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Part I – 1955 to 1960

## Early Festival Art Shows Were Inclusive, Expansive

by Barbara Simon

Art shows have been part of the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival from the first year in 1955, when Ben Abramowitz, the acclaimed painter and sculptor, served as chair of the first art show committee. For the first five years of the festival, Abramowitz, as chief organizer, was the person most responsible for starting the shows and making them successful events. It was his leadership that established the character of the art shows.

His own words, headed "A People's Exhibit," printed in the August 23, 1956, issue of the Greenbelt News Review express this best:

"This is a people's exhibit and not a professional art show. Therefore it will have a distinct character of its own. An art fair of this kind is strongest in the virtue of directness, honesty and untroubled sincerity. All people not professionally involved in the plastic arts do some sort of creative work at some time or other.

"Be it knitting a quilt, huckweaving a scarf, designing and decorating a shoe-box, painting a picture, whittling, drawing, metal work, calligraphy, designing toys or cartooning and picture-collecting the activity is expressive and has a place in our art-fair. Its success depends on your unhesitating participation. The more personal forms of handicraft, the richer will be the entirety; the more widespread response of entries, the more exciting will be the show.

"As you see, it will not depend on a few exceptional talents but rather a peoples representation of inventive activity in all forms of art."

The early shows reflected this largeness of spirit. The exhibits were open to anyone residing in Prince George's County at a time when there were very few art shows in the county that local artists could enter. Children and teens were included from the

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## Potters Raises Funds for Miriam's Kitchen

by Christine Coyle, Jeri Holloway and Karen Morgenstern

Eleven potters and instructors from the Greenbelt Community Pottery Studio helped raise over \$1,300 for Miriam's Kitchen, an organization that serves the homeless population in Washington, D.C. The third annual "One Hundred Bowls of Compassion" was held in the World Bank atrium in Washington on May 6. The idea was introduced in 1999 as a fundraising project for Miriam's Kitchen, which provides a daily healthy breakfast, case management, after breakfast and transitional housing programs.

One Hundred Bowls of Compassion was the inspiration of Jonathan Kirkendall, pottery instructor at the Greenbelt Community Center and former director of social services at Miriam's Kitchen. While he was attend-

ing Naropa University, Kirkendall came across a quote from a Tibetan Buddhist meditation master. The master says "The action of the bodhisattva is like the moon shining on 100 bowls of water, so that there are 100 moons reflected in 100 bowls of water." This quote was the inspiration for the pottery show and the fundraiser. Kirkendall "wanted the event to be an opportunity to show off pottery and to introduce the public not just to pottery but to potters themselves."

During Kirkendall's classes in Greenbelt, students and other teachers were encouraged to create a choice, large, hand-thrown bowl or set of smaller bowls to the event. Those who contributed bowls were invited to attend

## Utility Assistance At County Expo

The Prince George's County Utility Assistance Expo will be held on Wednesday, August 18 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Prince George's County Ballroom, 2411 Pinebrook Ave. in Landover. Free shuttle service will be provided from the Landover Metro Station. The expo's objective is to explain the financial benefits available to low income county residents for gas, electric and heating bills, and sign up qualifying persons.

Low income residents are those with incomes of \$1,123 per month or less and couples with \$1,515 per month. This year over 5,000 eligible county residents received more than \$2 million in benefits, yet approximately 17,000 additional households qualify but do not participate.

The expo is free and open to the public. Persons attending are urged to bring copies of proof of identity and residence, social security numbers(s), lease or rent receipt, proof of household income for the past 30 days and utility receipts. For more information call 301-909-6300.

the event. Individual sponsor tickets started at \$225.

Over 40 volunteers from Miriam's Kitchen along with Miriam's chef Steve Badt coordinated the evening's food preparation. While potters and guests were served delicious foods, beverages and desserts, a silent auction of bowls was held. The live auction began with many exquisite items, trips and vacation packages including a villa in the south of France. These were donated by various sponsors of the

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### What Goes On

Saturday, August 14

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, behind the Municipal Building

Monday, August 16

8 p.m., Council Worksession on Crosswalks, Municipal Building

Wednesday, August 18

6:30 p.m., Playground Meeting, 73 Ct. Ridge Road

7:30 p.m., Playground Meeting, 5 Gardenway Court

7:30 p.m., Greenbelt Road bus stop dedication

8 p.m., Council Worksession on Traffic Calming Greenbelt East, Community Center

Thursday, August 19

7 p.m., Advisory Committee on Trees, Community Center



PHOTO COURTESY OF GIGLIOTTI FAMILY

Pictured in photographs are three generations of the Gigliotti family. Left to right, Greg, Anthony, Jake and Vince Gigliotti.

## Four Generations Serve Country in Its Wars

by Dea Zugby

Four generations of a Greenbelt family have served their country through service in the military from World War I to the current war in Iraq. The tradition began with Angelo Gigliotti, who immigrated to the United States from Italy and served in the U. S. Army in World War I. His son Vincent, who lived in Boxwood from 1963 through 1984 and currently lives in Lanham, first served in the Army at the end of World War II until 1948 with the 11th Airborne and later served in the Korean War with the 101st Airborne. He ended his military

service in the Army Reserves 43 years later.

Vincent's son Gregory B. Gigliotti of Hedgewood Drive grew up in Greenbelt and has lived in Boxwood since 1984. A Captain with the Prince George's County Fire Department, he is a Chief Warrant Officer in the National Guard who was placed on active duty and recently sent to Kosovo in the Balkans. His son Anthony served in the U. S. Navy in 2002 for six months on the Harry S. Truman aircraft carrier

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## City Religious Leaders Celebrate Amity, Support

by Bay Woods

On Monday, July 12 the Greenbelt City Council held a "stakeholder" meeting with leaders of religious organizations in the city. Council has held such stakeholder meetings for about seven years, meeting regularly with representatives of business and community leaders.

Mayor Judith Davis characterized the cordial meeting as a "two-way conversation" between the city and its religious leaders, who, she said, can receive input from their congregations that council may not have a chance to get. The mayor asked each of

the nine religious leaders to express their concerns; all expressed overwhelming support for the city and the services it provides.

Almost all present were members of the Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association (GILA), formerly the Greenbelt Clergy Association. GILA meets monthly, at rotating locations.

Jaco ten Hove of Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church said there was a considerable population of the elderly

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Some of the members of the Greenbelt Community Pottery Studio are (left): Diane K. McDaniel, Pam Hagerhorst, Christine Coyle and Jeri Holloway. In front is pottery instructor Karin Abromaitis.



## What Do You Remember About the Labor Day Festival?

The Greenbelt News Review wants to hear about your favorite, most vivid or most interesting memory from a past Labor Day Festival. Send your written memory, 200 words or less, to the Greenbelt News Review at 15 Crescent Road, Suite 100, Greenbelt, MD 20770-1887, email it to newsreview@greenbelt.com, fax it to 301-474-5880, or deliver it in person by August 19. Selected stories will be printed in future issues.

## Local Democrats Gather To Watch Kerry Speech

by James Giese

The Greenbriar Community Room was filled to standing room only with Democrats eager to hear John F. Kerry accept his party's nomination to be candidate for president on July 29. The Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club of Greenbelt sponsored the party which was attended by Democrat loyalists throughout the county. Club President Bill Hunt told the group that it was the largest Democratic gathering to hear Kerry speak south of Boston.

Although Kerry's speech was not scheduled until 10 p.m., Democrats began to gather three hours earlier. A large-screen television carried the Democratic convention at one corner of the room. On opposite walls, tables groaned with food and drink. As the evening went on, the tables became even more laden as attendees brought in their own goodies to share.

Many who came were dressed in red, white and blue. A variety of campaign hats were worn. There was even one oversized Uncle Sam hat. Besides hats, buttons and pins were prominently worn to display the support of the

audience for Kerry and other Democrats. Some also wore relics from campaigns of the past.

Elected officials joining the festivities included County Councilmember Douglas Peters, Delegates Anne Healey and Justin Ross and Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis. Davis, sporting her own partisanly patriotic chapeau, beamed at the crowd who came out for the event.

While at first the events on TV were, for the most part, ignored as old acquaintances were renewed and the food tables were depleted, the crowd became more attentive as the evening wore on and the speakers became more prominent. The local Democrats cheered along with their fellow Democrats in Boston as the speakers said the things that they all wanted to hear.

Kerry drew the biggest applause. The crowd paid close attention to his words and the group cheered often and loudly, sometimes chanting his name. When the speech was finished, red, white and blue balloons fell on the crowd from above as Kerry was given a standing ovation.

While many had to stand, there was general agreement that while they could have been more comfortable watching from home, it had been more fun to share their enthusiasm with other like-minded people.

## "Nurturing the Mother" New at Pleasant Touch

by Pat Davis

Pleasant Touch, a day spa located at Roosevelt Center, is offering a new massage therapy for expectant mothers. This massage focuses on the comforting and nurturing of the woman through the different stages of pregnancy using massage techniques. This can also include massage for women trying to become pregnant and post-pregnant women.

Ayshah Salaam, one of the massage therapists at Pleasant Touch, learned these techniques at a class in Charlottesville, Va., called "Nurturing the Mother." Salaam graduated from the Virginia Learning Institute as a massage therapist in 2002 and has been working at Pleasant Touch since August 2003. At first she worked as the office manager, as well as doing massage, and now she has left the front desk to focus on massage and to apprentice in esthetics.

She had massaged some expectant women before but said that she was, "excited learning more information about pregnant women." She added, "We as human beings are getting away from our true, natural selves. Instead of nurturing our families we are too concerned with our jobs. In class I came to realize the importance of family." Excitedly and enthusiastically Salaam told how the women in the class exchanged stories of their own



Ayshah Salaam performing a massage on a pregnant client at Pleasant Touch.

effects. There are 20 different strokes that make up the massage starting at the head and finishing with the feet. Both the front and back of the body are massaged using circular strokes; long, gliding strokes; stretching; rocking; and reflexology (feet).

### Exercise

In addition to massage it is beneficial for the expectant mother to exercise if allowed by her medical provider. Women who exercised before pregnancy can usually do so during pregnancy, although not as vigorously. Because the ligaments and tendons soften in preparation for birth, the woman must be careful not to overstretch. Salaam says that when Pleasant Touch moves to new expanded quarters in the Center the spa plans to start exercise classes for pregnant women.

Salaam also learned massage for pre-conception that some claim has helped them to conceive. A gentle massage can even be done during labor to assist in the birthing process. This technique involves positioning, breathing and visualization to help the mother.

After birth there is a massage designed to help bring the woman's body back into alignment and to relieve muscle aches by flushing lactic acid out of the tissues. This massage, which involves every part of the body can also help to shrink the uterus. It is recommended that this be started within the first week after birth to be most effective.

Pre-conception, pregnancy and postpartum massage is available now at Pleasant Touch. Ayshah or the staff will be happy to answer any questions about these services or to make an appointment.

births (as told by their mothers) and saw an actual birth on film before they learned the massage techniques. Everyone left the class feeling moved and wanting to help other women.

### Cautions

Before starting a pregnancy massage program, Salaam recommends that the woman get the go-ahead from her medical provider. There are some cautions and contraindications, such as high blood pressure, edema, varicose veins, fever, cuts and rashes that will affect how a massage is given or if it can be done.

During pregnancy a woman's body goes through some of the most profound and radical changes of her life. The center of gravity changes, ligaments and connective tissues soften, muscles become stressed and certain hormones become more active. Women can experience lower and middle back pain; walking becomes more difficult and even the arms can ache. Massage can relieve many of these aches and pains and facilitate overall relaxation. It can help sleep and improve self-image.

"Nurturing the Mother" with massage starts by making the expectant mother comfortable using body positioning and pillow placement to make her "feel like a princess." Oils, such as lavender and vitamin E, are used for their calming and skin softening

## Letters

### THANKS

I want to extend my sincere gratitude to my neighbors on 12 Court Plateau for all of their kind words and deeds this week at the passing of our beloved dog, Snickers.

She was a gentle soul who made our whole court her family and it is comforting to have so many friends who share and understand our grief. We love you all. Thank you.

Devin, Shannon,  
Ashley and Emma Fein



Snickers

### THANKS

Smokey Bear is back home. Many thanks to all the citizens of Greenbelt, including the children who looked for him and called about cat sightings of Smokey. Thank you, too, to Pastor Mark at my church, Greenbelt Baptist, for his concern and the prayers of the congregations; to Rob Baluch of GHI for all his suggestions. Thank you to the neighbors at Plateau Place who were concerned about Smokey, especially Patti, Karen, Barbara and Don; and also to Erin of the Greenbelt Yahoo! group. Many thanks to Kelli, Stan and the good people at Lakeside North. Thanks to the people at the Greenbelt Fitness Center, Community Center, Library, Fire Department and Animal Control and finally thank you to the merchants at Greenbelt Center, including the Post Office and the Mobil station, for putting fliers up advertising Smokey's disappearance.

Greenbelt is a great community.

Joyce M. Yarwood

### Trying to Call the News Review?

We have been having telephone troubles for several weeks. So far our efforts to get the lines repaired have not fixed the problems. In fact, while we can call out, we can no longer receive calls. Efforts to obtain repairs are continuing.

In the meantime, email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com, drop us a note through our Community Center door slot or call Assistant to the Editor Eileen Farnham at 301-513-0482. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

### Correction

In last week's article about the August Artful Afternoon, one picture was inadvertently duplicated and another omitted. The correct picture and caption is shown below. The News Review regrets the error.



Stained glass participant Paul Sabol is assisted by Glass Guild of Greenbelt member Maureen Stone.

## Volunteers Needed

The USDA's Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center and the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, in conjunction with the National Institute on Aging of the National Institutes of Health, are planning a nutrition study and are recruiting healthy volunteers between 40 and 50 years of age, nonsmokers who normally eat three meals a day. If you meet all the above criteria, you may be eligible for this study.

Compensation up to \$2,200.

This is a pilot study that evaluates whether meal regularity/frequency influences risk factors for disease. Dr. Benjamin Caballero is the Principal Investigator.

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.  
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# Community Events

## Star Party

The Greenbelt Astronomy Club will host a star party this Saturday, August 14, beginning at dark. This event will take place at Wolfe Field on Northway. There is no charge and all are invited to attend. Club members will have telescopes available to share views of celestial objects. In the event of precipitation or hopelessly cloudy skies at the time of this event, it will be cancelled without further notice.

## Explore Rome

The "Explorations Unlimited" travel video scheduled for August 20 is "Rome" from the "Super Cities" video series. Viewers can walk in the footsteps of popes and emperors and explore the ancient streets of Rome. Once the center of the world's greatest empire, Rome today is a city of contrasts where the monuments of the past provide a backdrop for the bustle of daily living. Fountains, statues, ruins and cafés draw locals and visitors alike with a unique blend of history and charm.

"Super Cities" brings the world's best-loved cities to life in all their grandeur and vibrant detail. Get to know the people, the history and the architecture and experience the pulse and excitement that only great cities possess.

This video is one of the "Explorations Unlimited" travel videos being shown this summer, every Friday beginning at 1 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. All videos will be shown in the senior lounge. Everyone is welcome to attend. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

## At the Library

### Children's Programs

Tuesday, August 17, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime, newborn to 16 months with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

11:15 a.m., 17 to 23 months, limit 15 children.

11:15 a.m., Reading Fun, ages 8 to 12. Contact Greenbelt Library for session topic.

Wednesday, August 18, 10:30 a.m., Toddle Time, 24 to 36 months with caregiver.

Thursday, August 19, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime, ages 3 to 5. Limit 20.

### Adult Programs

Saturday, August 14, 10:30 a.m., Poetry Plus, theme "Heat of the Summer."

## Boxwood Village Gives Scholarships

The Boxwood Village Civic Association has announced the names of the winners of its annual scholarship. There are two recipients for 2004. Rachel Mirsky, the daughter of Steve and Janet Mirsky, lives on Periwinkle Court and will attend Goucher College. Jacqueline Tull, the daughter of Douglas and Lannay Tull, lives on Hedgewood Drive and will attend the Maryland Institute, College of Art. The residents of Boxwood Village finance the scholarship through the proceeds of the Zoo Dip Booth at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival and through private donations. Scholarships have been awarded since 1998.

## Greenbelt CARES Adds New Staff

Two new crisis intervention counselors, Sara Phillips and Shireen Blair, have joined Greenbelt CARES.

A recent graduate of the Marriage and Family Therapy program at the University of Maryland, Phillips studied cognitive behavioral couples and family therapy as a graduate student and participated in a research project dealing with domestic violence. Last fall she worked contractually for CARES as one of the group leaders for the Strengthening Families Program at Springhill Lake Elementary. Previously Phillips was a research and policy analyst for Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. She and her husband Steve live in Howard County.

Blair is a life-long resident of Prince George's County living in the Greenbelt area for the past 25 years. A licensed clinical professional counselor, a nationally certified counselor and a certified Maryland State Department of Mental Health and Hygiene crisis counselor, she graduated from the University of Maryland counseling program with a master of arts and advanced graduate certificate in community/career counseling. She has had extensive experience in the county public school system as a counselor for the Walk-In Student Counseling and Family Support centers and as a home and hospital teacher. Blair has three children.

## Jazz Group to Play Outdoors at Center

On Saturday night, August 21, Friends of New Deal Café Arts will present "Jazz Under the Stars," a free outdoor concert in Roosevelt Center. From 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., the Magic Ray Jazz group with "Magic Ray" Raymond Y. Chu on bass will perform. He is joined by Steve Blau (sax), Peter Reppert (piano/drums), David Wentz (tenor sax/flute) and Cindy Woods (piano/drums).

The John Guernsey Trio will play from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. John Guernsey is known to Café regulars, where he plays piano in the early evenings on weekends. His trio consists of John Guernsey on keyboard, Herb Nachmann (bass), and Eric Hock (drums). They will play by grants from the City of Greenbelt and the Prince George's Arts Council. In case of rain, the concert will play indoors. For information call 301-474-5642.

## New Bus Stop Dedication

A long-awaited bus stop on Greenbelt Road at the Baltimore-Washington Parkway ramp will be dedicated with a ceremony on Wednesday, August 18 at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Judith Davis, other city officials and State Highway Administration representatives will be present to celebrate a significant improvement in pedestrian safety. A new bus pull-in area, marked cross-walks and a pedestrian traffic signal have been installed in the past few months. In the process, a very hazardous bus stop has been greatly improved.

## GHI Notes

August 16, 7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee, Board Room

August 21, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation, Board Room



### Notice of Annual Cleaning

The indoor pool and hot tub will be closed for annual cleaning on Monday, August 23 and re-open on Monday, August 30. The fitness wing will be closed August 24 and August 25. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.



### ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TREES

The Advisory Committee on Trees will meet Thursday, August 19, 2004, in the Community Meeting Room of the Community Center at 7 p.m. All interested persons are invited to attend. For information, call the Department of Public Works at 301-474-8004.

### Sri Siva Vishnu Temple & Jayamangala present SHREE VINAYAKA

Stories of the elephant-headed Hindu God retold in a vibrant production of Indian classical dance using ancient verses set to live music, western ballet and symphony.

Direction: Shobha Subramanian

Guest Artists: National Ballet group (with Pamela Moore)

Saturday, August 14 at 7 p.m.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School

Tickets: Seniors/students, \$7; General, \$10; Donors, \$50

Co-Sponsors: The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation, Arts and Cultural Heritage Division. For more information call Bala at 301-345-3856

## A Review

# At the Theater It's "De-Lovely"

by Eli Flam

"De-Lovely," currently at Old Greenbelt Theatre, conveys in a dozen or more performances of Cole Porter's redolent songs what a master of wit and winsomeness – and sometimes of poignance – was this son of Indiana. Kevin Kline also hits all kinds of right notes in playing Porter from emergence in Paris in the early 1920s to his difficult last years, back in the U.S.

At the same time, Director Irwin Winkler chose to frame the film in a creaky, guide-from-beyond device that worked a lot better in, say, "It's a Wonderful Life." But especially compared to "Night and Day," a painfully phony 1946 biopic with Cary Grant as Porter, "De-Lovely" de-

picts, for the most part candidly yet tastefully, Porter's homosexual bent and attendant ins and outs with his wife.

Some eight or more years older, Linda Lee (until the end, played a bit archly by Ashley Judd) was in many ways the pivot of his life – a life whose more haunting refrains are captured in two of Porter's redolent titles, which get fair airing along with so many others in the film: "In the Still of the Night" and "What Is This Thing Called Love?" Look also for top musicians to weigh in, from "Anything Goes" through "Begin the Beguine" to "Kiss me, Kate." Play it again, Cole.

## Diabetes Show To Be Taped

"A Diabetes Overview" with Becky Labonowski, RN, of the Prince George's County Health Department, is the subject of the "Ask the Experts" cable television show to be taped on Tuesday, August 17 from 11 a.m. to noon at the Greenbelt Community Center. The public is invited to this session which will be taped for rebroadcast on Channel 71. For more information call Christal Parker Batey, City of Greenbelt community resource associate, at 301-474-8000, ext. 2012.

## Donation Drop-off On Saturday

The city's Donation Drop-off, co-sponsored by the American Rescue Workers, will be held Saturday, August 14 behind the Municipal Building from 9 a.m. to noon. Bring clean, usable clothing, small household items, curtains, towels, linens and toys. Donations will be used by needy people in Prince George's County and are tax-deductible. Donation Drop-off is held the second Saturday of each month.

## Democrats Donate To Emergency Fund

The Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club has continued its tradition of donating its "Wish Box" proceeds to the City of Greenbelt's Emergency Assistance Fund. At the end of July, Sylvia Lewis, treasurer of the club, presented the city manager with a check for \$106 representing the money collected in the club's "Wish Box" so far this year. Members donate to the "Wish Box" as they share personal announcements with others attending the meeting. The fund offers temporary assistance to needy residents who may be facing eviction.

A second donation of \$57 was given by member Frank Serene, who won that amount from the 50/50 raffle held at the club's convention party on July 28. He asked that this windfall be used to help Greenbelt families.

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### PLAYGROUND MEETINGS

Reconstruction and upgrading will begin soon on the playgrounds near 73 Court of Ridge Road and 5 Court of Gardenway. All interested persons, adults and children, are invited to meet with Bill Phelan, Assistant Director, Department of Public Works, at the following times to discuss the coming changes.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2004**  
6:30 PM at Playground near 73 Court of Ridge Road  
7:30 PM at Playground near 5 Court of Gardenway

## Jazz Under the Stars

Free Outdoor Concert in Roosevelt Center

Sat., Aug. 21, 7:30-10:30 pm

**Magic Ray Jazz**  
with "Magic Ray" Raymond Y. Chu on bass

**John Guernsey Trio**  
with John Guernsey on keyboard  
Herb Nachmann/bass & Eric Hock/drums

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## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

Week of August 13

DE-LOVELY (PG-13)

Friday  
\*4:45, 7:20, 9:50

Saturday  
\*2:15, \*4:45, 7:20, 9:50

Sunday  
\*2:15, \*4:45, 7:30

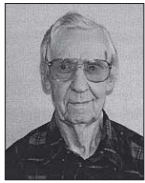
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\*4:45, 7:30

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# Obituaries

## Clifford H. Simonson

Former Greenbelter City Councilmember Clifford (Cliff) Simonson, 89, of DeKalb, Ill., died Sunday, August 1, 2004, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Mo., from complications following heart surgery.



Mr. Simonson was born October 31, 1914, in Agate, N.D. on the farm his father Otto had homesteaded in 1897. He graduated from Bisbee High School. His White Rock chickens won the blue ribbon in every fair he entered them in and he earned the State Farmer gold medal in Future Farmers of America.

In the Great Depression years, between high school and college, his full-time farm work and his poultry earnings (chickens and turkeys) helped save the family farm.

Mr. Simonson attended North Dakota State Agricultural College and later the University of Tennessee (Knoxville), where he earned a B.S. in soil and plant science with heavy emphasis in chemistry, biology and mathematics.

On March 1, 1942, Mr. Simonson joined a group of scientists doing chemical warfare research at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. On August 17, 1942, he prepared the first batch of a catalyst that destroyed the designated poison gas available to both sides in World War II.

After the projects at Northwestern were completed, he was transferred to the University of Illinois, Champaign Urbana. He worked with Lyle Smith, a nuclear physicist, to develop a spray solution to wipe out anophelines mosquitoes in the SW Pacific combat area. Using a specially designed exhaust manifold to disperse the spray, fighter planes would fly just above the treetops. After the mosquitoes were killed, the LST would go ashore. Prior to controlling malaria, the troops suffered more casualties from malaria than from enemy fire.

Resuming graduate study after the war, Mr. Simonson taught four semesters of analytical chemistry at the University of Illinois where he earned his M.S. degree. He received his PhD at the University of Maryland 15 years later.

He married Eve Lind on October 23, 1948. They had five children, four of them in Washington D.C., and one in Georgetown, Guyana. In Guyana he carried out a wetlands soil survey under the Technical Assistance Program for underdeveloped countries.

In 1948 Mr. Simonson joined a group of scientists at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Beltsville, in preparing strategic military intelligence maps and reports on soils, terrain and off-road cross-country movement of military vehicles and personnel. Some 13 countries in Europe and Asia, covering 7 1/2 million square miles, were thus mapped.

From 1955 to 1957, Mr. Simonson carried out the world's first soil survey by helicopter. His 17-sheet map and 608-page report covered 5,000 square miles of fresh water marshes and swamps in Guyana. That map and report are still being used as the master plan for land-use decisions where 90 percent of the country's people live. The report was ultimately

catalogued in the U.S. Library of Congress in 1999.

When Mr. Simonson finished the Guyana survey, the family moved to Greenbelt where they lived at 8-C Ridge Road. He continued to work at the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Beltsville.

Mr. Simonson took an active part in the city. During the 1960s he was appointed a charter member of the Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board (APB). When the APB voted down the proposed development of 360 acres in the core of the city and of a shopping center in the Golden Triangle, council followed by unanimously voting down the first proposal. Council was split on the shopping center, but it too was voted down. However, those who had voted for it were not re-elected to council. Mr. Simonson ran in 1963 and was elected to the 15th council in a hotly contested election, in which six candidates failed to get votes from a majority of votes and had to face off a week later in a run-off election. In 1965, he lost reelection to Richard Pilski by one vote in another run-off election, the last held in the city.

Mr. Simonson served Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) in various ways before being elected to the GHI Board of Directors in 1966. He had been on the Greenbelt Homes Member and Community Relations Committee and the Land and Parking Committees. Simonson's testimony about the necessity for a library in Greenbelt was effective in preventing cancellation of the project.

He also served on the PTAs of Greenbelt Center and Greenbelt Junior High Schools, the Greenbelt Consumer Services, Greenbelt Community Church and the Steering Committee of Citizens for a Planned Greenbelt. He was listed in "American Men of Service" and "Who's Who in the East."

The Simonsons left Maryland in 1968 when Mr. Simonson became an associate professor of geography at Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, where he taught physical geography, conservation of natural resources and four different courses in soils, including world soil geography. In Illinois, he continued his active service of his community.

Mr. Simonson is survived by four daughters, Laura (Ray Pudwill) Simonson of Plymouth,

Minn., Linda (Bill Brown) Simonson of Bowie, Jenny (Roger) Burke of Athens, Ga., and Judy (David) Maffitt of University City, Mo; son Carl (Ardis) Simonson of DeKalb; brother, four sisters and 10 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Eve Simonson of DeKalb. The funeral service was held on Saturday, August 7. Memorial contributions may be sent to the family at 154 Park Ave, DeKalb, and will be distributed to Mr. Simonson's favorite charities.

For information call 815-895-6589 or visit the website at [www.quiram.com](http://www.quiram.com).

## Joseph E. Starnes

Seaman E-3 Joseph "Joey" E. Starnes, age 21, died in a traffic accident August 5, 2004, in South Carolina. He was stationed at the Naval Weapons Coast Guard Station in Charleston, S.C.

Mr. Starnes lived most of his life in Greenbelt. He attended Springhill Lake Elementary School and Greenbelt Middle School. His family moved to West Virginia during his high school years.

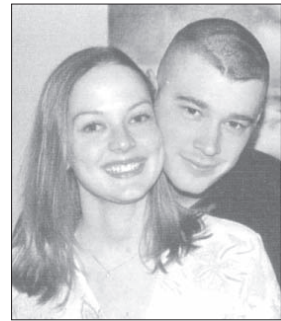
He was an active member of the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club and enjoyed soccer, baseball and swimming. His favorite hobbies were fishing and boating, especially with his late grandfather, former Greenbelter Jack Snoddy.

Mr. Starnes' quick smile, mischievous and playful ways, along with his new-found appreciation for duty and service to his country, will be greatly missed by all. His father, Tony, preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife of two years, Tiffany, of Goose Creek, S.C.; his mother, Donna Eastwood of Charles Town, W.Va.; his brother, Thomas Starnes and sister, Mary DiToto of Charles Town, W.Va.; his parents-in-law, Spencer and Terry Clark, of W.Va.; grandmother, Maria Snoddy of Berlin, Md; great-grandmother, Edna Waters of Berwyn Heights, and devoted brothers-in-law, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Out of town services were held at the Coast Guard Station chapel in South Carolina on Monday, August 9. A service was held at the Melvin T. Strider Funeral Home in Charles Town, W.Va. on August 12, with burial at Everhill Cemetery on August 13 in Charles Town.

## Bishop-Gills Engagement



Ronda Bishop of Greenbelt announces the engagement of her daughter, Elena Patricia, to Steven Michael Gills, son of Dennis and Sharon Gills of Crofton, Md.

Elena received her bachelors and masters degree in family studies from the University of Maryland College Park. She is currently a lead and master teacher at an early childhood education center in Riverdale.

Steven is a member of the Maryland Army National Guard Reserves 253rd Engineering Unit in Parkville, Md. He is currently serving on a one-year deployment in Uzbekistan.

Elena and Steven are planning a July 2005 wedding and a week-long honeymoon cruise in the western Caribbean.

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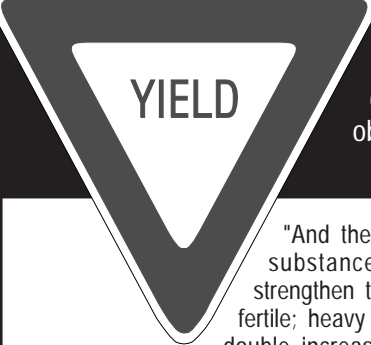
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## Synagogues Create Joint Educational Programs

by Jordan Choper

Our sympathy to Joe and Ellie Rimar of 6 court Hillside Road whose son Andrew died unexpectedly at his home in South Carolina on August 4, 2004.

Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of former Greenbelter Joseph (Joey) Starnes who was killed in a traffic accident on August 5, 2004, in South Carolina. He was stationed at the Naval Weapons Coast Guard Station in Charleston, S.C.

Friends of the Brenner family were glad to see them in Greenbelt briefly while in transit from Rich's assignment in Hawaii to England. They expect to be in England for three years. They arrived in Greenbelt for a short visit after driving across country, visiting family enroute and were sorry to have so little time in Greenbelt. Jan, Rich and daughter Beth have left for England; son Tony is staying here to attend Prince George's Community College. They would welcome email sent to richjanbrenner@hotmail.com from all of their friends.

Greenbelt tenth grader Thuan Nguyen is participating in the Summer Youth Program (SYP) at Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Mich. Students taking part in SYP attend week-long explorations in engineering, technology, computers, ecology and the arts as well as exploring career and academic areas apart from their studies at school.

Margaret Kamara of Hillside Road recently participated in Virginia Tech's Multicultural Academic Opportunities Program, Summer Research Internship Program. Participants were honored at Presentation Day on August 5 on the Virginia Tech campus. Kamara is a student majoring in biology at Virginia State University.

Congratulations to Green-belter April Roberts who graduated from Salisbury University with a B.A. in English at the spring commencement ceremonies.

### Grandparents Form Legal Rights Group

A group is now forming for grandparents who are estranged from their families and have lost the right to visit their grandchildren. This situation is not only nationwide but is also worldwide. Those who would like to seek help in finding their legal rights as grandparents should call 301-486-0957. Grandparents think that a loving relationship between grandparents and grandchildren is important for the children above all, as well as necessary for grandparents who may become isolated and lonely.

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Recent demographic studies have indicated that which became evident to two Jewish congregations in our area, Mishkan Torah in Greenbelt and Beth Torah in Hyattsville, i.e., that there are fewer Jewish families with children living in the Greenbelt-College Park and Hyattsville area. This became evident when the enrollment of the supplementary religious schools of the two synagogues dropped significantly over the past few years. To address the issue in order to have an active educational program in each of the congregations, the two synagogues have joined together to explore, at least for this year, a joint program that holds great promise for success.

The kindergarten through second grade students of Mishkan Torah will attend classes on Wednesday and Sunday at Mishkan Torah. Beth Torah students will attend Wednesday and Saturday evenings at Beth Torah. These classes, especially on Saturday and Sunday will be interchangeable so if a student at Beth Torah cannot make a class on Saturday evening, he or she can attend a similar class at Mishkan Torah on Sunday morning and vice versa.

Third through eighth grade students will meet on Wednesday at 7 to 9 p.m. at Beth Torah. On

Sunday mornings Mishkan Torah students will meet at Mishkan Torah while Beth Torah students will meet at Beth Torah on Saturday evenings.

Once a month there will be a family program with the students and their parents. These family programs will alternate between Beth Torah on Saturday evenings and Mishkan Torah on Sunday mornings. Family field trips will also be scheduled.

Beth Torah is an unaffiliated Conservative synagogue and Mishkan Torah is dually affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation.

### Insulin Pumps Explained

The new technology of insulin pumps is the subject of the Diabetic Support Group at Doctors Community Hospital on Tuesday, August 17 at 7 p.m. in the fifth floor classroom of the Ambulatory Surgery Building. Two insulin pump specialists, Jerome Bell, management consultant and Debra Ostrowski, RN, CDE, will explain this advanced technology to control diabetes. The session is free but those wishing to attend should call 301-552-5134 in advance to register.

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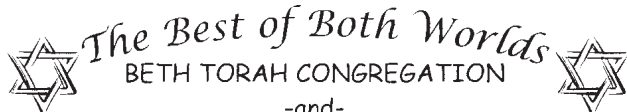
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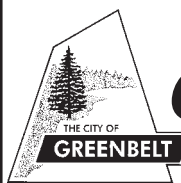
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## City Information

### OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

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Board of Elections

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Recycling & Environment Advisory Committee

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

### Meetings for August 16-August 20

Monday, August 16, 8:00pm, COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Crosswalk Study, Municipal Building, (Live on Channel 71)

Wednesday, August 18, 8:00pm, COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: TRAFFIC CALMING-GREENBELT EAST, Multi-Purpose Room Community Center.

### GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER DROP-IN SESSIONS AUGUST 9-20



Drop-In Session for our Adult Water Aerobic Classes August 9 - August 20. All classes will be offered on a Drop-in basis. \$2 for Passholders

& \$3 for all others. Stop by the Aquatic and Fitness Center for a list of classes and times.

### GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS 301-474-8000: Monday, August 16 at 8pm: City Council Work Session "live" Tuesday & Thursday, August 10 & 12: 10am & 6pm "Ask the Expert Special Edition with Helen Barnes," 6:45pm: "Greenbelt Museum Lecture," 8:00pm: Replay of Council Work Session. PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, August 18 & 20th 7:00pm "Future View," 7:30pm ERHS presents "Exitium Caesaris (The Death of Caesar)," 8:00pm: University of Maryland presents "Repertoire Orchestra."

### Studio Space Available

One artist's studio space will be available at the Greenbelt Community Center in September, 2004. Studios are provided through the Greenbelt Recreation Department's Artist in Residence Program which is open to artists residing in the State of Maryland. Participating artists enjoy 24-hour access to the facility and other benefits in exchange for a monthly fee and participation in community events. Visual artists are selected for the program based on their artistic achievements and the artists' interest in community engagement. The available studio space will be approximately 10' X 16' in a room shared with two ceramic artists. The Community Center is located at 15 Crescent Road in Greenbelt, Maryland. For an application or studio tour, contact Nicole DeWald at 301-397-2208 or ndewald@ci.greenbelt.md.us. Completed applications must be received by 4pm on Friday, August 20.



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very beginning and were recognized with awards.

As suggested by Abramowitz's article, a variety of crafts were included as well as paintings, drawings and sculpture. One year an artist received an award for a silver bowl. Since there was no separate photography show yet, photographs were included in the art show as well.

Like all Greenbelt projects, the art shows were successful because folks worked together cooperatively. Abramowitz credited other Greenbelters who worked on the shows, especially his two fellow committee members Donald Uhlin, art instructor at Greenbelt Junior High School, and Gordon Lawson, a teacher and ceramic artist.

Albert Ellerin, of the local Arts and Crafts Supply Company, donated art supplies and trophies from his business. The local artists and craftspeople who entered their work made the shows possible and their efforts earned many compliments from visitors, as Abramowitz noted in a letter to the News Review on September 5, 1957. "It is they who are to be thanked for adding this cultural activity, with its gaiety of color and unique attractiveness to the Labor Day Festival."

### Exhibits Expand

Organizers of the art shows were gratified to see the exhibits growing every year. In 1955, 25 artists exhibited 75 works placed around the pool. The next year, when the show was moved to

Roosevelt Center closer to the other activities and exhibits, 37 artists displayed their work. In 1956 the organizers arranged for a "larger and better situated area," the grassy lawn "across from the drug and variety stores" for the "Festival Art Exhibit" (from Abramowitz's communication cited above). In his follow-up letter on September 5, 1957, he mentioned that the art works filled 10 stands and that the exhibit was "improving in both the physical equipment and the number of entries."

The success of the annual art shows inspired Greenbelt artists to consider other arts activities during the rest of the year. In his letter to the News Review of October 1, 1959, Abramowitz mused on some of these suggestions growing out of the enthusiasm for the art shows. He suggested that perhaps an art club could be started where people could come together for regular activities.

Greenbelters had taken to heart the words of Uhlin in his August 1956 article in the News Review, in which he wrote that art is an experience for everyone and that, "We are all artists."

**Note:** The author wishes to thank Ben Abramowitz for encouraging her to write this article. Abramowitz, now 87, after over 50 years of residence in Greenbelt, moved last year to Rockville. He is currently in the midst of preparing for a new exhibition of his work in 2005.

## POTTERS

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event. Both silent and live auction generated \$175,000 for Miriam's Kitchen.

Greenbelt potters were excited to be able to make such a significant contribution to the event. Pottery students were inspired and encouraged that Kirkendall thought they would be able to produce a work of high quality for this important cause.

Contributing potters from the Greenbelt Community Studio were Gina Mai Denn, Christine Coyle, Jeri Holloway, Pam Hagerhorst, Sandra Dwiggin, Diane K. McDaniel, Janet Lee-Smeltzer, Christina Guidorizzo, Kerry Show, Katie Scott-Childress and Gary Irby.

Additional information about Miriam's Kitchen can be found at [info@miriamskitchen.org](mailto:info@miriamskitchen.org) or 202-452-8926.

## National Aquarium Holds Shark Day

The National Aquarium in Washington, D.C., will hold Shark Day on Saturday, August 14 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A variety of activities are planned for this event including story-time for young children, interactive games, face painting, fish printing on T-shirt and other crafts. The National Aquarium's animal husbandry and education staff will be on hand to answer questions and provide talks throughout the day. The sharks will be fed at 2 p.m. Also planned for the day will be a display of fossils of aquatic animals and shark teeth. Children will have the opportunity to go on a fossil shark tooth hunt and

## GIGLIOTTI

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in the Persian Gulf and now is serving in Norfolk. Anthony's brother Jake, a recent graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School, was enrolled in the four-year ROTC program there. He spent one semester at Virginia Tech, in Blacksburg, Va., on a ROTC scholarship before being called to duty with the U. S. Marine Corp Reserves. He left for Fallujah, Iraq on August 5. Jake has been a volunteer fireman at the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department.

Asked what inspired this love and devotion to country and tradition of military service, Vincent simply said, "It's part of life . . . to do our best. I'm more concerned about my children, and my family than myself." Vincent is clearly proud of his son and his grandsons.

For Greg's wife Kathy, mother of Anthony and Jake, the long periods of absence by her loved ones are a strain. "It's nerve-racking," she said. Like others in the family, Kathy remains stoic while waiting at home with another son, Craig May, for the return of Gregory, Anthony and Jake.

take home a souvenir shark tooth.

The National Aquarium is the oldest continually operated public aquarium in the country. It is located in the basement of the Department of Commerce Building at 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W. The aquarium is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, with the last admission at 4:30 p.m. There is an admission fee. For information visit [www.nationalaquarium.com](http://www.nationalaquarium.com) or call 202-482-2825.

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in his congregation, who were particularly happy with the programs for seniors offered by the city.

Rabbi Jonathan Cohen of the Mishkan Torah Congregation agreed that Greenbelt is an extraordinary place. Joking, he said that it was great "to bring Greenbelt to Montgomery County" since much of his congregation is from there. He said that Mishkan Torah is the "Greenbelt for the synagogue world."

Rev. DaeHwa Park of Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church said that there was "no boundary" between his congregation and the city. "The city has been great to the local congregation," he said, which discusses city issues in study groups from time to time.

Students in the congregation are interested in doing community service as volunteers, a concern other congregations shared. Councilmember Edward Putens recommended a community fair where groups who need community service volunteers could get together with community members.

Jim Fischer said that Greenbelt was a "haven of community" that was great for the Baha'i Community, which is "multicultural."

The Rev. Walter J. Tappe of St. Hugh's Catholic Church said he was delighted to be back in Greenbelt. He was in residence at St. Hugh's from 1997 to 2000. He looks forward to taking an active role in the community.

C.K. Dhananjayan, chairman of the Sri Siva Vishnu Temple, said

that although the temple is in Lanham, much of the congregation is from Greenbelt. He said the Hindu community is very happy with Greenbelt and he wants to be a part of that community.

A few concerns were expressed. The Rev. Stephen Mentz of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Greenbelt Road expressed concerns over U-turns at Lakecrest Drive directly in front of the church. Mentz said he witnessed up to eight accidents per year. The mayor responded that the state agreed that the site warrants a traffic light but there currently is not sufficient funding. City Manager Michael McLaughlin said a light was expected within nine months.

### Shelters for Homeless

Two religious programs, "Warm Nights" and "Safe Havens," provide shelter for the homeless in the winter months. Davis said that the city wants to help the homeless, regrets that Greenbelt does not have a homeless shelter and saluted the religious help. C.K. Dhananjayan said that the Hindu community provided shelter for the homeless in the temple. They also make sandwiches to send to shelters on a weekly basis, he said.

### Helpful Funds

Council and the religious leaders also discussed other areas of cooperation, such as the Good Samaritan Fund and the Emergency Assistance Fund. Handled by the city, these funds do not represent city assets but the city assumes fiduciary responsibility

for them. The fund was started in 1948 in cooperation with the Greenbelt clergy to assist out-of-town people temporarily stranded in Greenbelt or people with low incomes who are in urgent need of transportation, gas or food.

The Emergency Assistance Fund is used to help Greenbelt residents who need help paying the rent to avoid possible eviction from their homes. The fund is administered by Greenbelt CARES and the Ladies of Charity of Saint Hugh's Catholic Church. Mary Linstrom, of the Ladies of Charity, said it is "amazing how well it is going." Kathleen McFarland, also representing the Ladies of Charity, asked council about a resource that would help people learn how to plan budgets to avoid emergency situations. Councilmember Leta Mach praised the idea and noted that credit unions often provide such services.

Mach asked about a new fund for the families of victims of tragic traffic accidents. GILA would act as a "trusted third party" to which money could be donated with the assurance that the money would not go to a charity organization but directly to the family in need. Rev. ten Hove said that GILA would be discussing the issue but still had a few problems to work out.

McLaughlin said that the option "is out there for the city to set up such a third fund." The mayor said that because "Greenbelt is a very caring community, we find more ways to care."



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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

July 31, 9:32 a.m., Greenway Shopping Center, a woman reported that she had entered her car with a bank deposit bag. A man approached her car, opened the driver's door, displayed a handgun and announced a robbery. After obtaining the deposit bag he fled the scene in a tan car, possibly a Dodge Intrepid with temporary tags. The suspect is described as a black male in his twenties, 6' with black hair, brown eyes, sideburns, a mustache and beard, wearing a white T-shirt and a black and silver baseball cap.

August 2, 12:28 a.m., 5600 block Greenbelt Metro Drive, a man reported that he was sitting in his car when he was approached by three men, one armed with a handgun. A robbery was announced and after taking the victim's wallet, all three fled the scene toward Cherrywood Lane. They are described as three black males, one 16 to 17 years of age, 5'3", 100 pounds wearing a white shirt. Another was 19 to 20 years of age, 5'7", 140 pounds, wearing dark clothing.

August 5, 7:23 p.m., a man reported that he was walking along Mandan Road near Mathew Street when he was approached from behind by two youths who punched him in the face, took money from him and attempted to take his cellular telephone. The youths then fled the scene on foot towards the Chelsea Woods condominiums. The suspects are described as two black males, 16 to 17 years of age. The victim declined treatment for some facial swelling.

August 5, 9:44 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Drive, a food delivery person, reported that he was attempting to make a delivery when he was approached by two men, one armed with a handgun. They pulled the victim into the laundry room and ordered him to the ground. They then took his driver's license, cellular telephone, money and food and fled the area on foot. The suspects are described as two black males, 6' to 6'1", wearing black clothing with white towels around their faces.

## Assault

August 3, 6:53 p.m., T.G.I.Friday's Restaurant, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with first degree assault, second degree assault, disorderly intoxication, disorderly conduct, reckless endangerment and fourth degree sex offense when police responded for a report of a fight. Investigation revealed that the man allegedly touched a woman in an inappropriate manner at the bar and she splashed a drink in his face. The man then threw a drink glass at the woman, striking her in the face and causing lacerations. The woman then threw a drink glass at the man, striking him in the face, also resulting in facial lacerations. The man was arrested in the parking lot, transported to Doctor's Hospital for treatment, then released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner. The victim declined treatment for her injuries.

## Unattended Children

August 2, 7:31 p.m., 9100

block Springhill Lane, a resident woman was arrested and charged with leaving children unattended. Police responded to a report of two children unattended in the hallway of an apartment building. The children, ages six and three, were located wearing only shirts. There was no response from the children's apartment; the mother was located inside the residence only after the fire department forced entry. The mother was arrested and released on citation pending trial.

## DWI

July 30, 8:16 p.m., Beltway Plaza Mall, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with driving under the influence, driving while impaired and leaving the scene of a hit and run personal injury accident when he was involved in a motor vehicle accident and allegedly ran from the scene. He was apprehended after a short foot chase and released on citations pending trial.

## Drugs

August 2, 3:33 p.m., 7300 block Morrison Drive, police responded to a report of an alarm. The residence was searched by a canine dog and handler and a quantity of suspected marijuana was located in plain view inside the home. A resident man was arrested, charged with possession of marijuana and was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

## False Statement

July 23, 10:09 p.m., T.G.I.Friday's Restaurant, police responded to the parking lot for a report of a motor vehicle accident. A nonresident woman was arrested and charged with false statement and driving while suspended after she provided a false name to the police. A computer check revealed that she had a suspended license. She was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

## Arson

August 5, 12:55 a.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway police responded to a report of a vehicle fire. Preliminary investigation indicated that the fire to a 2001 Ford Crown Victoria 4-door may have been deliberately set.

## Burglary

July 31, 7:54 a.m., 7800 block Hanover Parkway, unknown person(s) broke into a basement

storage room. Tools were taken.

August 3, 11:11 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, unknown person(s) attempted to force open the front door of a residence, damaging the door handle and lock. Entry was not gained.

August 5, 7:27 p.m., 400 block Ridge Road, unknown person(s) used unknown means to enter the residence. Money and credit cards were taken.

## Disorderly Conduct

July 31, 5:35 p.m., Beltway Plaza Mall, police responded to a report that several participants of an earlier fight that took place at the mall had returned. The youths ran from the police who responded. A nonresident youth was apprehended in the 9100 block of Springhill Lane and gave the officer a false name. He was arrested for disorderly conduct and false statement and was released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

## Vehicle Crimes

Seven vehicles were stolen: a green 1993 Infiniti J30 4-door, Maryland tags GJW247; a green 1998 Nissan Maxima 4-door, Maryland tags JXP949; a tan 1999 Dodge Stratus 4-door, Maryland tags FKB733; a burgundy 1998 Oldsmobile Intrigue 4-door, Maryland tags LTR163; a 2003 Dodge Caravan recovered at Maryland University the same day; a white 1992 Jeep Cherokee, Maryland tags ABW55N; and a silver 2002 Dodge Intrepid 4-door, Virginia tags JLX1547.

Five vehicles were recovered, three by Greenbelt police, one by UMD police and one by the owner with no arrests in any of the recoveries.

Vandalisms to, thefts from or attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: Beltway Plaza Mall, 9100 block Edmonston Road (two incidents), 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, 6200 block Springhill Court, 6000 Springhill Drive, 6000 block Breezewood Drive, 13 court Hillside, 7600 block Greenbelt Road, 6900 block Hanover Parkway, 7700 block Hanover Parkway, 7800 block Hanover Parkway (two incidents), Mandan Road and Hanover Parkway, 7600 block Mandan Road, 7800 Mandan Road and 7900 block Mandan Road (two incidents).

## Two Men Arrested In Fatal Shooting

On August 9 members of the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department Warrant Squad made an early morning arrest in the 14000 block of Rose Trellis Court in Silver Spring. Two brothers, James and Kevin Davis, were arrested and charged with murder in the July 11 fatal shooting of Carlton Anthony Sharpe in Springhill Lake.

Sharpe had been talking to a friend in the 6200 block of Breezewood Drive when he was shot about 12:54 a.m. His friend was able to escape and called police.

Investigation by the Greenbelt Police Department Criminal Investigation Division identified the Davis brothers as suspects in the case and that resulted in the issuance of the warrants for their arrest.

## Enroll Students Now for School

School starts on August 23 in Prince George's County. To avoid delays, parents should enroll their children now at the closest neighborhood school.

The children's class schedules will be ready for the first day of school and staff will have time to prepare for any special needs.

For enrollment information visit the school system website at [www.pgcps.org](http://www.pgcps.org) or call 301-952-6001.

Parents who are enrolling their children for the first time in the United States should call the International Student Guidance Office at 301-445-8460.

## Neighborhood Watch Grants Available

County Councilmember Douglas J.J. Peters (Fourth District) announced the availability of funding applications for Neighborhood Watch groups in the county and Council District 4. Prince George's County has received \$300,000 in federal Department of Justice funding to build and strengthen the county's crime fighting organizations and communities. Peters mailed copies of the application to Neighborhood Watch groups in District 4.

"This program provides much-needed financial support to those organizations assisting police efforts to reduce crime in our communities," Peters stated. "After having met with Neighborhood Watch groups in District 4 earlier this year, I hope that they will take advantage of this opportunity to assist their crime prevention and education efforts," he concluded.

Eligible groups would be able to purchase supplies, including safety vests, T-shirts, flashlights, street signs and communication equipment. The deadline for submission of applications is September 3. Neighborhood Watch groups that are interested can request applications by phone at 301-952-3094 or pick up copies from the county's police stations.

For further information on the Neighborhood Watch Grant program call Prince George's County Police Department Deputy Chief Jeffrey Cox at 301-772-4750.

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"I'm so proud of Maryland's firefighters, risking their lives to protect others," she said. "But we need to protect our protectors with the best equipment, training and resources. I will keep fighting for a federal investment in the safety of Maryland's fire fighters. Congratulations to these Prince George's County fire departments on being awarded this well-deserved money."

"The heroism and diligence of America's firefighters and first responders is crucial to the health and safety of our communities," said Sarbanes. "These hard-working firefighters deserve the most up-to-date equipment and I am pleased that this funding is being awarded to assist them in their efforts to protect their respective communities."

The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department was awarded \$24,750 to purchase a thermal imaging camera, mobile organization equipment and new communications equipment. The thermal imaging camera will enable firefighters to more easily locate victims and fallen firefighters in emergency situations. The organizational and communications technology will help the department to improve the coordination and speed of their responses.

## Festival Notes



www.greenbelt.com/laborday

The 50th Annual Labor Day Festival is just around the corner – just a little more than three weeks away. The committee is promising great weather this year – the rain will "run out" before then, they say. In the meantime, festival fundraising continues.

### Fundraising

There will be three more bake sales before the festival – one each weekend – and all on Saturdays. All are on the Co-op ramp. Commemorative T-shirts are still available in grey and green tie-dye. Don't miss getting this very collectible, commemorative tribute to a very special festival.

"Proud to Be American" T-shirts are still available in all sizes. Raffle tickets for \$200 worth of Co-op groceries, a 50/50 drawing, a wooden Longaberger panel chest and a \$25 gift certificate to Jaspers are currently being sold and will be sold throughout the festival. Drawings for all raffles will take place on Monday, September 6. The above items can also be purchased by calling Patti Brothers at 301-982-2312 or 301-910-0050.

### Art Show

The Labor Day Art Shows take place at the Community Center and are sponsored by the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA). There are two shows, one for adults and one for children and

teens. This is the 42nd year for this event, which gives Greenbelt artists of all ages and abilities the opportunity to acquaint the community with their work.

Entries for the Art Show will be accepted on Friday, September 3 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Community Center. Fliers with complete information are available at the Community Center and the Greenbelt Library. Barbara Simon, Labor Day Art Show chair, can answer questions. She can be reached at 301-474-2192.

### On Stage

For a detailed description of the performers that will grace the stages to entertain festival goers see separate article on page 12.

### Photo Show

Entries for the Photo Show will be accepted also on Friday, September 3 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Community Center. Call Keith Zevallos at 301-474-5542 for additional information. It costs nothing to enter and recognition will be given to winners in various categories.

### Information Day

There are still a few spots for groups to participate in Information Day. This day provides participating groups an opportunity to share their cause, mission or product (no sales are permitted) with festival goers. Those who want to participate should contact Dave Pitts at 301-345-

9605 for more information and an application.

### Talent Show

Call now to reserve a spot in the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Talent Show – auditions/rehearsal are quickly approaching. The Talent Show is on Saturday, September 4 at 6 p.m. The auditions/rehearsals are on August 24 and 31 at 7 p.m. at the Community Center. Call Dennis Lewis at 301-577-1718 for more information.

### Parade

Parade Chairperson Linda Ivy is still accepting 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 by email at Lindaivy@aol.com.

### Shuttle Buses

The festival will once again be offering shuttle bus service from various points in the city. There are still vacancies for shuttle drivers. Without all vacancies filled, the shuttle cannot run on a full schedule. Call Lester Whitmer at 301-345-8897 to sign up to be a shuttle driver. Vans will run from satellite locations at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Greenbelt Elementary and Green Ridge House. The back of the festival pullout (which will be in the August 26 edition of the News Review) will contain the shuttle schedule.

### Donations

Businesses that are interested in supporting the festival can contact Patti Brothers at 301-982-2312. Donating businesses will be recognized at the festival itself and also in the festival program.

### Volunteers

Individuals interested in being ticket sellers and volunteers in general are still needed to assist with this year's festival in all areas. This is an opportunity for students in grades 7 through 12 who need community hours to fulfill that requirement. Ticket sellers must be at least 15 years old. Volunteers (who are not students) are also welcome to come and help out.

Call Patti Brothers at 301-982-2312 for more information about general volunteer positions. Call Lenny Wertz at 301-864-0254 for ticket seller positions. There will be a mandatory meeting for ticket sellers on Tuesday, August 31 at 7:30 p.m. at Greenbelt Community Church.

### Website

The festival website, www.greenbelt.com/laborday is always a good source for up-to-the-minute information.

### Next Meeting

The next festival committee meeting is Thursday, August 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center. It is not too late to volunteer.

*Festival Notes is written by Labor Day Festival Chair Patti Brothers.*

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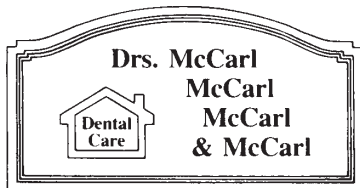
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# "National Night Out" Held in Greenbelt



"National Night Out 2004" was celebrated on Tuesday, August 4 this year in five different areas in Greenbelt. An estimated 250 citizens participated in this year's activities.

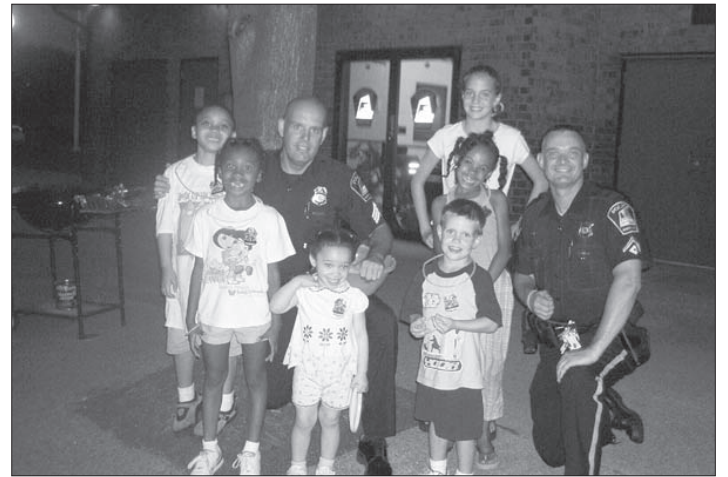
In Greenbriar, information tables were set up in three areas. In Phase I there were crime prevention trivia games to play, distribution of brochures and refreshments. Phase II had a "get-to-know-your-neighbor" bingo game with prizes and sodas and sandwiches were served. There were crime prevention brochures available and light refreshments served in Phase III.

In Windsor Green the Mobile Watch Group and Home Owners Association had their annual National Night Out barbecue. Brochures and prizes were given to kids.

Information tables were set up in the 6900 block of Lady Anne Court, brochures were given out and refreshments were served.

Police officers from the Greenbelt Police Department visited the various locations during the evening passing out glow-in-the-dark bracelets and necklaces, badges and coloring books. Bike officers and police cruisers crisscrossed the city to visit as many locations as possible. City councilmembers also visited each of the sites.

Neighborhoods that wish to participate in the 2005 "National Night Out" can contact MPO George Mathews at 240-542-2116.



Activities captured during the National Night Out on August 4 at five different locations throughout Greenbelt.



Photos courtesy of the Greenbelt Police Department

## Labor Day Festival Is Full Of Musical Entertainment

by Patti Brothers

With just three weeks to go until the Labor Day Festival "rocks" the city, Greenbelters can gear up for a full plate of musical entertainment. The festival stage will be the setting for some of the area's (and west coast's and Britain's) finest entertainment. "Herman's Hermits" will make their debut performance at the festival on Saturday, September 4, at 1 p.m. Get there early to get a great seat. They will take listeners back in time and a good time will be had by all. This is a real treat for festival goers.

"Shoe Suede Blues" featuring Peter Tork (formerly of The Monkees) is returning to the festival this year and will "close out" the festival on Monday afternoon following the parade, another treat for festival goers. The festival committee is pleased to be able to host these world-class groups.

Both "Peters" will be happy to sign albums - so bring them and cameras too. Or buy a commemorative T-shirt to have it autographed.

"Diamond Alley" will open the entertainment on Friday night with their great sounds.

Following Herman's Hermits on Saturday, the stage will become the home for kids' entertainment (starting at 3 p.m.) with the Nicolo Whimsey Show - juggling, clowning, storytelling and audience participation galore. The Blue Sky Puppets will follow with a great puppet show for "kids" of all ages. Making his first appearance at the festival will be Magic Mike who has been performing to "sellout"

crowds at Greenbelt's New Year's Eve party.

The night-time stage will host "SPIN" - new to the festival - with lots of today's tunes.

The Sunday stage entertainment begins at 1 p.m. with "24U," a duo that plays songs that range from Celine Dion to Elvis. They will provide a relaxing beginning to the afternoon Sunday activities.

John Hill returns with his easy-listening sounds, always an enjoyable time. The group, "Adrenalin" returning to the festival this year will play tunes from the '70s, which will take festival goers right into the Miss Greenbelt finals. "Wayne Brown and 2nd Conspiracy" will fill the last night of the festival with rock 'n roll that is sure to get everyone moving. Entertainment on Monday will start at noon, with the return of "Shoe Suede Blues" (featuring Peter Tork, formerly of The Monkees), all the way from California. This group plays blues originals and oldies (with some Monkees tunes thrown in), an exciting way to close out the entertainment on the festival stage.

## Greenbelt to Get \$20,000 Homeland Security Grant for Preparedness Training

by Thomas X. White

Prince George's County Executive Jack B. Johnson announced at a June 29 breakfast meeting of the Prince George's County Municipal Association held in Ocean City that he would be providing all of the 27 Prince George's municipalities a share of a State of Maryland Homeland Security Grant that was recently awarded to the county.

Johnson will be using about 10 percent of the county's \$2.1 million grant to pass through funds that local governments can use for preparedness training, equipment and training exercises. Amounts provided to the individual cities and towns range from \$3,000 to \$20,000, with Greenbelt garnering \$20,000.

Based on a June 30 letter to Mayor Judith Davis, it is not entirely clear how the pass-through of funds will be implemented. In the letter Johnson indicates that "... in the near future, Greenbelt will be provided a list of resources to choose from as well as terms and conditions of the award application process."

Since 9/11, federal and state resources to aid local government first responders (fire, rescue and police) have been practi-

cally non-existent in spite of advocacy efforts on the part of the Maryland Municipal League, the National League of Cities and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. The grant received by Prince George's County was awarded by the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA).

As an example of how Green-

belt is affected by heightened alerts in the Washington Metropolitan Area, City Manager Michael McLaughlin indicated that "during such alerts, the Greenbelt police force switches from its regular shift to a 12 hour shift," with a resulting increase in overtime payments for Greenbelt officers directly impacting the City of Greenbelt budget.

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