

## School Resource Officers Brief Council on School Safety Issues

by Barbara Hopkins

Presentations dominated the agenda of the Greenbelt City Council meeting on September 13. Two state agencies and two city departments had representatives at the meeting to enlighten councilmembers on the School Resource Officer's program, crosswalk safety improvement plans for Cherrywood Lane, mosquito control and the new bus shelter at Greenway Center. Staff was present to talk about an energy audit and City Solicitor Robert Manzi updated council about the Metrolands suit. (See story in last week's News Review.) In its one action council approved a contract for an energy audit of city buildings.

### Resource Officers

Master Police Officers Marty Parker and John Rogers gave council an end-of-school-year report for the school term 2003-2004. Rogers is a full-time school resource officer (SRO) at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) and Parker is part-time at Greenbelt Middle School.

Rogers said the increases in on-campus complaints and student contacts last year may be partly an effect of his efforts in his first year there to meet and interact with the teens to get to know them. He sometimes heard complaints involving off-campus incidents and he then followed up on these.

Rogers has now completed his training with the National Association of School Resource Officers. Parker has also been through this training and is now

an instructor in the program.

Parker told council that incidents at Greenbelt Middle School have decreased. He believes having a consistent administration at the school and his continued presence there have had a positive effect. The presence of a police officer really makes a difference, he said, in response to Mayor Judith Davis' comment that Greenbelt started this program and that other jurisdictions have followed Greenbelt's lead.

Parker and Rogers gave highlights from some of the school programs they participated in last year. The officers initiated a GREAT (Gang Resistance Education And Training) program for seventh graders. Greenbelt is the only city in Prince George's or Montgomery counties currently running this program.

Three Greenbelt students spent five days at the AAA Safety Patrol Camp hosted by AAA and the Montgomery County Police Department. Current safety patrols were honored and thanked for their service at an AAA Safety Patrol Picnic held at the Police Station. April Patterson from Springhill Lake received a safety patrol award. Her gifts were a savings bond and a plaque.

A conference about gangs was held at ERHS hosted by the State's Attorney's Office, the school security office and school resource officers.

Other programs described were designed to educate kids about

pedestrian safety, resisting drug use and avoiding guns and other dangerous objects.

Parker said future goals include a presentation on DWI to be held at ERHS prior to graduation and a program to teach kids how to get safely away from strangers. A walk-to-school day will be held October 1 in Springhill Lake. Parker said he would look into the "walking school bus" concept described by Davis and Councilmember Leta Mach. In this program, children accompanied by a parent, walk to school in a group, with other children joining as it passes their homes.

### Cherrywood Lane

To brief council on the planned crosswalk improvement on Cherrywood Lane near the Giant Food store in Beltway Plaza, Director of Planning and Community Development Celia Craze introduced Ethan Bindernagel, a summer intern from the University of Maryland. Bindernagel showed council the plans, saying the main goal of the crosswalk is pedestrian safety. He said a median strip would be constructed using what is now mostly a left turn lane, leaving a portion of the lane for left turns into Beltway Plaza at the area in front of Giant. The new median strip, he said, will be planted with shrubs and trees for two reasons. Such plantings discourage jaywalking and also give drivers the impression of a more narrow

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## Greenbelt Pink Ribbon Ride Set for Saturday, October 2

by Mary Lou Williamson

Signs for Greenbelt's Pink Ribbon Ride (PRR) are going up around town. The Bike4BreastCancer-sponsored 10-, 20- and 40-mile rides feature scenic Powder Mill Road with its wide, smooth bike lanes, narrow country roads through "the farms" and the off-road WB&A bike trail through Glenn Dale.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 2 on the lawn of the Community Center, where the ride begins and ends. For those who prefer it, a shorter family fun ride or walk utilizes the path around Greenbelt Lake.

Greenbelt's Pink Ribbon Ride promotes breast cancer awareness and supports the Y-Me organization that offers education through its brown bag group meetings and personal support for breast cancer patients.

### Are You Ready?

"Are you ready for the ride?" has been the rallying cry for the monthly PRR committee meetings. An all-day brainstorming session in January brought together Kathy Betz of Bel Air, who originated the PRRs, with orga-

nizers of the local Maryland rides in Greenbelt and Harford County. Harford's ride was last Saturday. Touchstone Consulting Group, a major sponsor, facilitated the effort to learn from past rides and make plans for 2004.

By mid-September sponsors of the Greenbelt ride have promised or paid over \$6,000 in cash donations and \$10,000 worth of in-kind goods and services – a much longer list than last year's. Pre-registration, mostly online from the group's website [www.bike4breastcancer.org](http://www.bike4breastcancer.org), stands at 65 with six from Greenbelt; three times last year's registration at this point. Most riders will register the day of the event.

### Major Sponsors

The City of Greenbelt will again lead the way, providing location, tables and chairs, publicity including hanging the banner over Crescent Road and police assistance where the route crosses Crescent Road at Northway.

Comcast donates funds and is also running a videotaped interview with Honorary Chair Judith

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## Experience, Create Opera At Artful Afternoon, October 3

The October Artful Afternoon program will be held on Sunday, October 3 from 1 to 5 p.m.

For those who always meant to appreciate opera but never got the chance and for longtime opera lovers, the Odyssey Opera Theatre will create a unique community opera experience at the Greenbelt Community Center for children and all ages. Guided by four Odyssey Opera artists, attendees will discover and experience how music, drama, dance and visual arts combine to create the unique art form of opera. Beginning with visual artwork depicting scenes and characters from famous opera stories, participants will delight in helping to add the elements

needed to bring out the opera! Opera stories involve people and places from all over the world. Odyssey will introduce musical excerpts from such operas as Mozart's "The Magic Flute," Bizet's "Carmen," Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess" and Puccini's "La Boheme." The audience will participate in creating the big finale featuring an opera chorus and dance from Verdi's "La Traviata."

### Bug Costumes

There will also be another project created by Flying Fish mastermind and Artist-in-Residence Sandra Dwiggins. Younger

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## City Council Introduces Revised Refuse Collection Ordinance

by Barbara Hopkins

For the second time this year at its meeting on September 13, the Greenbelt City Council introduced an ordinance amending the city code regarding refuse collection. Councilmember Leta Mach introduced the ordinance to revise the city code article on "Municipal or Private Collection and Disposal Services." She introduced the ordinance in July, as reported in the July 29 News Review, but questions were raised at that time about a requirement to use cans with secure lids in place of bags. A question had also arisen about cases where physical disability would prevent a resident from moving a trash container to the street side of the house. For these reasons, the ordinance had not appeared on council's agenda in August for second reading and adoption.

After review of the questions,

city staff recommended that since the requirement for using trash cans had been codified for over 30 years, it should remain in place. Noting that some homeowners were accustomed to using plastic bags instead of cans due to requirements by previous refuse collectors, staff indicated enforcement of the can requirement would occur only if problems develop with bag breakage or other health issues.

Staff also recommended that the requirement be kept to move the containers to the street side of the house, with exceptions on a case-by-case basis. City Manager Michael McLaughlin said people needing an exemption should call public works or city offices. He said staff would also work to educate people to use cans instead of plastic bags.

### Invasive Plants

In July Davis asked staff to

clarify if invasive species of plants should be mingled with other yard waste for recycling. Staff concluded that this is not a problem at this time and recommended against codifying this subject, since the information could change through time as science reveals more about problems and proper handling of invasive plants.

Other sections of the ordinance require every residence and commercial establishment in the city to subscribe to a refuse collection service and that cans be serviceable by an all-weather access route kept clear of snow, ice and debris. The ordinance also specifies the bundling of yard waste and collection of recyclables.

The ordinance will come before council for second reading and adoption at the September 27 meeting.

### What Goes On

#### Monday, September 27

8 p.m., Regular City Council Meeting and Public Hearing on Greenbelt East Traffic Calming, Municipal Building

#### Tuesday, September 28

7 p.m., Advisory Committee on Education Meeting, Municipal Building

7:30 p.m., Museum Lecture on Women and Household Product Design in the 1950s

#### Wednesday, September 29

8:30 p.m., Council Worksession re: Compensation Plan/Reclassification Authority, Community Center

#### Saturday, October 2

8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Pink Ribbon Ride – Meet on Community Center Lawn

#### Sunday, October 3

1 to 5 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center

#### Thursday, October 7

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Depression Screenings at Green Ridge House, Community Center, Co-op, Giant Food, Safeway and ERHS (students only)



# Letters to the Editor

## Pets Help Promote Bake Sale for Kids

Greenbelt is a wonderful community to live in. Not only is it a safe place to raise a family and/or to grow old, it is an animal-friendly community. Our animal companions are well-cared for; there is a dog park, walkers and an annual pooch plunge! As wonderful as this is for our pets it is sad to think there are hungry children throughout our country.

The GreatAmericanBakeSale is a groundbreaking program to end childhood hunger in America. All funds raised are donated to "Share Our Strength," which then provides grants to nonprofit organizations fighting childhood hunger.

Bella the Vizsla, Newfie the Gentle and Budda the King asked us if they could help little kids who are hungry. They promise they would not counter-surf any baked goods for this special event, even if Little Bear's and HuckleBear's people bake their yummy treats.

Budda and Bella ask their buddies from the Greenbelt Dog Park if they could help sell coffee, hot chocolate and doggie treats. Buster offers to herd everyone over to the Roosevelt Center (no rabbits please).

Katie promises not to bark! John and Kate, HuckleBears' child people, will answer questions about being good pet owners. They are highly qualified.

The rest of the pack, Belfield, Fergus, Jake, Mave and Tucker, told Budda that they would bring all their friends and their people's friends. Newfie wants his twins to support the event. Pinky said she would rather stay at home and take a nap.

The GreatAmericanBakeSale will take place Saturday, October 9 at the Roosevelt Center from 8 a.m. until the food runs out. There are lots of goodies for all. We look forward to seeing old friends and making new ones.

Linda Guttman,  
Michelle Tornabene and  
Eva Fallon  
(for Bella, Newfie and Budda)

To donate baked goods please call 301-982-0692.

## One Thumbs-up, One Thumbs-down

I would like to congratulate the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee on a wonderful festival this year. I don't know who was responsible for ordering such pleasant weather - but please don't lose the phone number. Keep it handy for next year.

And speaking of next year: I would ask that the committee strongly consider banning the use of live animals as carnival prizes. If a person wants to have a goldfish, they can go to the pet store and buy one, along with the requisite food and care items. It pains me to think of how many "prize" goldfish were carried around for hours in the heat, dropped and left to die or were tossed in a trash can by a parent who could not be bothered. Or if it did make it home, was flushed down the toilet. I'm sure I can safely say that none of the goldfish-winners stopped on the way home to purchase an aquarium and proper food. (A note to the booth operator: "dried white bread" is not a suitable source of nutrition for fish.)

I do not condemn the group sponsoring the booth. Goldfish-toss games have been a part of the carnival repertoire for decades. This does not make it right, either. Children learn what they live and this teaches them that the life of a small fish is worth nothing. The problem is - if a fish's life is worth nothing, where does it stop? A mouse? A rabbit? A cat?

We must take responsibility and teach our children by example that all life has value and deserves proper care. We must set an example here in Greenbelt. Goldfish-toss games may not be illegal but that does not make them right or humane.

Let's cross our fingers for a wonderful festival next year, one with plenty of sun and fresh air. But leave the goldfish at home.

Tim Uber,  
Former Greenbelter

## Brick Fund Raiser Went Very Well

I thought that your readers would like to know that the Chevy's fundraiser for the Kelby Brick family on Monday evening, September 13 went very well. I estimate that well over 100 people came during the evening - primarily people from the Greenbelt community and the Washington area deaf community. Michael P. McLaughlin, the city manager, came with his family and Kelby Brick recognized several other Greenbelt residents. From the deaf community, Bobbie Beth Scoggins from Frankfort, Ky., a member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of the Deaf, was in attendance, as were several board members of the Maryland Association of the Deaf and a large number of Gallaudet University faculty and staff. An unexpected guest was Erin Casler, the reigning Miss Deaf America, from Sioux Falls, S. Dak., who was in town on business.

The Brick family was gratified by this outpouring of community support. They have moved to a temporary residence in New Carrollton and plan to move back to Greenbelt after their home is rebuilt.

Donations continue to come in. Updates will be posted at <http://kelbyjp.blogspot.com>.

Thank you.  
Robert Weinstock,  
Gallaudet University

## THANKS

We can never adequately express our appreciation for the loving support given our family by neighbors, friends, Pastor Mark Johnson and members of the Greenbelt Baptist Church during the illness and death of our husband and father [Reginald Danahy]. You were all so kind in helping in so many ways at a difficult time. Thank you Donnie, Mike, Lenny and Mark for meeting some special needs. As residents of Greenbelt for 51 years, we know what great folks live here. Thank you all so much.

Jeanette Danahy, wife  
of Reginald Danahy  
Michael, Susan Snyder,  
Tom and Steven

## THANKS

A special thanks to our friends and neighbors for their cards, words of comfort and hugs on the sudden loss of our son Andy. We love you all.

Joe and Ellie Rimar

## THANKS

A special thanks to a young lady who helped me up when I fell at 7-Court Ridge Road on September 10.

Also a special thanks to Pepco people who fixed the street light in our court.

Mrs. Rice

## GHI Notes

September 29 - Architecture & Environment Committee, 7:30 p.m. - GHI Board Room

October 7 - Board of Directors Meeting, 7:30 p.m. - GHI Board Room

October 11 - Ad Hoc Non-Profit Committee, 7 p.m. - GHI Board Room

October 13 - Woodlands Committee, 7 p.m. - GHI Board Room

October 14 - Finance Committee - 7 p.m. - GHI Board Room



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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.  
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

## Fall Harvest Festival



Roosevelt Center  
Saturday, Oct. 2  
Arts & Crafts Fair  
10:00 am-5:00 pm



Pottery, jewelry, stained glass, art work & more

Raindate: Sunday, Oct. 3

Noon - drum round	2:00 - Blues Exchange
3:00 - Tommy Anton & Abby Cahn	4:00 - iLYaiMY with Rob & Heather
5:00 - Raincrow - folk & blues	6:00 - Kitchen Gorilla - folk duo
7:00 - Symbiont - rock with a message	8:00 - Mike Hamilton - folk
9:00 - Global Warming - world dance music	

If it rains, concert will be held indoors at New Deal Café same date & times

Events produced by Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA) & Greenbelt Assn. for the Visual Arts (GAVA) with support from the Prince George's Arts Council & the City of Greenbelt.  
Special Thanks to Greenbelt Public Works Dept.

For information about arts & crafts fair call 301-474-2192, for concert call 301-474-5642.



# Community Events

## Explore Leaving A Family History

Leaving a legacy is not for now but for future generations.

Explorations Unlimited will host writer and author Bennet Pomerantz on Friday, October 1 at 1 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center. Pomerantz will describe many ways people can leave the family history and explore previously unknown relatives as well. Participants will be able to use these resources with their own families after the workshop to leave a history for others.

Pomerantz's work has appeared in many publications including *Affaire De Coeur*, *Truckers USA*, and his syndicated newspaper column, *Audioworld*. Pomerantz has covered the audio medium for the last 17 years. He is also known as a media critic and has been a judge for the Audio Publishers Associations, Audio Awards NATF (National Audio Theatre Festival). He has made many appearances at mystery and science fiction conventions and writers' workshops across the country. His nonprofit group, *The Write Stuff*, goes into schools (including colleges) and youth groups, expounding on writing, reading and creating.

For more information about Pomerantz visit his website at <http://www.geocities.com/audioworld/audioworld.html>. Explorations Unlimited is a speaker series held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

## Peace and Justice Coalition Meets

The September business meeting of the Prince George's County Peace and Justice Coalition will be held Tuesday, September 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. The proposed agenda so far includes: a follow-up on the Maryland Bill of Rights Coalition and county anti-racial profiling campaigns; organizational support of the October 17 Million Worker March (an event equally anti-war and pro-working-people); pursuit of the idea to show locally the documentary film "Life and Debt" to promote forgiveness of poor countries' debts; and the regional peace letter from local officials to Congress and the President, to be officially presented September 30. Suggestions are welcome for other items meriting attention.

For more information contact Lucy Duff via email at [justpeacepg@earthlink.net](mailto:justpeacepg@earthlink.net) or 301-577-2350 or Bertram Donn at 301-474-1353.

## Volunteer to Help Rid Invasive Plants

Local residents of all ages can make a difference and help Greenbelt Park remove invasive plants. Participants are invited to meet at the park headquarters at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 2. Those participating should bring gloves and water.

For more information call 301-344-3944 or visit the website at <http://www.nps.gov/gree/>.

## Fall Festival Oct. 2 In Roosevelt Center

by Eileen Peterson

Music and hand-crafted art will come together at the Fall Harvest Festival in Roosevelt Center on Saturday, October 2 from 10 a.m. to late evening.

### Original Art

The arts fair will run until 5 p.m. and will feature acrylic paintings by Gary Bumbalough, jewelry by Elaine Forrest, glass beads (and a demonstration of how to make them) by Ann Clough, pottery and ceramics by Greenbelt Pottery, greeting cards (mostly holiday) by Barbara McGee Simon and stained glass by the Glass Guild - all of Greenbelt. Joining them will be Maureen Sullivan of University Park with distinctive sculptures.

The fair is sponsored by the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts. For more information call 301-474-2192. Rain date is Sunday, October 3.

### Open-air Concert

Drums and other percussions will sound the start of 10 hours of music from the stage in front of the Mother and Child statue featuring diverse acts (see ad on page 2). The mixture of old and new folk, blues, rock and world music is being coordinated by Richard McMullin, music director for the New Deal Café and board member of Friends of New Deal Café Arts, sponsor of the event. "Live music by real people in plain sight, much better for the soul than satellite radio," McMullin comments with enthusiasm. This is the last outdoor concert of the year; if there is prolonged rain, the music will move into the café. For questions call 301-474-5642.

Support for the Harvest Festival comes from the Prince George's Arts Council and the City of Greenbelt.

## Eco-Teams to Form In Greenbelt

A program designed to help empower households and communities to create more earth-friendly lifestyles is starting in Greenbelt. People can adopt a more environmentally sustainable lifestyle in their own neighborhood. The Eco-Team Program can assist in translating one's values into action.

Teams of five or six households meet in each others homes and review possible actions in the areas of transportation, water, energy, lawn and garden practices, garbage, consumption and empowerment. The program also serves to foster community and neighborly support.

An organizational meeting/potluck for people interested in participating will be held at Maggie and Bob Cahalan's house, 4 Maplewood Court, on Sunday, October 3 at 5:30 p.m. Depending on the number of people interested, the group may break into smaller teams to meet at individuals' homes. For more information call 202-401-1679 or leave a message at 301-441-8973. Bring a dish to share or just come to participate.

The Greenbelt Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee (REAC) voted to support the teams and obtained introductory Eco-Team materials. For more information on Eco-Teams nationwide see <http://www.empowermentinstitute.net>.

## Candidates Sought For Co-op Board

The Greenbelt Consumer Co-operative will hold elections for two positions on its board of directors. Candidates will be presented and voting will take place at the cooperative's annual meeting to be held Saturday, October 30 in the Community Center Multipurpose Room.

Any voting member of the Co-op may be nominated for a position on the board. Those interested need to fill out a nominating form available from the cooperative's office and obtain the signature of at least five voting members who support their candidacy. The completed forms must be returned to the office by October 6. Board members are responsible for the operation of the supermarket and meet once a month. For further information contact Tom Moran at 301-345-1429 or Dorrie Bates at 301-982-8993.

## Depression Subject Of Free Programs

Helen Barnes, RN-C, of the Area Agency on Aging will discuss isolation, grief and depression in a program entitled "Depression, Sadness and the Blues." The free program will take place on Thursday, September 30 from 11 a.m. to noon at Green Ridge House, 22 Ridge Road.

On Thursday, October 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. six screening locations in Greenbelt will offer a free test to diagnose possible depression. A confidential meeting with a mental health professional will also be given. The locations are Green Ridge House, 22 Ridge Road; Community Center, 15 Crescent Road; Co-op, 121 Centerway; Giant Food, Beltway Plaza; Safeway, Greenway Center; and Eleanor Roosevelt High School (students only).

## Public Lands Day Now on Saturday

Greenbelt Park postponed National Public Lands Day from Saturday September 18 to Saturday September 25 due to rain and wet conditions.

National Public Lands Day is the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance the public lands Americans enjoy. Volunteers will help clean the park border and the campground. Meet at the Ranger Station near the campground at 10 a.m. For more information call 301-344-3944 or visit the web site at <http://www.nps.gov/gree/>.

## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

Week of Sept. 24  
VANITY FAIR (PG-13)

Friday  
\*4:15, 7:15, 9:55

Saturday  
\*1:30, \*4:15, 7:15, 9:55

Sunday  
\*1:30, \*4:15, 7:15

Monday-Thursday  
\*5:00, 7:45

\*These shows at \$5.00

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## ATTENTION GHI MEMBERS ONLY



Reminder - 2004 Fall Celebration

October 3, begins at 3:30 p.m.

Community Center Lawn

Please make your reservation now by calling 301-474-4161 ext. 140. Reservation cutoff is September 28.

## Greenbelt Pink Ribbon Ride

Saturday, October 2, 2004

Registration at 8:30am

Staggered starts 9-10:30am

40, 20, 10 and 2 mile routes

Info & online registration

[www.bike4breastcancer.org](http://www.bike4breastcancer.org)

Phone/Fax 877-777-2034



All proceeds go to Y-ME of the National Capital Area



## GREENBRIAR & GLEN OAKS' FALL YARD SALE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2nd

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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\* 20 vendors \* \* rain or shine \*

Refreshments will be sold!

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for CHILDREN AGES 5-9  
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10 week session Sept. 28-Nov. 30

Instruction by Barbara Simon Cost: \$50  
for more information, call (301)474-2192

## RECORDER CLASSES

for CHILDREN AGES 5-13  
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October 1, 2, 8, 9

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# Obituaries

## Lorraine Blacker

Lorraine Lillian Blacker, 85, long-time resident of Greenbelt, died in her home on Monday, September 20, 2004, from complications after lung surgery. Lori (as she was known by her friends) came to Greenbelt from Evanston, Ill. as a bride in 1941 with her husband William H. Blacker. She worked for the Department of Agriculture in Beltsville for 27 years as a secretary. Her favorite hobbies were bowling, golf, tennis and bingo and other games of chance. She attributed her longevity to an active lifestyle and daily exercise.



She is survived by her husband, Bill and her daughter Susan, both residing in New Mexico; her son Tom and his wife Andrea of Vermont; her two granddaughters Heidi and Skye of New York City; grandson Michael in California; her sisters-in-law Alice Hess in Missouri and Lucille Schirmer in Illinois; several cousins, nieces, nephews and many close friends. Funeral services were held at Gasch's Funeral Home.

## High Holidays At Mishkan Torah

Many high holiday events will be held at Mishkan Torah over the next two weeks. Sukkot services begin on the evening of Wednesday, September 29, ending with a kiddush in the Sukkot. The first morning of Sukkot, Thursday, September 30, services will begin at 9:30 a.m. The second morning of Sukkot, Friday, October 1, services will begin at 10 a.m. On the seventh day of Sukkot, i.e., Shemini Atzeret, Thursday, October 7, services will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will include a Yizkor Memorial Service.

On the evening of October 7, Mishkan Torah will observe the beginning of the festival of Simchat Torah when the annual reading of the first five books of Moses will be completed and the annual process will begin again. This will be marked by a Mishkan Torah traditional outdoor parade and a brief outdoor block dance. A longer and equally joyous service will be observed the next morning, Friday, October 8 at 9 a.m.

Space is available for visitors and new residents of the area who may be interested in attending these events. Phone 301-474-4223 for further information. Mishkan Torah is located at 10 Ridge Road.

## High Point Hosts 50th Anniversary

The High Point High School 50th anniversary party will take place at the school on October 22 and 23. An open house is planned for Saturday, October 23 from 1 to 6 p.m. with a faculty reception from 4 to 6 p.m. A dinner is also scheduled, followed by a sock hop. For details, visit [www.pgeps.org](http://www.pgeps.org) for the link to High Point.

## Help Bryan Battle Leukemia

Those wishing to help Bryan Kellaher battle leukemia can help by donating to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Attn: Stella Moen, 8600 LaSalle Rd., Chester Bldg., Ste. 314, Baltimore MD 21286; or by participating in a "Light the Night Walk," a fund raiser to be held in Leonardtown, Md., on October 2 at 6 p.m. For information on the walk visit <http://www.cosaint-marys.md.us> or call 800-242-4572.

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for  
**BRYAN**

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## Leatrice Wainscott

Former Greenbelter Leatrice (Peg) Wainscott, 93, died Saturday, July 3, 2004, in Homosassa, Florida. A long-time resident of Greenbelt, Mrs. Wainscott moved to Florida in 1989.


She was a former president of the Greenbelt Woman's Club and played bridge with a Greenbelt group. She attended Greenbelt Community Church. Mrs. Wainscott was also a retiree of the University of Maryland.

Survivors include her son, Charles Wainscott of Silver Spring; two daughters, Peggy Longanecker of Homosassa and Virginia Porsch of Lighthouse Point, Florida; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and six great-great grandchildren.

  
**Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS**  
Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building

**Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church**  
3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi (301-937-3666)  
*Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community*  
September 26, 10 a.m. "Schools with Spirit"  
Barbara W. ten Hove, co-minister  
Children welcome at this service.  
R.E. in the glen 10-11  
 Barbara Wells ten Hove, co-ministers

**Greenbelt Community Church**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
  
Hillside & Crescent Roads  
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings  
[www.greenbelt.com/gcucc/](http://www.greenbelt.com/gcucc/)  
**Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.**  
Daniel Hamlin, Pastor  
*"A church of the open mind, the warm heart, the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."*

  
**St. George's Episcopal/Anglican Church**  
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301-262-3285 | [rector@stgeo.org](mailto:rector@stgeo.org) | [www.stgeo.org](http://www.stgeo.org)

<b>Sundays:</b>	8:00 am	Simple, quiet Mass
	9:00 am	Christian education for all ages
	10:00 am	Sung Mass with organ and folk music, ASL interpreted
	1:30 pm	Signed Mass (last Sunday of each month only)
<b>Wednesdays:</b>	7:00 pm	Simple, quiet Mass


An inclusive congregation!

## The Matthews Celebrate 50th Anniversary



George and Marlene Matthews, 40 year residents of Greenbelt, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, September 11, 2004, with a weekend long celebration at the Atlantic Hotel in Berlin, Md. A dinner reception/dance was celebrated with their three children, George, Natalie and Linda along with their spouses, seven grandchildren, family and friends. The many guests witnessed the renewal of their vows which was performed by their son George.

**GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Corner of Crescent and Greenhill Roads 301-474-4212  
[www.greenbeltbaptist.org](http://www.greenbeltbaptist.org) [greenbelt.baptist@verizon.net](mailto:greenbelt.baptist@verizon.net)  
Dr. Mark Johnson, Pastor

  
Sun. Worship 8:35 am, 11:00 am  
Wed. Praise and Prayer 7:00 pm  
Wed. Living Proof, Youth Event 7:00 pm  
*"Building Bridges to the Family of God thru the Love of Christ"*

**MASS SCHEDULE:**  
Sunday 8, 9:30, 11 a.m.  
Saturday 9 a.m., 5 p.m.  
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.  
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.  
Pastor: Fr. Walter J. Tappe  
Pastoral Associate: Fr. R. Scott Hurd  
**ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
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Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Worship
	8:45 a.m.	Fellowship
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:15 a.m.	Bible Class
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
Wednesday	7:30 p.m.	Evening Worship

  
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301-474-9410  
SUNDAY

Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship Service	11:00 am
Wed. Prayer Meeting	7:00 pm
Third Friday, Games Night	7:30 pm

**Rev. DaeHwa Park, Pastor**  
September 26, Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Sermon: "Brought Nothing, Nothing to Take"  
Christian Education Sunday

  
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**Baha'i Faith**

Classes for children, youth and adults Sunday, September 26 at Springhill Lake Elementary School, 10am-12noon. The public is welcome. For additional information call Joy at 301-513-0446.

**Greenbelt Baha'i Community**  
P.O. Box 245  
Greenbelt, MD 20770  
301-345-2918 301-220-3160  
[www.bahai.org](http://www.bahai.org) [www.us.bahai.org](http://www.us.bahai.org)

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to the beauty of the world around you.

STOP


"Verily, in the creation of the heavens and the earth, and in the alternation of night and day, and the ships which sail through the sea with that which is of use to mankind, and the water (rain) which God sends down from the sky and makes the earth alive therewith after its death, and the living creatures of all kinds that He has scattered therein, and in the veering of winds and clouds which are held between the sky and the earth, are indeed signs for people of understanding."  
- The Holy Qur'an, 2:164

That was the timeless message sent down to the Prophet Muhammed (peace be upon him) nearly 1400 years ago. That's what Muslims believe, how about you? For more information about Islam, call 301-982-9463 or e-mail [muslimguide@hotmail.com](mailto:muslimguide@hotmail.com) or visit [www.islam-guide.com](http://www.islam-guide.com).

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Q. What if everyone there knows more than I do?  
A. The classes are paced in such a way as to make everyone feel comfortable. No one is ever put "on the spot." Teaching segments are alternated between assumed knowledge and those who have no knowledge of the scriptures.  
Q. Why are you holding these free seminars if it's not for money?  
A. The Bible is scarcely read in our fast paced society. Our faith and belief in God propels us to expound on His message and Truth. We believe the Bible and what it teaches is right and good in directing our lives and families.  
Q. Who then is paying for these seminars?  
A. All expenses are being absorbed by the Christadelphians in the area. No financial expectations will ever be expressed to you now, or in the future.  
Q. Will I be asked to be "saved" or "join" the Christadelphians at the end of the seminars?  
A. No! Our hope is that the classes will encourage you to draw your own conclusions about God and His plan. Our goal is to equip you with the necessary tools to make your own decisions about what you have learned.  
Q. Who are the Christadelphians?  
A. The name implies "Brethren in Christ." Christadelphians are found in countries all over the world and are bound together by a common faith in the Gospel preached by Christ and his apostles in the first century. We do not believe that any of our members have received any special revelations direct from God and our faith rests squarely and solely on the Bible as the inspired Word of God.

**Date:** Tuesday Evenings, Starting October 5, 12, 19, 26 November 2, 9  
**Place:** Greenbelt Community Center  
**Time:** 7:45pm-9:15pm  
To register call 301-439-0063  
E-mail at [learn2readthebible@juno.com](mailto:learn2readthebible@juno.com)  
or Visit our web site at [christadelphians.net/adelphi/](http://christadelphians.net/adelphi/)







Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of former longtime resident Leatrice (Peg) Wainscott.

Condolences to the family of longtime resident Lorraine Blacker who died at home on Monday.

The Marine Corps' fourth Civil Affairs Group has selected Lance Cpl. Jake A. Gigliotti of Boxwood as its Marine of the second quarter for his outstanding work.

Gigliotti, an 18-year-old radio operator, earned the honor by volunteering earlier than required for activation in June and by putting in extra hours at the motor pool.

"I'm just trying to be a Marine, trying to do my job. I don't think of myself as above anyone else. I'm just trying to be a squared-away Marine," Gigliotti said. "I'm ready to go (and) support my country."

### Voter Registration Ends October 12

Greenbelt residents who are not registered for the November 2 Presidential General Election may obtain voter registration applications at the Greenbelt city office, Motor Vehicle Administration and all public institutions of higher education. After filling out the form they must send it to the Prince George's County Board of Elections. They will receive a voter notification card by mail which will indicate their precinct number and polling place. October 12 is the last day to register, according to the Prince George's County Board of Elections. No registrations will be processed 20 days before through 10 days after the 2004 Presidential General Election.

An application may also be obtained online from the State Board of Elections website at [www.elections.state.md.us](http://www.elections.state.md.us) or at the County Board of Elections at 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, Suite 205, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772; telephone 301-952-3270.

### GHI Celebrates Fall

GHI members are invited to a Fall Celebration Sunday, October 3 at 3:30 p.m. on the Community Center lawn. Reservations must be made by September 28 by calling 301-474-4161, ext. 140.

### At the Library

Tuesday, September 28, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime, newborns to 16 months with caregiver; limit 15 babies.

11:15 a.m., Cuddletime, 17 to 23 months with caregiver; limit 15 children.

Wednesday, September 29, 10:30 a.m., Toddler Time, 24 to 36 months with caregiver; limit 15 children.

Thursday, September 30, 10:30 a.m., Drop-In Storytime, ages 3 to 5 years; limit 20.

### Fall Festival At Behnke's

Behnke's Nurseries will hold a Fall Fest Saturday and Sunday, October 2 and 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. People are invited to enjoy a day of fun, games, music and refreshments. Behnke's is located at 11300 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville. See the ad on page 6 for information or call 301-937-1100.



# City Information

## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING Public Hearing on Traffic-Calming Plan Municipal Building Council Room September 27, 2004 at 8 p.m.

### COMMUNICATIONS

#### Presentations

- Mental Illness Awareness Week – Proclamation
- Public Hearing – Greenbelt East Traffic-Calming Plan

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

**\*Committee Reports** (Items on the Consent Agenda marked by \* will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)

Advisory Committee on Education, Preliminary Report #04-2004 (traffic at high school)

Advisory Planning Board, Report #04-02 (schematic drawings – theater renovation)

### LEGISLATION

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 17, Solid Waste, of the Greenbelt City Code for the Purpose of Allowing the City to Revise Article III, "Municipal or Private Collection and Disposal Services" (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Adoption)

### OTHER BUSINESS

- National League of Cities – American Dream Campaign
- Skateboard Park – Contract for Design/Build
- Skateboard Park – Contract for Civil Design
- Greenbelt Theatre – Schematic Designs
- Greenbelt Theatre – Contract with Architect
- Proposed Reduction in Service on TheBus Routes 11 & 15
- Approval of Crosswalk Study Recommendations
- Submission of Local and Bi-County Legislation
- \* Reappointments to Advisory Groups

### MEETINGS

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

## GREENBELT MUSEUM

### MORE IS BETTER OR LESS IS MORE?

Women and Household Product Design in the 1950s

Free Lecture and slideshow

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 AT 7:30PM

GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER

MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

Speaker will be Dr. Shelly Nickles, Curator, National Museum of American History

Dr. Nickles asks why the 1950s produced flashy Frigidaires, two-toned cars, and pink lamp shades in picture windows. Come and learn about the origins of the colorful curves and fins of the 1950s.

### GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

**MUNICIPAL ACCESS 301-474-8000: Monday, September 27 at 8pm: City Council Meeting "Live," Tuesday & Thursday, September 28 & 30: 10am & 6pm "Ask the Expert-Crisis Hotline," 10:20am & 6:20pm "Ask the Expert-Diabetes Care," 7pm "Miss Greenbelt Talent Show," 8:15pm "Miss Greenbelt Evening Gown and Crowning," 9:45pm "Relay of City Council Meeting."**

**PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, September 29 & October 1: 7:00pm "Future View," 7:30pm Liberty Showcase Theatre presents "Cheaper by the Dozen," 11:00pm "Night of the Iguana."**

### OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

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

- Park & Recreation Advisory Board
- Recycling & Environment Advisory Committee

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

### Meetings for September 27-29

Monday, September 27, 8:00pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING ON GREENBELT EAST TRAFFIC CALMING**, Municipal Building (live on channel 71)

Tuesday, September 28, 7:00pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**, Municipal Building 1st floor conference room.

Wednesday, September 29, 8:30pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION**, re: Compensation Plan/Reclassification Authority, Community Center.

There is still time to register to ride/walk

### GREENBELT PINK RIBBON RIDE!

Saturday, October 2  
8:00am-3:00pm

All routes meet on the Greenbelt Community Center lawn.

Greenbelt Bike4BreastCancer Pink Ribbon Ride.  
Greenbelt Youth Center.  
Call Elaine Brett at 301-262-2228 or 877-777-2034.

### THIS FREE TEST COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE

Thursday, October 7, 2004

10:00am-2:00pm

Depression is a medical illness and effective treatments are available. But first, depression must be diagnosed. Take the first step. Choose from six screening locations and have a confidential meeting with a mental health professional.

#### LOCATIONS:

- Green Ridge House-22 Ridge Road
- Greenbelt Community Center-15 Crescent Road
- Greenbelt Co-op-121 Centerway
- Giant Food-Beltway Plaza-6000 Greenbelt Road
- Safeway-Greenway Center-7595 Greenbelt Road
- Eleanor Roosevelt High School (students only)

CALL 1-800-422-0009 FOR MORE INFORMATION

### An Artful Afternoon

Sunday, October 3 from 1-5pm at the Greenbelt Community Center

Enjoy this free mini arts festival featuring a studio open house, art exhibits, projects, Greenbelt Museum tours, etc.

**ODYSSEY OPERA THEATRE** A unique community opera for children and all ages. Guided by four Odyssey Opera artists, discover and experience how music, drama, dance and visual arts combine to create the unique art form of opera.

**1-3pm BUG COSTUME WORKSHOP** Younger visitors are invited to stop by and design a wild and crazy bug costume, perfect for October costume parties. Work with artist in residence, Sandra Dwiggins. All materials provided.

**"LIVING THE HEALTHY LIFE"** Check out the Greenbelt Museum's latest exhibit which explores the history of sport, health and fitness in the New Deal Era.

The Greenbelt Community Center is located at 15 Crescent Road. For more information contact Barbara Dickey Davis, Arts Assistant at 240-542-2062.



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roadway, encouraging them to slow down.

Initially, staff hoped the crosswalk would be outlined with sensor beacon lights that flash when a pedestrian is in the crosswalk. However, this feature proved too expensive and has been shelved unless state or federal funds can be found to support it.

The crosswalk project is being funded by \$15,000 awarded by the county as part of the Livable Communities grant. Beltway Plaza has also agreed to contribute \$5,000 toward the project which will be completed in conjunction with other repairs to Cherrywood Lane funded by Community Development Block Grant money. The mayor said work is expected to start this fall.

### Energy Performance

Assistant City Manager David Moran briefed council on Energy Performance Contracting (EPC), an energy audit to seek possible improvements to utilities that would be financed with savings generated through the increased efficiency.

Chevron Energy Solutions (CES) did a Preliminary Energy Assessment in Greenbelt early in 2001. The report of this assessment identified nine measures which staff have since reviewed. Staff concluded that implementing the measures would yield savings in energy, resources and maintenance.

To proceed further, the city needs to enter into a very specific contract with CES for a Detailed Energy Audit, after which the city must use CES to perform the indicated work or else reimburse CES for the audit, an estimated cost of \$32,000. Moran said it could take 10 to 15 years of savings to regain the cost of implementing the improvements.

Some of the suggestions are common-sense changes, such as choosing more efficient HVAC systems when replacements are necessary, adding insulation during roof replacements and setting thermostats back at night. Others are more creative suggestions, such as reviewing utility bills for errors and over-charges due to improper application of tariffs. Another suggestion was to install demand control ventilation sensors that adjust the fresh air intake for a building to accommodate the number of people sensed in the building.

Councilmember Edward Putens favored the audit, describing his experience with what he called the "astronomical" savings generated in a large facility when lights were automated to turn off when a room becomes empty.

After discussion, Councilmember Rodney Roberts made a motion for the city to move forward with the Detailed Energy Audit. The vote in support of the motion was unanimous.

### Mosquito Control

Though warm weather is waning, council heard a presentation on mosquito control and the Asian tiger mosquito from Jeannine Dorothy of the Maryland Department of Agriculture.

Dorothy told council that because voluntary participation in the state's control program has

increased, state agents cannot cover areas with the desired frequency. Spraying, done only after it is justified by the mosquito count, is scheduled for late night hours, usually from 10 p.m. to 2 or 3 a.m., when fewer people are outside.

Davis said Greenbelt has decided to use just larvicide sprays for mosquito control, though insecticidal spray for adult mosquitos has been restored in the county after having been discontinued due to budget cuts. Dorothy said the larvicide is more efficient because the larvae, or immature mosquitos, are concentrated in pools of water while the adults could be flying anywhere.

Davis said the city has received complaints about mosquitos and Dorothy said people are more concerned lately because of the presence of the Asian tiger mosquito, which carries diseases, is aggressive and flies about and bites during daylight hours. Dorothy said this species was introduced into this country through Houston in 1985 in tires from Japan and spread to Maryland in just two years.

The state mosquito control program is not effective against the Asian tiger mosquitos, Dorothy said, because they do not breed in swamps or ponds but instead use containers, requiring no more than half a teaspoon of water. They breed in private yards in small ponds, bird baths, flower pots or saucers, wading pools, toys (especially plastic) and even tarps that can hold small pools of water, she explained. Written permission is required before private property can be sprayed. Asian tiger mosquitos rest at night in sheltered areas, such as under decks or in thick or low-lying vegetation where sprays cannot reach. Older neighborhoods generally make better breeding grounds for this species, she added, because the landscaping is more mature and lush.

To prevent mosquitos from breeding, Dorothy suggested homeowners survey their yards carefully and empty, store or rinse out containers outside at least weekly. Rain gutters should be kept free of leaves and debris. Vigilance on the part of residents is important in controlling this breed, she said. Adults can fly about 100 yards, so problems in one yard or home may be coming from a neighbor's yard. Education and cooperation throughout a neighborhood are suggested.

### Bus Stop

Charlie Watkins, district engineer from the State Highway Administration, expressed his appreciation for the city's cooperation in the creation of the new shelter and crosswalk on Greenbelt Road. He was unable to attend the dedication ceremony held last month. He and councilmembers reaffirmed their mutually appreciated working relationship. Councilmember Konrad Herling, seconded by Mach, also acknowledged the work done by previous councilmembers to bring the bus stop project to fruition. Davis noted that she has seen people using the crosswalk.

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Davis and Event Chair Elaine Brett. The piece is also being shown on Greenbelt's cable channel.

Beltway Plaza will again make a cash donation and sponsor a team of riders from their security detail led by Quantum Vice President "Kap" Kapistan.

Atlanta Bread Company partnered with the PRR for their Labor Day Festival booth, offering publicity for both and cash for the PRR. The Saturday Information Table, featuring Y-Me and the upcoming ride, won third place for their pleasing decor.

### Routes, etc.

Small adjustments have been made to the ride routes to include picturesque and shady Beaver Dam Road since the bridge reconstruction was completed. Routes will be marked by Fred Gasper with blue, yellow or pink arrows the day before the ride.

Goody bags will be stuffed with T-shirts, water bottles, maps and other donated items at a final meeting of the committee at Brett's home the weekend before the ride. Enterprise Rental Car will provide a van for use during the day of the ride.

More than 40 donated "door prizes" will be given away after the ride. Capitol Cadillac will again provide for one lucky participant the use of a Hummer for a weekend and Pleasant Touch will again offer free post-ride mini-massages.

Atlanta Bread and Raulins Bakery will donate early morning baked goods; fruit and water will be provided through gift certificates from the Co-op, Safeway and Costco. Proteus Bikes and REI will offer free bike checks.

Information tables on the lawn will feature Y-Me and ride sponsors Doctor's Community Hospital, Prince George's Health Department, Ikea and Curves.

Last year's ride brought in over \$11,000 in cash and in-kind contributions and 150 riders participated on a cool October 4 in light rain.

## City Notes Code Enforcement

Twelve permits were issued for commercial alterations, residential additions, the Hilton Gardens Inn hotel and a retaining wall.

Animal Control staff responded to a call for two dogs running at large at Buddy Attick Park. One was turned over to Prince George's County, the other is a blind lab mix puppy and is being cared for by staff until a suitable placement is found. Staff also removed a snake from an apartment building in Lakeside North.

Staff attended court for three skateboarding citations. Two judgments were issued for the defendants' failure to attend and one was dismissed.

### Public Works

The facilities maintenance crew installed a new light fixture behind the Public Works building and supervised the contractor who installed three new air conditioning units at the Aquatic and Fitness Center.

The horticulture crew pruned limbs for visibility on Hanover Parkway and Mandan Road.

The parks crew refinished the wood signs in Roosevelt Center, made and installed an adopt-a-bench near Green Ridge House and repaired one tractor.

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visitors can stop by from 1 to 3 p.m. and design a wild and crazy bug costume perfect for October costume parties. All materials are provided.

From 1 to 5 p.m., visitors can tour the Community Center arts studios to watch Greenbelt's own artists-in-residence and potters demonstrate ceramics, stained glass, drawing and more.

### History

For historic perspectives on Greenbelt, the Greenbelt Museum will present guided tours of the historic home at 10-B Crescent Road. Also visit the museum's exhibit at the Community Center, "Living the Healthy Life" which explores the history of sport, health and fitness in the New Deal era. This exhibit is open 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

Artful Afternoons are a production of the Greenbelt Recreation Department. Events are held on the first Sunday of every month at the Greenbelt Community Center located at 15 Crescent Road. For additional information call Barbara Dickey Davis at 240-542-2062.

# WANTED

**Those interested in solar and "green" buildings**

**Local Homes Open to Public in National Solar Homes Tour**

Are high energy bills getting YOU down? If your house consumes electricity, natural gas, or home heating oil—and whose house doesn't consume one or more of these?—you may be getting frustrated at spiraling energy costs. Well, come see what some of your neighbors are doing to lower these bills. In the DC Metro area 32 homes with solar energy, energy-efficient appliances, and other earth-friendly features will open their doors on October 2 & 3, 2004. Brochures with addresses and house descriptions are on sale at the Co-op Supermarket. Price: a tax-deductible donation of \$10 for one adult, \$15 per couple, \$5 college student or teacher. Children under 18 accompanied by a parent free. The brochure is your ticket to tour the homes.

On Sunday, October 3, 11 am to 5 pm (2-5 pm for one home), come tour five solar homes in Greenbelt within easy walking distance of each other. For more info, contact John Lippert: 301-507-6765 or 301-345-5324. Or visit [www.solartour.org/](http://www.solartour.org/)

## Plant for All Seasons

**Visit Behnke's and create a garden to provide year round interest...**

**Mums, pansies, asters and camellias provide color now; evergreens and deciduous shrubs provide colorful fall foliage, berries and dramatic winter silhouettes; spring flowering bulbs will bloom in glory during the first warm weeks of the new year; and trees provide welcomed shade in summer!**

### Next Week at Beltsville: Behnke's Fall Fest!

**October 2 & 3, 2004, 10 AM to 3 PM.**

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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

September 10, 4:56 p.m., Greenway Center, a teller at the M&T Bank reported that a man entered the bank, approached the teller booth and handed the teller a note announcing a robbery. After obtaining an undisclosed amount of money he fled the area on foot. The suspect is described as a black male, 25 to 30 years of age, 5'5" to 5'7", 150 pounds with dark hair, brown eyes and a light complexion. He had a light beard, a mustache and was wearing an orange shirt, a blue and white baseball cap turned backward and sunglasses.

September 13, 6:12 a.m., Mandan Road and Canning Terrace, a woman reported that she was sitting at a bus stop when two men pulled up in a dark colored vehicle. One of the men exited the vehicle, produced a handgun and demanded the woman's purse. After obtaining the purse the man got back into the vehicle and fled onto eastbound Greenbelt Road. The suspects are described as black males in their 20s, the armed man was 5'10" with a medium build, wearing dark clothing.

September 15, 11:21 p.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School, the victims reported that they were walking in the school parking lot when a vehicle described as a gold Toyota Camry with four occupants pulled up next to them. Two exited the vehicle, each armed with a handgun and ordered the victims to the ground. The men took keys and a pair of boots, got back into the vehicle and fled. Three of the suspects are described as black males with dark complexions, two were 17 to 20 years of age with one wearing a white T-shirt.

## Theft

September 16, 12:15 p.m., Greenbelt Road and Kenilworth Avenue, an unattended concrete saw was taken from the roadside. A man reported that he observed two other men take the saw, put it in their vehicle and drive away. The suspects are described as two black males, one with a heavy build. Their vehicle is described as a gold Ford Taurus bearing temporary tags.

## Drugs

September 16, 5:35 p.m., Breezewood Drive and Cherrywood Lane, a nonresident woman was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia and a nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana. Police stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. Upon approaching the vehicle the officer detected the odor of what he believed to be marijuana. A computer check revealed that the man had an open warrant with the state of Florida. Located in the vehicle was a quantity of suspected marijuana and paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana. Both were released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

## Trespass

September 10, 5:41 p.m., Beltway Plaza Mall, a resident man was arrested and charged with trespass when he was observed inside the mall after he had been banned by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

September 12, 8:57 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, police observed a group of suspicious people, including the suspect, who had been previously banned

from the apartment complex by agents of the property. When police approached they fled the scene on foot. An arrest warrant has been obtained charging a nonresident man with trespass.

## Burglary

September 15, 5:53 p.m., 7200 block South Ora Court, unknown person(s) entered the residence by forcing open a rear sliding glass door. Cash and a video game player were taken.

## Vehicle Crimes

Five vehicles were stolen: a black 1996 Nissan Maxima 4-door, Maryland tags MMP935 from the 7700 block Hanover Parkway; a red 1986 Toyota pick up, Maryland tags 58N620 and a 2000 Dodge Intrepid 4-door from the 6200 block Springhill Court; a dark green 1995 Ford Thunderbird 2-door, Maryland tags KZZ222 from the 9100 block Edmonston Court; and a gold 1988 Nissan Maxima 4-door, Virginia tags YED7514 from the 5900 block Cherrywood Lane.

One vehicle was recovered by the owner and one was recovered by county police with one adult arrest made.

Vandalism to, thefts from and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 6200 block Springhill Drive, 9100 block Springhill Lane (two incidents), 9200 block Edmonston Road, 9300 block Edmonston Road, 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive, 400 block Ridge Road, 53 court Ridge Road, Greenway Center (two incidents), 7200 block Hanover Drive, 6900 block Hanover Parkway, 7700 block Hanover Parkway and 7600 block Mandan Road.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Citizens may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522.

## Groups Named to Receive Awards

Prince George's Councilmember Douglas J.J. Peters (D - District 4) has selected 12 nonprofit organizations serving Greenbelt as recipients of Special Appropriation Grants from his office. The grant awards, which total \$30,000, range from \$500 to \$10,000 in non-departmental funding for fiscal year 2005 which began July 1.

"I know these grants, in a little way, will help supplement the budgets of these important groups."

Recipients of the grants are: Friends of Greenbelt Museum (\$10,000), Greenbelt CARES (\$5,000), Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Dept. & Rescue Squad (\$2,500), Greenbelt Arts Center (\$2,500), Old Greenbelt Theatre (\$2,500), Greenbelt Department of Recreation (\$2,000), Greenbelt Advisory Com-

mittee on Education (\$2,000), Greenbelt Assn. for the Visual Arts (\$1,500), Friends of New Deal Café Arts (\$500), Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club (\$500), Springhill Lake Girl Scout Troop (\$500) and Greenbelt Astronomy Club (\$500).

The Prince George's County Council makes the Special Appropriations Grant funding available to nonprofit organizations serving Prince George's County residents. Grant money will be released this fall.

## Marimba Recital

Rebecca Kite, U.M. faculty member, performs a solo concert on Monday, Sept. 27 at 8 p.m. at Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. The concert is free.

## Service Academies Applications Due

Senator Paul S. Sarbanes (D-MD) is accepting requests for applications for nomination to the four U.S. Service Academies for classes entering in 2005. The deadline for applications is Nov. 5. Applicants must be U.S. citizens who are Maryland residents; at least 17 years old, but not yet 23 years old by July 1, 2005; have high academic standing in school; and demonstrate extracurricular and/or community activities, which show leadership potential. To request an application visit the senator's website, [www.sarbanes.senate.gov](http://www.sarbanes.senate.gov) or write to Senator Paul Sarbanes, Tower One, Suite 1710, 100 S. Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21201.



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## On Screen

# "Vanity Fair" Rides High

At the start of "Vanity Fair," the film which opens September 24 at Old Greenbelt Theatre, a well-shod toff descends from his horse-drawn cab in the teeming streets of London in 1802. Scattering coins for street urchins, he buys a painting in an atmospheric atelier as the widowed artist's young daughter drives a hard bargain. Some 11 years later the same Becky Sharp (peer-lessly played by America's own Reese Witherspoon) graduates as a governess and begins to make her creative, chin-up way in a class-bound world - and watch out for the natty nobleman (Gabriel Byrne), including his throw-away line about love's role. The lure of India, then under British rule, is a leitmotif that adds color to this showpiece film, staged to a stylish fare-thee-well by director Mira Nair.

Based on the eponymous, long-popular period novel by William Makepeace Thackeray (who spent his first six years in India), "Vanity Fair" reflects, in abundant detail, the author's sharp eye for the privileges, perils and portentousness of the upper crust. Less successful is a brief stretch on battling the resurgent Napoleon and, though there are moments of earned emotion, a final take on the hard-driving (yet sympathetic) Becky Sharp goes begging. The 140-minute entertainment's major reward is in its rich display of a time gone by - but is the super hootchie-kootchie number led by Becky really a dish fit for a king? (The PG-13 rating tracks to partial nudity, relatively mild boudoir doings and head-on images of war dead.)

- E.F.

## Emergency System Will Warn Residents

Prince George's County residents will receive immediate notification of emergencies through a new state-of-the-art communications system operated by the county's Office of Homeland Security, said Vernon Herron, the county's public safety director.

Prince George's is the first jurisdiction in the Washington region to utilize the new \$50,000 Wide Area Rapid Network (WARN) system.

The computerized system will allow county public safety agen-

cies to transmit a wide range of public safety information messages rapidly and instantly to residents, said Herron. WARN goes beyond traditional systems to instantly communicate with as many as 10,000 residents per minute for a fraction of the costs and time of manual communication methods, he said. The internal system converts text messages to voice allowing notification to multiple devices including phone lines and text messaging devices.

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*A Review*

# GAC Play Probes a Variety of Feminist Roles and Issues

by Sabine Hentrich

“An American Daughter,” a play by Wendy Wasserstein, opened on Friday, September 17 at the Greenbelt Arts Center. The play is essentially about the modern American woman who is “overcommitted and does everything well.” In this case, the American daughter is Dr. Lyssa Dent Hughes, the nominee for Surgeon General.

Not surprisingly, gender plays a large role in the play since Hughes, if she were chosen, would be the first female to hold the position. Feminism is defined in many ways in this play and is even caricatured with one of the characters – the “feminist” author Quincy Quince. Eventually the plot turns on a political (and private) scandal when Hughes experiences the public wrath after the media uncover some minor indiscretion of hers that happened years ago.

The first act of the play is rather involved, funny and entertaining. The second act, however, a bit dry, somewhat tries the audience’s patience. In order to make this play work and get its humor across, the cast needs to be close to brilliant.

Many actors in the ensemble were in fact fabulous. Unfortunately, most of these had only supporting roles. Some actors who carry the play – Hughes, her husband Walter Abrahamson and their interviewer Timber Tucker – had trouble, however, getting into it Friday night.

Shirley Weaver, who played Hughes, needs to strengthen her stage presence to come across as

the strong woman she is supposed to be. She did not get poignant enough and when she did, she acted like a sore loser, rather than the victim in an important battle. Given the professional and private roller coaster ride her character is subjected to, Weaver needs to get more animated.

Richard Koster, as her husband Walter, had the same problem coming alive on stage and carrying this important role. First night jitters aside, both actors had tremendous trouble with their lines which, at first, seemed normal but then got to the point where it was distracting.

One of the noteworthy actors was Celeste Campbell as Hughes’ best friend Dr. Judith B. Kaufman – a Jewish, African-American oncologist who is angry at herself for being infertile. Campbell had no trouble conveying that Kaufman was Hughes’ best friend and the scenes when the two women share each other’s thoughts are some of the most moving in the play.

Odell Ruffin, as Timber Tucker, was good as the sleazy TV journalist doing anything to get a good story. But Ruffin, too, stumbled over too many of his lines.

The true credit goes to the supporting actors, without whom the play would have been a bit dull. Senator Alan Hughes, Dr. Hughes’ father, and his wife “Chubby,” played by Jon Marget and Jo Rake, were only two of the great supporting actors.

The real credit, however, goes to Mary Rogers, who played Abrahamson’s former sociology student and renowned feminist author Quincy Quince. She was just

incredible. Rogers was alive and a great prominence on stage – an actor who made the two-plus hours at the Arts Center truly worth one’s while.

Her character is an irritating, spotlight-hogging flirt, whose beliefs and actions never seem to have anything in common. She was the one who brought out the play’s humor with her twitchy movements, her wide smile and

her charm.

The other outstanding actor was yet another contradictory, unusual and somewhat exotic character – the gay, ultra-conservative Republican – and friend of the family, Morrow McCarthy, played by the fabulous Mike O’Donnell. Like Rogers, the man knows how to act. He brought out his character’s haughtiness and arrogance with ease and was probably,



PHOTO BY JEFF LESNIAK

The cast of “An American Daughter,” from left standing, Semone Thompsson, Odell Ruffin, Mary Rogers, Tommy Zanner, Richard Koster, Rick Starkweather, Celeste Campbell, David Weaver, Mike O’Donnell and Jen Raffensperger and, seated, Nora Boedecker, Jo Rake, BreAnna Ferguson, Shirley Weaver, Jon Marget, Stephen Weaver and Jonathan Weaver.

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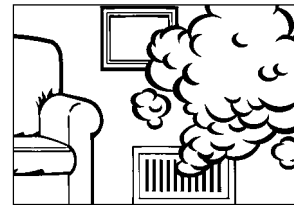
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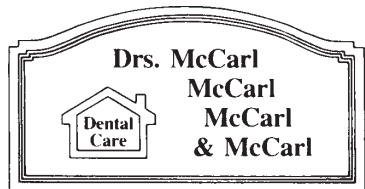
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Participants stayed for the entire three-hour event (11 a.m. to 2 p.m.). When the three hours were up, it had to be announced three times in order to clear the pool. A pet psychic also attended and was quite busy.

There were no incidents other than three beagles that apparently became a little "over friendly."

The event raised over \$200 which will be donated to the Davidsonville Wildlife Sanctuary.



(Above) "Sandy" poses in her swim vest.

(Right) Linda Guttman tries to acclimate "Bella" to the cold water.

(Below) "Chester" proved true to his breed, never growing tired of fetching the tennis ball.

—photos by Jon Gardner



## Forum to Review Public Safety Plan

The Prince George's County Planning Board of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) will hold a public forum on the Countywide Public Safety Master Plan. The Master Plan will: 1) reflect changes in fire and rescue facility locations in the county; 2) address facility needs of the Fire Department, Police Department, M-NCPPC Park Police Division and Office of the Sheriff; and 3) propose standards for facility locations.

The public forum will be held on Wednesday evening, September 29 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Prince George's County Administration Building, first floor hearing room, 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, Upper Marlboro. Exhibits and displays will be available for the public to view beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the hearing room lobby.

The purpose of the forum is to inform the general public about the initiation of the master plan, provide background information and identify preliminary issues for

preparation of the master plan and to provide an opportunity to solicit ideas and comments on all public safety and facility concerns and issues that should be addressed in the Public Safety Master Plan.

The Prince George's County General Plan addresses the provision of county public facilities (fire and rescue, police, schools, libraries, parks, water and sewer). The September 29 forum is part of a process leading to the approval of a plan that will amend the 1990 Public Safety Master Plan.

Copies of an information brochure describing the public forum process, public participation program, identified issues and existing conditions are available free of charge at all branches of the county library system, all county fire stations, the M-NCPPC Information Counter (lower level) at the Office of the Clerk of the County Council (second floor, County Administration Building, Upper Marlboro) and on-line at [www.mncppc.org/pgco](http://www.mncppc.org/pgco).

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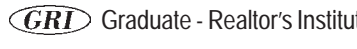

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# Labor Day Festival: A Little Something for Everyone



PHOTO BY KATHLEEN MCFARLAND

Red Hatters Mary Moien and Trudy Densmore strut with the Scarlet Pearls and Maryland Mad Hatters, both based in Greenbelt.



## Labor Day Impressions

by Judy Bell

The Labor Day Festival always begins on Friday at 5 p.m. for me – book lover that I am. That’s when the PTA booth with its hundreds of books becomes available for perusal. I was there with others of the same ilk searching for best buys, of which there were many this year.

After I plunked down my money, having satisfied my craving for books, it was on to the food court to ponder which of the many culinary delights to choose. This year it was a yummy Philly cheese steak with green peppers and onions.

Visiting with friends and neighbors along the way, I made my next stop at the Outstanding Citizen ceremony, joining with the crowd in agreeing that Patti Brothers was a great choice this year. The reception for Outstanding Patti followed in the Municipal Building, where I chatted with more friends and neighbors including the venerable Elaine Skolnik, news editor for the News Review and the second Outstanding Citizen, jointly with her husband, in 1974.

On Saturday I wandered down in the afternoon with my husband to check out Herman’s Hermits. A huge crowd was watching the show. We were both immediately captured by Peter Noone and his band’s energetic show, amazed that it sounded every bit as good as it did in the ‘60s. This was the highlight of the festival for us. One fan said it was the best performance he’d ever seen at the festival. Afterward we made our annual visit to the Democratic Club’s booth to partake of funnel cake and lemonade.

Saturday evening I made my way back down to catch up with some of my family. Mary Moien was spotted, wearing a Hermits T-shirt that announced on the back their World Tour 2004, including Greenbelt. Guess we’ll be world famous now.

Sunday afternoon I meandered into the Art and Photo Shows, which are always fun to see, with local artists displaying their talents, including creative children’s art. I was amused by the sense of humor displayed by some of the artists and I especially liked the painting of Greenbelt Lake by Tom Baker.

On the way out I passed the Petting Zoo exhibit. Children with awed looks on their faces were petting the ducks, chickens, goats and sheep.

And, of course, on Monday the Labor Day parade was the pièce de résistance, with all its dignitaries, liveliness, whimsy, patriotism, joyful sounds and most of all, contagious community spirit. Granddaughter Brooke Bailey was seen throwing candy to the crowd from a Greenbelt fire truck. And how ‘bout those Greenbelt City Stars?

Thank you, Patti Brothers, and all your many helpers for another wonderful – almost dry – festival. Greenbelt is Great!



PHOTO BY BARRY MOIEN

Greenbelt’s restored fire truck transported the city councilmembers. The truck won best in parade in the category of fire trucks.

## Herman's Hermits And Red Hat Ladies

by Mary Moien

For me, Labor Day weekend begins in mid-August. It’s then that a friend calls to confirm where and when we are meeting. We have been meeting to open the Labor Day Festival on Friday evening at 6:30 for more than a decade. We used to meet at the picnic tables near the bank. The bank is gone but we’re still there. Five of us share a traditional feast – Italian sausage sandwiches, potato pancakes, fried potato puffs (with melted cheese), lemonade and a funnel cake. This year we added a nutritious sandwich from Atlanta Bread Company. And we only shared one funnel cake so we could get another dessert later from Chef Lou. Now that’s good eatin’. (I had to keep my back to the new Curves door so they couldn’t see what I was eating.)

### Herman’s Hermits

The next highlight was the Herman’s Hermits show on Saturday afternoon. Was this show planned for the afternoon because of the age of the audience? Our age didn’t affect our vocal cords. Peter Noone and his group were fantastic. He had a great rapport with the audience, often calling out Greenbelt Mar-ee-land. Everyone was singing, swinging and swaying to the oldies. Noone spotted white-bearded Larry Voigt sitting a distance from the stage. “Is that Father Christmas sitting over there reading a book?” he called out to everyone’s amusement. So many were crowded in the back that he referred to them by saying “you back near the German sausage sign” since they were in front of a food stand.

Fans were waving copies of LPs of Herman’s Hermits from the ‘60s that they had brought with them to be autographed.

The group delighted the crowd with their major hits of “I’m Henry the VIII, I Am,” “Mrs. Brown, You’ve Got a Lovely Daughter” and others. They also sang some Tom Jones, Beatles and other’s top hits of the day. Swaying to the music I saw Sandy and Ray Smith, Christy

and Ray Bailey, Marsha Voigt and hundreds of others. Mary Lou Williamson, with grandson, was lounging under the trees taking it all in.

During the day I had also stopped at the book booth, of course. Then Sunday morning my daughter from Santa Barbara called to give me a list of mystery authors she wanted me to search for at the booth. So back again I went. Later Sunday the Friends of the Greenbelt Library received some of the books from the booth for their bookstore.

### Red Hat Ladies

Monday dawned misty and found us decorating cars for the Labor Day parade. A large group of Red Hat Ladies from two groups in Greenbelt as well as women from Adelphi, Laurel, Bowie and Lanham converged on St. Hugh’s parking lot. Paula Luddy, the Queen Mum of the Greenbelt Scarlet Pearls, had spent months organizing our activity. She had even convinced Keith Marshall of Woodland Way to have his Capital City Jazz Band accompany the strutting of the Ladies down Crescent Road. As our troupe got underway, forgotten were the raindrops, the missing truck and the last minute loading of the jazz band onto their float.

Luddy with red hat, parasol and scarves led the 50 or so women with their convertibles, marchers and balloons down the road and past the reviewing stand – all to the tune of “When the Saints Go Marching In.” Their strut won a second place award. The other Greenbelt group is known as the Maryland Mad Hatters of Greenbelt.

A final tradition that my husband and I have is to walk down to the carnival one last time on Monday night and watch the carnival workers strike the rides and pull away. City workers were also there already folding up tarps, taking down booths, sweeping up streets and putting everything away for another year.

## Community College Holds Blues Festival

Prince George’s Community College, 301 Largo Road, Largo, will hold its 12th annual Bluebird Blues Festival on Sunday, September 26 from 1 to 6 p.m. Featuring blues music from Piedmont folk to swing and jump-blues, this year’s event is dedicated to the memory of Nap Turner, the legendary blues performer and friend of the festival.

Bluebird Blues Festival is free and open to the public. A children’s area features magicians, clowns and arts and crafts activities. The blues workshop, a crowd favorite, provides visitors with a history of the blues. There will be food and craft vendors.

For more information call 301-341-3034, TTY 301-699-2544.



PHOTO BY KARL PEÑA

Peter Noone belts out hit after hit on a warm Saturday afternoon and . . .

. . . the crowd goes wild.



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PHOTO BY BILL GUPTILL

On left, the Misses Greenbelt and their mother pose with Peter Noone: from left Dovie Plaster, Noone, Martha Plaster Guptill, Miss Greenbelt 1972 and Alice Plaster, Miss Greenbelt 1974.



PHOTO BY JOHN GARDNER

At right, a man reads to his son at the PTA book sale.



PHOTO BY LINDA SIADYS

Children surround a rabbit in the petting zoo.



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The Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democrats whoop it up behind their mascot along the parade route.



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Greenbelt’s Outstanding Citizen for 2004, Patti Brothers, rides in the parade.