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Council Listens, Hesitates On FOP Bargaining Request

by Marat Moore

As Greenbelt prepared to celebrate its 51st Labor Day Festival and concession crews assembled rakishly colorful rides and booths, more sober labor issues came before the Greenbelt City Council. At a council worksession on August 31, Greenbelt's Lodge 32 of the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) discussed the FOP's request for collective bargaining rights and binding arbitration for the city's police force.

The FOP had submitted a formal request to council in May for recognition of collective bargaining, and this worksession was the first public discussion of the issue, which will be further addressed at the council's regular meeting on September 12.

The police department and FOP Lodge 32 now have a "meet and confer" relationship with the city council, which means that the local FOP meets with council once a year during the budget process to discuss salaries, benefits and working conditions and to request adjustments in those conditions of employment. The Greenbelt city charter has no provision for collective bargaining for city employees and the police request, if accepted, would require a resolution revising the city charter.

Differences

The meet-and-confer process does not result in an enforceable

contract and the discussion at the worksession highlighted the differences of opinion about the relative value of a union contract and the current meet-and-confer process, which councilmembers seemed satisfied with and the police decidedly less so.

"We believe that the meet-and-confer method has worked very well and we're leaning toward continuing that process," said Mayor Judith Davis. "We know there are some issues and we've always been willing to work them out. We believe the police department has done very well, so why change what works?"

"Why change? The reason is because with collective bargaining we would have a contract. At this point with this process, everything we have can be taken away and we have no power to stop it," said John Rogers, immediate past president of Greenbelt's Lodge 32 and current chair of the state FOP's collective bargaining committee.

"We feel that it's a system of checks and balances for both parties," he said. "It's not that we don't trust you but in 10 years, when you're gone and I'm gone, there may be an adversarial relationship and we need that protection."

Representing the Greenbelt police, in addition to Rogers, were

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Groups, Businesses And Individuals Add To Relief Efforts

Hurricane Katrina has left many individuals and families in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama homeless and without necessary food and shelter. Local groups, businesses and individuals have geared up to provide a wide variety of support to relief efforts for the victims.

The following reports are a few of the many ways that Greenbelters have pitched in to help.

Seven City Police Help in Louisiana

On Saturday, Sept. 3 seven Greenbelt police officers along with the department's dragoon rescue vehicle (armored personnel carrier) and evidence van were sent to Jefferson Parish in Louisiana to assist in the relief effort in the aftermath of hurricane Katrina. The rescue vehicle was carried on an 18-wheel tractor trailer provided by the Maryland Department of Transportation. The officers are expected to return home on Friday, Sept. 9. The Maryland Emergency Management Agency had requested the assistance.

Greenbelter Takes Direct Action

Rena Hull of Lakeside Drive left Monday for New Orleans. A retired pediatric nurse, she had volunteered last Thursday and received a call Sunday. She is working with a group from Maryland. The hospital they were first assigned to did not need them, so they were sent to another hospital. Hull reports the electricians there are busy restoring electricity to the building. The group will help set up clinics. Hull was Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen in 1999.

Area Schools Aid Hurricane Victims

To assist in relief efforts, the county school system is sponsoring collection of financial donations to help victims of the disaster. All funds collected through September 30 will be combined into a single check that will be presented to the American Red Cross.

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Local Accounts Of Katrina Sought

The News Review welcomes accounts from Greenbelters with direct knowledge and experiences related to Hurricane Katrina and the rescue efforts since. Accounts can be submitted in written or digital form and need to include the name and telephone number of the submitter.



PHOTO BY LINDA SIADYS

Mayor Judith Davis, at the podium, presents a proclamation to Jay Remenick, the 2005 Outstanding Citizen. Outstanding Citizen Committee Chair Robert Zugby is at right. Announcement of the outstanding citizen selection occurs each year right after the Greenbelt Concert Band opens the Labor Day Festival.

2005 Outstanding Citizen Shocked to Hear His Name

by Jennifer Sciubba

As far as Jay Remenick had understood, Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen always had a virtual resume of volunteer organizations in which he or she had made a significant contribution. As he stood in the festival crowd on Friday night, September 2, he naturally expected this year's Outstanding Citizen to fit the profile. As someone who devoted his whole life to one particular cause he never dreamed that the name called could be his. So, when Outstanding Citizen Committee Chair Robert Zugby named Remenick Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen he was "shocked and hon-

ored but especially shocked," he told the cheerful crowd Friday night.

As Zugby told the crowd, however, the depth of Remenick's involvement in the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department (GVFD) an organization so vital to the public safety of the community is exactly what convinced them he was the right choice. For the past 32 years Remenick has worked his way through the ranks of the GVFD, from a junior member around age 16 to president for 10 years until 2004.

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Interfaith "Healing Hands" To Mark 9/11 Anniversary

by Jaco B. ten Hove

To commemorate this year's anniversary of the attacks on September 11, 2001, a group of local therapeutic touch professionals have again offered their "healing hands" in exchange for donations to community relief funds. From 1 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, September 11 an outdoor pavilion in Greenbelt's Roosevelt Center (Southway and Crescent Road) will fly a banner suggesting that "Healing Hands Strengthen Community." Adults (over 18) are encouraged to come by that afternoon, make a

donation to help support those among us in need and enjoy a comfortable, stress-reducing massage from a certified massage therapist.

The event will feature employees of nearby Pleasant Touch, owned and operated by Gwen Vaccaro, plus other certified providers and will be hosted by members of the Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association (GILA). Individuals from GILA administer the Good Samaritan

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2005 City Council Election

Ed Putens Is First to File For Re-election to Council

Edward V.J. Putens filed this week for re-election to the Greenbelt City Council. He is the first person to file and be certified. Putens filed first in the 2003 and 2001 elections also. Four other sets of nomination forms have been taken out according to City Clerk Kathleen Gallagher by the remaining incumbents: Judith Davis, Rodney Roberts, Leta Mach and Konrad Herling.

Biography

Edward Putens is completing his twelfth term on the Greenbelt City Council. Putens has been a resident of Greenbelt for 38 years, living in Springhill Lake, Charlestowne North, Windsor Green and now in Greenbrook. He was born in Hazelton, Penna., and grew up in Baltimore.

Putens has been employed by



Councilmember Ed Putens

the federal government for 33 years and has received many awards and commendations. Since 1987 he has worked for the Food and Drug Administration, for many years in high management positions. Putens previously served in a variety of senior management and staff positions for the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Personnel

Management and U.S. Postal Service.

Putens' initiative of many years for major changes in Springhill Lake, which started with a campaign ad in the News Review, was rewarded this year when the ownership agreed to reconstruct the entire complex and the city was able to secure promises of other major changes in that area including the Metroland development, Beltway Plaza and new schools to

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What Goes On

Saturday, September 10

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot between City Office and Community Center

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Annual Senior Citizen Open Forum, Multipurpose Room in the Community Center

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Pooch Plunge, Outdoor Pool (Spectators Welcome)

Monday, September 12

7 p.m., Recycling & Environment Advisory Committee, Community Center

8 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building

Letters to the Editor

Rude Words Cross the Line

I am writing to express my dismay in an individual (I use individual because I will not blame the group in its entirety) marching in the Greenbelt Labor Day Parade. For years I have attended the parade, from the time I was a child until now as a mother of two. Never have I been more offended by a person than I was at this year's parade.

While enjoying the look on my children's faces as they watched the fire trucks, bands and floats, I politely said "No thank you" to all politicians and groups that were handing out literature about their organizations. I was there to enjoy the beautiful day with my husband, children, parents and in-laws, who were all sitting on the curb and did not have room to carry anything that was being given out.

Every group graciously moved on as we all said "No thank you" to their hand-outs, except for one. A member approached me and my mother-in-law protesting the war in Iraq and went to give us one of their hand-outs. Once again we said "No thank you." She then looked at us and said "Keep killing!"

I am outraged she made such a judgmental comment about me in front of my children. She did not know my views on the war in Iraq and I never comment on my views. I simply said "No thank you." I feel even more offended because she made that comment in front of my mother-in-law, whose son has just recently returned from the war in Iraq.

I thought Greenbelt was supposed to be an open-minded community, appreciating everyone's opinion. I just recently purchased a home in Greenbelt and feel this was not the welcome my family deserved.

This woman crossed the line when she implied I was a "murderer" for not taking her hand-out. I truly wish I had approached the woman afterward to get her name and ask her why she commented to me the way she had in front of my children. Hopefully the woman will read this letter and realize she insulted my family and her comment was not necessary.

She should have kept walking. After all, wasn't her point to spread peace?

Celeste May

Thanks Everyone

On behalf of the Labor Day Festival Committee, I would like to thank everyone who attended this year's Festival. We hope that everyone had a memorable time. Mother Nature outdid her-

self this year.

A big thanks to the community and school groups and volunteers who had booths and tables – without them there would be no Festival. We welcomed both returning groups and new ones to this year's Festival – their hard work and dedication is truly appreciated. Thanks to the crafters who were part of the first Festival-sponsored craft show. A big thanks goes to Public Works – without their support and work there would, at a very minimum, be no booths! And thanks also for their work prior to, over the weekend itself and afterward. And a big thanks to the Recreation Department for their support and participation resulting in great games and tournaments. Thanks to the Police Department for their participation and support. Tom Gaylin and Rosedale Attractions brought us top-notch rides and game booths – a better carnival company cannot be found. The entertainers both local and world-known brought us talent and professionalism which made for great shows. And thanks to the Arts Center for super Shakespeare, GATE for a great film and the Recreation Department for a very Artful Afternoon. Thanks to Eleanor Roosevelt High School National Honor Society for their invaluable assistance in this year's Festival. The parade participants deserve thanks for strutting, playing or driving "their stuff." It was a great parade!

A big thanks to all the businesses and individuals who provided monetary support – that includes people who bought raffle tickets, bake sale items, pizza kits and yard sale items. Thanks also to those who attended the Basket Bingos throughout the past year (there will be another one on September 23 at the Greenbelt American Legion). A very special thanks to the Greenbelt Co-op for allowing Festival fundraising efforts to go on all summer on its ramp, for its raffle prize and for being the vendor for the wristband vouchers. Thanks also goes to the Greenbelt Marriott for providing rooms for the "out of town" entertainers. The success of the Festival is heavily dependent on year-round support, both monetary and otherwise.

And lastly, I would like to thank the wonderful members of the Committee, whose hard work and dedication is beyond measure. From the bottom of my heart, thank you, thank you, thank you.

See you next year.

Patti Brothers,
President
Greenbelt Labor Day
Festival Committee

Pet Show – A Winner

This year's pet show was a huge success. It was run by local girl scout troops. There was a wide variety of animals from a sea monkey to birds to dogs. There were a total of 18 pets – 11 dogs, one cat, three exotic pets and three small mammals. Terri, a rabbit, won best in show. We would be happy to do it again.

The Girls of Cadette
Troop 1161

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Employees and community members who wish to contribute to this effort should make checks payable to "Board of Education – Katrina Disaster Relief" and send their checks to the following address:

Board of Education – Katrina Disaster Relief, Assistant Treasurer's Office, Sasscer Administration Building, 14201 School Lane, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772.

Schools and offices wishing to organize initiatives at their individual locations will receive instructions to help coordinate all efforts within the school system. These contributions will help provide food, water and other necessary supplies and services that will benefit the victims of this disaster.

Giant Stores Collect For Hurricane Relief

Giant Food is collecting customer donations for the Hurricane Katrina relief effort in the American Gulf Coast area. Giant Food stores in Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia will participate.

All funds collected from the drive will go to the American Red Cross and America's Second Harvest – the Nation's Food Bank Network to help the victims of one of the most devastating storms in American history.

The supermarket chain is also collecting donations from associates at their main offices and distribution facilities.

Animals Desperate In New Orleans

GHI's Companion Animal Committee wants to alert Greenbelt residents that they can help Hurricane Katrina's animal victims. Below is a short list of organizations and their websites that have mobilized to rescue and assist animals and to also reunite them with their human companions. Groups need money, supplies and volunteers.

The Humane Society of the United States
1-800-HUMANE1 (1-800-486-2631)
www.hsus.org

The HSUS needs volunteers to help answer phones in its Gaithersburg office.

United Animal Nations
http://www.uan.org/

Emergency Animal Rescue Service
916-429-2457

Best Friends Hurricane Relief
c/o Leigh Breland
1635 Misty Lane, Terry, MS 39170
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"Is this the City Clerk's office? We have candidates for the City Council but there's one problem . . ."

Md. Sponsors Katrina Storm Relief Effort

The Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services has launched a major effort to provide supplies to victims of Hurricane Katrina. Effective immediately, the public can drop off nonperishable food and critical supplies at five locations across the state. State Use Industries, the Division of Correction's prison industry arm, has trailers on site. They will be staffed by correctional personnel from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day.

Locations for donations include the Maryland House of

Correction, House of Correction Road near the gatehouse just off Md. route 175 in Jessup.

Donations should be limited to these items: diapers, baby needs (wipes, blankets, pull-ups), bottled water, plastic utensils, paper goods, first aid supplies, over-the-counter medicines, nonperishable food items, personal hygiene items (soap, shampoo, etc.), blankets, batteries and battery operated items.

No clothing or cash will be accepted but bulk items in unopened cases are welcomed.

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Correction

How does a monoprint become a monolith? Chalk it up to gremlins perhaps along the internet route between the News Review computer and the typesetter. Anyway we apologize to Jim Lara, who did the review, and to artist Martha Oatway whose exhibit of monoprints is at the Greenbelt Arts Center.

Community Events

Seniors Hold Annual Forum

On September 10 Greenbelt citizens will have a chance to express their concerns about problems in the community and get feedback from city officials at the annual forum sponsored by the Greenbelt Senior Citizens' Advisory Committee.

The meeting will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room in the Community Center.

Walk Supports SIDS Research

A charity walk to benefit Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) research and bereavement support will be held at Buddy Attick Park in Greenbelt on Sunday, September 11 from 8:15 to 11 a.m. Registration and T-shirts are free; tax-deductible donations are accepted. A light breakfast will be served and a clown will entertain children. Pets on leashes are welcome. For more information contact Joani Horchier at sides@aol.com or 301-322-2620.

GHI Notes

September 13, 6:30 p.m. – Marketing Committee meeting; 7 p.m. – Seller's Seminar.

September 14, 7 p.m. – Woodlands Committee meeting.

September 17, 11 a.m. – Pre-purchase Orientation.

September 19, 7 p.m. – Member's Bi-monthly Coffee.

September 20, 7:30 p.m. – Member & Community Relations Committee.

September 22, 7:30 p.m. – Board of Directors meeting.

All meetings will be held in the GHI Board Room.

Greenbelt Seniors Beat Bowie Gold

Greenbelt, fighting for second place in the Greater Baltimore Senior Softball League, took a 5-0 lead in the first inning at home on Tuesday, September 6 and went on to beat Bowie Gold 12-1, behind pitcher-manager Ray Reed.

Paul Williams went 3-for-3, including a triple to the left field fence in the third inning that knocked in two runs. Reed hit 2-for-2 and walked; going 2-for-3 were Jim Harbaugh, Fred Bohle (including a long double), Dave Kerr, Eli Flam (including a triple) and newly-returned Larry Dandridge, a standout at short field. John Benish and Burt Kerr singled, while Harlan Park, Rodney Hull and Sterling Tropp drew walks.

Three games remain in the season, which ends September 14.

Senior Nutrition Program Resumes

The following menu is scheduled for the upcoming week:

Monday – Navy bean soup, stuffed peppers, boiled potatoes, vegetables and peach supreme.

Tuesday – Grape juice, oven fried chicken, mixed vegetables, home fries and green jello with pears.

Wednesday – Minestrone, wild salmon with creamy dill sauce, green beans, "dirty" rice and fruit cocktail.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and 1% milk. Meals are served starting at noon and should be reserved before 11 a.m. the day before planning to eat. Call 301-391-2208, ext. 4215 to make a reservation.

New Kickball Helps Kick Off Great Labor Day Festival

by Eli Flam

Kickball, anyone? Adult kickball, that is? This purported new "craze" – see below – slipped into Greenbelt this summer and helped kick off the Labor Day Festival Friday night, September 2. What's more, a second part of the debut season runs through October and maybe into November.

In June Greenbelt Recreation Department's sports coordinator Greg Varda set up a first-ever Adult Co-ed Kickball League. Seven teams, each with about 15 players from 18 to 60 – at least four of them had to be women – played Thursday nights at Braden Field #2 or Northway. After a dozen games, teams like Ball Blasters, Liver Damage and Vote for Pedro were bested for the first annual Commissioner's Cup by Remedial Jim (the name tracks to phys. ed. teachers).

"Jim" – all over 35 – took to Braden Field #2 for softball at the Labor Day Festival against a mix of under-35 league opponents, who also recruited a splay of youngsters. As in senior softball, kickball calls for 11 fielders; they get outs a la baseball or by throwing and hitting a kicker on the base paths. Miss him/her and the kicker can keep running. It all starts with a pitcher rolling the outsized red ball toward home plate, where a kicker gives it a good galumph with either foot. You get three

strikes (fouled tries, mostly), no balls and in seven innings scores that rarely go into double figures. Try kicking that big ball much beyond the infield. An umpire is on board.

At the Festival the younger-uns scored twice against Remedial Jim with two infield bouncers, a pair of singles to left field and some swift base running. By the fourth inning, with several doubles and triples, hi-jinks on the bases and a sprinkling of errors – plus a handful of runners plunked by a thrown ball (often hurled with both hands) – the score was mounting. The underlying mood was genial but most plays primed fielder/kicker intensity as well as laughs. A few dozen fans and family members went readily with the flow of the game. By Saturday, Jim's playing coach Cindy Donn had to think hard for the final score: 6-5, favor Jim.

While Greenbelt is handling the new kickball league on its own, there is a gung-ho World Adult Kickball Association (WAKA). On its website WAKA takes credit for starting "the adult kickball craze" seven years ago. Now, they say, there are tens of thousands of players across the U.S. and the world, with divisions in D.C., Bethesda and Alexandria. If interested in taking part locally, call Greg Varda at the Greenbelt Recreation Department – and put your best foot forward.

Prescription Benefit Is the "Expert" Topic

On September 20 the "Ask the Expert" cable program will be "Understanding the New Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit: Important Choices For You to Consider." The program will be held at Green Ridge House from 11 a.m. to noon. It will be conducted by Kelley Coates-Carter, associate state director of Communications, AARP Maryland.

Green Ridge House residents are asked to RSVP to Laverne Stewart Logan at 301-412-2480. Others attending should call 301-345-6660.

At the Library Children

Tuesday, September 13, 10:30 a.m. – Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, September 14, 10:30 a.m. – Toddler time for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 toddlers.

4 p.m., Bookids, ages 8 to 12, Book Discussion, Henry Winkler's "Niagara Falls or Does It?"

Thursday, September 15, 10:30 a.m. – Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years, limit 20 children.

Adult
Wednesday, September 14, 7 p.m., Friends of the Greenbelt Library meeting.

On Stage

Nazi-driven "Shylock" Plays at Arts Center

"Shylock, The Jew of Venice" – a challenging new version of Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice" – is playing at Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) September 9, 10, 14, 15, 16 and 17 at 8 p.m. and on Sunday, September 11 at 2 p.m. GAC is hosting CU Later Productions, formed by three recent graduates from Catholic University in Washington, D.C.

In a Nazi concentration camp in 1944, two prisoners – renowned actors in pre-war Yiddish theater – are forced to present Shakespeare's play to entertain the guards. How the actors deal with the situation drives the production with a fierce impetus.

Laley Lippard directs John R. Johnson and Sammy Wegent in the actors' roles. All three have worked in theaters across the U.S. The production is designed by Thomas F. Donahue, theater department chairman at Catholic University.

Call 301-441-8770 ext. 3 for reservations and ticket prices.
– Eli Flam

On Screen

"Constant Gardener" Digs in at Movie Theater

Opening at Old Greenbelt Theatre on Friday, September 9 "The Constant Gardener" delves sharply into the dangerous testing of a new drug on an unaware African populace. A newly married British diplomat (Ralph Fiennes) and his edgy wife (Rachel Weisz) arrive in Nairobi to get deeply tangled in this John LeCarré story, directed in vivid colors with an unremitting point-of-view by Fernando Meirelles ("City of God"). As consciences are scraped raw, the toll on the marriage and the pharmaceutical fallout ultimately lead to a demanding question: Is redemption possible?

Whether or not you agree that the film goes over the top here and there, it is a challenging, absorbing experience that is worth taking on. 129 minutes, rated R for nudity, language and extremely violent scenes.

– Eli Flam

NARFE Presents History of Mall Trees

The next meeting of NARFE Chapter 1122 will be Wednesday, September 14 at 1:30 p.m. at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Pkwy.

Dr. Rob Griesback will speak on the "American Arboretum on the Mall in the 19th Century." The public is invited.

For more information call 301-937-7987.

YARD SALE!

Windsor Green residents will be participating in a YARD SALE on: **SATURDAY – September 17th, 9a.m. – 2p.m.**

Look for: household items & furnishings, clothing and accessories, children's toys, games, books, crafts, etc. Directions: Greenbelt Rd, right on Frankfort Dr. (across from E.R.H.S.) Sale located in the Community Center parking lot. **RAIN DATE: Sunday, September 18th.**

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- Free registration
- Register for 18/under or over 18 years of age
- Held at Lake Artemesia

Pre-register, or register at Well's Ice Rink Lot at 9 a.m.

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(301)982-7130 or jody@graphicadd.com for info

Enjoy Swimming?! The Greenbelt Swim Team Needs You!

The Greenbelt Swim Team's Fall season runs from Sept. 13 to Dec. 4.

Walk-in registration will be held on September 7 & 8, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Aquatic Center. Fees are discounted for registrations received by September 13!

Swimmers practice Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:55 to 5:55 p.m. and Sunday mornings. Developmental Swimmers meet Sunday mornings.

Information and applications can be found at www.greenbelt.com/swimteam or at the GMST bulletin board in the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center, 101 Centerway in Old Greenbelt.

For any questions, call Deborah Taylor at Deborahatay@aol.com or 301-345-2485 or Leslie Hilliard at 301-474-7504.

Obituaries

Samuel W. Ewing

Samuel W. Ewing of Smyrna, Del., died of cancer Friday, September 2, 2005, in his home. He was 81. He lived and worked in Greenbelt during the late 1960s and early 1970s. He lived on Periwinkle Court in Boxwood Village.

Mr. Ewing was born June 10, 1924, in Gloucester, N.J., the son of the late S.W. Ewing and Genevieve Artz Lay. He served in World War II from 1942 to 1946 as a sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. Mr. Ewing worked for and retired from Universal Underwriters for car dealerships. He moved to Smyrna in 1987. He was an avid golfer with three recorded holes in one and fishing was a relaxing hobby as well as gardening.

Mr. Ewing was an active member of the Greenbelt Lions Club and the Greenbelt American Legion Post #136 during his years in Greenbelt. He was also a member of the Lions Club in New Jersey, Kansas and Delaware and served as president of the Red Bridge Club in Kansas City, Kansas from 1977-1978.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 42 years Dorothy E. Ewing and a sister Dorothy Epting. He is survived by his wife of five years Rosemary Fasick Ewing; daughters Donna Erdman and husband Gordon of Augusta, S.Car., Carol Thomson and husband Charles of Gloucester, N.J., and Jane Harker and husband William of Westville, N.J.; son Don and wife Anne McCoy of Olatha, Kan.; a brother and a sister-in-law Charles and Harriet Ewing; three stepsons Jerold W. Fasick, Jeffery K. Fasick and Bruce P. Fasick; 10 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. Memorial services were held today, September 8, in Smyrna. Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Delaware Hospice, 911 S. DuPont Highway, Dover, DE 19901.



NAMI Workshop On Social Security

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) Prince George's County will hold its September 15 workshop meeting in a new location, the Beckett Field Building, 8511 Legation Road, New Carrollton. Held from 7 to 9 p.m., the program will feature Tanya Moseke and Marlon Grande on "Social Security Benefits and Returning to Work."

To find Beckett Field, travel west from the Beltway exit on Rt. 450 and turn right on 85th Avenue at the Ramada Inn. Continue on 85th Avenue until it ends and turn left on Westbrook Drive. Take the next right onto Legation Road, which ends in a parking lot. The Beckett Field Building is on the right.

For further information call J. Kelley at 301-577-6026.

City Notes

Parks crews poured the concrete slab for the patio at the cove area of the Lake Park, repaired two broken benches at Greenspring Park and assembled trash containers for installation in city parks.

GIVES Announces Autumn Activities

by Virginia Beauchamp

Although GIVES' working space is currently precarious as the windows in the Community Center's Senior Lounge are undergoing replacement, the organization is still very much in business. GIVES, an acronym for Greenbelt Inter-generational Exchange Service, operates primarily through telephone messages. Until this renovation began, GIVES members staffed the telephone each weekday between 10 a.m. and noon.

At all times members can call the GIVES number, 301-507-6580, to leave a message requesting a service, such as transportation for a medical appointment or help with leaf raking. Although the 10 to noon staffing is temporarily interrupted, messages continue to be monitored on a regular basis and requests for assistance are filled in a timely fashion.

During the next month GIVES will have a full agenda,

according to Chair Marsha Voigt. This Saturday, September 10 the group will hold its regular monthly meeting at 10 a.m. in the Community Center. As usual the meeting is open to all interested persons.

On Sunday, September 11 GIVES will participate with the Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association in commemorating the victims of the 9/11 disaster. This program will be held in Roosevelt Center from 1 to 6 p.m.

On October 2 GIVES, like many other Greenbelt organizations, will have an information table commemorating the 10th anniversary of the opening of the Community Center. This event will take place from 1 to 5 p.m.

And on October 13 GIVES will participate with the annual Greenbelt Health Fair taking place between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Community Center.



Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of former Greenbelt Samuel W. Ewing of Smyrna, Del.

Our sympathy to Greenbelt Community Church Pastor Dan Hamlin on the death of his mother.

Congratulations to Liz Labukas, 50-year resident of Greenbelt, who reached a milestone on September 5 when she celebrated her 50th birthday at Chevy's. She has been employed for over 25 years at the Greenbelt Nursery School.

Arboretum Provides Free Unusual Trees

The U.S. National Arboretum will supply free trees to the City of Greenbelt for fall and spring planting. These trees are unusual varieties, filling in the balance of what is needed in the city, according to Public Works' Assistant Director Bill Phelan.

Since the city will be getting these trees, Greenbelt will not participate in the county's Livable Communities Initiative which also provides trees, said City Manager Michael McLaughlin.

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

301-474-9410 www.gb-gm-umc.org/mowatt



Rev. Dr. Paul C. Kim, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 am Worship Service 11:00 am
Handicapped accessible Easy parking

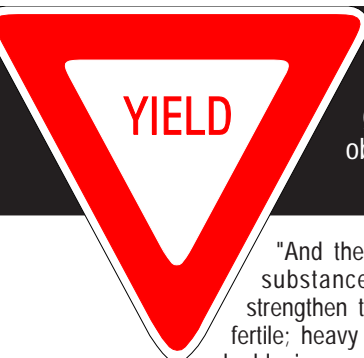


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- The Holy Qur'an, 2:265 & 267

To find out more about Islam, call 301-982-9463 or e-mail us at searchislam@mail.com or visit the website www.islamguide.com.

Pot Luck Supper At Mishkan Torah

Mishkan Torah Congregation will hold a pot luck supper (dairy or parve, i.e., no meat) followed by services and a speaker from the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, at 6:30 p.m. Friday, September 16. There will be an Oneg Shabbat after the service.



Store-bought food must have a kosher hechshure (a seal or symbol from a supervisory organization that determined the food is kosher) or, if the food is prepared at home, it must be brought in previously unused disposable containers.

For further information call Mishkan Torah's office at 301-474-4223.

Baha'i Faith

"The Challenge of Baha'u'llah: Does God Still Speak to Humanity Today?" by Gary L. Matthews available at Borders Bookstore 286 Pages, Baha'i Publishing

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

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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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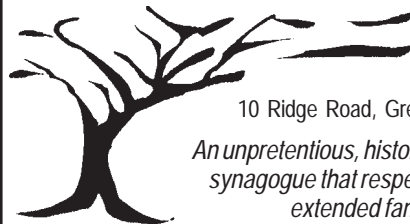


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City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL

Municipal Building-Regular Meeting
September 12, 2005 - 8:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

End-of-School-Year Report - School Resource Officers

Public Hearing – FY 2006 Capital Projects Budget

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, Report #2-05 (School Capacity - Greenbelt West)

LEGISLATION

An Ordinance to Amend the Capital Projects Budget for Fiscal Year 2006 (2nd Reading, Adoption)

A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of a Police Gun Range Trailer (1st Reading)

OTHER BUSINESS

- Proposed Lighting at McDonald Field
- FOP Request for Collective Bargaining with Binding Interest Arbitration
- Annexation Issues – Staff Recommendations
- BARC Disposal Strategy
- Award of Purchase – Pick-Up Truck for Police Mechanic
- Donation of Sick Leave for Hurricane Relief
- * Advisory Group Appointments

MEETINGS

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

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.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

(CERT) forming in Greenbelt! The Greenbelt Public Safety Advisory Committee is working to train volunteers to become part of this team. Initial training is 20 hours and includes topics such as: First Aid, Fire Prevention, Disaster Preparedness, Light Search and Rescue and more.

If you are interested in volunteering for the team please attend.

Organizational Meeting

Tuesday, September 13th from 7:30-9:30pm
Multi-Purpose Room/Greenbelt Community Ctr.
For more information call 301-345-7203

NOTICE

The Greenbelt Community Center will be closing at 7pm on Sundays beginning September 11, 2005.

ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZEN OPEN FORUM

Saturday, September 10
1:00pm
Greenbelt Community Center/Multipurpose Rm.
FREE
Sponsored by the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee

POOCH PLUNGE

(A swim/splash party for you and your canine pal!)



Saturday, September 10th
11am to 2pm

Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center (outdoor pool)

Participation is limited to 50 dogs and 50 handlers

Fee of \$5.00/ one dog; \$7.00/ two dogs

(each dog must be accompanied by a handler)

No Charge for dog handlers (must be 18 years of age or older)

One dog per handler. All spectators welcome!

Greenbelt Residents receive priority registration.

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For further details please call Animal Control at 301-474-6124 or visit www.greenbeltmd.gov.

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS:

301-474-8000: Monday, September 12 at 8pm: City Council Meeting "live" Tuesday & Thursday, September 13 & 15: 10am & 6:00pm "Ask the Expert-Hearing" 7:00pm "Labor Day Festival 2005-Opening Ceremony & Outstanding Citizen" 8:00pm Replay of City Council Meeting of 9/12.

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, September 14 & 16: 7pm "Invisible Ballots" 7:30pm Greenbelt Arts Center presents "Over the River and Through the Woods"

NEW FALL TEMPORARY SKATE PARK HOURS

The new hours for the temporary skate park located at the Lakecrest Tennis Courts are:

Monday-Friday 4-7pm

Saturday and Sunday from 12 noon-5pm

If you have any questions you may call 301-397-2200.

CALLING ALL CAMPERS FOR THE CREATIVE KIDS CAMP REUNION CHORUS!

Creative Kids Camp will help the Community Center celebrate its 10th Anniversary on Sunday afternoon, October 2, by performing selected songs from *The Cookie Caper*, a previous camp production about the wonderful activities that take place at the center. Come to the Community Center on the following dates to join in the fun! **FREE!**

- Sunday, Sept. 18: 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Rehearsal in Room 201
- Sunday, Sept. 25: 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Rehearsal in Room 201
- Sunday, Oct. 2: 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Rehearsal in Room 201
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm Concert in the Gymnasium

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION

NO MORE EXCUSES! ANY QUALIFIED VOTER MAY VOTE ABSENTEE

Beginning this year, any qualified voter of the City of Greenbelt may choose to vote by absentee ballot in municipal elections. There is no longer any need to present an excuse for why you will be unable to appear at your polling place to vote on Election Day.

The purpose of the change is to give an additional option to voters and make it easier to vote in municipal elections. If you prefer to come to your polling place on Election Day, meet up with your neighbors, talk with the candidates, and use a voting machine, you may still do so, just as before. But if you prefer to vote early, or if you like the idea of voting by mail or filling out a paper ballot, you now have more choices. Just be sure to vote. No more excuses!

First, request a ballot in one of two ways. Separate, signed application forms or letters must be submitted by each individual requesting a ballot:

- Fill out an application form that you may pick up in the City Clerk's office, request from the City Clerk by phone at 301-474-8000 or e-mail at kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov, or print from the City's Web site at www.greenbeltmd.gov; or
- Write a letter of application to the City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, including your full name, domicile address in Greenbelt, signature, and telephone number.

Military servicemembers, their families, and other U.S. citizens abroad who are covered under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act may also use the Federal Post Card Application (<http://www.fvap.gov>) to request an absentee ballot for City election.

Applications to receive absentee ballots will be accepted from Wednesday, October 19, until noon on Monday, November 7, 2005. The completed ballot must be received by the City Clerk no later than 6 p.m. the day of the regular election, November 8, 2005. No absentee ballots will be distributed prior to October 19.

Return your executed absentee ballot by sending it through the U.S. mail in time to arrive by November 8, hand-delivering it to the City Clerk's office, or placing it in the locked drop-box at the east door of the Municipal Building at 25 Crescent Road. Questions? Call the City Clerk at 301-474-8000.

GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Sunday, October 2 from 1:00-5:00pm

Join in the celebration with activities for all ages. Open House, Chautauqua, workshops, children's activities, art programs, raffle and more.

Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION

ELECTION CLERKS NEEDED

The City of Greenbelt Board of Elections is seeking several residents who would be willing to serve as election officials on November 8, 2005, from 6 a.m. until about 9 p.m. Clerks must also attend a training session on November 7 from 7:30 p.m. until about 9 p.m.

This is a rewarding experience for anyone who is interested in the political process and would like to play an active role in the local election. There is a stipend of \$135, plus a training fee of \$25.

There may also be a need for additional clerks to assist in the counting of absentee ballots. This job would entail working for two or three hours in the late afternoon/early evening of November 8. No preliminary training is necessary. The pay for absentee ballot clerks is \$35.

To apply, please visit the City offices to submit an application, or call or e-mail Kathleen Gallagher, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000 or kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov to request a form. You may also print out the form from the City Website at www.greenbeltmd.gov.

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Charting His Course

When Remenick was growing up, the last thing his mother Rose thought her son would be interested in was firefighting. Instead, she enrolled him in piano lessons, sent him to art classes, pushed him to join the poetry club, the diving club, the archery club and even encouraged him to play tennis. "I think the only thing he didn't do was golf," she said laughing.

Just before his 16th birthday, however, Remenick's friend Joe Aulisio joined the fire department, loved it and encouraged him to join as well. During junior high Remenick had begun to run with a rougher crowd than his family would have liked and his grades were sub par. But, in order to become a junior member of the GVFD – and stay one – he had to maintain a B average. He accomplished much more than that, doing his homework regularly and even making the honor roll. "The fire department was the best thing that ever happened to me. It changed my life course and made me a responsible citizen," Remenick said in his acceptance speech.

His mother Rose said that in the face of parental criticism, Remenick just wanted to prove that he knew what he was doing. At the time she and his father questioned why he would want to put so much time into something and not get paid. "I was afraid other classmates of his would go and get a job," she

said, leaving little opportunity for her son. She thought he was just too young to understand the value of paid work.

Because Remenick's mother was reluctant to accept her son's chosen path and constantly worried about the dangers of firefighting, whenever he won awards, including Fireman of the Year, he always brought them straight to her and hung them on her walls. Even 32 years later Remenick laughs, "I'm still bringing them to her."

Despite his parents' reservations about firefighting, Remenick says that he was a risk-taker and wasn't afraid to chart his own course. What attracted him to the firehouse may have been a need for rebellion and risk but what kept him there was the camaraderie, the idea of helping people and the diversity of training he could receive, especially as a paramedic.

Long Tradition

Remenick's parents should not have been surprised at his desire to serve and shape the community; they were both very involved in Greenbelt, serving in such areas as GHI's Architecture and Environment Committee and the Golden Age Club Membership Committee, the latter of which Rose Remenick now chairs. Nancy Remenick, Jay's wife, also recognizes the importance of service. Both her parents were charter members; her father of the fire department and her mother of the ladies auxiliary,

an organization she is now president of herself. It seems as if a connection to the fire department is something neither Nancy nor Jay can escape – they met and fell in love there 28 years ago.

In his tenure with the department Remenick has shepherded renovations of the firehouse, raised funds and overseen the renovation of an original antique Greenbelt fire truck. But what he is most proud of, he says, is gaining and maintaining greater acceptance of the fire department within the community. The whoops and hollers that erupted on Friday night as he was called to the stage certainly made it evident that he and his efforts with the fire department are not only well-respected but treasured by the Greenbelt community.

Patuxent Refuge Public Programs

Programs taking place at North Tract located on Rt. 198 between the Baltimore Washington Parkway and Rt. 32 include:

Wildflower Wander on Sunday, September 18, 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., ages 16 and older. Discover the role of wildflowers in the ecosystem and learn to identify some common species on this guided walk. Field guide, water and magnifying glass recommended.

Programs at National Wildlife Visitor Center located on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore Washington Parkway and Rt. 197 include:

Twilight Tram Tour on Tuesday, September 13 from 6 to 7 p.m., all ages. Enjoy a 40-minute guided tour through habitats of Patuxent Research Refuge on an all-electric, open-air tram. View wildlife and their habitats while discovering the story of how the land has changed over time and how Patuxent is managing habitats for wildlife. There is a fee and exact change is required. Space is limited.

Nature Tots: Silly Goose on Wednesday, September 14, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m., ages 3 to 4. Introduce a preschooler to a feathered friend, the goose, through stories, songs and more.

Bird Walks on Wednesday, September 14, 7:30 to 10 a.m. and Thursday, September 20, 8 to 10:30 a.m., ages 16 and older. Search for birds in refuge habitats on this guided hike. Field guides and binoculars recommended.

Exploring Nature hike on Tuesday, September 20, 4 to 5 p.m., ages 8 to 10. Discover and explore the outdoors in this hands-on interactive hike.

Except as noted, all programs are free but require advance reservations, by calling 301-497-5887 and advise of any special needs to be accommodated. Visit www.patuxent.fw.gov for more information.

Japanese Koi Show At Arboretum

On Saturday, September 10, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, September 11, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. the U.S. National Arboretum will present a Japanese koi show.

View award-winning, brilliantly colored nishikigoi fish at the Potomac Chapter of the Zen Nippon Airinkai's Japanese Koi Show at the Arboretum. Free activities include a koi competition and vendors of fish and pond supplies. Visit www.usna.usda.gov or call 202-245-4523 for information.

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Patrick McAndrew and Terry McGrath, retired Greenbelt police officers and attorneys who serve on Lodge 32's board of directors; and FOP Labor Counsel Jeff Gibbs.

Cost

Councilmembers raised concerns about cost and the intervention of a third-party arbitrator in labor negotiations. "It would take the budget process out of our hands and out of our citizens' hands and give it to a third party and the cost could be high," said Davis.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts also expressed cost concerns. "How much will it cost us for a bargaining team and attorneys for every contract? It seems to me that money would be better used for salaries and benefits."

"The bottom line is that we are here because the FOP leadership believes that it's time to take this relationship to a different level," said McAndrew. "As it is, council sees FOP once a year at budget time. Collective bargaining means a lot more than just numbers. It means that the chief can't give them four hours' notice about shift changes, that's not in existence now. The grievance process is so cumbersome that it's ineffective."

"This is about police officers who believe that the meet and confer process has reached its maximum usage. They're asking for input and a role in the day-to-day decisions that affect them that they don't have today."

"I'm actually shocked at the tightness on the council on this issue, to how resistant the council is to this idea. Collective bargaining can be a productive, healthy process. As the city continues to grow more complex, citizens benefit. The council needs to open up to this idea."

"We're listening. We're willing to think about a wide range of options – but one option that's not on the table is binding arbitration," Davis said.

Roberts asked the FOP representatives for information on municipalities comparable to Greenbelt that have collective bargaining with binding arbitration resulting in better pay, benefits and working conditions.

Gibbs noted that Greenbelt's starting salary is \$32,000, compared with county police salaries of \$42,000 or higher.

Putens said, "We're very aware of salaries in Montgomery County and Prince George's County. People leave Greenbelt but they

come back because we have excellent working conditions and train our officers and have a good benefit package."

Progressive City

"The benefits derived from collective bargaining have largely applied here in Greenbelt," noted Councilmember Konrad Herling. "This is a progressive city with a progressive history. I think that most of us here are confident that the positive record we have here will be continued."

Councilmember Leta Mach concurred. "I still have very serious concerns about changing a process that has worked. I believe that future councils will listen and respond to issues as they come up."

Herling asked the police, "Is it your contention that while there is an employee process, that employees are more reluctant to relay those concerns without a collective bargaining contract as a protective umbrella?"

"Yes, there's no specific vehicle to bring an issue to the council. Meet and confer is a cumbersome process. It's a piecemeal approach," McAndrew said.

Roberts asked if the FOP would consider collective bargaining without binding arbitration.

"Arbitration sours the whole thing," he said. "People in Greenbelt don't support someone from outside controlling what's going on."

"Without arbitration, we can negotiate all day all night and not come to agreement and what happens then?" Rogers responded.

Basic Right

One local resident, Elizabeth Gaines, spoke in support of the FOP's request. "Collective bargaining is a basic human right," she said. "I am amazed that my city council is unanimous in not supporting it. These folks have a right to bargain collectively and not have to rely on goodwill. They need a contract." Police officers in the audience applauded.

Rogers proposed that council place the issue on a ballot. "Let the citizens decide," he said.

"Our opinion is that if you put it on the ballot, you can explain to the citizens about your concerns about taxes. The flip side is that we're going to say it's a good thing. The citizens decide if they want to grant us the right to collective bargaining."

McAndrew pressed the council to state its position more clearly but the council demurred.

"We haven't made a final decision," Davis said.

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replace Springhill Lake Elementary School and Greenbelt Middle School.

Putens has taken a leading role to improve police protection and crime prevention. The council supported his initiative to use video cameras in strategic areas in the city (currently now in use at Roosevelt Center) and to place two school resource officers in Greenbelt schools for security. He proposed the city's new Public Safety Advisory Committee as well as the Advisory Committee on Education. Putens also successfully initiated the Four Cities Coalition among Greenbelt, College Park, New Carrollton and Berwyn Heights to expand inter-city cooperation on issues and projects of common concern.

Putens has taken a leading role on senior citizen concerns and initiated establishment of the Senior Task Force, which led to establishment of the permanent Senior Citizen Advisory Committee. He has been active in efforts to control development and address the traffic concerns arising from proposed developments. He was the leader in the eventually successful effort to have a traffic light installed at Greenbelt and Mandan Roads and a guardrail installed at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Until 1993 Putens was the only councilmember living in Greenbelt East and he has worked actively with the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee of which he was a co-founder. He was an original member of the Windsor Green Board of Directors and served on the board for eight years. He currently serves as board president of the Greenbrook Estates Homeowners Association.

Prior to his council service, Putens was chairman of the Community Relations Advisory Board, which developed the proposal to establish a city-wide crime prevention program and led eventually to the current Public Safety Advisory Committee. He has been active at different times in a variety of community organizations including Greenbelt Consumer Co-op, Friends of the Greenbelt Museum, Greenbelt Arts Center and the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club. He was an active participant in the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club programs when his children were younger.

While on the city council, Putens has served on numerous county, state and national committees to represent Greenbelt's interests. He is currently the first vice chair of the Small Cities Committee of the National League of Cities (NLC) and has also served on other NLC committees. He is also a member of the regional Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments (COG), Prince George's County Municipal Association and the Maryland Municipal League. He currently serves on the COG Human Resources and Public Safety Policy Committee, which he previously chaired, and was a member of COG's Transportation Planning Board.

Putens is a graduate of the University of Maryland where he earned his degree in microbiology and was a member of the University's lacrosse team. While attending college he was employed in various research capacities for medical and research development companies and co-authored several patents dealing with minimizing air pollutants.



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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

August 25, 9:52 p.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway, a woman reported that she was walking down the sidewalk when she was approached from behind by a man who grabbed the purse from her shoulder and fled on foot. The suspect is described as a black male, 19 to 25 years of age, 5'9" with a thin build, wearing a black shirt, a black hat and blue or gray denim pants.

August 28, 1:09 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, the victims reported that they were entering their apartment when they were approached by five men who exited from a nearby laundry room. One of the men produced a handgun and demanded money. One of the victims produced a knife, at which point he was assaulted by the other four men. The men took the one victim's knife and the second victim's sneakers. They fled toward Breezewood Drive. The victim who was assaulted declined treatment for minor injuries. The suspects are described as five black males, all approximately 5'5" and 120 pounds, each wearing black shirt and pants.

August 28, 3:09 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a woman reported that she had just exited her vehicle in the parking lot of the mall when the passenger of a moving vehicle reached out and grabbed her purse, which she had on her shoulder. The woman was pulled to the ground and dragged for several feet until the suspect obtained the purse. The suspect and driver then fled the scene in their vehicle, described as a white or off-white 4-door, possibly a Dodge Stratus or a Toyota product. The suspects are described as a Latino male with black hair and a Latino female with bushy hair. The woman was transported by ambulance to the hospital for treatment of what appeared to be minor injuries.

August 30, 4:16 p.m., 7200 block Hanover Parkway, a woman reported that she was at her place of work when her ex-boyfriend entered the business and began shouting at her and her coworkers. He grabbed the woman and forcibly took her car keys, then fled in her vehicle, described as a gold 1991 Lexus ES250 4-door, Maryland tags 6AGY83. An arrest warrant has been obtained for a nonresident man charging him with strong arm robbery, assault and theft.

August 30, 8:42 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, a resident youth was arrested and charged as an adult with attempted armed robbery, first degree assault and second degree assault when police responded to a report of an assault involving a gun. A man reported that the youth, whom he knows, came to his door and asked him to come outside. Once the man left his apartment and entered the hallway, the youth produced a gun and announced a robbery. A fight over the gun ensued and the youth bit the man in the cheek. The youth regained control over the gun and fled the scene on foot. He was located at his residence, was arrested and transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Handgun Arrest

August 28, 9:00 p.m., 6400 block Capitol Drive, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with transporting a handgun in a motor vehicle, theft, handgun possession, possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. A policeman on foot patrol detected the odor of what he believed to be marijuana coming from an occupied vehicle in a parking lot. He saw a suspected marijuana cigarette in plain view. Located in the vehicle was a quantity of suspected marijuana and a .45-caliber handgun. A computer check revealed that the gun had been reported stolen in Georgia. The man was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Concealed Weapon

August 25, 1:11 p.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School, a nonresident youth was arrested for trespassing on school grounds, disruption of school activities, assault, resisting arrest and concealed deadly weapon on school grounds. Another nonresident youth was arrested for trespassing on school grounds and disruption of school activities. They were observed the inside school and were known by school administrators as not being enrolled there. One left the area when told to but the second refused to leave and began shouting profanities at the administrators and acted as though he wanted to fight with them in the hallway. A school resource officer responded and arrested the youth, who resisted attempts to place him in custody. The other youth returned to the scene and was also arrested. One youth was found to be in possession of a knife. Both were released to relatives pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Drugs

August 28, 12:26 a.m., Greenbelt Road and Kenilworth Avenue, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia when police stopped a vehicle for expired tags. A passenger was found to be in possession of a quantity of suspected marijuana and paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

August 29, 7:13 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, a resident youth was arrested for possession of marijuana. Police responded to a report of subjects gambling in a hallway and an officer observed the youth throw a suspected marijuana cigarette to the ground. The youth was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

August 31, 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and trespass. Police observed several suspicious persons drinking and possibly selling marijuana. Upon seeing the police, they fled the area on foot and one was observed throwing a quantity of suspected marijuana to the ground. He was apprehended and the suspected

marijuana recovered. A computer check revealed that the man had three open warrants and further investigation revealed that he had been banned from the apartment complex by agents of the property. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner and for service of the warrants.

Theft

August 29, 9200 block Springhill Lane, a resident youth was arrested for theft when police observed a suspicious parked vehicle. A computer check revealed that the tag on the vehicle had been reported stolen. As the officer was removing the tags, the youth walked over and claimed ownership of the vehicle. The youth was released on citation pending action by the juvenile justice system.

August 31, 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with theft when police observed a vehicle with a registration violation. A computer check revealed that the tag had been reported stolen. The man got into the vehicle and drove away. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was released on citation pending trial.

Trespass

August 25, 11:19 a.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School, a nonresident youth was arrested for trespass after she was observed inside the school by a school resource officer and was found not to be enrolled in the school. She was released to a guardian pending action by the juvenile justice system.

August 26, 7:24 p.m., Roosevelt Center, a nonresident woman was arrested and charged with trespass after she was observed in the Center after she had been banned by agents of the property. She was released on citation pending trial.

August 26, 7:34 p.m., Roosevelt Center, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespass after he was observed in the Center after he had been banned by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

Burglary

August 31, 3:46 p.m., 8100 block Lakecrest Drive, a woman reported that she was in the bedroom of her residence when she heard someone attempting to open her bedroom door. She held the door closed and heard a man say that he would be back. The man then left the residence. There was no sign of forced entry.

Vehicle Crimes

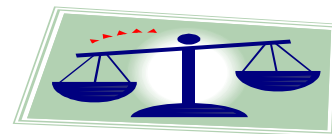
Two vehicles were stolen: a 1999 Buick Sentry 4-door from Beltway Plaza and a white 1997 Dodge Stratus 4-door, New York registration DCF9394 from the 9100 block Edmonston Terrace.

Three vehicles were recovered by other police departments. No arrests were made.

Vandalism to, theft from and attempted theft of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7500 block Greenbrook Drive, 100 block Northway, Roosevelt Center, 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive, 6000 block Cherrywood Court and 6100 block Springhill Terrace.

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Fire & Rescue Log

The Fire Department Log is a monthly report of the activities and news from the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. (GVFD&RS) The report includes recent incidents, news and upcoming events, fire safety and other fire department related information.

Incident Report

For the month of August, the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department responded to a total of 120 engine and 140 ambulance calls. Among those calls 49 were reports of smoke or fire, three were gas leaks, there were 42 motor vehicle accidents and 120 medical calls.

Outstanding Citizen

The GVFD and Ladies Auxiliary would like to congratulate Life Member and current Vice President Jay Remenick on being named the 2005 Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen. Remenick has been a member of the GVFD for over 30 years and has worked as a firefighter, officer and president. "We are very proud of all that Jay has accomplished over the years," said Chris Fleshman, president.

Hanover Pky. Fire

On August 5 just after 4:30 p.m., Greenbelt was alerted to respond along with other area units to the 7100 block of Hanover Parkway for an apartment fire with report of occupants. Engine 352 with four firefighters responded and, upon arrival, first supplied West Lanham Hills with water to their engine before taking a hose line inside and assisting with extinguishing the fire. The fire was contained to the bedroom and was quickly brought under con-

trol. No one was found in the apartment and no injuries were reported.

Vehicle Accident

Around 2:30 p.m. on August 28, Engine 351 and Ambulance 359 along with other area units responded to a reported vehicle accident in the southbound lanes of the Baltimore/Washington Parkway south of 495. Upon arrival, it was discovered that a single vehicle had crashed head-on into a tree at high speed leaving the only occupant trapped and in respiratory arrest. The rescue squad from Berwyn Heights extricated the patient in under 15 minutes. During extrication, the crew from Greenbelt assisted with patient stabilization. The patient was transported to an area trauma center by Ambulance 359 with county medics on board.

Volunteers Sought

The GVFD is looking for volunteers age 16 and up. Become a firefighter, EMT or work in an administrative role. All training is provided and the time commitment is flexible. To find out more call the station at 301-345-7000, visit the website at www.engine35.com or stop by the station and ask to speak to an officer.

Questions and comments regarding this report or any fire department issues can be directed to public-info@engine35.com or to 301-345-7000.

"HEALING"

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Fund and the Emergency Assistance Fund, which will receive all proceeds. Both funds are maintained only by donations and are running very low right now, limiting their ability to provide temporary relief where needed.

Many participants at last year's inaugural event expressed appreciation that a potentially depressing day was being marked with positive action, so organizers agreed to join hands for a second time, hoping to exceed the previous amount raised, which was just over \$1,400.

GILA tries each year to creatively commemorate this hard anniversary, hoping it will become an annual Day of Service to strengthen bonds of community at all levels. The idea of honoring this date by offering healing touch for charity came in 2003, as Vaccaro heard her minister, the Rev. Dan Hamlin, pastor of Greenbelt Community Church and longtime GILA member, speak from the pulpit on the subject.

That Sunday morning experience deepened Vaccaro's active commitment to providing ways her business can give back to the community. "We touch people's lives - literally - every day, hoping to bring them to greater wholeness," said Vaccaro. "We'd like to contribute more toward the needs of people in our town."

She also wanted to help raise the visibility of local spiritual resources, so the idea of a joint 9/11 anniversary project with

Rotary to the Rescue



Springhill Lake Elementary School students (from left) Noel, Zion and Bethel Babayemi hold backpacks provided by the Greenbelt Rotary Club. The Rotary has provided a number of school supplies in an effort to ensure that all students are well equipped for the new school year.

GILA was born. She approached Hamlin, who carried the inspired suggestion to his interfaith colleagues during one of their monthly meetings.

"September 11, 2001, was a terrible day," Hamlin said. "But the brightness in it was the service of so many people - police, firefighters, passengers on the flight that went down in Pennsylvania and countless ordinary citizens who did whatever they could to help. It is fitting to remember the best of that tragic day with community service."

Last year's Healing Hands Strengthen Community event "went exquisitely," commented Vaccaro, who has also offered use of her Pleasant Touch facilities right on the Roosevelt Center plaza, especially in case of bad weather. Her plans for this second round again are for various options of massage styles,

now including Reiki, a light-touch channeling of energy to heal and harmonize.

The GIVES organization (Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service) will join the event this year, to offer their "helping hands" as a community-wide coalition of neighbors helping neighbors with household tasks.

Since 1975, the Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association (formerly the Greenbelt Clergy Group) has celebrated religious diversity by expanding awareness of how the holy is honored in different faiths and by exploring ways to share the struggles and joys experienced by religious leaders. Such cooperation, they believe, can build community and point the way toward greater peace. The group represents local Baha'i, Christian, Jewish and Unitarian Universalist congregations.

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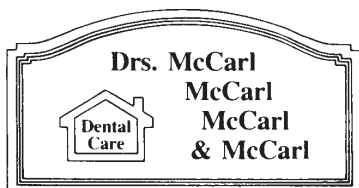


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Plenty of Action, Color as Parade Marchers Pass along Crescent Rd.

by Matt Johnson

Greenbelt's 51st annual Labor Day parade traversed Crescent Road without a hitch, beginning near Kenilworth Avenue and ending on Westway, attracting plenty of viewers along the way.

The spectacle began around 10 a.m. and lasted till noon. Leading the parade, as always, was Greenbelt's newest Outstanding Citizen Jay Remenick and a bevy of beauties – past and present Misses Greenbelt. Various members of Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club athletic teams marched in the front, all wearing green T-shirts, making them hardly discernible on an individual basis. Cheerleaders, clad in green, stood at the very front, trailed by football and soccer players large and small.

The most colorful display



PHOTO BY SHARON NATOLI

2005 Outstanding Citizen Jay Remenick was the grand marshal of this year's parade.

read "Greenbelt Pride: Gay, Bisexual, Lesbian, Transgender." It was attached to a vehicle with a rainbow of balloons: red, orange, white, green, blue and purple. Men and women in pink shirts passed out rainbow flags displaying information on their Greenbelt Pride Yahoo group.

A few feet away, a man on stilts was prancing to the spectators' delight.

The Greenbelt S.I.T.Y. Stars boasted their jump roping skills in mid-march. The team recently won the National Double Dutch Speed Champion title.

One car had a sign that read "Wild and Wacky Women." The women inside the car wore red brimmed hats. They were there to represent one of four Red Hat Society groups in Greenbelt, a popular group for women.

Other groups represented in the parade included the Greenbelt Recycling and Advisory Committee, the St. Hugh's Council, the Mishkan Torah Congregation and the Knights of Columbus.

Marching near the tail, ahead of a diverse display of fire engines from departments all over Maryland, was the Prince George's County Peace and Justice Coalition. Men and women carried signs with slogans such as "Bush lies, who dies?" and "War is not the answer." A vehicle covered in yellow ribbons had a picture on the front of a soldier holding an injured Iraqi child.

Harvey Geller of Woodland Hills said the parade was a little different than in years past because there were not as many political endorsements. He attributed this to a lack of political candidates running for office – no county, state or national elections this November.

Geller has been an onlooker of the Labor Day parade for 49 years. The World War II veteran raised his thumb in approval as the Peace and Justice Coalition passed by.

"Well, this is Greenbelt," he said, explaining the parade's diversity of exhibition.



PHOTO BY SANDRA LANGE

Above, Greenbelt Pride had a display of rainbow colored balloons attached to a vehicle.



PHOTO BY MARAT MOORE

On left, ERHS Pom Pom Girls march in step.



PHOTO BY FRANK KAYSER

Members of Greenbelt's City Council wrote atop the fire department's recently restored antique firetruck driven by George Moore. Standing from left are Councilmembers Leta Mach, Ed Putens, (partially obstructed) Konrad Herling, Mayor Judith Davis and (partially obstructed) Councilmember Rodney Roberts who walked alongside the 1935 Ford pumper with his dog.

Members of the ACE Reading Club rode in their school bus.



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PHOTO BY JAMES GIESE

Several Girl Scout troops as well as Boy Scout Troop 202 enjoyed marching in the parade.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Greenbelt is very fortunate to have an excellent Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad; and

WHEREAS, Jay Remenick—a Greenbelter born and bred—has rendered extraordinary service to the citizens of Greenbelt through his more than thirty years as a volunteer with the Department; and

WHEREAS, Jay started as a driver on all the Department's fire apparatus, has undertaken a wide range of training, and has held every operational position up to and including Deputy Chief; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, he assumed the responsibilities of an administrative officer and became President, in which position for ten years he strengthened the Department's financial footing; spearheaded many in-house projects, such as the renovation of the Control Room and Bunk Room and the restoration of the 1935 Ford pumper; tackled the threat of reduced County support for the Squad, and has been the Department's strong voice at numerous City Council meetings; and

WHEREAS, almost immediately upon joining the Department, Jay was named Fireman of the Year in 1974—an early recognition of his exceptional and natural abilities for this work; and

WHEREAS, thirty years later, in 2004, the Department named Jay as Fire Officer of the Year at the 16th Annual Public Safety Awards Banquet held by Greenbelt American Legion Post #136; and


WHEREAS, not the least of Jay's contributions has been his successful effort in building a high level of rapport and camaraderie among the members of the Squad and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Judith F. Davis, by the authority vested in me by the citizens and City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, hereby issue this proclamation in your honor,

**Jay Remenick
Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen – 2005**

to recognize you as exemplifying those qualities that traditionally have made Greenbelt a special place in which to live and, as such, truly deserving of this commendation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to be affixed this 2nd day of September 2005.



Judith F. Davis
JUDITH F. DAVIS, Mayor

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