

# GREENBELT News Review

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## A Great Game for a Great Cause

by Matt Johnson

What began as an effort to help the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department restore a fire truck has now become an effort to restore smiles after tragedy.

Sgt. Steven F. Gaughan's life was taken from him in the line of duty in June. He was a 41-year-old father of two and a Greenbelt resident. Many colleagues and friends are still shocked by his death. Many are even outraged, but as 2nd Vice President of the Prince George's County Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Donnie Bell said, "We're going to try to keep [the softball game] as upbeat as possible."

Bell and members of the Prince George's County FOP and the Greenbelt FOP are planning to lace up the spikes and take Braden Field on August 12 at 7 p.m. in honor of a fallen officer and friend – a man who was all smiles.

They will face last year's reigning champs: the women's All-Star fastpitch recreation team.

Gaughan, once a big sports enthusiast, coached little league baseball at Braden Field. He had a tattoo of the Red Sox logo on his right thigh. The Washington Post reported that during his funeral services, a baseball cap adorned the dashboard of his empty squad car, which was parked outside of the funeral home.

### Reflection

"I think there'll be a moment of reflection," Bell said on the emotional impact of the upcoming game. Despite chances of tears and nostalgia, Bell is confident that his slowpitch team can get the win – almost too confident.

"We'll try to show them a little bit of mercy," he said not long after admitting that the FOP lineup had not been officially decided and probably would not be until the first week of August. The only clue he offered was that he planned to "get his old geezer butt out there" on August 12.

The FOP team will need more than confidence. Not only will it be facing a team with college-level competitors, its players will step up to the plate against a windmill capable of throwing 60 miles per hour from 40 feet away when they see pitches far less than half that speed in slowpitch. Fortunately for the men's team, the women supply the pitcher and catcher for both teams, ensuring that the women will have to deal with the same intolerable speeds.

If last year's game is any kind of a testament, additional strength is only as good as the contact made with the ball. For the past



Sgt. Steven Gaughan

two years the men have come to Braden with more collective strength than the women. But both years they have struggled in the early innings to put the ball in play against rising heaters and elusive breaking balls – not to mention the possibility of having to hit a screwball.

### Pitching

Pitcher Jamie Williams, one of Coach Kelly Ivy's cunning Outlaws, can throw a perfect screwball. The screwball is rare in both baseball and softball because it is essentially a curveball that "curves" the opposite way and is known to rise in softball. The women will catch a huge break on game day (paradoxically by being spared from a huge break), for the Outlaws' ace will be unable to pitch for the men as Ivy had planned – she will be returning home to Alabama.

"I was so excited about it," said Williams who has hit 65 miles per hour on the radar gun. "[Coach Ivy] really wanted me to pitch for the guys' team. It's such a good cause."

Williams' team will send five players to the women's All-Star team, including third baseman Lisa Martin, who turned a game-

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## 2004 Outstanding Citizen Leads Many Annual Events

by Dan Hamlin

Patti Brothers is easy to find. Every Saturday, rain or shine, from May through August Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen for 2004 holds a bake sale. Cookies, cupcakes, pumpkin bread, cakes and other delicacies, most of which she bakes herself, are displayed at the entrance of the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket. There are even home-made dog biscuits.

Proceeds from the sale of baked goods, shirts and raffle tickets help underwrite the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival. Brothers has been president of the Festival since 2001.

For her exceptional contributions to the community Brothers was named Hero of the Year for 2003 by the Greenbelt Lions Club. She joined the club in 2004 and now chairs the Lions' annual pancake breakfast fund-raiser.

Through the club Brothers collected Christmas gifts for underprivileged children, staffed the gift wrapping booth at Beltway Plaza and sought donations to assist the blind.

Brothers has also chaired the Greenbelt New Year's Celebration since 2000. The event provides a safe drug- and alcohol-free environment for Greenbelters of all ages to bring in the New Year. She conducts planning meetings, coordinates volunteers, books entertainment and handles publicity for the event.

Our Outstanding Citizen is committed to the welfare of all Greenbelt citizens, including animals. Brothers promotes the annual Greenbelt Pet Expo. Over the years she has quietly found homes for numerous unwanted or abandoned cats, dogs, hamsters, gerbils and birds.



PHOTO BY DOUG TULL

Patti Brothers poses with some of the many baked goods she sells to raise money for the Labor Day Festival.

An active member of Greenbelt Community Church, Brothers serves on the Board of Worship and volunteers at numerous dinners, receptions and fundraisers.

The Outstanding Citizen award is presented at the opening ceremonies of the Labor Day Festival to a person who, as a volunteer, has made extraordinary contributions to the community. Patti Brothers is the 32nd recipient of the honor.

The search is on for the Outstanding Citizen for 2005. Some outstanding citizens are easy to spot. They serve in ways that are as visible as a bake sale. But many serve our community in ways that aren't so obvious. The selection committee depends on nominations from the public. Help them identify the next Outstanding Citizen by completing a nomination form by August 8.

## Capital Office Park Owners: No Current Plans to Build

by James Giese

Owner representatives of one of the city's most important developments, Capital Office Park, met with the Greenbelt City Council at a stakeholder worksession on July 26. Richard Perkins of the Perkins Companies, Inc. and attorney Nancy Slepicka of Fossett and Brugger discussed their plans for future development and some current problems. Mayor Judith Davis and councilmembers briefed the two on city negotiations with adjacent developers.

There are four parcels of land near the U.S. Courthouse on Ivy Lane that are suitable for development, Perkins said. Already built at Capital Office Park and occupied for many years are six office buildings and a Marriott Hotel. Perkins said that there had been negotiations for the acquisition of the smallest of the remaining parcels for the construction of a Federal Bankruptcy Court. It would have been adjacent to the existing courthouse and connected to it with a walkway. That deal fell through recently, however. It was decided that the cost would be too expensive and the building program

had been changed because of security regulations. Perkins noted that the buffer zone required was to be three times the space required for the building and that there were new requirements for courtroom security.

Perkins noted a Washington Post story in that day's paper about a forum held on anti-terror building rules. Perkins didn't see how the government could afford to spend the amount of money required to assure security. He noted the government had gone to building leasing because it couldn't afford the capital costs of building construction.

Right now there is nothing "in the works," Perkins told the council relating to building construction. They build when they have made arrangements for a major tenant to lease a new facility.

### Fifth Site

Davis took note of a fifth parcel that could be developed adjacent to Kenilworth Avenue on Ivy Lane. This site had once been planned for the construction of a gasoline service station, an idea the owners later abandoned as being detrimental to

the character of the office community. Davis restated the council's express interest in acquiring the land to be maintained as a green buffer and a city entrance. Perkins responded that he had that in his mind.

Davis and other councilmembers reviewed the status of planning with Apartment Investment Management Co. (AIMCO) on the redevelopment of the Springhill Lake property across the Beltway from the office park. Many of the owners of the office park were involved with the original development of Springhill Lake including Perkins' late father Edward. After hearing the schedule for the project which is to be completed in six to ten years. Perkins thought that that would be a lot to get accomplished in that amount of time.

Councilmember Leta Mach and Davis noted their desire for some of the property to be developed with cooperatively-owned units. Perkins said that cooperatives were hard to sell any place but New York City. Councilmember Konrad Herling

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### Heat Index & Safety

What is the heat index and what does it mean?

The heat index was devised by the National Weather Service to give people a better idea of how the heat on a given day will actually feel. This is done by factoring in relative humidity and temperature. For example, when the temperature is 85 degrees and the relative humidity is 60 percent, the heat index is 91 degrees.

When the temperature is 90 degrees or higher, with relative humidity at 55 percent or higher, the heat index nearly always will exceed 100 degrees; 95 degrees and 55 percent humidity feels like 115 degrees. At that temperature, sun stroke, heat stroke and heat cramps are greater dangers, especially for high risk age groups.

To avoid problems follow these steps:

- Slow down or minimize outdoor physical activity.
- Dress appropriately – lightweight, light-colored clothing reflects heat and sunlight.
- Drink plenty of fluids but steer clear of alcohol.

This message is from the Public Safety Advisory Committee.

### What Goes On

Saturday, July 30

9 a.m. to noon, Electronic Recycling, Buddy Attick Park

8 to 10 p.m., Family Swim Night, Aquatic and Fitness Center

# Festival Notes

## Yard Sale

The festival yard sale will be held this Saturday, July 30 in Roosevelt Center starting at 9 a.m. Donations can still be picked up or brought to the sale on Saturday. In the unlikely event of rain, the yard sale will be held on Saturday, August 6. This is a very large money maker for the festival and all donations are welcome.

## Fundraising Activities

Fundraising activities are continuing and will be ongoing throughout the summer. The next bake sale will be held outside the Co-op on Saturday, August 6. Raffle tickets for \$200 worth of Co-op groceries and raffle tickets for a 50/50 drawing are on sale now. The drawings will be held on Monday, September 5 at the festival. Special collectible, commemorative T-shirts are also for sale. The popular green tie-dye is available in most sizes. The grey T-shirt is available in a few sizes. Purchase these items at the bake sales or by calling Patti Brothers. Orders for Gianni pizzas and other edible items are being taken but need to be placed by Monday, August 1. Orders can be called in to Patti Brothers. Delivery will be the second week of August.

## Carnival Booths

Carnival booths are available to all community groups and there are still a few booths available for interested groups. A booth is a great opportunity to earn extra income as well as making festival-goers aware of the group's existence. Booths must be staffed all weekend, from Friday through Monday. Letters to groups that had booths in the past have been sent out. Call John or Gloria Winfrey at 301-345-3794 for more information.

# Letters

## Letter to G Swat

Today . . . my mind was filled with the word "betrayal." I apologize on behalf of all the adults who have put the feeling of the word on your young bright, shoulders.

A skateboard park was promised to you several years ago. The years went by. You practiced on the curbs and on the streets. You worked on your athletic skill even as traffic officers handed you tickets and passers by cursed and screamed at you.

I loved the promise you were given. A proper skateboard park designed by a young man who came all the way from California and spoke to you of its design. We will start digging this spring, the promise continued. But spring has gone.

I pray now that you don't let these difficult emotions turn you to some hard and perhaps illegal pathway. I pray that you don't join those who in their own sad hurt are going down a road that could lead to crime or imprisonment. Continue as honest and happy athletes. Let the terrible feeling teach you never to betray anyone else.

There are promises that will be kept. There are people who keep promises. I have faith in that.

Betsy Barber



## Greenbelt Labor Day Festival

Friday through Monday  
Sept. 2, 3, 4 and 5  
in and around  
Roosevelt Center

**For information contact:**  
Patti Brothers at 301-982-2312  
or visit the website  
www.greenbelt.com/labor day

## Information Day

Saturday, September 3 is Information Day. All groups are invited to participate, as this day provides them with an opportunity to share their cause, mission or product (no sales are permitted though) with festival-goers. Letters have gone out to past participants. Groups can bring their own tables (for a small fee) and can stay all day or the festival can provide groups with tables (for a slightly higher fee). If this is done, the group can only stay until approximately 4 p.m. Contact Dave Pitts at 301-345-9605 for more information. The application form is also available on the festival website.

## Talent Show

There is still plenty of time to sign up for the annual Labor Day Festival Talent Show. The talent show is on Saturday, September 3 at 6 p.m. and is currently seeking all types of entertainers, singers, dancers, musicians and more. Call Dennis Lewis at 301-577-1718 to discuss participation in this year's talent show. Two auditions have been scheduled. The first is on August 23 and the second is on August 30. All will be in the Greenbelt Community Center at 7 p.m. Flyers with this information will also be posted at the Co-op and the Community Center.

## Art/Photo Shows

It is not too early to be considering submissions for the Art and Photo Shows. Future Festival Notes will provide more information but that information can be obtained by calling Barbara Simon (Art Show) at 301-474-2192 or Keith Zevallos (Photo Show) at 301-345-9696.

## Craft Show

The festival will host its first festival-sponsored craft show this year. The show will take place on Sunday, September 4 in Roosevelt Center. This is not a juried craft show. The deadline for applications is August 15.

## Parade

Parade Chairperson Linda Ivy is currently taking applications for this year's parade. All types of groups are invited to participate in this unique event. Ivy can be contacted by email at Lindaivy@aol.com. Applications are also available on the festival website.

## Outstanding Citizen

Nominations for this year's Outstanding Citizen will be accepted until August 8. The nomination form can be found on page 3 of this issue. Those who know someone deserving this special recognition should call Bob Zugby at 301-345-2065 or mail in the nomination form.

## Contributions

Area businesses who would like to contribute to the festival and be recognized for their contributions should contact the Festival Committee. The success of the festival is directly related to the monetary support it gets from area businesses.

## Shuttle Service

The shuttle service is seeking drivers for the various shifts. Individuals can sign up for one or more shifts. Call Lester Whitmer for information at 301-345-8897.

## Volunteers

Volunteers are still needed to assist with this year's festival in all areas.

## Ticket Sellers

Applications are being accepted for ticket sellers for the carnival rides. All shifts are needed. These are paid positions although community service hours can also be earned in lieu of pay. All interested persons will need to attend a meeting on Tuesday, August 30 at 7:30 p.m., location to be determined. Call Lenny Wertz at 301-864-0254.

## Discount Rides

Wristband vouchers for discounts on carnival rides will go on sale next week (August 1) at the Greenbelt Co-op. Vouchers are purchased in advance for less than the regular price and then exchanged at the festival for a full-price wristband.

## Website

The festival website is www.greenbelt.com/laborday. The site is updated regularly and currently includes a tentative schedule, names of committee members, status of activities and sponsors/contributors. The Festival Committee can also receive email through the website.

## Pageant

Practices and meetings for the Miss Greenbelt Pageant are well underway. Three new "misses" will be crowned. This is the pageant's 50th year and a special celebration will be held. The pageant coordinators are trying to locate the following prior winners:

1957	Kathleen (Madden) Dunleavy
1958	Harriet (Clinedinst) McDonald
1959	Pat (Moore) Mancuso
1962	Jane (Brooks) Duval
1963	Mary (DeMarzo) Funk
1964	Carolyn (Finley) Flynn
1966	Claudia (Kennedy) Zell
1967	Doris (Maffay) Freemyer
1968	Donna (Austin) Parish
1969	Deborah (Freeman) Kirby
1971	Beverly Goulart
1975	Robyn Davis
1976	Kathy Braddock
1978	Connie (Becraft) Coleman
1980	Amanda (Green) Hogan
1982	Elizabeth (Greig) Moore
1992	Jennifer Fraser

Contact Pageant Coordinator Natasha Jewell at 301-352-8665 with current information on any of the prior Miss Greenbelts.

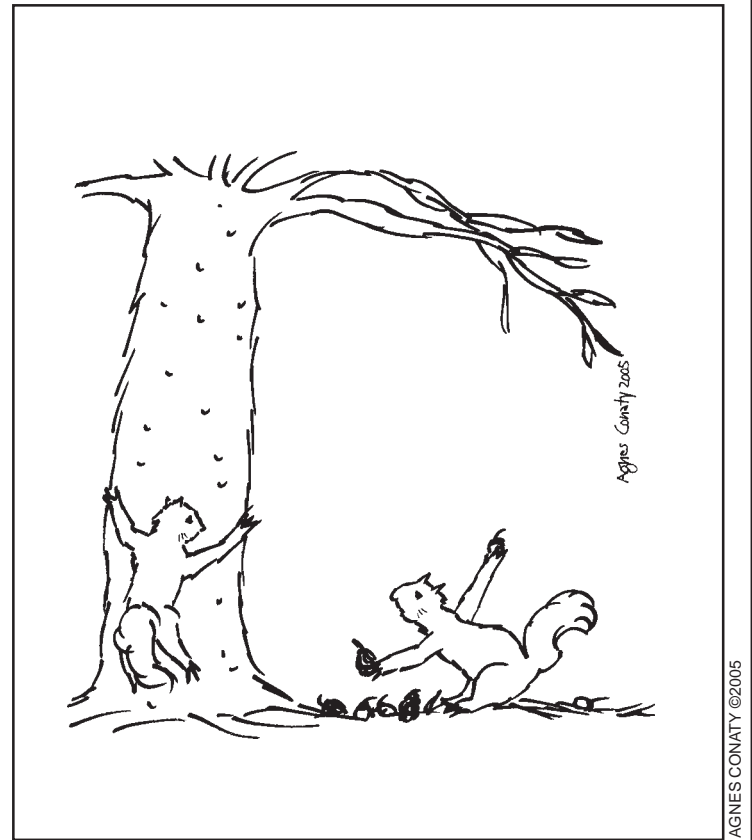
## Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Festival Committee is Tuesday, August 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Everyone interested in volunteering is invited to attend this meeting.

## Correction

Last week's ad for the Greenbelt Elementary School PTA Labor Day book sale contained the wrong telephone number. The correct number to call is 301-351-4832. The News Review regrets the error.

## Grin Belt



"The charette thought that your pine cone-shaped residential building was way too revolutionary."



## ATTENTION GHI MEMBERS IT'S BUDGET PREP TIME

You are invited to join the  
Board and Finance Committee  
MEMBER INPUT SESSION

Thursday, August 11, 2005  
8:00 P.M. – GHI Board Room

Bring your ideas and share the needs you want considered in developing the 2006 Operating Budget.

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# Community Events

## Explore the Tetons And Glacier Park

### Tetons

On Friday, August 5 the summer Explorations Unlimited travel video series continues with a film about Grand Teton and Glacier National Parks. The wilderness getaway begins with breathtaking vistas of Grand Teton National Park. Learn how the earth thrust up the Teton Range and how 19th century trappers penetrated the wilderness. Relive the development of Jackson Hole and join a group of modern climbers as they face the challenge of an ascent. Discover the park's secrets from experienced rangers who know its denizens and their private places.

### Glacier

Viewers will travel on to Glacier National Park and see the impact of weather, wind and water on the park's myriad species of wildlife in their struggle to survive the harsh elements. Journey along the Going-to-the-Sun Road, view waterfalls, a colorful profusion of wildflowers, majestic mountains, refreshing lakes and many hiking trails.

Then listen as Curly Bear Wagner, cultural coordinator for the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, reveals his tribe's special spiritual relationship with this magnificent land.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Lounge. Everyone is welcome to attend. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

## At the Library

Tuesday, August 2, 10:30 a.m. – Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver. Limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, August 3, 10:30 a.m. – Toddletime for ages 18 to 35 months. Limit 15.

7 p.m. – Limericks for ages 8 to 12 years. Learn this wacky kind of poetry and try to create it.

Thursday, August 4, 10:30 a.m. – Drop-in Storytime, ages 3 to 5 years. Limit 29.

7 p.m. – Ages 6 to 12 years. Dick Stohr: "That Yo-Yo Gang."

## Festival Art Show Seeking Artists

Calling all artists of all ages. People who live, work or go to school in Greenbelt may enter their work in the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival art show. There are actually two shows – one for adults and one for children and teens up to age 18. Both shows take place at the Greenbelt Community Center and are open to the public from Saturday through Monday during the festival. This is a chance to share one's work with the community; about 1,000 people visit the shows each year. Prizes are awarded in various categories in both shows as well.

For more information call Barbara Simon at 301-474-8571 or 301-474-2192. Fliers with full information about entering the shows will also be available in August at the Greenbelt Library, Greenbelt Community Center and New Deal Café in Roosevelt Center.

## Share a Haircut Campaign Begins

For every child's haircut (up to age 18) purchased at any Hair Cuttery salon between August 1 and 15, Hair Cuttery will in turn donate a free haircut to an underprivileged child served by local social service agencies, including those in the Washington metropolitan area. There is a Hair Cuttery at Greenway Center.

## Next Star Party To Be on Saturday

Weather permitting, the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party on Saturday, July 30 at Wolfe Fields on Northway extended, to begin at 8:30 p.m. Telescopes will be available to share views of celestial objects.

Future GAC events can be found online at <http://www.greenbeltastro.org/events.shtml>. If it rains or there are hopelessly cloudy skies, the star party will be cancelled without further notice.

## Grad Night 2006 Committee Meets

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School committee for Grad Night '06 will have a meeting on August 1 at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria conference room. Grad Night is an all-night drug- and alcohol-free party given to the graduating seniors by parents and teachers.

It takes a lot of help to organize this affair. Come learn how to help make the event a success. It is not too early to volunteer. Parents and community members are welcome to help plan an event that the graduating seniors can remember for years.

## Pro-choicers Oppose Court Nominee

The Pro-Choice Maryland organization will be circulating petitions in various places in the area to protest John Roberts' nomination to the Supreme Court.

Groups will meet on Wednesday, August 3 at 6 p.m. at the corner of Carroll and Flower Avenues in Takoma Park and Tuesday, August 9 at 6 p.m. at the Greenbelt Metro Station.

To help or for more information contact Alexis Guild at 301-565-4154 or by email at [guild@prochoicemaryland.org](mailto:guild@prochoicemaryland.org).

## GATE Films Shown At Café on Aug. 3

GATE will host its monthly video screening at the New Deal Café on Wednesday, August 3 at 8 p.m. Chris Lynn will screen an earlier work called "The Mill," an early narrative film by he shot entirely on Super 8. The story is centered around the relationship between an aspiring writer and a photographer.

Malia Murray will screen some footage taken while on vacation at Volcanoes National Park on the big island of Hawaii. Some shots are taken from the ground surrounding one of the giant caldera on top of Mauna Kea. Other shots were taken from footage from a helicopter.

All are invited for this free event. For more information call the GATE Studio at 301-507-6581.

## National Night Out Will Be August 2

National Night Out (NNO) will be held on Tuesday evening, August 2. There was a nice turnout in 2004 and the Greenbelt Police Department is looking forward to meeting with citizens throughout Greenbelt again this year.

Several groups have already advised that they will participate in this year's NNO. Groups who want to participate should let the police know the times and locations of booths, tables and displays, etc., so that they will visit in a timely manner.

For information and/or assistance regarding NNO contact 240-542-2118 by phone or email [gmathews@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:gmathews@greenbeltmd.gov).

## Used Books Are Needed for Sale

Bookshelves overflowing? During August, the PTA of Greenbelt Elementary School will collect used books for their book booth at the Labor Day Festival. People are asked to drop off their books in a bin at the Co-op Supermarket. Books in boxes are preferred. A special pick-up for large donations can be arranged by calling 301-351-4832.

Money raised in the book sale is used by the PTA to support school events, arts, music and science programs, for teacher appreciation and student rewards and to purchase items needed by the school.

More information about the PTA is on the web at <http://greenbelt.com/gespta>.



Because *The Sky* belongs to everyone,

We're having a **Kids' Star Party!**  
**Saturday July 30, 6:30 pm**  
 Wolfe Field  
 at the end of Northway  
 Bring Mosquito Repellent!  
 and plan to **have fun!**

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## Greenbelt Pediatric Wellness Program

The Prince George's Community College Nursing Department, in partnership with Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL), will provide a free program for Greenbelt children ages newborn to 18 and their parents.

Parents will receive up to 12 consultations with student nurses, including services such as baby and child growth and development assessments, vital signs monitoring, patient advocacy with health care professionals and medication assessment. Sessions will run on Thursdays, September 8 through December 8.

To enroll in the program, call 301-345-6660 or complete the registration form in the Fall 2005 City of Greenbelt Recreation brochure.

## Art Exhibit Opens At New Deal Café

The public is invited to the opening reception of the art exhibit "Nature Walks Along Greenbelt Lake," paintings and photographs by Agnes Pasco Conaty. It will be held at the New Deal Café on Sunday, August 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. For information call 301-982-9246.

## City Receives Grant To Recruit Staff

County Councilmember Douglas J. J. Peters has designated the City of Greenbelt – Volunteer Maryland Program to receive a Fiscal Year 2005 grant for \$4,250.

The grant is provided to assist the City of Greenbelt – Volunteer Maryland Program in providing programs and services to residents of Prince George's County and District 4.

City Manager Michael McLaughlin reports that the grant "will enable the city to proceed and recruit a volunteer coordinator who will work primarily with the city's Assistance in Living program."

## Labor Day Festival Used Book Sale

Raising funds for:  
**Greenbelt Elementary School PTA**  
 Book donation drop-off at **Co-op Supermarket**  
 August 1 to August 31  
 Large donation pickup available  
 For information call 301-351-4832

# WANTED!



Please help the Outstanding Citizen Committee find the next outstanding citizen. Submit your nomination for that person whose volunteer service to our community has made him or her your choice to be the Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen of 2005.



**Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee, Inc.**

### NOMINATION FORM Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen

Submit this form or a letter by Monday, August 8, to:  
 Robert Zugby, Chair  
 94 Ridge Rd., Greenbelt, MD 20770

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated By: Name(s) (please print) Signature(s) Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a statement (preferably printed or typed) which explains why the nominee deserves recognition as Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen. Possible subjects include a list of organizations or activities in which the nominee has participated, including length of time; specific accomplishments during each period of service; the impact on Greenbelt or on people within the city; and personal qualities which make the nominee special. Award is for volunteer (unpaid) work only. Supporting printed material will be accepted but is not required. Testimonials by others as to the person's good works will be helpful.

The more information you can provide the committee the better.  
 Note: All nominators must sign. Use separate sheet if necessary.

# Obituaries

## Hugh Jascourt

Hugh Jascourt, 70, of Maplewood Court died suddenly on Wednesday, July 27 at home. The funeral service will be held on Sunday, July 31 at 9:45 a.m. at the Washington Hebrew Congregation on Massachusetts Ave. and Macomb Street, N.W. Washington, D.C.



A very special Happy "50th" Birthday wish for News Review staff member Diane Oberg and her twin sister from her neighbors in the 6 Court of Hillside.

Best wishes to Jane Love, who is recuperating from recent surgery at the Crescent City Health Center, 4409 East-West Highway, Riverdale, MD 20737. Friends tell us her recovery would be hastened by cards and get-well wishes.

Leta Mach was elected president of the Cooperative Communicators Association, the only professional association for people doing communications work for cooperatives, at the association's June annual meeting.

A shout out to Navy Seaman Recruit Mary E. Clark, who with her shipmates on the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz, made a port visit to Port Kelang, Malaysia. During the visit sailors toured, shopped and volunteered their time at a local orphanage, cleaning the grounds and spending time with the children. Clark is the daughter of Jamie Wamaling of Greenbelt and Jackie Wamaling of Annapolis.

### Congratulations to –

Noah Desch, who was named to the dean's list for the spring quarter at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, Ind. Noah is the son of Michael and Theresa Desch of Lakeside Drive.

Rendy F. Yudhistira, who graduated from the 33-day Army ROTC Leader Development and Assessment Course, also known as "Operation Warrior Forge," at Ft. Lewis, Tacoma, Wash. Yudhistira, a 2002 ERHS graduate, is the son of Harry T. and Esmeralda Z. Yudhistira of Manden Road. He currently attends the University of Maryland-Baltimore County.

Michael Holt on being selected as one of 10 local finalists who will compete for the title of top teen film makers in the country.

Sheana Belmar, Nicholas Dobson, Rebecca Fletcher, Janique Freeman, Cory Holland, Jou Lau, Thomas Mays, Blessing Ohameje and Jacqueline Tull on receiving scholarships awarded by State Delegate Anne Healey for the academic year 2005-2006.

And to Li Feng, who graduated with a Ph.D. in atmospheric sciences at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

## Baha'i Faith

21st annual Baha'i summer school held at Frostburg State University August 4-7. A weekend of study, fellowship, entertainment. The public is welcome. Details at [www.dayspringbahaischool.org](http://www.dayspringbahaischool.org).

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

# Lenore Thomas Straus Art Discovered at Her Home

The former home of the artist who sculpted the Mother and Child statue at Roosevelt Center and the carved limestone reliefs across the front of the Greenbelt Community Center was featured in an Ann Cameron Siegal "Where We Live" story in the July 13 issue of the Washington Post. Lenore Thomas Straus lived in a contemporary house in the Moyaone Reserve, a small heavily wooded subdivision near the Potomac River on the Prince George's/Charles County border, according to the story. The area is now a part of the scenic easement for Piscataway National Park, a park created to protect the wooded view across the river from Mount Vernon, home of George Washington.

Eighteen years ago, Jeff Yeager bought the late artist's home and studio. The story describes the home designed by Architect Charles Goodman as being intended to fit in with the environment rather than intrude upon it. With twists and turns

and no square corners the house looks like it was planted on the spot. Curved-glass floor-to-ceiling windows make the most of the backyard view, according to the Post article. While clearing the brush, Yeager uncovered several pieces of Straus's sculpture, now prominently displayed at the home.

A picture with the story telling about the Moyaone Reserve development showed one of the Straus statues in Yeager's yard in a wooded setting. The tall, slender woman depicted is not unlike in style the Straus statue now placed in the front corner of the Community Center nearest the Municipal Building. That statue, a woman's upper body, was donated to the city by Lenore Thomas, daughter of the artist, after the artist's death. Both art works differ from those Straus did as Lenore Thomas in the mid-1930s for the Greenbelt project where the figures are bulky and muscular.

## Attract Butterflies To the Garden

On August 6 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. discover the secrets of attracting butterflies to a garden during this special, free after-hours opportunity at the U.S. National Arboretum on New York Avenue. This program is for beginning butterfly gardeners and focuses on what plants are best for feeding caterpillars and providing nectar. Some butterfly identification will be included. Registration is required.

Visit [www.usna.usda.gov](http://www.usna.usda.gov) or call 202-245-4523 for details.



Catholic Community of Greenbelt

SUNDAY MASS, 10:00 AM  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

SERVE BREAKFAST AT S.O.M.E.

Sunday, July 31, 2005

Meet at St. Hugh's School Parking Lot, 6:00 AM

## 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



Summer Schedule  
Sunday School: 9:00 am  
Worship Service: 10:15 am  
Weds. Worship: 7:00 pm  
(Adult Bible Study/Prayer & Children's Ministry)

Helping People Connect with Christ and His Family through Loving Service

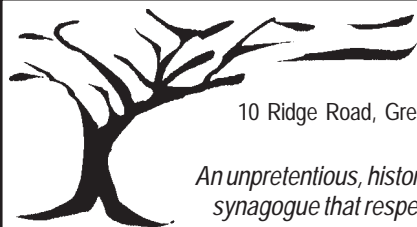


## St. George's Episcopal/Anglican Church

7010 Glenn Dale Road  
(Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)  
301-262-3285 | [rector@stgeo.org](mailto:rector@stgeo.org) | [www.stgeo.org](http://www.stgeo.org)

Sundays: 8:00 am Simple, quiet Mass  
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10:00 am Sung Mass with organ and folk music, ASL interpreted  
1:30 pm Signed Mass (last Sunday of each month only)  
Wednesdays: 7:00 pm Simple, quiet Mass

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Historic synagogue dually affiliated with United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation

## Tull – Willoughby



Jacqueline Tull, daughter of Doug and Lannay Tull of Greenbelt, was married to Regalo Willoughby, son of Herbert and Pearl Willoughby of Laurel, on Monday, May 30, 2005, at Greenbelt Community Church. Pastor Dan Hamlin performed the ceremony. A reception was held at the church on July 2, 2005.

The events were attended by guests from Thailand, Canada, Florida, Kansas, New York, Maryland and Virginia.

Jacque and Regalo were high school sweethearts, both graduating from Prince George's County's Visual and Performing Arts Magnet Program at Suitland High School with majors in visual arts. Jacque is entering her junior year at the Maryland Institute College of Art, majoring in fine arts and has been on the Dean's list every semester. Regalo is a senior at Bowie State University with a major in graphic design. The couple will reside in Baltimore until they finish their degrees.



## Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

301-474-9410 [www.gb-gm-umc.org/mowatt](http://www.gb-gm-umc.org/mowatt)



Rev. Dr. Paul C. Kim, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 am Worship Service 11:00 am  
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## ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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301-474-4322



### Mass Schedule:

Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 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

## Greenbelt Community Church

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Hillside & Crescent Roads  
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Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

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## Who is Allah?

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To find out more about Islam, call 301-982-9463 or e-mail us at [muslimguide@hotmail.com](mailto:muslimguide@hotmail.com) or visit the website [www.islam-guide.com](http://www.islam-guide.com).



# City Information

## 2005 CITY COUNCIL ELECTION DATES & DEADLINES

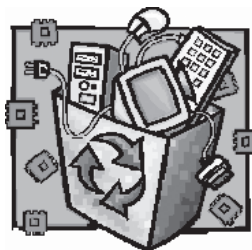
First day to receive papers and file nomination petition	8/22
Last day to file nomination petition (by 5 p.m.)	9/26
Date of drawing for placement on ballot	9/26
Last day to register to vote	
(rec'd by 4:30 p.m. in Upper Marlboro)	10/10
First day to receive an absentee ballot	10/19
Interim Campaign Contributions/Expenditures report due	10/24
Last day to request regular absentee ballot (by noon)	11/7
Training session for Election Judges and Clerks	11/7
Election 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.	11/8
Absentee ballots must be rec'd by 6 p.m.	11/8
Final Contributions/Expenditures report due by 5 p.m.	11/14
Charter Meeting for swearing-in at 7:30 p.m.	11/14

### WHAT'S NEW FOR THIS ELECTION?

**A New Polling Place:** Beginning this year, Precinct 3 will vote at the Community Center instead of at the Municipal Building.

**Expanded Absentee Voting:** The City Council has adopted legislation to permit all qualified voters in Greenbelt to vote absentee in City elections.

For additional information, call Kathleen Gallagher, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000 or e-mail [kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov).



## ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

**Saturday, July 30, 2005  
9am-12noon at Buddy Attick Park**

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

**Accepted Items Include:** central processing units, hard drives, monitors, keyboards, printers and copiers, laptop computers, computer speakers, scanners, computer mice, software, recording equipment, cameras, telephones, radios, other small electronic equipment

(NO TELEVISIONS OR LARGE STEREO UNITS)

Also... Trade in your old mercury fever thermometer and receive a new FREE digital thermometer!

For further information, contact the City of Greenbelt Recycling Office 301-474-8308

## Beauties and the Beasts

### Softball Game

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 2005  
7:00p.m.**

**Braden Field #2**

(behind the Greenbelt Youth Center)  
All proceeds will go to the family of Prince George's County Police Officer Steven Gaughan.

Tickets are \$5 each and are on sale at the Greenbelt Youth Center, Monday thru Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; at the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, Monday thru Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Fridays 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tickets are also on sale at the Greenbelt Police Department.

There will be food and refreshments at the field including hamburgers, hot dogs, sodas, etc. Alcohol is not permitted at the game. All are invited to come out to support this worthwhile cause.



**"The Dixie Power Trio"**  
performs a **FREE** concert at this month's Artful Afternoon!



## FAMILY SWIM NIGHT

Come to a luau!  
**SATURDAY, JULY 30th**  
8:00pm-10:00pm.



### GREENBELT AQUATIC & FITNESS CENTER OUTDOOR POOL

All families are welcome and the cost is \$3.00 per family. Funny floats, diving rings, and noodles will be available or...you can bring your own pool toys!

**Entering families must have at least one adult. Groups will be charged \$1 for each non-family member, with a limit of three per group.**

### Notice of Amendment to the City Charter Change in Eligibility to Vote by Absentee Ballot

At its July 11, 2005, meeting, the City Council adopted a resolution to amend Sec. 27 of the City Charter. The charter amendment resolution will become effective on August 30, 2005, unless a proper petition to submit the amendment to the voters on a referendum is filed as permitted by law.

#### Charter Amendment Resolution 2005-1

*A Resolution of the City of Greenbelt Adopted Pursuant to the Authority of Article 11E of the Constitution of Maryland and Section 13 of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1957 Edition as Amended), Title, "Corporation-Municipal," Subtitle "Home Rule" to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt Found, in Whole or in Part, in the Compilation of Municipal Charters of Maryland (1983 Edition as Amended), as Prepared by the Department of Legislative Reference Pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1983, by Repealing and Reenacting with Amendments Section 27, Titled "Absentee Voting" to Expand Eligibility for Absentee Voting*

The resolution will make the following change to the charter on "Absentee Voting":

**Existing Text:** Any qualified voter of the City of Greenbelt, by reason of religious beliefs, physical condition or absence from the city on the day of an election, may vote by absentee ballot. The procedures for applying for an absentee ballot, for casting the ballots, and counting it shall be established by ordinance.

**Amended Text:** Any qualified voter of the City of Greenbelt may vote by absentee ballot. The procedures for applying for, casting, and counting absentee ballots shall be established by ordinance.

The purpose of the change is to give an additional option to voters and thereby make it easier to vote in municipal elections. Voters who are not able to come to the polls on Election Day may still vote absentee, just as before. Voters who prefer to come to their polling place on Election Day and use a voting machine may still do so, just as before. But any voter may now choose to vote absentee, since it is no longer required that one provide a reason or excuse for doing so.

As required by Maryland law, this resolution will be posted in its entirety for 40 days, until August 20, 2005, at the Municipal Building at 25 Crescent Road. It can also be found on the Greenbelt CityLink Web site at <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov>. A copy may also be requested from the City Clerk.

For additional information, call or e-mail Kathleen Gallagher, at 301-474-8000 or [kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov).

### OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

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

- Advisory Committee on Education
- Employee Relations Board
- Park and Recreation Advisory Board

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

### GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/ PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

**MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Tuesday & Thursday, August 2 & 4: 10am & 6pm** "Ask the Expert~Proper Body Mechanics," **6:30pm** "Camp Pine Tree Talent Show," **7:30pm** Greenbelt Museum presents "Redesigning the American Dream: Springhill Lake Residential Development."

**PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, August 3 & 5: 7pm** "Future View: Aquarian Advocates," **7:30pm** Prince George's County Peace & Justice Coalition "Peace March," **8:30pm** GAC "You Never Know"

### An Artful Afternoon

**Sunday, August 7, 1-5pm**  
**Greenbelt Community Center**

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

### Welcome to Gumbville

**1:45-2:30pm STAGE COMBAT DEMO** The cast of GAC's Henry IV teach you how actors control their bodies to create the illusion of combat.

**3pm FREE CONCERT:** Enjoy zydeco, Cajun, New Orleans jazz, funk, street parade and rock with **"The Dixie Power Trio"**

**3:15pm: WRITE CREATIVELY:** with Maryland's Poet Laureate, **Dr. Michael Glaser**

**2-4pm ART EXHIBIT:** Meet artist **Chris Hoeting**, exhibiting at the Greenbelt Community Center Art Gallery. Join the artist for an informal reception.

For additional information contact **Barbara Dickey Davis** at 240-542-2062

Visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts)

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saving 5-1-2 double play in the ninth inning of a July 25 double-header game against the Angels. The Outlaws went on to win 4-2 after dropping the first game of the doubleheader 3-0.

Bob Mascetti, the Angels' coach and one of the three coaches of the women's All-Star team this year, said he is always looking forward to the women coming out on top.

"You got to remember, the women won last year," he said.

That they did – and they helped raise money for the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee while they were at it. According to Coach Ivy, the women "came out a little stronger" the second year of the event and were able to rectify their grave mistake of underestimating the men in 2003. Yet, in both games, the difference was only one or two big plays.

### The Guys

Greg Varda, Greenbelt Recreation Sports Coordinator, said, "It's probably a little tougher for the guys since they're not used to it." But he admitted that in the first game the guys were "quicker" and "found it easier to steal." Fastpitch rules allow leads and steals once the ball leaves the pitcher's hand.

Varda has spearheaded the event since it began, hiring the umpires and figuring out the teams as well as the cause. Credit Varda and his slowpitch softball friends for pitting the men and women against each other on a yearly basis.

"[The Beauties v. the Beasts] came about because some guys thought they could beat the girls, and it kind of evolved into what it is now," said Varda. The girls and Coach Ivy begged to differ on this thought.

The first game was played to raise money for the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department in order to restore its antique fire engine. The fire department supplied the men's team or the "Beauties" while the girls called themselves the "Beasts." Varda

maintains that he had no part in deciding the team names.

"That's on them, they decided that," he said. "I would never have done that."

Perhaps it was a misnomer because the men were the "beasts" in the first game based on their performance but Coach Ivy pointed out that Jill Holz, while pitching for the men, beat the women almost single-handedly.

"The women kept hitting the ball back to the pitcher and [Holz] kept getting them out at first base," said Ivy.

### Gaughan

This year's game will not be about Labor Day or fire trucks, but about Steve Gaughan and his family. Every five-dollar ticket donation, every hot dog, hamburger and soft drink sold will in some small way help to ease the pain of Donna, Daniel and Rachel Gaughan. The family already has the support of the 1,000 people who bought tickets during the first week and the organizers expect to give away at least 2,000 more.

Ivy, a guy who likes to win, said that when he approached his niece (a Prince George's County police officer) with the idea to honor Gaughan as a fallen hero, he "was more interested in the community as a whole, healing [and] coming together in a good atmosphere to support [Gaughan's] family and remember him as the great person that he was.

"We just really come together to support the game of softball and to admire both slowpitch and fastpitch. We're not there to make fun of slowpitch, and I hope the men didn't come to make fun of fastpitch. We both walk away with equal respect for each other."

The two sides may not agree on the potential result or even on the way the game is played, but they certainly agree on one thing – the cause.

"I think Steve's kind of going to be there with us," said Ivy.

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## Active Older Adults Wellness Campaign

Greenbelt's Assistance in Living (GAIL) Wellness campaign for seniors has been expanded to include health assessments. The Prince George's Community College Nursing Department will partner with the GAIL program to provide this service.

The program is open to physically active Greenbelt residents 55 and older. Participants will receive five free consultations with student nurses at three locations: the Community Center, Green Ridge House and Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

Free services include health education, establishment of health goals, medication management, vital signs monitoring and patient advocacy with healthcare professionals. Session I will run from Wednesday, September 7 through October 5 from 9 a.m. to noon. Session II will run Wednesday, October 26 to November 23.

To register for this program contact 301-345-6660 or complete the registration form in the Fall 2005 City of Greenbelt Recreation brochure.

## Summer Fun At Marietta

Marietta House Museum presents 19th Century summer fun for children in kindergarten to sixth grade on August 7 from 2 to 4 p.m. Reservations are required. There is a fee per session. Call 301-464-5291 to register or for more information.

August 7 is an "Ice Cream Social" where children will create calling cards, make ice cream and cookies and play lawn games.

Marietta House Museum is located at 5626 Bell Station Road, Glenn Dale off Route 193 and just north of Route 450/Annapolis Road.

## GIVE BLOOD

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## AmeriCorps Seeks Maryland Volunteers

Make a difference in the community by becoming a Volunteer Maryland Coordinator. The job includes organizing volunteers to meet a critical need, like coordinating environmental education and restoration programs, providing services for people with disabilities or distributing donated groceries to community food providers.

This is a one-year commitment as a member of AmeriCorps (the "domestic Peace Corps"). The service year begins September 21 and includes extensive training, a \$13,000 living allowance, health care and a post-service education award of \$4,725. Full- and part-time opportunities are available. Candidates must possess basic computer skills and have access to reliable transportation.

For information, log on to [www.volunteermaryland.org](http://www.volunteermaryland.org) or call 410-514-7270.

## Montpelier Holds Rock Concert

On Friday, July 29 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., the Back Pages Band will play classic songs from the golden decade of rock (1963-1973) at the Montpelier Mansion grounds located off Route 197, Laurel. Three members of the band first played together in Prince George's County in the early '70s, having grown up in the music hotbed around Surrattsville High School in the '60s and '70s. They played in such legendary D.C. area bands as Butler's Orchard and Crusader Rabbit. The band leader, Henry Smith, lives and works in Towson.

Bring a friend, picnic, blanket and/or chair to enjoy the outdoor performance on the lawn. Free public and handicapped parking are available at both the Montpelier Drive and Muirkirk Road entrances off Route 197.

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Sarah and Joe Liska



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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.

## Robberies

July 21, 12:34 p.m., 7800 block Mandan Road, a man reported that he was standing in front of a condominium building when another man walked past him up the steps to the entrance. The second man called out to the first man, asking for assistance with something. When the first man approached the alleged suspect, the suspect produced a handgun and demanded money. The man had no money and the suspect fled the scene on foot. He is described as a black male, approximately 25 years of age, 6' with a thin build, black hair and brown eyes, wearing a blue shirt, khaki pants and tennis shoes.

July 21, 2:26 p.m., 7800 block Mandan Road, a man reported that he was washing his car in a parking lot when he was approached by a second man who produced a handgun and demanded money. The man had no money and the suspect ordered him to walk away from the area. The suspect then fled the scene on foot. He is described as a black male, approximately 16 years of age, 5'11" with a very thin build, close-cropped black hair, brown eyes and crooked teeth, wearing a black T-shirt, black tennis shoes and blue jean shorts.

## Drugs

July 16, 3:30 a.m., Springhill Drive and Springhill Lane, a resident woman was arrested and charged with possession of phenylcyclidine (PCP) with intent to distribute, possession of phenylcyclidine, possession of marijuana and two counts of possession of paraphernalia. Police observed two suspicious persons loitering near the Springhill Lake Shopping Center. When the officer exited his vehicle to speak with them, they started to walk away from the scene, then turned around and walked toward him. The woman fell to the ground then got back up, leaving a package on the ground that was found to contain a quantity of suspected liquid PCP and marijuana. She was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

July 19, 7:36 p.m., 5900 block Greenbelt Road, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of cocaine, transporting a handgun in a vehicle, possession of paraphernalia and traffic citations. A resident woman was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia. Police observed a vehicle being operated with registration and equipment violations. Located in the vehicle was a quantity of suspected cocaine and a loaded .22 caliber handgun. Located in the woman's purse was paraphernalia commonly used to ingest "crack" cocaine. She was released on citation pending trial. The man was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

## Disorderly Conduct

July 22, 5:11 a.m., 14 Court Hillside, a resident woman was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after police responded to a report of people arguing in a parking lot. Police asked them to quiet down and the woman began shouting profanities. She was arrested when she refused to cease her actions and was released on citation pending trial.

## Theft

July 17, 9100 block Springhill Lane, a resident woman was arrested on an open auto theft warrant. Police observed a suspicious occupied vehicle and a computer check revealed that the vehicle, a 2005 Chrysler Sebring 4-door, had been reported stolen. The driver exited the vehicle and then fled the scene on foot after giving the officer her driver's license. She returned to the scene a short time later and was arrested. A computer check revealed that she had an open warrant with the Arlington County Sheriff's Department relating to the vehicle theft. The woman was transported to the Department of Corrections for service of the warrant.

July 17, 11:53 a.m. Beltway Plaza, it was reported that unknown person(s) attempted to force open an automatic teller machine, damaging it in the process.

## Open Alcohol

July 20, 8:34 p.m., Roosevelt Center, a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of an open alcoholic beverage after he was observed drinking a beer at the Center. He was released on citation pending trial.

## Underage Tobacco

July 16, 8:29 p.m., Breezewood Court and Springhill Lane, a resident youth was arrested for underage possession of a tobacco product after police stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. Upon approaching the vehicle the officer observed that the youth had a pack of cigarettes. He was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

## False ID

July 19, 4:18 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of a false government ID and driving without a license after police stopped a vehicle for a registration violation. The driver had no license but stated that he had picture identification at his residence. The officer allowed the suspect to go to his residence to obtain the ID card, which turned out to be a counterfeit resident alien card. The suspect was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

## Trespass

July 20, 8:52 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a nonresident youth was arrested for trespass after she was observed inside the mall after

having been banned by agents of the property. She was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

## Burglaries

July 16, 11:43 a.m., 7800 block Hanover Parkway, a man reported that he came home to find his residence ransacked with no sign of forced entry. Clothing, shoes and jewelry were taken. A woman reported that she observed a suspicious person leaving the apartment building carrying clothing and a toolbox. He left the area in a vehicle marked "Locksmith." The suspect is described as a middle-aged black male, 5'7" with brown hair and brown eyes, wearing a T-shirt and blue jeans.

July 17, 10:42 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road, it was reported that unknown person(s) entered a residence by forcing open a sliding glass door. Luggage, jewelry and two telephones were taken.

July 18, 1:33 a.m., 200 block Lakeside Drive, a nonresident youth was arrested for burglary. Police patrolling the area of the swimming pool heard noises coming from the secured pool house and requested a K-9 and handler. Upon hearing that the K-9 was about to enter the pool house, the youth surrendered without incident. The youth was released to juvenile services pending action by the juvenile justice system.

July 19, 6:06 p.m., 9000 block Breezewood Terrace, it was reported that unknown person(s) used unknown means to pry open a front door. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

## Vehicle Crimes

Five vehicles were stolen: a 1982 Chevrolet Caprice 4-door from the 8000 block Mandan Road; a 2001 Toyota Camry 4-door from the 6100 block Breezewood Court; a silver 1986 Toyota van, Maryland tags 455M597 from the 6200 block Springhill Court; a 2002 Chrysler Concorde 4-door from the 7200 block Hanover Drive; and a red 1996 Toyota Corolla 4-door, New York tags DG5490, with the doors unlocked and the keys left in the vehicle, from the 6000 block Breezewood Drive.

Seven vehicles were recovered, one by Greenbelt police and six by other police departments. No arrests were made in any recovery.

Vandalism to, theft from and attempted theft of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7900 block Mandan Road (two incidents), 8000 block Mandan Road (two incidents), 7700 block Hanover Parkway, 8 Court Research Road, 100 block Westway, 6500 block Capitol Drive (four incidents), 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive, 6100 block Breezewood Drive, 5900 block Cherrywood Lane, Beltway Plaza Mall and 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive.

## A Newcomer to the Lake



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A mid-morning visitor to the lake, this deer was caught tasting the vegetation in the back yard of 36 Lakeside Drive, she paused long enough to be captured on film before escaping back toward the North End woods. To the best of our knowledge, deer have never been sighted on the lake path before.

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### Companies United To Help Schools

Safeway Stores has unveiled a program to unite more than 40 food companies in an effort to raise up to \$10 million for schools in the United States.

Under the "10% Back to Schools" program, Safeway, along with 40 food manufacturers and suppliers, will donate 10 percent of the sale price of 1,000 selected products to schools chosen by their customers.

The "10% Back to Schools" program runs through September 6. When customers purchase any of the 1,000 eligible products using their Safeway Club Card, they will accumulate "school dollars" for the school of their choice. The products will be marked with a special "10% Back to Schools" icon on store shelves. At the end of the program, customers will receive a final donation receipt with their cumulative total of "school dollars." They can then take or mail the receipt to their school, which then redeems it online. There is no per-school cap on donations.

A unique aspect of the "10% Back to Schools" program is that companies that normally compete against each other are participating in the same program with the same ultimate purpose - to support education. For example, Kellogg, General Mills and Kraft are participating with their varieties of yogurts and smoothies; and Kraft and Sargento have offered their packaged cheese slices for the product list.



# Greenbelt's Business

### Giant Publicizes New USDA Food Pyramid

As consumers strive to understand the U.S. Department of Agriculture's new MyPyramid symbol and interactive food guidance system, Giant Food now provides its customers with a variety of information and tips that will make following the new guidelines easier while they shop. MyPyramid is a colorful tool that emphasizes eating a variety of foods and points out the importance of physical activity.

Giant's in-store program will include a MyPyramid brochure full of information on the new guidelines; MyPyramid signage displaying the new graphic along with a descriptive explanation; colorful signs in all perishable departments; and in-store radio announcements providing customers with information on MyPyramid and making smart food choices.

Consumers will also find tips for following the new MyPyramid guidelines in Giant's weekly ad circular. In addition, to make it easy to reach the goal of a healthier lifestyle, consumers will find healthy MyPyramid recipes and the new MyPyramid brochure at [www.giantfood.com](http://www.giantfood.com).

### Giant Food Helps Area Food Banks

Giant Food is appealing to the public to donate funds or food at any Giant or Super G store to help area food banks over the summer when their needs increase significantly. With schools out for the summer, many children lose access to free lunch programs and this is where the food banks step in to fulfill an important need. One hundred percent of contributions made at Giant stores will be given to area food banks.

Giant's "Checkout Hunger" program offers customers the opportunity to donate to local food banks at checkout registers. Customers may also donate non-perishable food at any Giant or Super G store. The donation program will benefit the Capital Area Food Bank (Washington, D.C.) and the Maryland Food Bank (Baltimore).

Giant's "Checkout Hunger" program runs through August 31.

**Greenbelt businesses are asked to share their news on the Business Page**

### Greenbelt Caterer Wins Award

Greenbelt's InStyle Caterers, located on Ivy Lane, was named Off-Premise Caterer of the Year by the National Association of Catering Executives (NACE). The announcement was made at the NACE Greater Washington D.C. Chapter annual awards dinner held in May.

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### Giant Food Aids Area Schools

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Giant's A+ BonusBucks school program ran from October 3, 2004 to April 2, 2005. The program provided opportunities for Giant and Super G customers to assist local schools by making purchases with their BonusCard. Schools then received points or "BonusBucks" for every consumer dollar spent using the BonusCard. Customers preselected schools to receive cash for their Giant or Super G BonusCard purchases.

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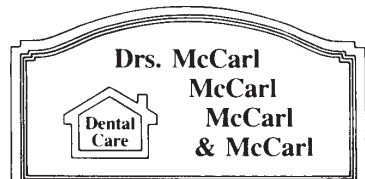
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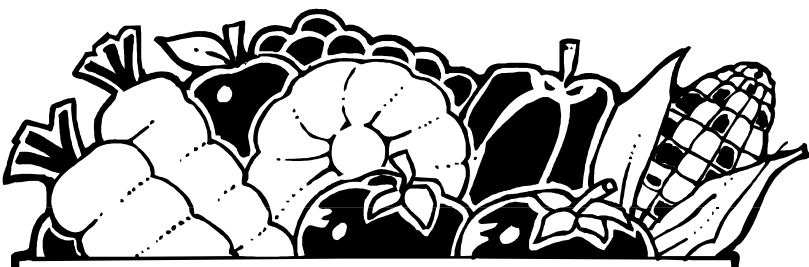
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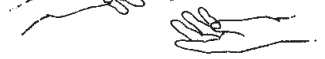
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# The (Somewhat) Reluctant Songsmith

by Bill Cornett

There comes a time in a man's life when things get bogged down in the humdrum and mundane. Sane men simply shrug and muddle on but some take the situation as an opportunity to do something stupid, expensive and crazy. At previous such junctures, I have taken up whitewater kayaking, competition pistol shooting and – scariest of all – marriage and fatherhood.

But this time I really went over the wall. I took up songwriting.

It all started when a friend of mine mentioned that his country band was in need of a few new songs for their upcoming album. Having wanted to try my hand at it for some time, I took it upon myself to scribble a few words and notes. I thought they weren't too bad. Band members, taking a look, agreed to give them a try. I was there to make sure the phrasing and feel were what I intended. A date was set for a recording session and then I received news that the band was breaking up.

But the bug had bit. I had carefully and lovingly honed the lyrics and laboriously written the scores. I really wanted to see these songs brought to life and recorded.

To market a song in Nashville they want to hear a "demo," performed by a good singer backed by top-notch musicians and first-class engineering. I knew I would need professional help.

That's when I found a guitarist and recording engineer named Garrick who lives in Laurel. He is the proverbial "Guy Who Works Out of His Basement." In earlier years he was the lead guitarist for the Grand Ole Opry house band and he's an absolute legend among area musicians. He sings great back-up or lead and can fill in on keyboards, bass or drums if the need arises. If you need a song demo sent to Nashville, nobody does a slicker, higher-quality job than Garrick.

My first meeting with Garrick was an eye-opener. He threw away all my carefully prepared scores and gave me a single order: "Just sing it."

"I don't sing very well," I countered.

"That doesn't matter at all."

So I sat in his basement and sang two songs for him. The first time through, he was softly picking out chords on an acoustic guitar. The second time through he was strumming along. "Does that seem like the right chord?" he asked. "Is that the feel you're going for here?" Then Garrick sang it. Bless me, what a revelation!

For weeks I had worked on the songs and suddenly somebody with real talent was bringing them alive. They were exactly the way I had heard them in my head. They sounded good. Great, even. It took two days to get the smile off my face.

By that time Garrick had filled in with instruments and a drum track and sent the sound of his golden vocal chords singing my lyrics into a \$3,000 microphone. The result was stunning. They could be played alongside any song you hear on the radio.

My ego got boosted big time when Garrick played one of my recorded demos during a band break at a concert. "Man, tons of people came up to me and told me that they loved that song!

You've got to send that to Nashville!"

So I did. I sent all my songs. While I got many words of encouragement, no publishers or performers opted to pick any up. After two years I told him, "It's just not working, Garrick."

"You've got to get out and sing your songs, good buddy," he said. "That's the only way people are going to hear them. If you don't do your own songs, nobody else will. You've got a better voice than you think. I'll tell you what, you practice a bit and I'll see what I can do about convincing Frank to let us do one of your songs on his radio show."

Frank Gosman produces the Country Showcase America radio program out of a barn in Howard County, broadcast live from 3 to 6 p.m. every Sunday over the Internet at [www.wcsa.fm](http://www.wcsa.fm).

Most weeks Garrick plays lead guitar there. It took me a month to screw up my courage, especially after a short conversation with my wife. "Garrick thinks I can do it, Honey," I told her. "He



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**Bill Cornett as "Country Me" will appear on Country Showcase America again on August 7 and 14.**

says my voice isn't as bad as I think."

"Isn't Garrick the man you pay \$50 an hour to record your songs?" she countered.

The week before I was due to sing we tried to schedule some practice sessions but overtime gigs and family emergencies kept them from happening. "Just get up there," Garrick said over his cell phone as he was driving, 20 minutes before air-time. "It will be all right. Bring a lyric sheet." I jumped into my car and hoped the cops weren't too abundant on I-95.

My heart was in my throat as I scurried through the back door to the barn and signed in on the schedule sheet. "You know how to sing?" Frank asked.

"Uh . . . " I began.

"Don't worry," Garrick called out as he yanked his guitar from its case and hastily plugged it into the amp for the sound check, "I'll be backing him up."

"Oh, Lord," Frank muttered under his breath. "OK, you're up fourth. Give me the name of the song and the key."

"Butting Heads with the Bulls. Key of E."

"OK, everybody," yelled the sound tech. "We're on in 10, nine, eight . . ."

When the sound tech got to zero the band cranked up the show's theme song, solid and powerful, Garrick throwing out guitar licks like there was no tomorrow. After that an array of guest singers came up to perform, some of them up-and-coming performers I expect to show up on the country charts any day now

but most of them older stalwarts who sang the country classics. And let me tell you, all of them could belt it out.

"Oh, man," I thought to myself as I heard a woman who was pushing at least 70 years old hold a pure high note for what seemed like half a minute and shake the rafters. "I've really stepped in it this time." At best I have a four-note range and the only time I could claim I sang on key was when I stepped on my car keys in the middle of the night and let out a scream.

All too soon, it was my turn. I walked up to the mike while Frank gave a little introduction. "This is a new song by a fellow named Bill Cornett. Bill and Garrick are going to sing this one for us. I understand that this is a World Premiere."

"Where are the music stands?" I whispered to Garrick, looking for a place to put the lyric sheets so he could see the words.

"Uh, we don't have any. Just hold the sheets up for me. Oh, and could you sing the first line all by yourself? I'll probably remember how it goes after that."

Oh, great. Here I was, stepping up to the microphone on a live radio program with a song I couldn't really sing, Garrick couldn't really remember and the rest of the band had never heard before in their lives. "I'll give you a couple of measures to give you the tempo," Garrick asided to the rest of the players, "then come in. It's basically a blues riff. I'll give you the changes," he said, referring to the chords.

Garrick played the intro, then the band came in. Two measures later I was supposed to start singing. But one measure before that, I dropped the first lyric sheet on the floor. I stooped down to pick it up, hastily crammed my face back up to the microphone and got way too close, blasting the first syllable out like an overdriven kazoo. The engineer quickly turned down my mike – probably his best move of the day – and I got out the first line loud enough for Garrick to hear it. He picked it up from then on, and I tried to keep my voice as inconspicuous as possible. After the first stanza the band got the groove and I have to admit that it did start sounding kinda sweet.

We got a good ovation when we finished and I must not have been too bad, because after the show was over Frank invited me to come back and sing it again the next week.

A few days later I got a late-night call from a record producer, one whose name I recognized. "I really liked that song of yours I heard on the Country Showcase program the other Sunday," he said. "I've got a singer in my stable, great voice and there's a good chance he's going to go somewhere."

Wow, I thought to myself, this is it! One of my songs is going to get picked up by a fast-rising new performer! I could see it in my mind, the numbers climbing the charts, the acceptance speeches at the awards shows, the competition by major artists as they vied to be next in line to get one of my sure-to-be-chart-topping compositions.

"Garrick says you're a great photographer," the producer continued. "What would you charge to take some publicity photos?"

Oh, well. At least it was a paying job.

## Testing the Waters



Ross Williams, Regional Fisheries biologist, with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, checks the water quality of Greenbelt Lake on Friday, July 22.

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## Poet Laureate of Maryland To Read His Poetry Here

by Carol Griffith

The Poet Laureate of Maryland, Dr. Michael S. Glaser, will be the guest reader at the Showcase of Prose and Poetry, co-sponsored by the Greenbelt Arts Center and the Greenbelt Writers Group (GWG). The showcase will take place on Sunday, August 7 at 5 p.m. in the Greenbelt Arts Center, 123 Centerway. Glaser will read from his collections of poetry and answer questions from the audience. GWG members will also contribute original prose and poetry readings. There is a fee.

A free workshop for ages 6 to adult will be held in the Community Center at 3:15 p.m. Glaser will introduce some of the tools writers use, such as comparisons, images and details. Whether one's writing extends to published works or only as far as the grocery list, this workshop will offer participants a chance to try their hand at exercises designed to be fun and free the imagination.

The creative writing workshop will last about an hour and 15 minutes. Participants are asked to arrive promptly at the scheduled time.

Glaser was named Poet Laureate of Maryland by Governor Robert Erlich in August 2004. For 35 years Glaser has taught at St. Mary's College of Maryland, where he has served as head of the Division of Arts and Letters and chair of the English Department. He co-founded and directs the biennial Literary Festival and the annual Voices reading series at St. Mary's, which features nationally renowned poets. A recipient of awards for excellence in teaching and for his "outstanding leadership" to the poetry community, Glaser has served as a Maryland State Arts Council poet-in-the-schools for over 20 years. He has written three collections of poetry and has edited two anthologies of Maryland poets. More than 300 of Glaser's

poems have been published in various literary journals and newspapers. His most recent book, "Being a Father," draws upon his 30-plus years of fatherhood, with its "joys and struggles" as inspiration.

Another source of inspiration to Glaser is his faith. He has stated, in his framework for service as Poet Laureate, that poetry "addresses our shared human desire for what is both meaningful and beautiful" and "serves us by giving genuine voice to our experiences, our fears and anxieties as well as our hopes and dreams, our spirits and our hearts."

St. Mary's College President Jane Margaret O'Brien has said of Glaser, "He writes from the heart, very emotional poetry, very understandable for any lay reader."

### Showcase

The Masters of Ceremony for the showcase will be Jim Link and Konrad Herling, who will introduce the GWG presenters: Marjorie Gray, Cheryl Snell, Matt Arbach, Laura Jeanette Brown, Mariko Murray, Neil Deo, Christopher Farago, Janet Walenta, Glen Gardner, Mike Cook, Rob Baluch, Guillermo Olivos, Mary Moien, Jim Link, Carol Griffith and C.A. Rose. Interspersed between readings and at intermission will be short musical selections performed by Arbach, Snell and Laura Brown, playing guitar, piano and flute, respectively.

Tickets for the showcase are being sold by the Greenbelt Arts Center for general seating. Refreshments will be served and there will be an opportunity to purchase Glaser's works and those of the Greenbelt Writers Group. For tickets, further information or directions contact the Greenbelt Arts Center by phone at 301-441-8770 or visit them at [www.greenbeltartscenter.org](http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org).

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