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# 75th Anniversary Early Education in Center Elementary School Stressed Progressive Philosophy

#### by Sandra A. Lange

One of the most fascinating and controversial aspects of Greenbelt's early history was the "progressive education" curriculum established at Center Elementary School (now the Community Center) when it opened in 1937. The progressive education movement began in the latter part of the 19th century and was popularized in America by the educator, philosopher and social reformer John Dewey.

Progressive education promotes the concept that students learn by doing. It involves a strong emphasis on problem solving and critical thinking. Prior to 1937, no school in Prince George's County followed a progressive education curriculum.

At that time, the federal Farm Security Administration (FSA) owned the school/community building. FSA administrators evidently viewed the "utopian" community of Greenbelt as an ideal location for yet another social experiment.

The L-shaped Art Deco style elementary school/community center building itself invited innovation and modernism with

its use of glass bricks to provide natural light in the stairways, the long rows of windows and the fluted buttresses with Lenore Thomas' friezes at the front entrance.

The FSA chose Catherine T. Reed as principal to administer the program. (An elementary school in Lanham has since been named for her.) None of the teachers hired at that time had had prior experience with the progressive education model. One teacher commented that she thought they all were chosen on their perceived ability to get along with each other.

According to Cathy Knepper in her book, Greenbelt: The Living Legacy of the New Deal, "The [government] brought in a professor from Columbia University to help the teachers learn the tenets of progressive education and how to implement them . . . . The use of the progressive education model could have contributed to Greenbelt's image as a radical town."

#### **School Opens**

The elementary school opened in the fall of 1937 with seven

teachers and 24 students. In addition to the regular classrooms, there were a special education classroom, a classroom for hearing impaired children and a library.

That first year, the school housed all grades because the construction of the high school (now the old Greenbelt Middle School) would not be completed until the following spring. Students and teachers together designed the curriculum.

Students did not receive letter grades – only "satisfactory" or "unsatisfactory." However, teachers composed extensive comments on students' progress which they discussed in conferences with parents. Progress was evaluated based on group projects and productions rather than on tests. No books were taken home and there were no homework assignments.

Students were placed in small classes – no more than 20 in each classroom - and grouped according to their abilities. The beginners group was the non-reading 1st

See EDUCATION, page 6

City's Letter Opposes Sector Plan

The following are extensive excerpts from the city's letter to the Prince George's County Council and the Prince George's County Planning Board in which the city expresses its strong opposition to the Draft Sector Plan.

At the October 9, 2012, meeting of the Greenbelt City Council, the Council voted unanimously to oppose the Preliminary Greenbelt Metro Area and MD 193 Corridor Sector Plan and Proposed Sectional Map Amendment. The Council struggled during its discussion and consideration of the plan as there are elements of the plan that the

for Greenbelt that is counter to the best interests of its citizens, fails to address the future needs of the city, and outlines a vision that would transform Greenbelt into a city defined by the roads that separate it, and not by the planning elements and community vision that have defined it for 75 years.

Council urges that the District

pose of reengaging the city in discussions with the goal of addressing the city's critical concerns.

There are elements of this plan which the City Council supports and believes would be beneficial in the short and long term. Specific recommendations contained within the draft plan which the City Council endorses

# Election 2012 Battle Royal Rages Over State's Gaming Expansion

#### by Thomas X. White

Maryland voters are being asked to vote either "For" or "Against" several questions in the upcoming November General Election. One, Question 7, asks voters whether they favor the expansion of commercial gaming in the State of Maryland for the primary purpose of raising revenue for education.

If so, they must then authorize video lottery (slots) operation licensees (casinos) to operate table games (dice, roulette, etc.) as defined by law, to increase from 15,000 to 16,500 the maximum number of slot machines operated in the state; and to increase from five to six the maximum number of casino licenses awarded in the state and allow a casino facility to operate in Prince George's County.

If the question is approved, other changes to the current law will take effect. These include allowing casinos to operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Currently casinos may be open from 8 to 2 a.m. from Sunday through Thursday, and 8 to 4 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

The law would also modify the distribution of and required uses of proceeds from slots and the distribution of proceeds from the operation of table games. Concerns have been raised that the law's increase of the casino owner's share of the proceeds is an attempt to placate owners' objections to the proposed new casino in Prince George's County.

Although three other questions are on this year's ballot because the enacting laws were successfully petitioned to referendum by Maryland citizens, the Gaming Expansion law supported by Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley, barely passed the General Assembly in a Special Legislative Session in August and is required by Article XIX of Maryland's Constitution to be approved by referendum in a general election. In other words, opponents of gambling and casinos operating in Maryland did not have to petition to referendum an enacting law.

#### **Five Authorized**

In a previous referendum in the 2008 General Election, a majority of Maryland voters authorized a maximum of five casino licenses at specified locations in Allegany County, Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Cecil County and Worcester County.

# See GAMING, page 8

## Early Voting Open Oct. 27 – Nov. 1

Greenbelters who are not among the undecided and who wish to avoid the crowds at the polls at the November 6 Presidential Election can opt to vote early from Saturday, October 27 through Thursday, November 1 at defined polling places in the county. The closest Early Voting location to Greenbelt is at the College Park Community Center, 5051 Pierce Avenue, College Park. Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., except for Sunday, October 28, when the hours are from noon to 6 p.m. For more information or additional locations in Bowie, Landover, Oxon Hill and Upper Marlboro, call the County Board of Elections at 301-430-8020 or visit princegeorgescountymd.gov.

Council would support. Ultimately the Council determined that this plan proposes a future this plan to its staff for the pur-

Council and Prince George's County Planning Board remand



"It's the buy of the year: tickets to the News Review's 75th Anniversary Dinner." – January 12, 1956 include the following:

Protection of the environment, particularly the sensitive areas of the state land adjacent to Greenbelt Station and the delicate braided stream system of Indian Creek, receives major attention in the draft plan. This includes a recommendation that this stateowned property be rezoned from M-U-I to R-O-S. We believe that the rezoning should be expanded to include the entire area which was defined in the 2001 Sector Plan as the "environmental envelope."

The focus on encouraging greater transit use and improving pedestrian and bicyclist connections is a very important goal, one which the city strongly supports.

The city agrees with recommendations to implement complete and green street standards.

See SECTOR PLAN, page 9

Saturday, October 20 - Sunday, October 21 - Utopia Film Festival (See ad on page 12 for details) Monday, October 22 – PEPCO Tree Removal/Trimming Begins 8 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building, Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov **Tuesday, October 23** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., 13th Annual Health and Wellness Fair, Community Center Gym 6:30 to 8 p.m., Advisory Committee on Education Meeting with PTA Presidents followed by regular meeting from 8 to 9 p.m., Municipal Building 7:30 p.m., Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (Green ACES), Community Center 7:30 p.m., Community Relations Advisory Board Meeting, Community Center, Room 103 Wednesday, October 24 7:30 to 9 p.m., Senior Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting, Community Center, Room 114 7:30 p.m., Four Cities Meeting, Municipal Building 7:30 p.m., Advisory Planning Board, Community Center, Rm. 114 Saturday, October 27 9 a.m. to noon, Electronics Recycling, Public Works Yard, 555 Crescent Road

# **Letters to the Editor**

# The Right Sounds At Harvest Festival

I am writing to thank the "Stone Soup Chef" Richard Mc-Mullin and all of the CHEARS volunteers for a wonderful Harvest Festival in Roosevelt Center on Saturday. I want to especially commend "sound guy" Frank Kavser.

He used his sound meter to make sure none of the musical groups went above 85 decibels (right in front of the stage), which is deemed to be the safe sound level (for both musicians and audience participants). Kayser took sound level readings during each act and reported the levels to me. Most of the musicians averaged between 65 and 75dB, "peaking" at around 85 decibels.

The music was mostly of the "folk" (acoustic) variety, which tends to be easier to keep in a reasonable range, as compared to rock and blues music, where it is a little harder to convince both the musicians and the audience to keep the volume in a safe range.

I am also appreciative of James Thompson, Bill Norwood and Michael Hartman, whose letters to the editor in recent weeks have helped to educate the Greenbelt public about this issue.

Lore Rosenthal, member Greenbelt 85 Decibel Club

# Other Considerations For Ballot Question 4

Many thanks to the News Review for its October 11 article about the upcoming referendum on taxpayer-subsidized college tuition breaks for people not legally in the U.S. Anyone born on U.S. soil to illegal aliens is already a citizen with full rights and does not need this ballot question.

However, a "yes" vote on Question 4 will force taxpayers to subsidize college educations for people who cannot, according to Federal law, legally work in the U.S. The Federation for American Immigration Reform estimates that Maryland taxpayers already spend over \$1.7 billion annually to provide public services to illegal aliens, many of whom do not pay taxes.

Groups in favor of Question 4 are spending over a million dollars to lobby voters. If these groups instead spent their money on scholarships for illegal aliens, then the people they profess to help would get tuition breaks. But it seems that these groups prefer to force

claims that passing Question 4 would lead to long-term benefits to Maryland. UMD has been a long-time supporter of in-state tuition for illegals because it will give UMD more state funding. In addition the UMD report was funded by the O'Malley administration.

These clear conflict-of-interests show that this UMD report has no credibility. In contrast, every taxpayer-advocacy group in Maryland opposes in-state tuition for undocumented residents.

Robert Fireovid

# Why You Should Vote For Marriage Equality

In the October 11 issue, Bill Norwood wrote that he will vote against marriage equality because of his "hundreds of hours reading and writing on homosexuality over a span of about 24 years." Bill, you are very dedicated to an issue I think more than likely doesn't affect your daily life one iota, I give you that. Here is my response to you, should I see you around: The government's legal definition of a civil union is the term marriage. Religious institutions call it the same thing but none will have to perform samesex ceremonies, like they don't if they currently disagree with marrying people of different faiths for instance. The government gives financial and legal benefits to people who are married, not just for procreation because the government isn't cutting off the infertile or elderly from these benefits. If all loving couples can't access these benefits then maybe no one should. Same sex couples already raise children. We're not going to stop. Denying these families equality perpetuates the historically failed and anti-American argument of "us but not them." This institution has changed over centuries to allow for inter-racial marriages, women used to have few to no rights once married and age restrictions were pretty non-existent . . . I assume you don't disagree with these changes.

What really incenses me is this - before 1920, do you honestly think a majority of white men would have voted at the ballot box to give women the right to vote? In 1964, would a majority of white men and women have voted to outlaw discrimination against racial and ethnic minorities? Let's be honest, the answer would have probably been no. Civil equality under the law has no place on a ballot. Sure, it's my equal rights on the ballot this time . . . but next time, maybe it will be yours. Lauren Cummings

#### At the Library **Read to Rover**

Saturday, October 20, 2 p.m., children age 6 to 11 can build reading confidence by reading aloud to trained therapy dogs. Each child will read for 15 minutes. Registration in advance required; call 301-345-5800.

#### **Adult Program**

Tuesday, October 23, 7 p.m.: African American historian and author/lecturer C.R. Gibbs presents an audio-visual lecture for adults and older children on "The Call for Freedom: Blacks & the American Revolution."

Storytimes

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

Wednesday, October 24, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years.

Thursday, October 25, 10:30 a.m., Toddler Time for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver.

For more information visit the Greenbelt branch, call 301-345-5800 or visit the library system website at www.pgcmls.info.

## **Open Microphone** For Kids on Sunday

A Kids Open Microphone session at the New Deal Café on Sunday, October 21 will run from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. It is held on the third Sunday of every month. Children up to age 17 are invited to play a musical instrument, sing, dance, juggle, recite a poem or otherwise perform.

For more information call Anne Gardner at 301-220-1721 or email annegrdnr@yahoo.com.



"I am 47% sure that my acorns are better than your pinecones."

# **Explore Hopscotch** Square Stepping

On Friday, October 26 at 1 p.m. Karen Haseley will lead a special Explorations Unlimited program on a new game derived from the more familiar hopscotch. It will be held in Room 114 at the Greenbelt Community Center.

Japanese researchers have developed a game called square-stepping, with the goal to step in and out of the squares in prescribed patterns of varying complexity. The patterns provide a fun game that improves balance, agility, coordination and mental acuity.

## **GAVA-GATE Movie** Is at Film Festival

On Sunday, October 21 at noon Mr. No-Green Threatens Greenbelt will be shown as part of the Utopia Film Festival. A Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts/Greenbelt Access Television production, this computer-animated film created by young students has its premier performance at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. More information can be found at utopiafilmfestival. com. There is a small fee for this event.



law-abiding citizens to fund actions that undermine the U.S. Constitution and the rule-of-law.

I'm also glad that the article mentioned the University of Maryland (UMD) "study" which

## Join us for the

# **Greenbelt Community Church Annual Holiday Bazaar**

**Crescent and Hillside Roads** 

- **Handcrafted Items**
- **International Gifts**
- **Baked Goods**
- Auction

Saturday, November 3 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

# **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 October 22 to 26 are:

Monday – Grape juice, Parmesan chicken, macaroni and cheese, broccoli, seasonal fruit.

Tuesday – Apple juice, chopped pork barbeque, baked beans, mixed greens, seasonal fruit.

Wednesday - Orange juice, Dijon pork patty, whipped potatoes, Italian vegetables, seasonal fruit.

Thursday - Cranberry juice, salmon burger with dill sauce, pinto beans, fiesta vegetables, fresh apple.

Friday - Apple juice, minestrone soup, roast beef, blackeyed pea salad, fresh orange.

# GHI Invasives Work Party Is on Sunday

The Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) Woodland Committee will hold an invasive removal work party at 11 a.m. on Sunday, October 21 in the area behind 13 Court Laurel Hill Road. Enjoy fall weather and the woods while getting some exercise and helping improve community areas while curbing further spread of invasive plants.

Participants are asked to park along Laurel Hill Road and meet in the small park between 8 and 10 court. Bring gloves, wear long sleeves and trousers; boots are also advised.

For more information call Matt Berres of GHI at 301-474-4161.

**More Community Events** are on pages 2, 4 and 8.

## **GHI Notes**

Friday, October 12, Office Closed. For Emergency Maintenance Service call 301-474-6011.

Tuesday, October 16, 7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee Meeting – Board Room

Wednesday, October 17, 7 p.m., Woodlands Committee Meeting - Board Room

Thursday, October 18, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting – Board Room

Monday, October 22, 7 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation - Board Room

7 p.m., Communication Committee Meeting - GHI Lobby

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

#### Movies on Greenbelt **To Be Shown Sunday**

Sunday, October 21 from 2 to 4 p.m. during the final day of the Utopia Film Festival celebrate Greenbelt's 75th Anniversary with films about the city's past.

"The City" is a documentary featuring early Greenbelt scenes; "Green Towns USA," an exploration of how the green towns have fared since their creation; and in "How Fred Burke Was Captured in 1931" residents of a small Missouri town, including a future Greenbelt councilmember, helped capture a gangster who participated in the St. Valentine's Day Massacre. The free showings will be held at the P&G Old Greenbelt Theatre in Roosevelt Center. More information is at www.utopiafilmfestival.com.

#### Northeast Branch **Bike Ride Saturday**

On Saturday, October 20 the social bike ride group at Proteus Bike Shop in North College Park will go along the newly repaved Northeast Branch Trail to Bladensburg and Hyattsville.

Bikers from Greenbelt are invited to meet at the New Deal Café at 9:30 a.m. to head to the departure point for the ride, from 10 a.m. to noon with a stop or two for snacks. The ride is free and suitable for riders of all abilities. Call 301-441-2928 for more

information.

# **Open House for Boy** Scout Troop 746

Boys from age 11 to 17 or those who have completed the Arrow of Light are invited to an open house and meeting for Boy Scout Troop 746 on Wednesday, October 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church.

A small, active troop, #746 is seeking new members.

Mowatt is at 40 Ridge Road. For more information call Scoutmaster Lenny Wertz at 301-221-0290 or Committee Chair Eldo Brown at 301-345-1312.

#### **P&J Holds Penny** Poll at Fall Fest

At the Schrom

Hills Fall Fest on October 14 visitors to the Peace & Justice Coalition table took part in a second "Penny Poll" on how local residents would federal tax dollars.

choose to spend their Results are similar to the first, the Labor Day Festival poll, in that participants "voted" around six percent of their taxes for military operations, which make up

over one-third of the actual federal budget. They placed higher priority on veterans' benefits, national debt payment and varied domestic needs. It seems many agree with the goal of the Maryland cam-



On Saturday, October 20 as part of the film festival's Utopian and Dystopian Visions Program and sponsored by the Prince George's Peace and Justice Coalition, "After the Factory" will tell about economic decline in Detroit, Mich. and Lodz, Poland. It will be shown from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

The film focuses on the uncanny resemblance of the struggle of both cities when their major industry collapses. Lodz, once a booming textile town, fell into disrepair with the end of communism - it became a shell of a metropolis with a hollowedout city center and a population living among the ruins of its factory complexes.

Lodz' residents, like those of Detroit, share a sense of hopelessness. The film gives a global perspective of life in a postindustrial city, exploring how residents of both grapple with a challenging economy and create innovation in media, technology, government and basic subsistence to change how things are done in each of their cities.

Director of the University of Maryland Urban Studies & Planning Program Jim Cohen will lead the discussion after the film.

For more information email justpeace@earthlink.net or call 301-577-2350.



ESI

#### 301-220-1155 www.academy8theaters.com Most features are \$5.00 all day on Tuesdays. Add \$2 for 3D. R = ID Required (!) = No pass, (!!) No pass weekend FEATURES & SHOW TIMES FOR: WEEK OF OCTOBER 19 FRI-SAT Paranormal Activity 4, R (!) 11:25, 2:05, 4:30, 7:10, 9:15 Alex Cross, PG-13 11:35, 2, 4:25, 7, 9:25 Sinister, R (!) 11:30, 1:55, 4:45, 7:25, 9:50 Argo, R (!) 11:15, 1:50, 4:30, 7:25, 10:05 Here Comes the Boom, PG (!)

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7 to 10 pm See page 12.



# October 20, 2012 — 3 p.m.--Until ?

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## **GCDC** Annual Meeting On October 27

The second annual members meeting of the Greenbelt Community Development Corporation (GCDC) will be held on Saturday, October 27 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center.

Among the items to be discussed will be the initial project of a "Buy Greenbelt" campaign and assisting with restoration of Roosevelt Center's historic movie theater as well as election of a new board of directors.

The public is invited to attend to find out about this new organization dedicated to all areas of economic, environmental and social development in Greenbelt.

# Varied School Arts **Festival Next Week**

Each evening next week at 7 p.m. starting Monday, October 22 and running through Friday, October 26 Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) will be the site for a Greenbelt schools' Community Arts Festival featuring performers and artists from Greenbelt, Springhill Lake, Glenarden Woods and Magnolia Elementary Schools, Greenbelt and Goddard Middle Schools and Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

On Monday, October 22 ERHS and Hyattsville Middle School Drama departments will present a showcase of their work. There will also be a sneak preview of the ERHS upcoming musical "Grease."

Tuesday, October 23 will feature students from the high school and middle school bands, culminating in a mass band of students from elementary to high school.

On Wednesday, October 24 area choirs will be featured from the elementary, middle and high school level. Thursday, October 25 area orchestra students with works being presented by the high school and middle schools will perform, again ending with a mass orchestra including elementary students.

Friday ends the festival with performances by ERHS guitar and piano students and the ERHS Dance Team.

There will also be a visual arts display by elementary, middle and high school students each night of the festival. All are invited to join in these free performances.

# Half-day Bird Walk Scheduled in Bowie

The Prince George's Audubon Society will host its free, monthly half-day bird walk at Governor Bridge Natural Area, Governor

# Co-op News

The Co-op Supermarket will hold several food demos, wine tastings and workshops in honor of National Co-op Month.

Friday, October 19, from 4 to 7 p.m. - Wine Tasting featuring co-operative vineyards. Tuesday, October 23, at 7 p.m. - Fun with Fermented Foods workshop (Youth Center). RSVP membership@greenbelt.coop or by calling 301-474-0522. Wednesday, October 24, from 4 to 6 p.m. – Healthy Halloween Treats food demo and sampling. Wednesday, October 31, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. - Patron Appreciation Daysave 5 percent.

Saturday, November 3, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Annual Membership Meeting, Greenbelt Community Center Gym. Visit www. greenbelt.coop for event details.

# Alight in Dance Fest

Greenbelt's Alight Dance Theater will appear in the Velocity D.C. Dance Festival on Friday, October 19 at 6:30 p.m. in a free performance at Sidney Harman Hall, 6th and F Streets, N.W.

3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi

Sunday at 10 a.m.

**Rev. Diane Teichert** 

301-474-4322

Mass Schedule:

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Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

Rev. James Lawton - Pastor

301-474-7573

6301 Greenbelt Road

Berwyn Heights, MD 20740

berwynpresbyterian.net

: M-F 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Sunday School: Sundays at 9:30 am

Phone: 301-937-3666

## Star Party Planned At City Observatory

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) will try once again to sponsor a star party on Saturday evening, October 20 at the City of Greenbelt Observatory located at Northway field. In addition to the observatory telescope several members will set up their personal telescopes and binoculars for the enjoyment of all.

Observing will begin as soon as it is dark enough, probably around 7:30 p.m., although people may begin to set up telescopes earlier. Objects to be observed include the Moon, to be seen with the 14" Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope, along with several star clusters and nebulae. ASG members will answer questions and provide advice about getting started in this fascinating hobby.

As always the star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy. Attendees are asked to park in the ball field lot, not up on the hill unless bringing a telescope. All are welcome. There is no admission charge.

www.pbuuc.org



Those in attendance at the City's 75th Anniversary Gala make a toast: "Let us rejoice and be thankful for our city's past and its legacy. Let us be willing to face present challenges as opportunities. And let us all look forward to an ever brighter future for Greenbelt."

See anyone who looks familiar? Stay tuned for more details on this special event as well as more photos in next week's News Review.



Bridge Road, Bowie on Saturday, October 20 starting at 7:30 a.m.

These walks are geared toward sighting resident and migrating woodland and field birds, waterfowl and raptor flyovers at this Patuxent River forested floodplain. Beginners and experts are welcome. Waterproof footwear and binoculars are suggested. Meet at the parking lot. Call 410-765-6482 for details.



Worship

Office Hours

Welcome!

Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School Sunday Worship Service 11:00 am Wednesday 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

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Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m. Clara Young, Interim Pastor

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# City Information GREENBELT

**GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING** October 22, 2012 - 8:00 p.m. **Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road** 

#### COMMUNICATIONS

- Presentations
- American Legion Post #136 Veterans Day Program
- America Recycles Day Proclamation
- Oath of Office for New Police Officers

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

Minutes of Council Meetings Administrative Reports

**Council Reports** 

**Committee Reports** 

- Advisory Committee on Trees, Report #2012-2 (Tree Trimming at Beltsville Agricultural Research Center)

## LEGISLATION

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Maryland Department of Transportation Draft FY 2013-2018 Con
- Stormwater Restoration Program
- Other Reports
- \*- Greenbelt Ethics Commission, Report #2012-1 (Review of the
- City's Ethics Ordinance)
- \* Resignation from Advisory Group

#### MEETINGS

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

# LEAF VACUUM SCHEDULE FALL 2012-2013

The City Public Works Department will again collect loose leaves from the following areas with the leaf vacuum from October 29, 2012 until January 11, 2013. We remind residents to rake the leaves to the curb, but not into the street, and to remove all sticks and stones from the pile as these can damage the machinery. Areas to be collected will be posted as in past years. We also remind residents not to park in front of leaf piles. WEEK OF: October 29 - November 2 ..... Lakeside

| November 5 – 9          | Boxwood                          |
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| November 12             | Holiday                          |
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| November 19 – 21        | Lakewood                         |
| November 22-23          | Holiday                          |
| November 26-30          | Lakeside, Greenspring I & II     |
| December 3 – 7          | Boxwood                          |
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| December 17 – 21        | Lakewood, Greenspring I & II     |
| December 24 – 28        | Lakeside, Windsor Green          |
| December 25             | Holiday                          |
| December 31 – January 4 | All areas                        |
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#### **MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 22-26**

Monday, October 22 at 8:00pm, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov

Tuesday, October 23 ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCA-TION MEETING W/ PTA PRESIDENTS from 6:30 to 8pm to be followed by the regular meeting from 8-9pm at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

Tuesday, October 23 at 7:30pm, GREENBELT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY (Green ACES) at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Tuesday, October 23 at 7:30pm, COMMUNITY RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD at Greenbelt Community Center -Room 103.

Wednesday, October 24 at 7:30pm, GREENBELT ADVI-SORY PLANNING BOARD at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 114. On the Agenda: Sunnyside Avenue Bridge Replacement Project as it Relates to Pedestrian and Bicyclist Facilities and Pedestrian & Bicycle Master Plan – Updated Draft and Next Steps.

Wednesday, October 24 from 7:30-9pm, SENIOR CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE at the Greenbelt Community Center, room 114.

Wednesday, October 24 at 7:30pm, FOUR CITIES MEET-ING at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

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

# ELECTRONICS RECYCLING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27TH 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

#### Public Works Yard, 555 Crescent Road

City residents can recycle old and/or unwanted computers and other electronic items.

Accepted items include: TVs, CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice printers, laptop computers, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords fax machines, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, batteries taped on one end, expanded polystyrene (block "Styrofoam" #6) - NO cups, egg-cartons, nor food trays.

PLEASE CALL IN ADVANCE IF YOU WANT TO DROP-OFF OF MORE THAN 10 ITEMS OR ITEMS OVER 50 LBS.

Info: Greenbelt Recycling Office at 240-542-2153.



## **VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability For information call 301-474-8000.

Greenbelt CARES has current openings for Individual Adult Counseling. Adults dealing with depression, anxiety, life transitions or other mental health concerns can call CARES at 301-345-6660 for a free intake.

Counseling Services are provided free of charge, with preference given to Greenbelt residents.

# **PEPCO PROJECT TO BEGIN**

**PEPCO tree removal** and trimming associated with service reliability project will begin on Monday, October 22, 2012. **Check Greenbelt** CityLink at www.greenbeltmd.gov for a schedule of work.

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The City's 13th Annual Health & Wellness Fair is Tuesday, October 23rd from 10am-2pm Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road in the gymnasium. Hosted by the City of Greenbelt, Doctors Community Hospital and Greenbelt Homes Inc.

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# EDUCATION continued from page 1

grade; the second group included 2nd and 3rd grade children; the third group was comprised of children who would normally be in 4th and 5th grade and the fourth group would be the 6th and 7th grade. This latter group had a more "normal" classroom arrangement to prepare the students for high school.

Each student received a lot of individual attention and was free to move around in and out of the classroom. Emphasis was placed on group work and development of social skills. Self-discipline was also an important component of progressive education. If a child acted up, other students alerted the teacher. The class discussed the behavior with everyone agreeing on corrective actions.

#### Learn by Doing

Teachers as well as students learned by doing. While there were some textbooks, teachers often prepared their own materials. Much of the learning centered on the child's life at school, at home and in the community.

In teaching about nutrition, for example, the children would visit a classmate's home and learn about what the family had eaten for breakfast, where they stored canned foods and how the food had been prepared. They would also visit the grocery store to purchase food and next day cook the food in their home economics class.

If students were learning about proper sleeping habits, the class would visit a typical home and learn about what a comfortable bedroom should contain.

Then, as part of their "handson" learning experience, they would make a bedroom including all of the furniture, curtains, rug and bed clothes.

#### **Principal's View**

In a 1938 Washington Post interview, Principal Reed said, "They [the children] are learning what they need to know. We have four big periods a day . . . rather than the usual several class periods. If a class comes to a place where knowledge of long division is necessary, we stop and learn long division . . . ."

The children learned reading, math and history by working on special projects such as building a nature trail.

Many activities were designed to help students express themselves. They formed their own student council. In addition to building nature trails, they visited the co-op stores and operated their own grocery store.

Students in fact created the first co-op in town, the Gum Drop Co-op, based on the principle of selling shares at 10 cents each.



Children made costumes for the plays they wrote and produced as a major part of their progressive education curriculum.

Members had one vote. Profits went to members as rebates, as well as to be invested in more supplies. Art, dancing and music were part of daily instruction.

Hulda Bomburger was one of the first teachers hired. In the book of recollections compiled by Dorothy Lauber for the city's 50th anniversary in 1987, Bomburger described those early teaching experiences: "One important activity comprised a great deal of the curriculum . . . . We did plays." The children would write the plays and make all of the tickets and programs.

Teachers and students created the costumes and scenery. This activity involved the whole school for weeks or months. "Once a project was finished, the scenery or charts were discarded," she said. "Nothing was reused because each teacher had to start fresh each year. That's the way children learn," she added.

Students learned about the architecture of Greenbelt's buildings. Since there were no textbooks on the subject, teachers wrote the material about the building of Greenbelt.

#### **Many Meetings**

"We had meetings all the time," Bomburger recalled. "Everything is organized without the children knowing it, very organized. Teachers came to the school at 8 a.m. and left at 5 p.m. We worked very hard. There was no planning period, no aides. [Unlike the children] we were always loaded with work to take home at night," Bomburger added. During that first year the teach-

ers could not reside in Greenbelt because their family salaries were too high to qualify for the low-income housing. But by the second year, however, the government changed its policy, allowing the teachers to pay an additional amount in rent in order to move to Greenbelt.

It is not clear how long progressive education was followed at Greenbelt Elementary School. The FSA was abolished in 1946 after being characterized by a Congressional committee as "communistic" and "un-American." The administration of Greenbelt had been transferred in 1942 to the federal Public Housing Administration (PHA) and PHA officials were said to be less interested in innovation.

In 1953 the PHA dedicated the building along with other municipal facilities, to the City of Greenbelt. In 1959 the building was sold to the Prince George's County Board of Education for \$260,000.

In 1989, following a contentious public debate and a special referendum, the city swapped the vacant North End School (built in 1944) on Ridge Road with the Board of Education for the Center Elementary School property. The school board later demolished the North End Elementary to build the Greenbelt Elementary School, which opened in 1993.

Following voter approval for the establishment of a Community Center in the middle of the historic area, the city issued \$3 million in general obligation bonds to finance the renovation of the school and change it into a community center. With the addition of state and county grants, actual renovation costs were \$5,375,000.

The building opened again in March 1996 and has since exceeded all expectations for its use. Artist studios, a nursery school, the city's planning department, an adult day care center, the News Review office, summer camp and a host of activities for all ages are now housed under one roof. Note: Today, progressive education exists in several local schools: City Neighbors Charter School - three grassroots public schools serving approximately 560 students in Grades k-12 in Baltimore City; The Park School of Baltimore - a progressive school for grades K-12 in Pikesville, Md., founded in 1912; Green Acres School - a pre-K to 8 independent school in Rockville, Md.; The Howard Gardner School – a small independent school serving college-bound learners in grades 7 to 12 in Alexandria, Va. that was founded in 2004 with a focus on environmental science and the arts.

# Early Recollections

The following are excerpts from the book of recollections Looking Back, compiled by the late Dorothy Lauber for the city's 50th Anniversary celebration in 1987.

My brother and I transferred from Montgomery Blair High School in Silver Spring . . . to Bladensburg High School. In March [1938] at semester break, Greenbelt High School was opened and we immediately transferred . . . . The twelfth grade class that year consisted of five graduates - four boys and myself.

Dorma Ashley Dearing

I had come from a school that graded with A, B, C and D to Greenbelt . . . [which] graded satisfactory and unsatisfactory and where the teacher would read us stories and have us act them out. I'm not sure how I would rate that experiment but it did take away that fine edge of competition, blunted the drive for excellence and, I personally feel, shaped a lot of mediocrity.

#### June Hammersla Franklin

Our school was dedicated to "progressive education" and it was unique in the county . . They were experimenting with modern education then . . . [children] didn't have so many psychological hangups, but they didn't learn a whole lot either, as far as the 3 R's go . . . From elementary school (1 to 7th grade), we went to high school, 9th grade. There was no 8th grade in Prince George's County. They put the 8th grade in in 1950 . . . . We all went to college when we were 16.

#### Clayton S. McCarl, Sr.

Greenbelt had a wonderful program, mainly because it was a Franklin Roosevelt project and was very special. We had visitors from all over the country who came to see our classrooms and projects . . . Eleanor Roosevelt came to the school a number of times, and usually it was a shock when the door would open and she would appear, with her Secret Service escorts . . .

We started a nature trail that went from the school along to the lake. It was a science project for a number of classes. The children studied plants, growth patterns, germination, methods of planting, which plants would grow in the sun - or shade; then they grew the plants and developed the trail . . .

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There was a creative drama project . . . and the drama group would put on plays for visitors . . . . We had a very good physical education program . . . They taught the children how to use their bodies . . . the difference in playing the same game on a hard surface or in the grass. They stressed the importance of understanding how the body would respond to different sur-

roundings and situations . . . Mildred Parker, 1937 Teacher, 4th and 5th grades

I recall that while I was attending elementary school, all of the 5th, 6th and 7th grade classes got to walk up to Edmonston Road to watch President Roosevelt's motorcade go through on his way to Greenbelt.

Doris Peterman Hall

The principal . . . Catherine T. Reed . . . was a wonderful person . . . Our teachers were wonderful, we had things like music which I never had very much exposure to before. But we only had seven grades, so when you graduated from 7th grade you went directly into high school, to the 9th grade. I always was told that this was because Prince George's County was "too poor" to have an 8th grade. . . . I was going to school during the war years. All the men teachers were drafted or enlisted, so we went through quite a succession of teachers because of the war. When I graduated from Greenbelt High School in 1944 there were 50 students in the graduating class. It was the kind of school where everyone knew everybody else. Kathleen Scott McFarland

There were seven grades of elementary school in those days, and by the time World War II broke out, I was in 6th grade and those memories include sand bags around the windows in the lower floor and instructions on how to get to the basement and how to protect ourselves in the event of a bombing. Graduation from elementary school was a big occasion, with the boys in suits and the girls in white dresses. The class sang songs and there were speeches and presentation of awards.



In the early years students at Greenbelt Center Elementary School set up their own store to learn about buying, selling and cooking. In the progressive education curriculum, it was important to "learn by doing."

Louise Steinle Winker

#### **NOVEMBER 18** On Tuesday, October 23 a puppet show, "Who's Afraid of the Little Brown Bat?" will be **News Review's** performed at 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. at Patuxent Refuge Visitor Anniversary Learn why not to be afraid of bats, plus the important role Dinner bats have in the environment and get to meet the characters after the show, which lasts about 20 minutes. No registration is **BUY TICKETS NOW** The Visitor Center is located on Powder Mill Road between See ad on page 7 the Baltimore-Washington Park-

# *Tourth-Graders Built A City,* Saw First Lady, Recalled Pioneer

#### by Marat Moore

Marilyn Maryn Spiegel, a Greenbelt pioneer, has vivid memories of fourth-grade teacher Mildred Parker and her innovative lessons rooted in Center School's "progressive education."

When she entered fourth grade in 1937, Spiegel recalled that Parker told the class that "this was a new kind of school and a new community. She said that the expectation was that we would grow as an individual academically, socially, artistically and athletically."

Parker structured her lessons around a theme – soil conservation. "I think it was for the entire school, because she said each grade would participate," said Spiegel, who now lives in Kensington but attends Greenbelt events.

Her teacher raised the problem of the Dust Bowl and the suffering of so many people. 'What can we do about it?' she asked us," Spiegel said. "'What are the farmers doing? How are they trying to save the land?'"

Marilyn and her classmates learned about writing and making logical points by writing letters to members of Congress about the problems of the Dust Bowl.

The details of this innovative learning have stayed with Spiegel for 75 years. "We made

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Marilyn Maryn Spiegel

rock gardens outdoors on a slope behind the school," she said. "We had to figure out how many rocks, and keep records on what bloomed and when it bloomed."

One day Parker told the children, "'Now we're going to build a city," Spiegel remembered. "And the focus was, how do we solve these problems? How does a city develop? We talked about waterways, so we needed a river or a stream. We had to measure boxes for houses and built three-story homes – bigger than the ones we lived in – and that was the way we learned our math. "Then we had to decide how many windows were needed in the houses and we learned how to measure length and width," she said. "And we had to paint the houses and trees and the community, so art came into it.

"We were asked to solve universal problems and see how we related to the bigger society."

One day the door opened and Principal Catherine Reed came in with an older woman and several men. Marilyn stared. "She wore a hat. I knew she was no one's mother, because we knew everyone," she said. Then Parker explained, "Boys and girls, this is the First Lady of the land, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt."

Roosevelt didn't talk to the class but smiled and touched one boy's hair, Spiegel recalled.

"After she left, he said, 'I'll never wash my hair again!""

Years later, Spiegel said that Mildred Parker's "enthusiasm for life affected everything we did.

"Once she took us to listen on the radio to the National Symphony playing The Flight of the Bumblebee. She asked us, 'Why do you think we're doing this? Why is it important to have music in our lives?" Spiegel said. "If there was a challenge, she taught that we were going to

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survive it."

Other teachers, including Ruth Keane in seventh grade and music teacher Mrs. Gerritts, made strong impressions on young Marilyn.

After college at the University of Michigan, her experience with Greenbelt's progressive education inspired Spiegel to become a teacher in the Chicago area,

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where she worked for more than 30 years.

"When you have a rich experience, you carry it with you," she said. Her first job was in the new town of Park Forest, Ill., a community of small homes that reminded her of Greenbelt.

"I couldn't believe it," she said. "I felt like I was coming home."

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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**

October 5, 10:28 a.m., Beltway Plaza. An 18-year-old Greenbelt resident was arrested and charged with attempted strong armed robbery and attempted theft under \$1,000, among other charges, after trying to take a pair of shoes from another person. He was transferred to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

October 6, 4:14 a.m., Beltway Plaza parking lot. Two men approached some people, displayed handguns and demanded their property. The robbers are described as black males, 18 to 21 years old. One was described as being 5'9" in height, 160 pounds, wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt, blue jeans and Nike Crimson Foamposite sneakers. The other man was described as 5'6" tall. 150 pounds, wearing a black puffy coat, blue jeans and dark colored shoes.

October 9, 7:42 a.m., 50 court Ridge Road. A woman was sitting in her car when a man approached the passenger-side window, displayed a handgun and demanded money. The woman immediately drove away. The robber is described as a black male, 15 to 17 years old, 5'8" to 5'11" tall with a thin build and bushy hair, last seen wearing a gray hooded shirt and jeans.

#### **Reckless Endangerment**

October 7, 2:41 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. Officers responded after a report of a man firing a gun into the air. No injured persons or property

damage were found. The shooter is described as a black male with a thin build wearing a black and orange jacket.

**Disorderly Conduct** 

October 6, 6:50 p.m., 9200 block Springhill Lane. A 32-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and released on a citation pending trial.

#### **Burglary**

October 5, 1:49 a.m. 7400 block Greenbelt Road. An attempted burglary occurred.

October 7, 7:26 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Terrace. Electronics and jewelry were taken.

#### Vandalism

October 5, 9 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Court. A window was broken.

#### Vehicle Crime

Two vehicles were reported stolen, a gray 2008 Honda Civic with MD tags taken from 6 Court Ridge Road and a black 2007 Toyota Corolla with Md. tags taken from 6200 block Springhill Court.

An attempted theft of auto occurred in the 7600 block Greenbelt Road.

Thefts from autos were reported in 5 Court Ridge Road (currency and a cup holder), 9000 block Breezewood Terrace (tail lights), 400 block Ridge Road (leaf blower and weed trimmer), Beltway Plaza parking lot (rear Md. tag), 7600 block Greenbelt Road (purse), 6100 block Breezewood Drive (DVD/CD player), 7000 block Mathew Street (backpack), 7800 block Hanover Parkway (car battery).

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Call 1-866-411-TIPS. People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 240-542-2145.

# Upcoming Events at New Deal Café

Friday, October 19 pianist test of knowledge with contes-John Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then Mestico performs to 11 p.m.

tants bringing their own team or forming one on the spot. Thursday, October 25 pianist Brazilian fusion music from 8 Amy C. Kraft plays midday melodies from noon to 2 p.m. with an open microphone session with the Songwriter's Association of Washington from 7 to 9 p.m. On Friday, October 26 John Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then the Vibe Collective performs Latin jazz from 8 to 11 p.m. On Saturday, October 27 Greg Meyer's Community Jazz Jam session will be held from 1 to 5 p.m., followed by John Guernsey playing up-tempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The Greentop Ramblers celebrate Samhain (Celtic Halloween) with jigs, reels and spooky songs from 8 to 11 p.m. On Sunday, October 28 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. pianist Dr. Dave plays an eclectic mix of jazz, blues and R&B. Sound of Sleat performs Celtic and traditional Scottish music from 5 to 8 p.m.

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Although all five licenses have been awarded, only three are currently operating.

One of these is in Perryville and another near Ocean City. The most recent to open is the Maryland Alive casino at Arundel Mills Shopping Center just off the Baltimore-Washington Parkway in Anne Arundel County.

Because the law specified that the additional casino allowed under law must be located in Prince George's County, the statewide vote on the question must not only gain a majority vote but the proposition must also be approved by a majority of the voters in Prince George's County who vote on the question.

That combination could result in some interesting outcomes for Question 7. One scenario could have the question voted down statewide, with no additional casino allowed, no expansion of numbers of slots allowed and no expansion to include gaming, i.e., table games.

Another possible scenario would have the question supported by statewide voters but fail to obtain a favorable majority vote in Prince George's County. In that case such an expansion would survive but the portion of the law specifying that an additional casino could be located in Prince George's County would not be operative. A third scenario would be favorable votes for such an expansion both statewide and in Prince George's County.

#### If Successful

If Question 7 is successful both statewide and in Prince George's County with a casino authorized in the county, the ballot information states that, "It must be located within a four-mile radius of the intersection of Bock Road and St. Barnabas Road. This location would encompass both the National Harbor development and Rosecroft Raceway.

Such a facility would be allocated up to 3,000 slots. Neither slots nor table games may be operational in Prince George's County until the earlier of July 1, 2016, or 30

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months after the fourth casino in Baltimore is open. Upon the opening of a Prince George's County facility, a guaranteed additional allocation from slots proceeds would be provided to certain casinos for capital improvements, marketing and promotional costs.

With the background above, the stage was set for a fierce battle between supporters of a new casino located at National Harbor-led by County Executive Rushern Baker, National Harbor and the potential casino operator at that location, MGM Resorts International-and opponents of the question, led by Penn National Gaming, owner of Rosecroft Raceway, and the Cordish Company operator of the Maryland Live casino at Arundel Mills.

Recent media reports indicate that electioneering spending on Question 7 by opponents and supporters has exceeded \$40 million.

#### **Recent Polling**

Polling conducted by Gonzales Research & Marketing Strategies, Inc. released in late September provided results of voter dispositions on three of the referenda on this year's ballot, including Question 7. The results by gender and race are as follows:

For/Against

Democrats 51%/39% Republicans 35%/58% Independents 40%/50% Men 44%/47% Women 45%/45% White 49%/40% African American 31%/64%

The report notes the divergence on the issue between Democrat voters and African American voters who tend to vote Democrat and sees such divergence as presenting a potential obstacle for supporters of expanded gaming.

In a separate facet of the polling, pollsters asked voters who had indicated that expanded gaming is most likely to get them out to the polls how they would vote, 54 percent said they would vote against Question 7.

# Apply for Absentee Ballot by October 30

Any registered voter may choose to vote by absentee ballot. No excuse or explanation is required. Absentee ballots for the 2012 Presidential Election may be requested at any time but the deadline is Tuesday, October 30. The application must be received by 4:30 p.m. if mailed or delivered and by 11:59 p.m. if faxed. After the deadline, one can vote by absentee ballot only by completing the application in person at the County Board of Elections at 16201 Trade Zone Avenue, Suite 108, Upper Marlboro.

Applications for absentee ballots may be printed from the websites of the state or county boards of elections (English: http://www.elections.state.md.us/ voting/documents/2012\_Absentee\_Ballot\_Application\_English. pdf and Spanish: http://www. elections.state.md.us/voting/documents/2012\_Absentee\_Ballot\_Application\_spanish.pdf), requested by phone from the County Board of Elections by calling 301-430-8020 or picked up at the City Clerk's Office at the Greenbelt Municipal Building.

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#### Kids' Arts Drop-ins

There will be two College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE) children's Arts Drop-in programs led by Aaron Springer from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 20 and Sunday, October 21. The Saturday drop-in is held at the College Park Community Center, 5051 Pierce Avenue; the Sunday workshop is at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park.

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# SECTOR PLAN continued from page 1

However, the plan should be revised to indicate that since most of the streets in the sector plan are city streets, it will be city standards, and not county standards, that will apply.

The plan recommends branding of the Hanover Parkway corridor as the "Medical Mile." We do not want the proposed designation of "Medical Mile" to detract from the equally important technology field also found in Greenbelt East. For this reason, we propose that the plan evaluate a "Med-Tech" corridor designation and develop strategies to strengthen physical and thematic ties to Doctor's Hospital and NASA Goddard Space Flight Center.

Unfortunately, most of the draft sector plan departs from a perspective of strengthening a community and, instead, offers visions and recommendations of poorly defined infill and redevelopment that are unrelated to the needs of <u>this</u> city. In fact, the draft sector plan never addresses specific needs of Greenbelt, Berwyn Heights, or College Park. We believe this core failure is a fatal flaw in the plan.

The most significant problem the City Council has with this plan is the fundamental vision for the future. This plan is based upon a vision that essentially every major commercial property in Greenbelt will be redeveloped. This redevelopment is not related to property decline, high vacancies, or loss of competitive value. Instead, what is proposed is redevelopment for the sake of change, and not because change is warranted, necessary, or desired.

It has been 75 years since Greenbelt was established. Today, there are fewer than 10,000 dwelling units in the city, and the majority of these units are multifamily dwelling units. There are needs in the city for greater affordability in housing, active senior housing, and housing which provides greater choice for our aging population. The draft plan would allow for an increase of up to 10,000 additional housing units – a doubling of the city's housing stock. Yet nowhere does this plan address the actual housing needs of the city and specify the type of housing the city needs. Instead, this plan calls for an increase in multi-family housing to meet a future demand in the region. This discrepancy between how Greenbelt sees its future and how this draft plan sees that future reflects the conflict and failure in the plan.

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yet there are several recommendations for roadway widenings which directly conflict with these connectivity proposals. For example, the plan recommends that Hanover Parkway be widened to a four-lane cross-section south of Hanover Drive. The city was never consulted on this recommendation, which is in direct conflict with the city's decision that this section of roadway be kept as a two-lane road with paved shoulder, providing continuous bicycle connections along Hanover Parkway. If Hanover Parkway were to be widened as recommended, the city's efforts to provide pedestrian and bicyclist access in this area of Greenbelt East would be undermined. Likewise, the recommendation to widen Greenbelt Road/MD 193 is contrary to our desired road diet. In fact, these recommendations for roadway

widening are not even warranted by the recent traffic study that was made. The plan makes a bold rec-

ommendation to reconstruct the Kenilworth Avenue/Greenbelt Road interchange as a Diverging Diamond Interchange, but there is no reason for making such an infrastructure investment. The plan identifies no specific design flaws, hazardous conditions, levelof-service concerns, or any other specific reason to rebuild the intersection.

The socio-economic and population analysis conducted is based on a trade area four times larger than the sector plan area. The failure to conduct a detailed analysis of the actual study area and the larger City of Greenbelt is a fundamental failure in this plan.

In questioning the zoning recommendations for the former Springhill Lake Apartments, now Franklin Park, we were informed that a property with an approved Conceptual Site Plan could not be rezoned through a sectional map amendment because the property was "vested" with the rights described in the plan. Within the plan itself, it is stated that an approved CSP "runs with the land" and it cannot be rezoned. We question the legal validity of this statement and suggest that the period of validity of a CSP similar to that of a DSP needs to be considered.

The City of Greenbelt is the closest to a full-service municipality within the Prince George's County portion of the Regional District. The major difference between Greenbelt and other cities and towns in Prince George's County (except Laurel) is that Greenbelt is not within the Metropolitan District, and, therefore, the city operates its own parks and recreation departments.

The city has fought for years to have city facility and service needs considered when development projects are reviewed, yet standards to test adequacy ignore the existence and adequacy of municipal services and facilities. This is evident throughout the plan, which fails to acknowledge that Greenbelt is not within the Metropolitan District. There are references to use of county road standards, having CPTED reviews conducted by county police, and requiring adequate parks within the sector plan area.

Just as this plan is blind to the needs and desires of Greenbelt for its own future, the plan is blind to the critical deficiencies within the city for certain facilities that would result from the level of development and redevelopment proposed in the plan. There must be consideration of city services and facility needs reflected in this, and future, plans.

The city's gravest concern with the draft plan is the radical proposal for full-scale redevelopment of commercial properties, without controlling design guidelines, without specific land use objectives, without specifications for public facility support, without regard for the impact such change would have on the community, and in clear opposition to the opinions expressed by the city, that we believe renders this draft plan unsupportable and unadoptable.

We recognize that the future may hold opportunity for thoughtful, context sensitive, and well planned infill development or redevelopments of commercial retail and office properties. Our opposition to this plan is that the redevelopment opportunities that are envisioned/recommended in the plan are without any description as to use and form other than boilerplate details that are incorporated in other sector plans. The plan is presenting a land use plan that is not a plan at all. Showing large parcels being designated as mixed use without any additional analysis or detail does not constitute a plan, in our perspective.

The one property in the city that we agree could benefit from redevelopment is Beltway Plaza. The sector plan allows for such redevelopment. However, the plan is internally inconsistent with this proposal because the plan proposes to exempt Beltway Plaza from design guidelines set forth in the Development District Overlay, which earlier in the draft document the importance of adherence to the development district standards is discussed. In addition, the Development District Standards in the plan for Beltway Plaza do not address detailed phasing requirements and do not adequately address, with specificity, urban design standards. For these reasons, the City does not support the rezoning to M-U-I at this time, but rather advocates for rezoning to occur through the conceptual site plan process where phasing and urban design standards can be carefully defined, and agreed to, by the city.

We want to see Beltway Plaza improved not only from a visual perspective, but also in the way the property physically relates to itself internally and how it relates to surrounding properties. However, we cannot support a plan with rezoning that subsequently exempts this property from the very standards we argue are necessary to protect the community.

Judith F. Davis Mayor City of Greenbelt



concerns we wish to highlight within this letter. These reflect some of the most serious differences and disagreements that the City Council has with the draft plan.

The draft plan recommends realignment of the Greenbelt Station Parkway to the east. The plan fails to recognize that the southern leg of the roadway is 50% complete and that the alignment has been approved in the Preliminary Plan of Subdivision and Conceptual Site Plan for Greenbelt Station/Metroland. The alignment, as approved, was chosen because it would have the least impact on environmentally sensitive areas. There is no justification to modify the alignment of this road as it crosses Narragansett Run.

We applaud and support the recommendations in the plan to strengthen and improve pedestrian and bicyclist connections,

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The site was selected to enhance the Anacostia Watershed and filter agricultural run-off from BARC and sediment loads in the Indian Creek and Beaver Dam Creek watersheds. SHA will monitor the newly planted trees for two years to ensure the reforestation is successful, survey the survival rate of the planted trees, replacing those that do not survive. The BARC area selected is in areas not suitable for agricultural research.

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Carol Allen, who holds an M.S. in plant science from the University of Maryland, will talk on "What Your Mother Never Told You About Planting" whether they be woody plants, perennials or annuals and also on soil preparation, cultivating beneficial soil micro-organisms and, under cover of humor, a bit of plant physiology.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting. Members are asked to bring a plant or plantrelated material for the door prize table. The public is welcome; admission is free.

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#### SATURDAY OCT. 20 GREENBELT ARTS CENTER, 123 CENTERWAY:

(11 am) There Are No Heroes (37 min.) In this South African sci-fi film, a young mother must confront an evil pharmaceutical company. (12 noon):

The Legend of Merv Conn (45 min.) The life and times of a Washington-area accordion maestro in an era when accordion was king. Ernest Borgnine On The Bus (50 min.) A cross-country journey with late movie star Ernest Borgnine in his deluxe travel bus. (2 pm):

Record Paradise: The Musical Life of Joe Lee (53 min.) Portrait of a music-loving Silver Spring record-store owner.

Arc Of Light: A Portrait Of Anna Campbell Bliss (51 min.) A Laurel filmmaker explores the work of a cutting-edge artist.

(4 pm) From Here To Obscurity: The "Best" of Travesty Films (90 min.) Short films by the Langley Punks comedy troop.

(6 pm) Every Other Day Is Halloween (80 min.) A doc about Washington D.C. celebrity Dick Dyszel –aka Count Gore De Vol. (Meet the Count afterward) (8 pm):

The Parachute Ball (20 min.) On a secluded English farm in WWII, two eccentric women face peril when they find a German pilot in their tree. Anthem (61 min.) The gripping story of Maryland in the War of 1812 and the birth of our national anthem.

(10 pm):

My Little Demon (76 min.) How far will a mother go to save the life of her child - and her own soul?

Of Dolls & Murder (70 min.) How an eerie collection of doll-house-sized crime scenes helps solve murders.

SATURDAY OCT. 20, GREENBELT MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 25 CRESCENT RD:

(11am) Vittorio...Capitan Pistone (58 min.) (Italian, subtitles) A poignant look at the life of a person with Alzheimer's: the filmmaker's father. (12 noon):

Through Bloodshot Eyes (2 min., India) How family violence perpetuates itself.

Suddenly, Zinat (20 min.) (Iranian, with subtitles) A teacher's life turns upside down when the drug-addicted mother of her foster child returns. Roadmap To Apartheid (94 min.) A look at the apartheid comparison sometimes used to describe the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. (2 pm):

Another Journey (15 min.) Four young Sudanese who fled their villages as children in the 1980's, when heavily armed troops attacked, tell their stories. Kinderblock 66: Return to Buchenwald (87 min.) Four men imprisoned as children in the notorious Buchenwald concentration camp return. (4 pm):

In the Footsteps of Newton (42 min.) American students go to Europe in search of the roots of scientific genius Isaac Newton.

Room to Breathe (76 min.) A story of transformation, as troubled kids in a San Francisco classroom learn to meditate.

(6 pm) After the Factory (45 min.) What does the future hold for decimated post-industrial cities like Detroit, Michigan and Lodz, Poland? (Discussion) (8 pm):

One Track Mind (28 min.) A New Yorker's single-minded quest to document the original underground art of the city's vast subway system. Marwencol (84 min.) A man living with post-traumatic stress disorder finds an outlet in creating an extraordinary doll-filled fantasy world. (10 pm) Oxygen for the Ears: Living Jazz (93 min.) Documentary which showcases a musical genre's rich history in Washington, D.C.

#### SUNDAY OCT. 21 GREENBELT ARTS CENTER, 123 CENTERWAY:

(12 noon):

Circle Square (1 min.) Animation. Character "O" overcomes obstacles to attain enlightenment.

Memsaab is Good Now? (8 min.) Accordionist Shirley Deane travelled the world, faced death threats and met a healer who cured her of a lifelong illness. Rusti Escapes! (20 min.) Finding a home for a feisty 275 lb. orangutan is not an easy task – even in Hawaii.

Finding Manjushri (21 min.) A pious monk makes a pilgrimage - only to discover that the wisdom he seeks is closer and stranger than he could imagine. God Has Arrived (51 min.) A questing filmmaker seeks answers about God in the mountains of Mexico and India.

(2 pm) The Source (99 min.) The rise and fall of a 1970's California commune led by charismatic guru "Father Yod."

(4 pm) Detropia (90 min.) The decline of the once-great city of Detroit, Michigan is the focus of this compelling and critically-acclaimed documentary .

#### SUNDAY OCT. 21 GREENBELT MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 25 CRESCENT RD (FREE):

(12 noon):

GAVA-GATE Animations (19 min.) Short animations by students of GAVA/GATE animation instructor George Kochell.

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Freedom (6 min.) Constricted by the routine of everyday life, young Maya strives to escape society's barriers.

Franklin County, PA (2 min.) Take a quick trip with this youthful filmmaker around Franklin County, Pennsylvania.

Let Me Go (16 min.) Held captive by an insane man seeking money, will Casey Walker survive?

Not One Of Us (2 min.) A film about bullying.

Letting Go (8 min.) A girl grieving the death of a loved one discovers it's OK to go on, as the land around her goes on.

Wait In Silence (14 min.) A teenager exploring the grittier side of life loses herself along the way.

Cardboard (10 min.) Homelessness in America is a national tragedy. Faced with adversity, what would you do to keep your family together?

Our Utopia Is (2 min.) Shorts by young Baltimore filmmakers explore visions of Utopia.

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Maryland Sentient (3 min.) Maryland bugs do their thing to cool music.

The Wheel (16 min.) A dutiful young man is fated to maintain the balance of the world, but his mischievous sister is determined to upset it.

(2 pm) Urban/Rural Landscapes 6 (90 min.) A program by experimental filmmaker Chris Lynn. FREE

(4 pm) Docs in Progress (approx. two hours.) Critique two documentaries with the filmmakers, and with documentary consultant Erica Ginsberg. FREE

#### SUNDAY OCT. 21 OLD GREENBELT THEATRE, 129 CENTERWAY (FREE):

(11 am):

Greenbelt: A Model Community (11 min.) Greenbelt's history comes to life through interviews with residents, Greenbelt pioneer children and historians. The City (43 min) New Deal documentary about urban blight and the Depression-era birth of the utopian Green Towns (12 pm):

How Fred Burke Was Captured In 1931 (30 min.) Long-suppressed FBI documentary about how residents of a small Missouri town – including future Greenbelt mayor Allen Morrison - captured an Al Capone gang member. (discussion with Morrison's son Bill Morrison follows)

(1 pm) Green Towns USA (57 min.) How the three Green Towns – Greenbelt, Maryland; Greenhills, Ohio and Greendale, Wisconsin have fared. (2 pm):

Opening our Eyes: Global Stories about the Power of One (61 min.) Mother/daughter filmmakers circle the globe on a 99-day journey seeking ordinary people who are making a difference in the world.

Encounters (52 min.) (Canadian) Young Huron and Innu aboriginals travel with young Quebecers on a river adventure, and work to overcome prejudice.

#### SUNDAY, OCT. 21 BELTWAY PLAZA'S ACADEMY STADIUM THEATERS, 6198 GREENBELT ROAD (FREE):

(7pm-8pm) Utopia Filmmakers' Forum: Enjoy light refreshments, meet filmmakers, ask questions, learn about the craft of independent filmmaking. (8-10pm) Best of Utopia. If you missed a film, we may be screening it during Best of Utopia.

Tickets \$5 at venue door for each program, \$25 for all-events-all-weekend pass. (Many free events) See utopiafilmfestival.org or call 301-466-9524 for more information.