutes before the concert. Entry is at Sixth Street until 6:30 p.m. Visit [www.nga.gov/programs/concerts](http://www.nga.gov/programs/concerts) or call 202-842-6941 for details.

## Surratt House Hosts Civil War Lecture

On Saturday, June 30 at 4 p.m. Hari Jones, curator of the African-American Civil War Memorial & Museum, will lecture on the history, origins and importance of African American soldiers' contributions to the Civil War at the Surratt House Museum in Clinton in "Victors, Not Victims: United States Colored Troops' Role in The Civil War."

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Saturday, June 30 is Greg Meyers' Community Jazz Jam 1 to 5 p.m. Afterward John Guernsey plays jazz and blues piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The Wharf Rats, a Grateful Dead jam band, take the stage from 8 to 11 p.m.

Sunday, July 1 from 1 to 4 p.m. is the DC Djangofolies Gypsy Jazz Jam hosted by the Hot Club of DC.

#### Next Week

Tuesday, July 3 from 7 to 9 p.m. Don Walters leads Americana music night. The café will close at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, the Fourth of July. Thursday, July 5 pianist Amy C. Kraft plays mid-day melodies from noon to 2 p.m. Ishtar and high-energy belly dance surf rock take the stage from 7 to 9 p.m. Pianist John Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Friday, July 6 followed by the Capital Blues Ensemble's

foot-stomping blues-based show from 8 to 11 p.m. Saturday, July 7 the schedule begins with the TV John Show from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bruce Kritt follows with classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m., then John Guernsey takes over with up-tempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Kiva headlines with acoustic world music from 8 to 11 p.m., with Ernesto Villarreal, lead guitarist from Djilia Phralengo, opening the set. On Sunday, July 8 pianist Dr. Dave plays an eclectic mix of jazz, blues and R&B midday, followed from 5 to 8 p.m. by singer/songwriter Mark Fosson.

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## 75th Anniversary

## Early Religious Worship Here Showed Group Cooperation

by Sandra Lange

From the 18th century until 1935, the area around Kenilworth Avenue near Crescent Road and Ivy Lane was the site of the Shadrack and Sarah Turner family farm known as Wild Cat. According to an historical marker placed near the city's cemetery on Ivy Lane, the Turners, zealous Methodists, hosted meetings from 1776 to 1803. Several United Methodist Churches of Prince George's County trace their history to preaching held at the Turner farm.

Fast forward to 1935 when the federal government purchased the Turner farm and nearby land to build Greenbelt. In determining who would be the lucky first families to reside in Greenbelt in 1937, the government used quotas to insure religious diversity. The percentages of Catholics, Protestants and Jews chosen reflected the religious make-up of the District of Columbia at that time. Early Greenbelt was 60 percent Protestant, 30 percent Catholic, seven percent Jewish and three percent "Other." First families included 300 Protestants, 183 Catholics, 62 Jews, 16 Mormons and eight Quakers.

Since the U. S. Constitution guaranteed the separation of church and state, the federal government built residential, recreational and commercial facilities but no houses of worship. Interdenominational services were commonly held in the Greenbelt Elementary School, now the Community Center.

At one time Protestants within the city considered whether or not to welcome Jews to join their congregation. To encourage understanding of each religion, the Hebrew Congregation invited members of the other faiths to attend their services.

These early efforts fostered religious tolerance and pioneer families worked hard at achieving social justice. The "Permanent Conference on Religious Life in Greenbelt" was founded in 1939 by Rabbi Leon Elsberg, Father Leo Fealy, Elder Donald Wagstaff (Church of Latter Day Saints) and Reverend Robert Kinchelov, the first pastor of Greenbelt Community Church. These men believed that "religion in Greenbelt can speak with a united voice . . ."

## Permanent Conference

The "Permanent Conference on Religious Life in Greenbelt" still exists. It is known now as the Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association and has participation by Jewish, Catholic, Protestant, Baha'i, Buddhist and Muslim members. Today the association conducts the Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration (which dates to 1939) and the Interfaith Baccalaureate Service for Eleanor Roosevelt High School seniors.

Early on some residents and clergy envisioned the construction of a single building to be shared by all faiths. In 1940 the government drafted concept plans for such a building showing four dedicated sanctuaries – Jewish, Catholic, Protestant and Mormon. Two wings would house Protestant and Catholic chapels and other areas would be devoted to the Jewish synagogue and a Mormon chapel. Each denomination would worship separately with combined services at certain times.

Limited funds and the start of World War II intervened, however, and the center was never built. When the war ended, each denomination chose to construct its own building.

Several groups applied to the federal Public Housing Authority (PHA) to purchase land to build a church or synagogue. The PHA decided that it could not sell land outright to religious groups because first it must advertise the land for public sale. The groups would thus have to bid for the land against private persons presumably willing to pay much more than the religious groups could.

In 1948 the PHA advertised the sites for sale for "semi-public" use. Five religious entities submitted bids: St. Hugh's Catholic Church, the Community Church, Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church, the Lutheran Church and the Jewish Community Center.

Methodists were the first Greenbelt faith group to construct a one-room chapel on government-leased land on Woodland Way, near Forestway. The chapel was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Mowatt in memory of their son, Lt. Frank C. Mowatt, a fighter pilot killed in Germany in 1944.

The congregation assembled the chapel from a structure that



Men of the Greenbelt Community Church, undated.  
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had originated at the University of Maryland campus. In 1949 the church acquired four acres at 40 Ridge Road. The church, now known as Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, opened in 1955. Its sanctuary was dedicated in 1981.

## Community Church

The Greenbelt Community Church purchased 2.5 acres of land at the corner of Hillside and Crescent Roads. The cornerstone was laid in 1949 and the church opened in 1951. Original equipment still includes the lectern from which the Bible is read at every service. The plaque on the lectern states: "Dedicated to the Glory of God, And to Human Brotherhood By the Jewish Community Center of Greenbelt."

In March 1939, the Greenbelt Hebrew Congregation was established with 30 member families. The congregation met at the Center Elementary School for Friday night services and at the fire house during the first High Holy Days in September.

During World War II, services were held in members' homes. After the war the Greenbelt congregation merged with the Jewish Community Center of Prince George's County with services held in the elementary school as well as the Greenbelt Community Church.

In 1949 the congregation purchased three quarters of an acre of land at the corner of Westway and Ridge Road. Building construction began in 1952. On May 23, 1953, Mayor Frank Lastner formally announced, "Help Build the Jewish Community Center Week End."

The Washington Star reported the event as follows: "The idea was conceived by a Catholic, taken up by a Congregationalist, and is being carried through by followers of all three major faiths." The building was constructed with very little professional help and dedicated in 1955. The name of the synagogue was changed to Mishkan Torah in 1968.

## Holy Cross

Holy Cross Lutheran Church began in 1944 at the Ridge Road home of pioneer Edward F. Trumbule. Their first church building was constructed in 1951 at 22 Ridge Road. Then in 1968 the congregation acquired land and constructed a new building on Greenbelt Road and sold the Ridge Road property to the city

of Greenbelt.

Later the city built a 100-unit senior citizen complex on the site with financing through the State of Maryland's Community Development Administration. Green Ridge House opened in March 1979.

Roman Catholic families worshipped at Holy Redeemer Church in Berwyn Heights, where Catholic children attended the parish school. From 1937 to 1947 many Catholic families also attended services held in the Old Greenbelt Theatre.

St. Hugh's became a parish in 1947 and purchased land on Crescent Road in 1949. They first built a parochial school with science lab, library and auditorium to serve eight grades. The church then held services in the school until the present church and Grenoble Hall were built in 1963.

First teachers of the school were all nuns affiliated with the Sisters of the Holy Cross. In the 1980s, however, both lay and religious persons comprised the faculty.

In 1988 fire destroyed much of the school's roof and four classrooms. During the rebuilding process, classes were held in the church basement and at the Mishkan Torah synagogue. Diminishing numbers of students, however, led the archdiocese to close the school in 2010.

In 1985, a small independent group of Catholics formed the Catholic Community of Greenbelt. They meet on Sundays in the city's Municipal Building

with services conducted by visiting ordained Roman Catholic priests.

## Other Faith Groups

Other major faith groups in Greenbelt include the Greenbelt Baptist Church and the Baha'i. The Baptist Church, which organized in 1953, purchased four acres of land at the corner of Crescent and Greenhill Roads in 1954. Their building was dedicated in 1959. The Spiritual Assembly of Baha'i organized in 1976. It currently has 19 members who meet in each other's homes. The group works closely with Greenbelt and Prince George's County peace groups and is active in the Interfaith Leadership Association.

In 1968 the Community Church, along with St. Hugh's Catholic Church, hosted 700 members of the Poor People's March on their way to Washington, D. C., where they pitched tents in what was called Resurrection City. The News Review reported that over 150 volunteers provided food, medicine, cots and other necessities for people ranging in age from infants to the elderly.

Mutual respect and religious tolerance have been hallmarks in Greenbelt since its founding in 1937. In recent years Community Church members contributed to the new roof on Mishkan Torah and the Jewish congregation contributed to repair of the Community Church's organ.

On the occasion of the Rev. Dan Hamlin's retirement in June 2012, after 28 years at the pulpit of the Community Church, Rabbi Jonathan Cohen dedicated the Friday evening service "to honor Dan and to celebrate his contributions to the City of Greenbelt and to Mishkan Torah."

The spirit of cooperation inherent in many of Greenbelt's businesses and organizations permeates its religious institutions as well. People of all faiths come together to march in the Labor Day Festival Parade, to visit each others' houses of worship, to perform in the combined choir, to share ideas and to foster mutually supportive relationships.

Today various church groups hark back to pioneer days by renting space to hold their Sunday worship services in the Community Center, movie theater and in other local churches. This is the Greenbelt way.



First communion at St. Hugh's, undated.  
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## Hospice Bereavement Support Group Meets

The Hospice of Chesapeake Life Center is offering an array of bereavement support groups this fall for those in the community experiencing grief due to the loss of a loved one.

Among the groups is a monthly Stepping Stones drop-in support group for children ages 8 to 13. Participants take part in facilitated discussion, storytelling, arts and crafts and memory rituals. The group meets Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon at the Annapolis Office, 445 Defense Highway.

There is no fee for Hospice of the Chesapeake families; there is a fee for others. Registration is required for all groups, call 410-987-2129.