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## Candidates

As a public service, the News Review is providing biographies for all of the candidates who are running in the new District 22.

### Tawanna Gaines



Tawanna Gaines is a candidate for the Maryland House of Delegates, representing Legislative District 22 in Prince George's County. Currently a delegate, she serves as a member of the Judiciary Committee. The district includes, Berwyn Heights, Greenbelt, Edmonston, New Carrollton, University Park, Riverdale Park, Hyattsville and the Lanham Seabrook area.

There has been a lot of change in her life, from a licensed real estate associate broker to a stay at home mom, now a Maryland state delegate. Her active volunteer involvement began first at school, serving on the advisory boards of both

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## Ownership of Theater Near, City Ponders the Operations

by Virginia Beauchamp

City attorney Robert Manzi began discussion at the Greenbelt City Council worksession on July 24 on the leasing and management of the Old Greenbelt Theatre by sketching out a time line for the theater's acquisition. The documents first have to be prepared, he said, and filed with the state and with the Prince George's County land records office. If all goes well, Manzi said he hopes the city may be able to take ownership within 30 days.

That prospect seemed to energize all councilmembers present (Alan Turnbull being away). As Councilmember Thomas White put it, "This is a new venture for everyone."

In preparing for the meeting, Manzi had met with City Manager Michael P. McLaughlin and the two of them had prepared a draft agreement that was distributed to councilmembers. One part consisted of a lease arrangement to be signed jointly by the city and the theater's present manager Paul Sanchez. The other was an operating agreement between both parties.

Council was clear that the city had neither the staff nor the expertise to operate a movie theater at the present time on its own initiative. On the other hand, as

owner, the city expects to make use of the facility for other purposes during hours when movies are not being shown. For this reason, the parameters under which this joint use can be carried out must be agreed upon.

Another issue is the proposed, and necessary, renovation of the structure. How this can be carried out without interfering with the scheduling of the movie showings was a major concern. Keeping the theater dark for any period of time was seen as jeopardizing its market potential, as devotees who changed to other venues might not return.

### Agreement

White stressed the importance of the city's taking "a clean slate approach" with Sanchez. He asked McLaughlin and Manzi to meet soon with Sanchez to draw him out about his own desires concerning the arrangement. For example, certain issues have never been resolved about the metering of utilities. Until the present time the water use of Pleasant Touch, which occupies basement space underneath the stage, has been charged to the metered account of the theater.

In executive session with See THEATER, page 9

## Royal D. Breashears Dies, A Former GHI Manager

by James Giese

Royal Dolen Breashears, 83, former Greenbelt Homes, Inc. General Manager died in a Nags Head nursing home on Monday, July 29 after a long illness. Breashears had retired to the North Carolina Outer Banks in 1980 with his wife, Vera, a native of Kitty Hawk.

For 27 years, Breashears had been associated with the housing cooperative. He joined it as an accountant not long after its incorporation in January 1953. Within a year he became its comptroller. In 1958 he was appointed assistant manager and, in 1962, he became the corporation's third general manager. At 18 years, he remains the longest serving general manager of the organization. During his tenure with GHI Breashears worked with more than 20 different boards and a large - sometimes cumbersome - membership that he referred to as "his bosses."

While he worked for the corporation, GHI became one of the most stable cooperatives in the United States. In the early years,



Royal D. Breashears

Breashears was involved in setting up the books of the cooperative - in a very real sense helping the corporation to establish its own identity after its separation from the federal government. Since GHI at that time was virtually synonymous with the town itself, many projects undertaken

in the early years helped to chart the future direction of Greenbelt.

While with the corporation, Breashears helped to: prepare a master land use plan for undeveloped areas of Greenbelt; organize the Lakeside Homeowners, Inc. as a sales cooperative; encourage the formation of the Woodland Hills cooperative to purchase and develop homesites on Woodland Way and Northway; purchase the North End store on Laurel Hill Road and the Medical Center on Ridge Road for restoration as homes; oversee construction of 25 townhomes and four free-standing homes for larger families; engage in numerous battles

See BREASHEARS, page 5

## ACE Takes City Issues Before New School Board Members

by Marat Moore

With schools opening in less than a month, Greenbelt's Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) met with new Prince George's County school board members Abby Crowley and Jose Morales on July 16 to discuss a wide range of issues. Mayor Judith Davis and councilmember Ed Putens also participated in the discussion.

It was reported that sixth graders from Springhill Lake Elementary School may stay another year at Greenbelt Middle School due to two factors - overcrowding at Springhill Lake Elementary School and the possible delay in opening the new Berwyn Heights school, where classrooms are not complete and the cafeteria may not open until late fall. ACE member Eva Griffin, the committee's liaison with Springhill Lake Elementary School (SHL), said that boundary changes have affected a number of students and that some students living in Springhill Lake apartments may be moved to Berwyn Heights school.

Boundary issues are not carved in stone," Crowley said, noting the problems posed by construction delays at Berwyn Heights.

Mayor Davis said that the Greenbelt City Council has sent a letter suggesting that the Springhill Lake sixth graders remain at Greenbelt Middle School one more year due to the uncertainty about Berwyn Heights. If the students returned to SHL, because of overcrowding the school would have to house three sixth grade classes in the gymnasium.

ACE Chair Leta Mach briefed Crowley and Morales on the history and structure of ACE, including such successes as the School Resource Officer program at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, which has become a model for the nation and has been instituted in high schools throughout Prince George's County. Other popular programs include the ACE awards for students and educators, annual PTA presidents' meeting, citizens' forums, annual principals' meeting, the Buy a Book program, job fair, and reading club.

Each ACE member serves as a liaison with an area school, and they updated board members on issues facing each school.

### Eleanor Roosevelt

Jackie Magness of ACE reported that the challenge last year at ERHS was the loss of

teachers and temporaries, and the lack of space for standardized testing.

Crowley said she was concerned about the impact on enrichment programs, and the loss of an esteemed drama teacher who had been employed half-time. Parents are meeting to try to find ways to save that position, although private funds cannot be used to meet personnel needs. "Eleanor Roosevelt is a wonderful place, but it has a lot of needs," Crowley said.

On another issue, Morales noted that about 11 students studying Russian in other parts

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## What Goes On

Monday-Wednesday, August 5-7

Trial of city's condemnation suit to obtain land for U.S. Post Office, Circuit Court, Upper Marlboro Tuesday, August 6

7-8 p.m., Community meeting on Goddard Facilities Master Plan (doors open at 6 p.m.), DuVal High School

## Community Center Window To Be Restored as Model

by Virginia Beauchamp

Probably more than half the people who frequent the Greenbelt Community Center have never seen the window (at least from the inside) that is the likely candidate for restoration under a new grant the city has received. That's because the window in question is located in the first-floor men's rest room.

The city was notified in early July that the State of Maryland's Year 2003 Historic Preservation Capital Grant Program under the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development has allocated \$20,000 to conduct a model demonstration of "steel sash restoration and associated repairs." The city applied for the grant after the only bids to replace or repair the windows of the original 1937 structure came in thousands of dollars above the city's estimate.

This particular window is under consideration as the specimen example because its steel frame is probably the most heavily rusted of any in the building. According to Community Center Supervisor Joe McNeal, the frame is corroded right through. "You can see daylight in some places," he said. However, Program Director Hy Myers of the firm that will oversee the renovation, Vitetta Architecture of Philadelphia, will

make the final choice.

Myers, who is a specialist in historic preservation, supervised the 1995 restoration of the building after its acquisition from the county Board of Education. As a cost-saving measure at that time, the original windows were left intact.

### Condition Unknown

McNeal acknowledged that previous bidders for restoring the windows had had difficulty determining the scope of the project because the essential condition of the original steel framing, and of the lintels, was unknown. By using a specimen window as a guide, potential bidders could better cost out the whole project, McNeal said. The city might also need to scale down the project, he added. In addition, carrying out a prototype model would allow the city to observe the quality of workmanship of the contractor selected.

In fact, the grant application suggests an even broader use for what may be learned on the Community Center project - that is, "a benefit to future window restoration projects throughout the state." The application indicates that lack of knowledge about what is entailed in such

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## Special Thanks

The several-hour power outage on Tuesday afternoon due to extreme heat and high power demand, played havoc with the News Review's typing and editing schedule. And, computer-like, the beasts did not want to work properly after being unceremoniously blacked out. Special thanks for work on short (no) notice, that enabled this paper to hold to the usual publication schedule, goes to Tom Fishbeck and Jim Williamson, husband of editor Mary Lou Williamson. Thanks, guys! We'd have been lost without your pitching in to solve our power-failure-caused computer crisis. Special thanks also to Helen Sydavar who found and hitched up the old scanner when our new one displayed shattered glass. We had a lot of great photos for her to scan.

## Post Office Suit Is Scheduled Next Week

The City of Greenbelt lawsuit to condemn the land proposed for a new United States Post Office facility is scheduled for a three-day trial on August 5, 6, and 7 in Prince George's County Circuit Court in Upper Marlboro. However, the involved parties are apparently pursuing a continuance of the case. In setting next week's hearing, Judge Thomas P. Smith noted, "there will be no further continuance for any reason."

The city has believed that a settlement would be reached among the defendants prior to next week's court hearing. In the event that this occurs, the case will probably be dismissed.

The city resorted to the con-

demnation suit after an earlier suit failed to remove a unilateral covenant restricting development on the proposed post office site to commercial office buildings only. The land for the proposed larger postal facility is located on Hanover Parkway and Ora Glen Drive between two existing tracts of office buildings - Commerce Center 1 at the corner of Hanover Parkway and Greenbelt Road and Commerce Center's one-story and three-story buildings across Ora Glen Drive from the post office site. The new post office will expand its service area, while the sales functions and post office boxes will be retained in the existing post office in Roosevelt Center.

## Correction

In the last issue's ad Outstanding Citizen Nomination Form, the deadline for nominations was stated incorrectly. The deadline is Monday, August, 5, 2002.

## GHI Notes

The Marketing Committee will meet on August 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the GHI Conference Room.

The Finance Committee meeting previously scheduled for August 8 has been postponed until further notice.

The next regular Board of Directors meeting will be held August 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the GHI Board Room.

The next scheduled Pre-Purchase Orientation will be August 5 at 7:15 p.m. in the GHI Board Room.

Members are always welcome to attend Committee and Board meetings. There will be no blood pressure testing at GHI during the month of August.

## Co. School Board Committee to Meet

The Business Roundtable, Partnerships & Communications Committee of the Prince George's County Board of Education will meet on Wednesday, August 7, at 6 p.m. at the Sasser Administration Building, 14201 School Lane, Upper Marlboro. The meeting will be held in the Board Executive Room.

Attending the meeting will be Board of Education member Dean Sirjue, chair of the committee; Board Chair Dr. Beatrice P. Tignor; committee members Dr. Charlene Dukes and Dr. Abby Crowley; and school system staff. Other attendees include members from the Prince George's Chamber of Commerce: Traycey Funn, chair of the board; Dr. Ron Williams and Keith Howard, co-chairs of the Chamber's Education Committee; and Wendi Williams, Chamber president/CEO.

The meeting will be open to the public, but there will be no public participation. Contact Jackie Gray, Board of Education, on 301-952-6116 for information.

## THANKS

On July 19 management put on a picnic for all of the residents at Green Ridge House. Around 65 residents came out for the food and fun. Our own engineer, Mark, cooked barbecue chicken on the grill, while Salva and Fran served up the cole slaw, baked beans, rolls and chips. Ron took care of the iced tea and lemonade. We also had ice cold watermelon and cookies. After a lot of laughs and a lot of good food, our tummies were full and we were ready for a nice nap. Wrong, Salva had other plans for us to go in the dining room for games.

We all missed our wild and crazy DJ, Marty. He was off to the hospital for the birth of his grandchild. Mark did try to fill in for Marty with the music. Now, Mark, we love you but please stick to the cooking and leave the music to Marty.

Thank you Salva, Fran, Mark and Ron for a great food, friendship and fun afternoon.

Hazel Parent,  
president,  
GRH Resident Council

## Don't Leave a Dog Unguarded, Ever

On Saturday morning, I decided to stop at the Co-op grocery store on my way home. Tied to the bench outside the entrance was a dear little fuzzy dog, the kind with hair in his eyes. No human was with him. I recently learned that Maryland has one of the highest incidents of dognapping - small dogs are used as bait to teach dogs how to fight - so I sat down on the bench to keep a protective watch. I waited for half an hour for the dog's owner. Although the bench was shaded, it was very hot and we had no water. I hadn't had breakfast, but visualizing some of the unspeakable things that could happen to this little dog, who was sweet, friendly, and timid, kept me there. He kept watching the entrance to the store and when his owner finally came out with a full grocery cart, there was no question that they belonged together. She sat down on the bench with me and I told her why I had stayed to guard her dog. She told me how

grateful she was and that she would never leave him alone again - and then said, "This is the second time he's almost been stolen." I was speechless. How many times does it take?

The answer is that it only takes one time. This little dog was fortunate indeed.

It's so easy to think that our dogs will be safe because we'll be in the store for "just a minute." But dognappers are professionals. They operate in teams. It takes only a few seconds to approach a dog, cut his leash, throw him in the getaway car, and leave. It takes only a few moments for a little pet dog to be torn to shreds by vicious dogs being trained to fight. A dog owner who returns to find

part of a leash has the rest of his life to wonder, imagine, have nightmares about what happened to his little fuzzy friend.

We have been given stewardship over animals. Among other things, this means that we must protect them and care for them and be their advocates. While this incident happened at the Co-op, I have observed dogs tied up and unattended outside the New Deal Café, Generous Joe's, and other stores in Roosevelt Center. As an advocate for this little dog and for all others, I implore all dog owners never, never to leave their dogs unguarded even for a moment.

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Louise Wilding

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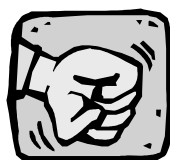
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# Community Events

## Hints for Autumn Computer Shopping

Hot as it is, back to school and fall are just around the corner. For those with a new computer in their autumn plans, who don't know where to start, a good place would be the Greenbelt Internet Access Cooperative (GIAC) free class "How to Buy a Computer." Mary Camp will discuss what knowledge is needed before buying a computer, current computer trends, and what to avoid. The lecture will be Wednesday, August 7 at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, in Dining Room #2 from 7 to 8 p.m. with a question and answer period following. For further information call the GIAC voice mail at 301-419-8044. Registration is unnecessary, but to reserve a copy of the handouts call GIAC by Monday August 5. The class is open to all.

## Goddard Meeting On Draft Master Plan

Goddard Space Flight Center will host a community meeting on August 6 to provide a status report on the draft Facilities Master Plan that was submitted to the National Capital Planning Commission on July 5.

Submission of the plan initiates the official review and comment period for the public. Goddard planners will describe the documents, including the draft Facilities Master Plan, the draft Transportation Management Plan, and the draft Environmental Assessment. The planners will be available to describe potential consequences for the community, roadways, and the environment. Community comments will be accepted. Discussion will also include how to provide written feedback during the comment period, which ends September 3.

The community meeting will be held Tuesday, August 6 from 7 to 8 p.m. (doors will open at 6 p.m.) at DuVal High School, Goodluck Road.

A facilities master plan is a set of proposals to change the space flight center's buildings, roads, fences, utilities and land use over the next 20 years. The plan sets general guidelines for the many individual proposals to change center facilities during that time frame and helps to ensure that these proposals fit together. The plan is a part of Goddard's overall effort to conduct its work more efficiently and effectively.

The Goddard Facilities Master Plan and Environmental Assessment documents are available for public review at the Greenbelt library.

## Poetry Plus Meets

Poetry Plus is a group where poets and poetry lovers can listen and talk and which provides an appreciative audience for new poems or old poems people love, hate or don't understand. The group will meet on Saturday, August 10 at the Greenbelt library from 10:30 to noon. The suggested subject is "Our Favorite Poems." The discussion is open to all who enjoy talking about poetry.

It is suggested that participants bring 5 to 10 copies of poems to share.

## Windsor Green Annual Meeting

At the annual meeting and election of the board of directors of Windsor Green which was held on Thursday, June 20, Vicki Focht and Derek Thompson were elected to serve for two year terms. A total of 117 ballots/proxies were cast.

Ralph Edinger, Sheldon Goldberg, and Kingsley Aduaka have a year to serve on a two-year term, thus completing a five-member board of directors.

The board of directors held their organizational meeting and installation of officers after the annual meeting. The results are: Ralph Edinger, president; Derek Thompson, first vice president; Vicki Focht, second vice president; Kingsley Aduaka, treasurer; and Sheldon Goldberg, secretary.

The board of directors expressed appreciation to the Election Committee and all who helped with the annual meeting and election.

Board of directors meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. at the Windsor Green Community Center on the third Thursday of the month. All Windsor Green homeowners are welcome to attend meetings. Meeting dates for the remainder of 2002 are: August 15, September 19, October 17, November 21, and December 19.

## At the Library

### Adult Programs

Saturday, August 10, 10:30 a.m. Poetry Plus, a discussion group for adults. Theme: Our Favorite Poems.

### Children's Programs

Tuesday, August 6, 7 p.m. Cliffhangers, for ages 5 to 8.

Thursday, August 8, 10:15 a.m. Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5.

In the display case for August is a back-to-school feature.

## ERHS Class of '92 Will Hold Reunion

Eleanor Roosevelt High School's Class of 1992 will hold its 10-year reunion the weekend of September 1. In preparation for the event, alumni can register their contact information at on the web at [www.thejonx.net/92/](http://www.thejonx.net/92/) or call 410-964-5590 to get further information.

## Museum Curator Position Funded

The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, together with the Maryland Historical Trust, has awarded up to \$5,000 from the FY 2003 Museum Development Grant Program to the Friends of Greenbelt Museum, Inc. This money funds the third and final year of the Museum Curator grant.

## Greenbelt CARES

Judye Hering held the new summer educational program on Wednesday, July 24. Students reviewed English grammar, English literature and math. Sixteen students and three volunteers participated in the program. The program runs for six Wednesday morning sessions.

## Financial Reporting Kudos for City

Greenbelt City Treasurer Jeffrey L. Williams has received the award of Financial Reporting Achievement by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada. The city has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in financial reporting for comprehensive accrual financial reporting.

The certificate of achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. The association is a non-profit professional association serving approximately 14,000 government finance professionals.

## Artists Invited To Festival Show

Calling all Greenbelt Artists and craftspeople: Those who live, work or go to school in Greenbelt may enter their works in the annual Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Art Shows. The two shows, children and adults, respectively, take place at the Greenbelt Community Center over the Labor Day weekend and are visited by over 500 people every year. There is no entry fee, no required pre-registration, and awards are given in several categories.

This is way to share art with the whole community. For more information, pick up a flyer at the Greenbelt Community Center of the Greenbelt library. For additional information, call Barbara Simon, president of the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA) which co-sponsors the shows, at 301-474-2192.

## City Notes

The week of July 26 the horticulture crew removed both the Roosevelt Memorial tree, which was dead and hazardous, and a dead tree on Ridge Road. The crew also watered and weeded landscaped areas throughout the city.

The parks crew installed a split-rail fence, completed widening the bridge, framed an area with wood, filled it with wood chips and installed two benches and a refuse container at Stream Valley Park. The crew also continued construction of the bus shelters, installed a plaque on a bench at Roosevelt Center, and prepared softball and baseball fields for league play.

The facilities maintenance crew removed the cove base, patched the walls, and painted hallways and offices in the basement of the police station and opened a clogged water line in the mechanics' shop.

The streets crew used the street sweeper to clean Hillside, Northway, Greenhill, the upper part of Ridge Road and through Springhill Lake; began repairing the asphalt path at Schrom Hills Park; and repaired holes in the parking lot in front of the post office.

The special operations crew began refurbishing the Labor Day booths and assisted the streets crew with paving.

The vehicle mechanics repaired a hydraulic leak on the street sweeper and repaired hoses on a refuse and another truck.

# Festival Notes

## Shuttle Vacancy

The shuttle service for the festival is in serious trouble. There are enough drivers for the weekend but without someone to oversee the operation, there will be no shuttle this year. It does not require an individual specifically – it can be a group of individuals. This service is important to festival-goers and it will be unfortunate if it has to be cancelled. Call Patti Brothers at 301-982-2312 to help.

## Fundraising

Bake sales will continue on a regular basis outside the Co-op. The Miss Greenbelt Pageant will hold one this Saturday, August 3. The regular festival bake sales will continue the following week, August 10. Proud to Be American T-shirts are still available in all sizes. And raffle tickets for \$200 worth of Co-op groceries are currently being sold. The above items can also be purchased by calling Patti Brothers at 301-982-2312.

## Miss Greenbelt

Plans and practices for the Miss Greenbelt Pageant are proceeding well, and this year promises to be the best pageant ever. There are more contestants than in previous years and all are busy rehearsing. Each night of the pageant will be a fun time!

## Information Day

Saturday, August 31 is Information Day. There is plenty of table space still available. All groups are invited to participate, as this day provides an opportunity to share their cause, mission, or product (no sales are permitted though) with festival-goers. Contact Dave Pitts at 301-345-9605 for more information.

## Talent Show

Call now to reserve a spot in the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Talent Show on Saturday, August 31, at 6 p.m. All types of entertainers – singers, dancers, musicians and much more, are needed. Call Dennis Lewis at 301-552-9078 for more information.

## Outstanding Citizen

The deadline for nominations for Outstanding Citizen is August 5. Anyone can nominate a Greenbelt resident who has contributed significantly to the community. Past winners have led youth or senior activities, directed major volunteer programs, led efforts to improve the city, directed campaigns to save community institutions or helped in many small ways. For more information or an application, call Bob Zugby at 301-345-2065.

## Art Show

Call Barbara Simon at 301-474-2192 for information on this year's art show. The show runs for the entire weekend, there is no entry fee, and winners will be recognized in various categories.

## Photo Show

Call Keith Zevallos at 301-474-5542 or Anne Zevallos at 301-345-3770 for information on the photo show, which also runs for the entire weekend. There is no entry fee, and winners will be recognized in various categories.

## Parade

Parade chairperson, Linda Ivy, is currently taking applications for this year's Labor Day parade – marching bands, majorettes, dancers, dogs, horses – groups of all types are invited to participate. Ivy can be reached at 301-441-9414.

## Business Liaison

Letters have gone out to area



businesses regarding donations to the festival. For those businesses who have not received a letter, donations can still be made. Individual donations are also being accepted. Call Patti Brothers at 301-982-2312 for more information. The success of the festival is directly related to the monetary support it gets from the community, both from businesses and individuals.

## Ticket Sellers

Applications are being accepted for ticket sellers for the carnival rides and activities. All shifts are needed. These are paid positions, but in lieu of pay, these positions can be used to fulfill a student's community service requirement. Call Lenny Wertz at 301-864-0254 or Patti Brothers at 301-982-2312 for more information.

## Volunteers

Volunteers are still needed to assist with this year's festival in all areas. This is a great opportunity for students in grades 7 through 12 who need community hours to fulfill that requirement. Jobs include working in the information booth, setting up displays and booths for Information Day and the various shows, selling carnival tickets, handing out materials, running errands and many other jobs. Call Patti Brothers at 301-982-2312 for more information.

## Other Activities

This year's festival promises something for everyone. There will be softball games, a horse-shoe tournament, a pet show, kids' games, a T-ball hitting contest and many other "get involved" activities. The stage will be the center of top quality entertainment including Diamond Alley, The Nighthawks, Wayne Brown and Second Conspiracy – all performing under the lights – and Shoe Suede Blues, featuring Peter Tork, on Sunday afternoon to bring a little "Hollywood" to the festival. Further information will be in future Festival Notes.

## Meetings

There will be committee meetings every Thursday – August 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 – from now until the festival. With the exception of August 29, all will be at the Community Center starting at 7:30 p.m. The meeting on August 29 will be on the festival grounds. Interested volunteers are encouraged to the meetings. Call Patti Brothers at 301-982-2312 for more information.

## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

### Week of August 2

### My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG)

Friday  
\*5:25, 7:30, 9:40

### Saturday

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### My Big Fat Greek Wedding

\*3:20, \*5:25, 7:30, 9:40

### Sunday

\*3:20, \*5:25, 7:30

### Monday - Thursday

\*5:45, 7:45

\*These shows at \$4.00  
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*In Memoriam*

# Royal D. Breashears, 1919-2002 A Good Manager, A Good Friend

by James Giese

Royal D. Breashears and I became managers in Greenbelt in 1962 – he as General Manager of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., where nearly all residents of Greenbelt lived at the time, and I as City Manager. I never regarded him as a newcomer though, as he had been on the job for a while and with GHI even longer, while I was fresh out of Illinois and arrived late in the year, in the middle of December. Since we both worked for elected bodies and for the citizens of Greenbelt, we had a lot in common. While our personalities were quite different, we got along well with each other and became fast friends.

My first recollection of Roy was when he came to see me carrying a map of GHI with lines in different colors. The lines represented the interior sidewalk system and the colors showed which were to be maintained by the city and which were to be maintained by GHI. In Greenbelt, where the city manager and the housing manager were one and the same for the early years of the city's operation and where all property was once owned by the U.S. government, there was still great confusion as to the division of responsibilities between the two entities. I, having come from a more normal community with well-drawn property lines, asked Roy which sidewalks were on city property and which were on GHI property. That had not been considered and Roy took his map back to figure that out. We eventually reached agreement on territorial responsibility.

Greenbelt was rapidly changing then. Lakeside, Woodland Hills and Lakewood subdivisions of single-family homes were already built. The massive Springhill Lake apartment complex was under construction as was Lakeside extended, Lakeside North apartments and Boxwood Village. The future was clear that city interests would have to include the interests of all these new areas. It was important that there were clear lines of delineation between GHI and the city. Roy and I spent much time working out these issues.

Roy was affable, gregarious and rotund – a jolly giant that most found extremely likeable. We often would break away from our heavy schedules and extensive night meetings to have lunch, together. We both enjoyed good food and the good conversation that went with it. Many GHI/city issues were resolved in that way.

We both had to deal with citizens and their problems. Oftentimes, we did it with the same individuals. On the whole, though, Roy had the tougher job. People care more about their home than their street. With GHI



**The Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Board of Directors in 1974: seated from left Theodore Byerly, Stephen Polaschik, President James Smith, Virginia Moryadas; standing from left Norman Weyel, Hugh O'Donnell, Joseph Comproni, Donald Volk and Manager Royal Breashears.**

homes showing the signs of wear and tear and the need for greater maintenance, steam pipes bursting, fuel costs rising, and roofs leaking, there were many complaints and much unhappiness over GHI operations and proposals to increase monthly charges to accomplish rehabilitation. Roy soothed many an unhappy homeowner with his good humor, sympathetic understanding and willingness to do whatever he could to resolve their problems.

Roy loved to fish. Occasionally he would talk me into quitting early and heading to the Chesapeake Bay for a little shore fishing. Roy would haul the fish in. I struggled to get my hook into the water.

A native of Arkansas and Oklahoma, Roy served in the Coast Guard in Norfolk. There he met a girl from Kitty Hawk, Vera

Beacham, and convinced her to become his wife. All through his work career he longed for the Outer Banks and the time when he could go fishing any time he wanted to. Vera called him "Bush." She would say it in her thick North Carolina drawl so that it was a word of at least two syllables. I suppose I heard the story behind that nickname, but have since forgotten it.

When Roy retired in 1980, he and Vera headed for the beach. I think they came back to Greenbelt just one

time after that. Surprisingly, though, Roy quickly tired of fishing and in a few years quit entirely.

Other friends of Roy and Vera from Greenbelt and I remember many happy times staying at Vera's family-owned motel in Kitty Hawk. It became a tradition for a group of us to go there in October for a long weekend of fishing, fish eating and relaxing on the beach. Some of us still do try to get down there each year even though the family sold the motel years ago. You didn't have to tell Roy and Vera when you'd be there. They'd hear it from the motel, and soon after you arrived, they would show up at your doorstep with a friendly greeting.

As time passed, Roy slowed down. He finally had to give up driving. Last October, we visited



## Obituaries

### Mary L. Schubert

Longtime Greenbelter Mary L. Schubert, died at Hillhaven Nursing Home on July 24, 2002. She had lived on Gardenway for 50 years.

Her husband, John A. Schubert, preceded her in death.

She is survived by son Joe M. Schubert and daughter Susan L. McCauley; sister Flogene Bloomer; brother Newell Sensabaugh; grandchildren Roy H. McCauley and Christina Hill, many relatives and friend.

A funeral service was held on Monday, July 29 at Berwyn Baptist Church. Interment was at Fort Lincoln Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Hillhaven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center Activities Fund, 3210 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi, MD 20783 or Berwyn Baptist Church, 4720 Cherokee Street, College Park, MD 20740.

Friends and neighbors were saddened to learn of the death of longtime resident Mary Schubert. Our sympathy to her daughter Sue and son, Joe Mack.

Condolences to the family and friends of former GHI Manager, Roy Breashears, who died on July 29, 2002, in North Carolina.

### Bonsai Demo

Ever wonder how bonsai are created? Drop in for a free informal demonstration at the U.S. National Arboretum on August 3 and 4 from 1 to 2 p.m. and learn basic bonsai techniques as the bonsai expert transforms a nursery plant into a beautiful bonsai. No registration is required.

Visit [www.usna.usda.gov](http://www.usna.usda.gov) or call 202-245-5898 for more information.

him in a nursing home. Vera was there too, recovering from surgery. Roy was as outgoing as ever, but no longer could get out of bed. His memory wasn't what it once was, either.

While he is no longer with us, those who knew him will still carry many fond memories of the many happy times they spent with him.

### Baha'i Faith

"O Son of Bounty! Out of the wastes of nothingness, with the clay of My command I made thee to appear, and have ordained for thy training every atom in existence and the essence of all created things."

-Baha'i Sacred Writings

**Greenbelt Baha'i Community**

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Greenbelt, MD 20770

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Information about the Baha'i Faith is on the

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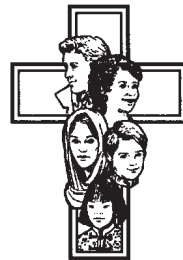
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with developers and county officials to protect the community from encroachment from extensive proposed developments; engage architectural and engineering consultants to evaluate GHI buildings and recommend actions for their renovation; plan the conversion from steam heat to a hot water heat system and shape critical decisions concerning rehabilitation and heat conversion programs.

### Recollections

Joan Krob, GHI's director of member services was Breashears' secretary. She described him as one who could be a strict taskmaster, but understanding and jovial as well. He saw GHI through a turbulent period with underground steam pipes bursting and the cost of heating fuel skyrocketing and wrecking the GHI budget. Krob recalls the extensive work he performed to come up with alternative budget options to accommodate the high heating costs. She noted that that was before computers were available to quickly do the calculations. "Many members sought his counsel to resolve neighbor problems," she said. She also recalled him as a loyal family man.

Current General Manager Gretchen Overdurff never met Breashears, who left the corporation long before she was hired. However, she said that those employees who had worked for him held him in high regard and referred to him as one of the best managers that GHI has had. "He did a really good job," she said. "He instituted a number of good practices."

Greenbelt News Review News Editor Elaine Skolnik recalled Breashears as one who was always willing to educate her when she first took over gathering news after her husband, Al, died. "As a reporter, I found his door to be always open," she said. When the News Review and the Skolniks were sued for libel, a case in which it became necessary for the U.S. Supreme Court to vindicate them, Skolnik recalled

the quiet help Breashears gave to them. "He was really a sweetie pie." Breashears saw to it that those volunteers and legal counsel helping to prepare the case for trial were equipped with electric typewriters to use. "I don't know what we would have done without those typewriters," Skolnik said.

### Arkansas Native

Breashears was born in Washita, Ark. He was a veteran of World War II having served in the U.S. Coast Guard. He was an active member of the Greenbelt Lions Club and was, at one time, its King Lion (president).

His wife, Vera, two children, Sue Ann Burns of Wilbur-by-the-Sea, Fla. and James Matthew and a grandson, Geoffrey Burns, survive him. A son, Jeff, predeceased him.

Memorial services were held at Twifords Colony Chapel in Manteo, N.C. on August 1 with the Reverend Eugene McLawhorn officiating. His ashes were scattered over the Ocean from the Kitty Hawk pier.

Donations in his memory may be made to the American Cancer Society.

### Rock 'n Roll At Montpelier

The 24th Annual Montpelier Summer Concert Series offers a free performance on Friday, August 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the Montpelier Mansion grounds on Route 197 at Montpelier Drive west of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway in Laurel.

The South Laurel Recreation Council volunteers will sponsor "Wayne Brown and 2nd Conspiracy" to play rock 'n roll and rhythm and blues on the west lawn. Bring a friend, picnic, and blanket or chair. Tickets and reservations are not necessary.

In the event of heavy rain at the time of the concert, the performance will be cancelled. Call 301-953-7882 after 5 p.m. the day of the concert for verification.



# City Information



## OPENINGS ON BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups. Vacancies exist on the:

### Recycling & Environment Advisory Committee

For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

### Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center

101 Centerway, Greenbelt, MD  
301-397-2204

### SUMMER SESSION IV CHILDREN'S SWIM LESSONS

Session: August 6-9, August 13-16  
Register: August 3, 9am-12pm, Passholders & Residents  
August 5, 9am-12pm - Open to all.  
Proof of residency required.

### Aerobic Classes Drop-In Sessions August 5-16

All classes are drop-in! Try something new!  
Call 301-397-2204 for more information, class lists and fees.  
Class schedule is also posted at [www.ci.greenbelt.md.us](http://www.ci.greenbelt.md.us)

### MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 5-9

Tuesday, August 6, 7:30pm, ARTS ADVISORY BOARD, Greenbelt Community Center.

Tuesday, August 6, 7:30pm, GREENBELT BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB, Board Meeting, Youth Center, Multi-Purpose Room.

Wednesday, August 7, 7:30pm, ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TREES, Greenbelt Community Center, Senior Classroom.

ARTFUL AFTERNOON--SUNDAY, AUGUST 4  
1-5PM, GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER

Enjoy the following free arts activities for all ages:  
**1-5pm:** Artist Studio Open House/ Ceramics Sale  
**2-4pm:** Children may create maracas and kazoos with Artist in Residence, Tom Baker.  
**4pm:** Join artist Craig Wilson for refreshment and conversation in the art gallery. His work will be featured through September 6th.  
**7pm:** Greenbelt Concert Band at Buddy Attick Park/Tree Planting in honor of John DelHomme.



"Floral" by Craig Wilson

### The 2002 Tennis Foundation National Championships Come to Greenbelt, Maryland!!



Tennis Courts #1-6 located on Braden Field will not be available for use by the general public from August 4<sup>th</sup> through August 10<sup>th</sup> to accommodate tennis matches and practice time for individuals participating in the 2002 American Tennis

Foundation National Championships. Thanks for your cooperation.

### Community Center Gym Rental Fees Increase!!

Rental fees for the Greenbelt Community Center gymnasium are going UP!! Effective September 1, 2002 the rental fee to use the gymnasium at the Greenbelt Community Center will increase by \$10.00. The NEW fee schedule is as follows:

Sport Events: Resident-\$35.00/Hour; Non-Resident-\$45.00/Hour

Special Events: Resident-\$60.00/Hour; Non-Resident-\$85.00/Hour

Thank You for your cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Greenbelt Community Center at 301-397-2208.

### Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center SUMMER ADMISSION POLICY



101 Centerway-301-397-2204  
A Greenbelt resident is required to show a valid I.D. to pay daily admission at all times.

On weekends and holidays, entrance is restricted to Passholders, residents and their guests. A passholder or Greenbelt resident may bring a maximum of three (3) guests upon payment of the admission fee. They must sign their guests in, remain at the facility and are responsible for them at all times.

The Aquatic and Fitness Center staff realize there may be some extenuating circumstances to the above policy. Give us a call at least 48 hours in advance of your visit and maybe we can help.

### GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER

### ANNUAL INDOOR POOL CLOSING AUGUST 19-25

### ANNUAL FITNESS WING CLOSING AUGUST 20-21

CALL 301-397-2204 for more information & outdoor pool hours during that week.

### FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP PROGRAM FOR SENIORS

The Food and Friendship program serves hot lunches Monday through Friday in the Commercial Kitchen at the Community Center. Senior citizens must reserve a hot lunch at least a day in advance to ensure that enough meals are delivered. Meals are \$2.25. Please call 301-397-2208 x2236 to make reservations.



## ATTENTION PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI), one of the oldest and most established housing cooperatives in the country, is offering brief and informative presentations designed to introduce cooperative life style to you. The presentation will explain what a cooperative is, how it operates, what services are provided members, and financing sources which are available. This information will be useful to you whether or not you purchase membership in the cooperative or decide to purchase a home elsewhere. This is an ideal opportunity for you to learn about GHI in a relaxed atmosphere and afford you the opportunity to make an informed decision about your future housing needs.

The next presentations are scheduled as follows:

Monday, August 5, 2002 7:15 p.m.  
Saturday, August 17, 2002 11 a.m.

Please call the Receptionist at (301) 474-4161 for reservations and information. The sessions are free, and there is no obligation. There are lists of "Homes for Sale" at the GHI office. There is no charge.

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# POLICE BLOTTER

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department.

Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

## Robbery

5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, July 21, 10:29 p.m., the victim reported that after a knock on his front door, he opened it and was struck in the face with an unknown object. Two male suspects then took his black bicycle (no further description available) and fled in the direction of Springhill Drive. The two suspects were both described as black male juveniles, ages 15 to 18, one 5'8", 140 lbs., wearing a red T-shirt, blue jean shorts and a dark-colored hat, and the other, 5'11", 140 lbs., wearing a black shirt, blue jeans and black shoes. The victim was taken to the hospital for treatment of minor lacerations to the face.

6000 block Springhill Drive, July 25, 11:50 p.m., the victim was walking from the Springhill Lake Shopping Center to his home when he realized that two young men were following him. In the courtyard area of 6004-6006 Springhill Drive, one of the men approached the victim and placed a handgun at his chest. The victim gave the suspect his wallet, and the two young men then fled toward the shopping center. The victim was not physically hurt. Both suspects were described as black males, 17 to 25, both about 5'9", one with a blue and white bandana on his head, white T-shirt, black pants, and a handgun; the other was wearing a white shirt, no further description available.

## Shots Fired

6400 block Capitol Drive, July 20, 1:06 a.m., officers working part-time at T.G.I. Friday's heard gunshots fired toward the front entrance of the restaurant from a vehicle which was stopped on Walker Drive at the Route 193 traffic light. After several rounds were fired, the vehicle fled westbound on Route 193. The vehicle was described as a small, red, four-door of unknown make. No one was injured in the incident.

## Hate Crime

Greenbelt Baptist Church, July 13, 10:52 a.m., someone used a marker to write derogatory religious and ethnic symbols on the signboard of the church. The symbols were a swastika and the word "anarchist."

## Currency

7500 block Greenbelt Road, July 22, 2:38 p.m., someone presented twenty dollars in counterfeit bills at Wendy's drive-in window. The suspects in the vehicle were described as two white males, 18 or 19. The driver had brown hair, was wearing a white T-shirt, no further information. No description of the other suspect is available. The vehicle was a black Nissan Altima 4S, Md. tags HPI361.

## Drug Arrests

Beltway Plaza, July 18, noon, a Silver Spring resident, 27, was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia. During an investigation of possible shoplifting at Burlington Coat Factory, he was found to be in possession of a hypodermic needle and two used crack pipes. He was released on a criminal citation pending trial.

I-95 north of Route 201, July 21, 6:31 p.m., a resident of Greenbelt, 31, was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana. An officer initiated a traf-

## Bike Rodeo Provided Fun, Safety Tips



PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

The Greenbelt Police Department hosted a bike rodeo at Springhill Lake Elementary School on June 5 as part of Pedestrian Safety Month. Hundreds of children participated in the lecture and practical learning experience. Leading the group in obstacle maneuvers was MPO Marty Parker (standing at left) and MPO George Mathews (standing at right).

fic stop for a vehicle with no tags. The driver said the vehicle belonged to the passenger, the Greenbelt resident, who told police the vehicle had been stolen and that the tags were never recovered. A computer check revealed the vehicle's temporary tags had expired and the vehicle was unregistered in Maryland. The officer noticed that the ignition was removed and on the floorboard. After the occupants exited the vehicle at the officer's request, he saw a baggie containing marijuana in plain view.

Beltway Plaza, July 21, 12:22 a.m., after a traffic stop, a Beltsville man, 21, and a College Park woman, 28, were arrested after the officer saw baggies containing marijuana in the vehicle. The man had run a red light and could not produce the vehicle registration. He was charged with possession of marijuana and various traffic citations. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner. After investigation, the woman passenger was released.

9200 block Springhill Drive, July 25, 4:20 p.m., officers observed an open alcohol violation and approached a group sitting at the bus stop. During investigation, a member of the group appeared to be under the influence of a controlled dangerous substance. Subsequently two of the group were arrested, one a Greenbelt resident, 21, and one an Upper Marlboro resident, 22. Charges included open alcohol in a public place, possession of and intent to distribute marijuana in a school zone, and hindering a police officer. Both men were released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

## Trespassing

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, July 25, 1:10 p.m., an 18-year-old was arrested after a school officer responded to a report of a firecracker being discharged. The suspect is neither a student nor a person with permission to be within the school. The young man was charged with trespassing on school grounds and possession of fireworks. He was released on criminal citations.

## Disorderly

T.G.I. Friday restaurant, July 20, 12:57 a.m., a 25-year-old male resident of Fort Washington was arrested after he refused repeat-

edly to stop yelling profanities. The suspect appeared intoxicated; he was released on a criminal citation pending trial.

## Theft

Bally's Fitness Center, two incidents, July 24 at 7:49 p.m., in both incidents wallets, ID cards and credit cards were stolen from fitness center lockers. Entry was gained into both lockers by cutting the locks.

6100 block Breezewood Drive, July 25, 9:48 p.m., a "Tommy Girl" T-shirt with blue trim was stolen from the laundry room of an apartment building.

## Burglary

7900 block Mandan Road, July 22, 6:49 p.m., someone entered the victim's locked apartment and took video games and U.S. currency. There was no sign of forced entry.

9000 block Breezewood Terrace, July 23, 1:23 p.m., someone entered through a window, took the key to the apartment front door and fled.

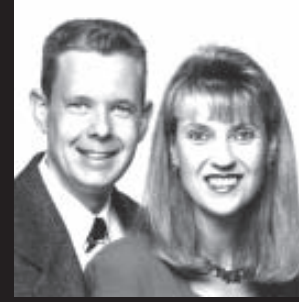
## Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a 1986 burgundy Isuzu Trooper, Md. tag M163416, July 20 from the 7800 block Hanover Parkway; a 1998 purple Dodge Neon four-door, Md. tag KGZ-073, July 24 from the 7000 block of Mathew Street.

Vandalism to, thefts from and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace (two incidents); 9100 block Edmonston Court (three incidents); 7900 block Mandan Road (two incidents); Beltway Plaza; 7800 block Mandan Road; 7100 block Mathew Street; 9000 block Breezewood Terrace; 8100 block Lakecrest Drive; 6900 block Hanover Parkway.

A Capitol Heights man, 20, was arrested after an officer saw an unreadable temporary tag on a vehicle parked in the Schrom Hills park, Hanover Parkway, on July 23. A computer check revealed that the tag had been reported stolen. The owner of the vehicle was present and was arrested for theft after a search of the vehicle revealed a Maryland license plate inside. The man was released from the scene on criminal citation pending trial.

A rear license plate stolen in December from Ivy Lane was recovered in Landover on July 24 by county police. A juvenile was arrested in the incident.



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council, Sanchez had also designated what he felt was his minimum profit margin to continue operations – a figure that council did not reveal in the worksession. However, several of the current financial arrangements with owner George Christacos, on which future theater income can be estimated, will necessarily change under city ownership. (His monthly payments on his debt to the city will be reduced, for example. In addition, the city would lose certain tax revenues if Greenbelt should be designated by the State as an Arts District.)

Sanchez has been paying \$1,500 per month for use of the theater, or \$18,000 per year. He cleared \$57,000 last year, Councilmember Rodney Roberts indicated, estimating that the profit margin will probably be higher next year. Someone suggested that the operating agreement might specify that first-run films should be shown.

To this point, Robert Haupt, the theater's projectionist, who was sitting in the audience at the meeting, objected. When you run first-run films, he said, you must keep them for a month and "they take 80 percent of the cost." If a film does not do well, you are stuck with a non-profitable choice. "We do better with second-run, or art films," he said – "films that play around in an area." He named as an example the current-running "My Big, Fat Greek Wedding." The Greenbelt Theatre is one of two in the region that is showing the film.

Mayor Judith Davis concurred. "We seem to be developing a niche," she said.

### Housekeeping

Contemplating the potential shared use of the facility, White said the operating agreement must include specifics concerning such issues as rights of access and

cleaning up after an event. Davis agreed. "Who does what cleaning?" she asked. "And when? And what about painting?"

Roberts said that interior painting should be the tenant's responsibility but that exterior painting should be the city's.

Eileen Peterson, a member of Friends of the Greenbelt Theatre, who was present at the meeting, said she knew that Sanchez was very aware of the historic art deco history of the theater, but "all doors are a problem . . . in an earlier renovation of all the buildings in the Roosevelt Center, new, extra-heavy, hard-to-use doors had been installed," she said.

Councilmember Edward Putens said the operating agreement should specify that no subleasing would be allowed. There should also be a provision in the lease, he said, about what would happen if Sanchez could not operate for some period because of the process of renovation.

"There will be renovation," McLaughlin stressed. "It belongs in the lease."

Davis added that soundproofing is a major issue.

White suggested that lists of issues of concern to the tenant and those to the owner would be useful. Manzi agreed. "We could include these as an exhibit," he added.

### Things to Do

At this point Davis checked through a list of things to do: 1. Prepare an operating agreement. 2. Prepare a list of responsibilities. 3. Set up an executive session. 4. Work out a renovation plan. On the fourth item, she added: "Who should do that? Public Works? The Planning Department?"

"Both," said McLaughlin. He added that they needed to talk with others in the field, architects or designers, who could make

recommendations. He felt the city could utilize the renovation of the Community Center as an analogy.

Peterson interjected that since December 29, 1990, "Sanchez has supported the theater with profits from his other theaters. He could have closed at any time," she offered. "He helped the life of the Center. It's a courtesy we owe to the man."

White agreed. He said council needed another work session. He urged the city staff to meet with Sanchez "on the general issues" before the suggested executive session. "We need a new version of the operating agreement." He also suggested that the city staff get in touch with the city governments of Frederick and Easton, both of which own and operate theaters, to learn from them any issues that Greenbelt had not yet thought out.

Davis agreed, "We need a transition plan."

White added, "It's going to be crunch time. When we get the keys, we want to know what to do with them."

He then turned to the issue of oversight of the facility, which McLaughlin's draft had designated to the Recreation Department. When White questioned that choice, McLaughlin pointed out that only that department was operating during the evening and weekend hours when the theater was in use. If an emergency occurred, they would be the only ones able to respond at once, he said. He also pointed out their experience with scheduling and programming events and reserving space. The department "has staffing availability and flexibility during most of the theater's hours," the cover letter with the draft agreement says.

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restorations "has hindered" this particular restoration "for many years." It suggests that the model window will serve "to promote effective window restoration as well as advocacy of the principles of restoration and preservation for historically significant landmarks in Maryland."

### Design of Project

The city's grant application to the Maryland Historical Trust describes in detail what is to be done to the specimen, or model, window: "This work would entail the careful removal of the masonry above the window and the original deteriorated lintel and then the entire window unit. As well as installation of temporary security/weather barrier and removal of rust/paint including lead abatement. Repair of damaged metal framework and/or fabrica-

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### Terms of Grant

This will be a matching grant. For the \$20,000 supplied by the Historical Trust, the city will provide another \$20,000 from its Capital Projects Fund. The projected schedule for the demonstration project says that the bid process and selection of a vendor will be completed by mid-October and the construction itself carried out by the beginning of May 2003.

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Holy Redeemer and St. Hugh's schools where her children attended. She then moved to serving her community as president of the Berwyn Heights Boys and Girls Club, a Girl Scout leader, a town librarian and co-president of the Berwyn Heights Parks and Recreation Council.

In 1998, Gaines was the first African-American elected to serve on the Berwyn Heights town council. After serving one term, Gaines was elected in 2000 to become the first female, first African-American mayor. Gaines has held leadership positions in countless community and governmental organizations and has been the recipient of numerous awards and honors including being named the 2001 Prince Georges Parks and Recreation volunteer of the year.

As a delegate, Gaines was ac-

tive in the Maryland Municipal League and was a member of the first graduating class of the University of Maryland, College Park, Academy for Excellence in Local Governance. During the interim between sessions she can be found working at the University of Maryland in the office of the associate provost and dean for undergraduate studies.

Gaines lives in Berwyn Heights with her family.

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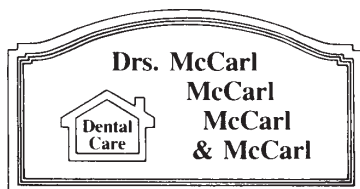
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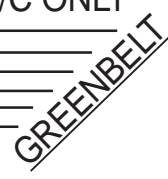
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of the county who had been denied transfers to ERHS would now be accepted.

### Greenbelt Middle

The delays in the much-needed renovation of Greenbelt Middle School (GMS) have been frustrating, said ACE member Jim Inzeo. "Whenever rehabilitation gets close, it gets pushed lower on the county's capital improvements list. We were ninth on the list, and then we were pushed back to number 43," he said. Morales indicated that the plan has been delayed because of concerns over the historical value of the building, which served as Greenbelt's original high school.

Another problem is the lack of air-conditioning at GMS. Crowley responded that a plan is in place to air-condition all county schools.

### Springhill Lake

Overcrowding due to boundary changes continue to be the top concern at Springhill Lake Elementary School, said ACE member Eva Griffin. The placement of sixth graders during the coming year has not been decided, and both Principal Linda Sherwood and Greenbelt City Council support keeping them at GMS for another year.

Another concern is the "crisis in special education teachers," and its impact on SHL. Griffin said the school has lost two teachers in its special education wing, which now serves 130 students. The group discussed possible solutions, including state improvement grants and partnering with county government on incentives. The resident teacher program is not currently targeted for special education.

### Greenbelt Elementary

Volunteers continue to donate their time to the school and are used successfully, reported ACE member Mary Alice Carroll. Par-

ents' concerns that the programs were not rigorous enough have been addressed through the "Expeditionary Learning" program, which has been described recently in the Greenbelt News Review. Crowley said that the school's status as a "comprehensive elementary school" will result in the hiring of one or two additional teachers to lower class size.

### Magnolia Elementary

The school faces some overcrowding, but an ACE job fair drew more than 100 people and helped meet the school's needs for teachers and bus drivers. The student population is highly diverse, with more than 20 languages spoken. A top priority has been getting and retaining parental support, said Mach, who reported on behalf of ACE member Brenda Cooley, who was not present.

### County-wide Concerns

Crowley and Morales, who were appointed to the board two months ago, represent all county residents, not just the Greenbelt area. They briefed ACE on some broader county education issues. The magnet school program is being restructured, but no decisions have yet been made, although the board wants to have special programs throughout the county, and not just inside the beltway. "We need public participation in this process," Crowley said, adding that 23 percent of county students attend magnet schools.

The school construction master plan is being revised, and the board is considering the need for alternative sites for students displaced by major renovations.

With schools opening their doors soon, Putens expressed his concern that parents may not be able to get answers to their concerns. With nine new board mem-

bers - and all serving in at-large positions - communication channels are not clear, and Putens said some parents had difficulties getting a response from the board's staff. "There needs to be a communication system set up for calls and emails," he said.

Morales and Crowley said the board was committed to customer services, and are looking at how other boards are dealing with that challenge. "It's important for this board to set a tone that parents can expect to get their questions answered, and we're starting to set that tone," Crowley said. "I hope that one day, people in Prince George's County are bragging about their schools the way they do in Montgomery County."

(Note: Since this meeting, Linda Sherwood, principal, Springhill Lake Elementary School, has indicated that the sixth graders will be brought back this fall from Greenbelt Middle School to Springhill Lake Elementary. In addition, Springhill Lake apartment students who currently are bused to Oakcrest Elementary will now be bused to the new Berwyn Heights Elementary when it opens.)

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## School Registration Due by August 6

Registration for students recently transferred into Prince George's County must be done by August 6. The first day of school for Prince George's County public school students is August 26.

The last registration dates exclusively for new high and middle school students only are August 5 and 6 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Registration for elementary school students in grades kindergarten through six will be determined by the principal of each school. Parents are asked to contact the school for additional information.

Parents need to provide each student's birth certificate, immunization records, proof of residency and transcript report cards.

Michael Dodson, the school system's director of its Department of Transportation, indicated that they have "improved the computerized bus routing system, hired additional bus drivers, and will have a telephone bank open in August to answer transportation concerns." According to Dodson, there are still openings for bus drivers. The Transportation Department can be reached

at 301-952-6570 or on the web at [www.pgcps.org](http://www.pgcps.org).

Dodson stated, "All of the work we do begins with the enrollment information we receive from schools." The parents are the ones who supply that data to the schools.

Parents must make sure that the school has the child's home address as well as the day care provider's address. This is crucial if the child is bused to the provider's address. It is also necessary for parents to register the new student or update address information prior to August 6. If information is received after that date, it may be too late for parents to receive a back-to-school mailing.

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