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Governor's Race Heats Up

by Thomas X. White

Registered members of the Democratic and Republican parties will have no choices to make when voting for their party candidates for governor and lieutenant governor in the primary election on September 12. Incumbent Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., runs unopposed in the Republican Party primary election along with Kristin Cox, his choice for lieutenant governor, replacing incumbent Michael Steele who is now a candidate for the Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate.

For the Democratic Party nominations for governor and lieutenant governor, Martin O'Malley, mayor of Baltimore and Anthony G. Brown, former member of the Maryland General Assembly from Prince George's County, are also unopposed in their primary election. Until mid-July the Democratic Party primary race for governor was a heated and lively battle between O'Malley and Montgomery County Executive Douglas M. Duncan.

That changed abruptly with the surprising and courageous personal decision by Duncan to withdraw from the race for health reasons. Since that time the campaigns of Ehrlich and O'Malley, with their respective party nominations assured, have looked beyond the primary election and focused on the real race for the governorship in the November general election.

Since Maryland conducts a so-called "Closed" primary election, only registered members of the two major parties (Republican and Democrat) may vote in the September 12 Maryland primary election. This leaves voters registered in Maryland as "Decline" (Independent) with no major party affiliation ineligible to participate in the party primaries.

Waiting for their chance in the November general election are Maryland Green Party candidates Ed Boyd of Baltimore City, who is running for governor of Maryland and his running mate for lieutenant governor, James Joseph Madigan, also of Baltimore and Populist Party candidates Christopher A. Driscoll of Takoma Park for governor and his running mate Ed Rothstein of Baltimore City.

Ehrlich/Cox Team

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., is the incumbent governor of Maryland. He was elected in 2002 with promises to restore fiscal responsibility to state government and to bring about change to state government in Annapolis that, in his words, was dominated by a political monopoly for decades. He was born in Arbutus, a suburb of Baltimore, and graduated from Princeton University and the Wake Forest University School of Law.

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Primary Election Tuesday Will Challenge All Voters

by James Giese

Greenbelters who watched the Labor Day Parade well know that a primary election is coming up this Tuesday, September 12 and that an overwhelming number of candidates are seeking office. While the confusing array of candidates is more challenging for Democratic voters in this strongly Democratic county, Republicans and other voters (the non-partisan school board primary election is open to all registered voters) will also have enough problems in choosing among the large number of unknowns seeking election to the non-partisan Prince George's County Board of Education.

Informed voters can look to voter guides published by The Washington Post and the Gazette newspapers, to candidate

literature and web sites and to the information provided by this newspaper to help them make their decisions. Still, they will be frustrated by lack of information concerning the many candidates for some offices.

However, lack of competition simplifies the problem for some offices. Whether this is good or bad depends on one's point of view.

For the offices of governor and lieutenant governor the primary will offer no choice. Democrats will find only the names of Martin O'Malley and Anthony G. Brown on the ballot for those offices. Republicans will find only incumbent Governor Robert

See **PRIMARY**, page 6

Council Seeks Amendment To Charter on Voting Rules

by Barbara Hopkins

Slated for the agenda of the upcoming meeting of the Greenbelt City Council on Monday, September 11 is a proposed amendment to the city charter aimed at clarifying the number of affirmative votes necessary for conducting various types of city business. Section 8 of the city charter says council can conduct business when a majority of members are present, meaning council can conduct business when as few as three members are present.

However, Section 8 also states that "the affirmative vote of a majority of the members elected to the council shall be necessary to adopt any ordinance, resolution, order or vote . . ." Since there are five elected members of council, three votes would consti-

tute a majority.

The impact of this section of the charter came to light last February when council convened a meeting with two councilmembers absent. This is clearly permitted in Section 8 of the charter. But at that meeting council approved by a two-to-one vote a detailed site plan for redevelopment of the old nursing home site. Afterward city staff raised the question of whether such an action was permissible under the charter.

By its next meeting on March 13, council had obtained advice on the matter from City Solicitor Robert A. Manzi, who said in a memorandum that in Section 8 the terms "order" and "vote" are not defined, nor are they defined

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PHOTO BY BILL CORNETT

Marsha Voigt receives the city's proclamation from Mayor Judith Davis honoring Voigt as outstanding citizen.

Marsha Voigt Is Greenbelt's 2006 Outstanding Citizen

by Virginia Beauchamp

When they called Sir Walter Raleigh a Renaissance man, they meant he was into everything – an explorer, a poet, an experimenter in chemistry, a courtier. In that sense Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen for 2006 – Marsha Voigt – is a Renaissance woman.

The range of her contributions to Greenbelt, to the county at large – even to the world – is nothing short of breathtaking.

If a human need goes unattended – here, there, anywhere – Marsha, it seems, is on the scene. In the words of Greenbelt resident Gwen Vaccaro, who nominated her for this year's award, "Most of us can't conceive of giving so much."

The provision of emergency services and resources for those

among us with the greatest needs is at the top of the list of Marsha Voigt's concerns. Serving as vice president of the board of directors of Help by Phone, an organization providing emergency services to Prince George's County residents to obtain food, clothing, emergency housing, prescription help, transportation to doctors and financial counseling, Marsha herself staffs a hot line four hours a week to screen and approve applicants.

As a member of Greenbelt Community Church, during Christmas week each year she organizes arrangements for the church to provide shelter, meals and bus money for a group of homeless men in a rotating proj-

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Interfaith "Healing Hands" To Mark 9/11 Anniversary

by Jaco ten Hove

To mark the fifth 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. Through the afternoon Monday, September 11 a covered outdoor pavilion in Roosevelt Center (Southway and Crescent Road) will fly a banner declaring that "Healing Hands Strengthen Community."

Adults (over 18) are encouraged to come by, make a donation to help support those in need and enjoy a comfortable, stress-reducing massage from a certified massage therapist. (No appointment is necessary.)

The pavilion will be hosted by members of the Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association (GILA), which oversees the Good Samaritan Fund and the Emergency Assistance Fund. Both funds are maintained only

by donations and are in desperate need of restocking to continue to provide temporary relief where needed. (The funds are held by the City of Greenbelt.)

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.

"It is fitting to remember the best of that tragic day – the way so many people did whatever they could to help – by joining together in community service," said Rev. Dan Hamlin, minister of Greenbelt Community Church and longtime GILA member.

The event (from noon to 7 p.m.) will feature certified providers from around this area, including employees of nearby "Pleasant Touch," owned and operated by Gwen Vaccaro. She

See **9/11 ACTIVITY**, page 12

What Goes On

Saturday, September 9

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

11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Pooch Plunge, Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center (Outdoor Pool)

Monday, September 11

7 p.m., Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee Meeting, Community Center

8 p.m., Regular City Council Meeting, Municipal Building (Live on Channel 71)

Tuesday, September 12

7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Primary Election: Polls –

21 – 3 Community Center

21 – 6 Greenbelt Elementary

21 – 8 Springhill Lake Elementary

21 – 13 Eleanor Roosevelt High School

Wednesday, September 13

7:30 p.m., Council Worksession with Beltway Plaza (Stakeholder), Community Center

Saturday, September 16

1 to 3 p.m., Annual Open Forum, Senior Citizen Advisory Committee, Community Center

Editorial**Of Primary Importance**

We urge all registered voters to participate in Tuesday's primary election.

All voters can participate in the non-partisan primary for members of the Prince George's County Board of Education. The primary is the first step to narrowing down the list of candidates from 44 to 18 who will be placed on the November regular election ballot for final selection of the board's nine members. The newly elected school board will replace the current appointed board.

Democrats and Republicans will also choose their party candidates for the general election. Since Republicans are not fielding candidates for many local offices, those Democratic voters participating in the election will be, in effect, deciding who will hold these offices. This will be true for two offices that are particularly important in representing Greenbelt views.

The three delegates for Legislative District 22 (within which Greenbelt is located) will be determined as a result of the Democratic primary. Four candidates – current incumbents Justin Ross, Anne Healey, Tawanna Gaines and challenger Karen Pope-Onwukwe – seek election. Also, the next county councilmember to represent Greenbelt and other areas in Councilmanic District 4 will be chosen at the primary. Candidates for this office in which the current incumbent is not seeking reelection are Darrell Carrington, G. Frederick Robinson and Ingrid Turner.

Democrats will also decide who will be the next county executive where incumbent Jack Johnson is challenged by Rushern Baker, III.

The right to vote is one of the most important rights granted to citizens of the United States. All Greenbelters should be thankful to have this right and should take advantage of it at every opportunity, including this Tuesday's primary.

Letters to the Editor**THANKS**

This year's Labor Day Festival had many challenges to overcome, not the least of which was the weather. As part of that, we had several technical challenges because of the rain and wind, and as always, the Public Works staff was incredible. With the weather being so inhospitable, the Public Works crews had their hands full every minute of every day and they handled it masterfully. The Labor Day Committee would like to publicly thank every one of the members of the public works crew that supported this year's event. We would also like to single out two for special thanks. Gene Diest and Tim Houchens went way above the call of duty to help the festival and the organization stay up and running. It is a pleasure to work with a group of thoughtful and dedicated folks.

You exemplify the true spirit of Greenbelt. Thank you.

*John and Gloria Winfrey
Carnival and
Booth Chairmen*

Editor's Note: The News Review adds its kudos to the public works crew for a job well done.

Long, Disappointing

I have just returned from the most disappointing Labor Day Parade I have seen in the 16 years I have been living in Greenbelt. The number of politicians in the parade was beyond excessive. Where were the Eleanor Roosevelt poms and cheerleaders? Where was the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club? This is the GREENBELT Labor Day Parade, not the Maryland Politicians' Parade! This parade went on for over two and a half hours and, in my estimate, it was two hours too long. The saddest part was that many of the spectators left around noon, obviously tired of the political rhetoric. Those at the end of the parade had very few spectators left by that time.

I would like to make a suggestion to the Labor Day Festival

Committee as to the parade participants. Limit the number of politicians allowed in the parade. Entry into the parade should be on a first-come, first served basis. Those who get their applications in early will be granted entry into the parade. The others will miss out and the citizens of Greenbelt will benefit.

Marion Holland

Way Too Many Politicians

What a sorry excuse for a Greenbelt Labor Day parade we had this year! It was spoiled by the overwhelming presence of candidates for local, county, state and national political offices.

No, I don't have a problem with the candidates and their supporters using the Labor Day parade to get their message out. I think it's great that they come to our town, shake hands, distribute literature and bumper stickers, toss candy, etc. But this is supposed to be a celebration of Greenbelt, not of the democratic process. The parade dragged on for over two hours and the presence of Greenbelt's civic groups, pageant winners and performers was all but obliterated by the campaigners.

All candidates and their supporters have a right to march in the parade but some kind of limit must be placed on the number of vehicles each candidate can enter, and/or on the number of linear feet of the parade route that they can occupy.

This may not be as pressing an issue in 2007, since it is not a major election year, but I dread to think what the 2008 parade will turn into if limits on political campaigning are not imposed.

Leslie Horne

Cancer Society Benefits From Dogs' Donations

The dogs of Greenbelt are at it again. First it was to feed hungry children. Now it is to donate money to the Cancer Society. Bella, Aurora, Willie, Charlie,

Mavie, Bear, Taankah, Huckle, Chuuba and the people of their community all know a cancer survivor or someone who lost their battle, both human and animal companions.

A huge sale with treasures new and slightly used will be available for your shopping pleasures. (Check classified ad on page 14 for further information.) All proceeds will be donated to the Cancer Society.

We know the Greenbelt community will support this endeavor.

Linda Guttman

THANKS

Thanks to you all for this Labor Day Honor. It was my distinct honor to represent Greenbelt and its citizens for so many years in the Maryland General Assembly.

A citizenry and city with an honored history and rich Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt legacy. A city with an honored sense of place; sense of community; and a sense of participatory democracy in the intent and spirit of our American Declaration of Independence and Constitution.

I was so blessed to get to know and work with your award winning local government and your dedicated people. It was a partnership I treasured.

Senator Leo Green

Editors Note: The above remarks were made from the reviewing stand at the end of the Labor Day Parade route by honorary parade marshal Senator Green, who is retiring.

Book Sale Thanks

Thank you to all the people who donated books to the Greenbelt Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association Labor Day book sale. The PTA collected more than 25,000 books to sell, raising more than \$4,000 for the school. Thanks also to all the people who bought books at the festival and especially to those who made additional donations to the PTA.

The Greenbelt Co-op supplied space for collecting the books and we thank Co-op Manager Bob Davis and all the staff for their help.

Due to the rain, this year the book sale was indoors in the Youth Center multipurpose room. Joe McNeal and his staff were a big help in arranging the logistics of this last-minute move. We also thank the groups that were planning to use the multipurpose room during the weekend for agreeing to move to other rooms. Thanks to them, the books were kept dry throughout the festival.

More than 60 people volunteered to help during the book sale: moving, sorting and selling books. Thanks also to the Labor Day Festival committee for running a fun and successful festival in spite of the rain.

The Labor Day book sale is the PTA's biggest fundraiser of the year. Money raised helps to fund school events such as the Multi-cultural Dinner, Safety Day and the Spring Fair; to support art, music and science programs at the school; for teacher appreciation and student awards; and to buy items the school needs.

We thank you all for your contributions to the education of Greenbelt's children!

*Jon Gardner
and Melissa Sites,
for the GES PTA
Book Sale Committee*

Grin Belt

"I didn't get a perfect score because apparently Pluto has been moved to another solar system."

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At the Library

Adult Book Discussion, "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini, Wednesday night, September 20, 7 p.m. All welcome; come by to get a copy of the book!

Children's Book Discussion, "Bookids," Maira Kalman's "Smartyants: Pete in School," Wednesday, September 13, 4 p.m.

Story Times for Young Children:

Tuesday, September 12, 10:30 a.m. Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, September 13, Toddlertime, 10:30 and 11 a.m. For ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children.

Thursday, September 14, 10:30 a.m. Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5. Limit 20 children.

Pre-performance Discussion Offered

A free pre-performance discussion by a panel will deal with the history of live music with dance performance of the Limón Dance Company. It will be held on Friday, September 15 at 6:30 p.m. in Lecture Hall 2200 of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

Correction

Last week's ad for Hope Fellowship Bible Study and Worship service on September 10 (page 12) gave an incorrect location for the group. They meet at the Greenbelt Youth Center. See ad on page 4.

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

Community Events

Senior Meals Menu

The Senior Nutrition "Food and Friendship" program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. the day before to assure sufficient quantities of food are ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215 for information about the program and to make reservations.

Meals are served beginning at noon. All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and one percent milk. Menus for Monday, September 11 through Friday, September 15 include:

Monday – Cranberry juice, farm salmon with dill sauce, green beans, wild rice, Mandarin oranges.

Tuesday – Orange juice, meatloaf with gravy, mashed potatoes, sliced carrots, fruit cocktail.

Wednesday – All sites closed for transportation training.

Thursday – Split pea soup with crackers, tuna and macaroni salad, cole slaw, peach supreme.

Friday – Orange juice, warm roast beef with mushroom gravy, scalloped potatoes, okra/tomatoes/corn, fresh nectarine.

BCWWG Training Clean-up Sept. 16

The Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group (BCWWG) will sponsor Trash Survey Training at Greenbelt Forest Preserve on Saturday, September 16 from 9 a.m. to noon.

For those who have ever been overwhelmed by the amount of trash in local streams and want to help clean up the local watershed but do not know where to start, BCWWG will conduct training in the Greenbelt Forest Preserve. Meet at the Northway ball fields parking area. Dress to get wet and bring waders or knee-high boots, if available. A limited number of waders will be provided. All other trash survey materials will be provided. Participants will learn how to quantify the trash levels, help identify hot spots and monitor trash trends in the local stream using the Council of Governments Anacostia Stream Trash Surveying Methodology and Indexing System. To download a copy of the methodology protocol visit: <http://www.anacostia.net/download/TrashSurveyProtocol.pdf>. Participants will be trained, conduct an actual trash survey in the Greenbelt Forest Preserve, then pick up trash, too. RSVP Kate Levendosky 202-962-3374.

The next regular meeting of the BCWWG (beaverdamcreek.org) is Tuesday, September 19 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Elementary School Media Center, 66 Ridge Road.

All are welcome to both events.

Computer Club Meets Thursday

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, September 14 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Rm 202 (Theater Rehearsal Room). All are welcome.

Greenbelt Hosts Blood Drive

The next blood drive in Greenbelt, sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department and the American Red Cross, will be held at the Greenbelt Community Center on Friday, September 15 from noon to 6 p.m.

The urgent need for blood makes it important that there be a large turnout.

Those who have not already made an appointment through the Red Cross should call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212. As was the case in the last blood drive, walk-ins will be accepted at the end of each hour to fill in for no-show appointments.

Reminder of Free Tutoring at SHL

This is a reminder that free tutoring in all subjects for elementary, middle and high school students starts on Saturday, September 9 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

The program, Greenbelt Moving Ahead (GMA), will emphasize help in algebra for middle and high school students.

All students are reminded to bring their textbooks. Call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212 for more information.

Ted Kliman Show At U.S. Courthouse

Greenbelt artist Ted Kliman is exhibiting 55 works in the atrium of the U.S. District Courthouse through November 13. An artist's reception will be held at the courthouse on Thursday, September 14 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Kliman, whose work has been exhibited widely in galleries, museums and colleges across the U.S., will show large oil paintings on canvas and his more recent, smaller, water-based paintings on paper. Kliman lives with his wife, Itsy, in the 58 Court of Crescent Road.

For more information about the exhibit or about the reception call 301-792-0932.

Committee Seeks Festival Stories

The Festival Committee is collecting more festival stories for presentation on its website and for other distributions. Knowing the pool of writing talent in Greenbelt, the committee hopes residents will write festival stories. For those who lack confidence the committee will edit stories on request, revise and then ask for the writer's agreement to the revisions.

Friends and family, now and in the future, will be able to read the living history of happy, sad, exciting, romantic and mysterious experiences during Labor Day Festivals past and present. Now is the time to write a Labor Day Festival story for posterity. They may be stories from this festival or from any festival. The committee is especially interested in getting reports for the first festival and this year's festival. Send stories to laborday@greenbelt.com. For questions check the website or call Wayne Williams at 301-474-1259.

Seniors Will Hold Annual Open Forum

On Saturday, September 16 Greenbelt citizens will have a chance to express their concerns about problems in the community and get feedback from city officials at the annual Open Forum, sponsored by the Greenbelt Senior Citizens Advisory Committee. The meeting will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Senior Classroom (Room 114) on the main floor of the Community Center.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF SEPT. 8

Little Miss Sunshine (R) No Passes

Friday
*5:20, 7:30, 9:40

Saturday
*3:10, *5:20, 7:30, 9:40

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*3:10, *5:20, 7:30

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with United States Representative
from the 5th Maryland Congressional District
Steny Hoyer
who will discuss the forthcoming election and the critical issues of the day

Friday, September 15, 2006, 7:30 p.m.
Terrace Room, Greenbriar Community Building
7600 Hanover Parkway at Greenbelt Road (Rte. 193)

Refreshments and Social after the meeting.
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Enjoy Swimming?! The Greenbelt Swim Team Needs You!

The Greenbelt Swim Team's Fall season runs from Sept. 19 to Dec. 3.


Walk-in registration will be held on September 12 & 13, 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at the Aquatic Center. Fees are discounted for registrations received by September 19!

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 Joan Dunham, 301-474-4722

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Fall GED Courses Offered by CARES

Greenbelt CARES will begin the fall 10-week GED course on Tuesday, September 19 and end on Thursday, November 30. Registration will be held on Tuesday, September 19 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. only. The first class of instruction will be held on Thursday, September 21.

Classes

GED I is held from 10:30 to 12:30. GED I is for students who need review of basic math (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, decimals, percentages and word problems) and English grammar skills.

GED II is held from 1 to 3 p.m.. GED II is for students who have successfully completed GED I and/or are ready to learn algebra and geometry, English literature and writing skills and prepare to take the GED test.

GED is held every Tuesday and Thursday for 10 weeks in the Municipal Building Conference Room, 25 Crescent Road.

Requirements

Students are required to show proof of residency, i.e. current lease, phone or electric bill, driver's license or Motor Vehicle I.D. card. There is no charge for Greenbelt residents in either course. Non-Greenbelt residents are required to pay a \$150 registration fee. All students are required to purchase a copy of the GED textbook and calculator from Greenbelt CARES.

Students do not have to be 16 years of age in order to take the GED course. Students are eligible to take a GED pre-test, given at Greenbelt CARES, at no cost. The actual GED test is given by the State of Maryland, not Greenbelt Cares. Students who are ready to take the test can obtain the application forms from Greenbelt CARES.

Questions and enrollment information should be directed to Judy Hering, course instructor, at Greenbelt CARES at 301-345-6660, ext. 2016 or email: jhering@ci.greenbeltmd.gov.

Hoyer Is the Guest at First Democratic Club Meeting

by Pat Unger, president, E&FR Democratic Club

The Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club of Greenbelt will hold its first membership meeting of the 2006-07 activities year on Friday, September 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Terrace Room of the Greenbriar Community Building at 7600 Hanover Parkway. Prospective members, as well as the public, are welcome to attend. The guest speaker will be Congressman Steny Hoyer (D-MD 5) who represents Greenbelt and much of Prince George's County.

This is the first event of the club's 30th anniversary year, having been founded by the combining of two former Democratic clubs in the spring of 1976, just in time to help elect President Jimmy Carter. In 1981, many of the young club's members supported Hoyer in the special election which followed the untimely death of former Congresswoman Gladys Noon Spellman. Now the Minority Whip in the House of Representatives, Hoyer traditionally visits the club each fall.

In addition to a brief business meeting, there will be a social hour following the speaker and question-and-answer period. Coffee and soft drinks will be provided by

Chair Mary Chapman's Hospitality Committee. Members are asked to bring snacks or desserts to share.

The club thanks its Greenbelt neighbors for their patronage of the funnel cake booth at this year's Greenbelt Labor Day Festival. That successful fundraiser was chaired by the Ways and Means Committee headed by Lyn and Bob Doyle.

Over the final weekend volunteers will be helping at a phone bank, reminding those registered to vote for the candidates of their choice in the Maryland Primary next Tuesday, September 12. The polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Democratic clubs do not endorse candidates in primary elections but individual members will be supporting candidates at the polls and participating in Get-Out-the-Vote activities for the Maryland Democratic Party.

Program Chair Sandra Eichbaum will announce the October 20 speaker as soon as arrangements are complete. The tentative guest for November 17 is new Prince George's Schools CEO John Deasy.

For further information call President Pat Unger at 301-474-1052.



Congratulations to J. David Comproni, III, who graduated from Montgomery County Fire Academy on August 18. Comproni is the son of Joseph and Cynthia Comproni and the brother of Ashley Comproni. Joseph's family are Greenbelt pioneers.

Congratulations to Steven and Elena Gills of Greenway Place, proud parents of a baby girl. Olivia Grace was born Tuesday, August 29, 2006, and weighed 6 lbs. 11 oz.

Congratulations also to the Larkin family. Katherine Anne Larkin was born August 19, 2006, weighing 6 lbs. 14 oz. to Mary and Philip Larkin of Ridge Road. Katherine joins siblings Sarah, age 10, and Aidan, age 6. She is the seventh grandchild for longtime residents Carolyn and Willard Larkin of Lakeside.

Send in your accomplishments, additions, news of illness or loss to share with your neighbors. Pictures are always nice, too!

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church



40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410

Rev. Dr. Paul C. Kim, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 am Worship Service 11:00 am

Prayer Meeting Wed. 6:45 pm

Crossways Bible Study Tues. 7:30 pm Thurs. 10:30 am

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6905 Greenbelt Road • 301-345-5111

Fall Schedule begins September 10

Sunday 8 & 10:30am Worship Service

9:15am

Sunday School/Bible Study



Fax 301-220-0694 • E-mail myholycross@verizon.net

ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
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

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3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi

Phone: 301-937-3666 www.pbuuc.org

Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community

September 10, 10 a.m.

"Ingathering Service"

Jaco and Barbara ten Hove, co-ministers

with Carla Miller, DRE and worship associates

No R.E. today



"Touching people with the love of Christ"

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Tel: 301-335-5633

Sunday Services held at 10AM at the Washington Bible College, Lanham MD 20706
www.touchpointcm.org

"All are welcome"

Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Hillside & Crescent Roads

Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings

www.greenbelt.com/gccucc/

Sunday Worship

10:15 a.m.

Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

"A church of the open mind, the warm heart, the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."

GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

Corner of Crescent and Greenhill Roads 301-474-4212

www.greenbeltbaptist.org greenbelt.baptist@verizon.net

Dr. Mark Johnson, Pastor



Sunday School: 9:30 am

Worship Service: 10:45 am

Weds. Worship: 7:00 pm

(Adult Bible Study/Prayer & Children's Ministry)

Helping People Connect with Christ and His Family through Loving Service

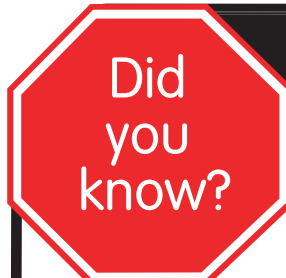


St. George's Episcopal/Anglican Church

7010 Glenn Dale Road
(Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)
301-262-3285 | rector@stgeo.org | www.stgeo.org

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

An inclusive congregation!



Do you feel restless, like you have lost your peace of mind?

That we don't know what to do and where to find satisfaction? Our Lord has the answer to all our problems, as He tells us that, "... He guides to Himself those who turn to Him in penitence, those who believe, and whose hearts find satisfaction in the remembrance of God. For without doubt in the remembrance of God do hearts find satisfaction."

- The Holy Qur'an, 13:27

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



Hope Fellowship

... living life together

Bible Study & Worship

September 10, 2006

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

10:00 a.m. Worship

Greenbelt Youth Center

99 Centerway

...living life together

Baha'i Faith

"If thine eyes be turned towards justice, choose thou for thy neighbor that which thou chooseth for thyself."
- Bahá'u'lláh

Greenbelt Baha'i Community
P.O. Box 245
Greenbelt, MD 20770
301-345-2918 301-220-3160

www.bahai.org www.us.bahai.org

Community Events

GHI Notes

Upcoming meetings/events:
 Tuesday, September 12, 8:30 a.m. – Ad Hoc Yard Line Committee meeting, GHI Library
 Tuesday, September 12, 7 p.m. – Sustainable Design & Practices Committee meeting, Board Room
 Wednesday, September 13, 7 p.m. – Woodlands Committee meeting, Lunch Room
 Wednesday, September 13, 7:30 p.m. – Companion Animal Committee meeting, GHI Library
 Wednesday, September 13, 7:30 p.m. – Architecture & Environment Committee meeting, Board Room
 Saturday, September 16, 11 a.m. – Pre-purchase Orientation, Board Room.

Jug Bay Rec Cruise Still Has Openings

The Greenbelt Recreation Department has announced there are still open spots on their Jug Bay Cruise for Friday September 15 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Participants will be traveling to Jug Bay, one of the most important fresh water tidal estuaries in the Chesapeake Bay region and enjoying a tour of the river ecology aboard a pontoon boat featuring the river's wetlands, wildlife and history. There will also be a stop and tour of Mount Calvert, one of the most significant historical and archaeological sites in Prince George's County. Then the group will return to Jug Bay for a hike and a lunch. There is a fee, which includes everything.

Those who are interested in participating must register at the Greenbelt Community Center by Wednesday, September 13.

For details call 301-397-2208.

Black Women's Army Corps at Museum



On Tuesday, September 19 the Greenbelt Museum will present a lecture by Janet Sims-Wood, Ph.D., at the Community Center, Room 201. Preceded by refreshments at 7 p.m., the lecture "Fighting For Freedom: Black Women's Army Corps During World War II" will follow at 7:30.

For the first time, during World War II African-American women were allowed to enter the military. The first contingent trained in Fort Des Moines, Iowa, where they were housed in segregated barracks, ate at separate dining tables and used segregated recreational facilities. Despite the hardships and discrimination, the women persevered and 36 of the original group graduated and were assigned to Officers Candidate School, Cooks and Bakers School, the Transportation Pool or the Clerical School. Sims-Wood will discuss the courageous example set by the first African-American WAC unit in Europe.

Sims-Wood is former assistant chief librarian in the Reference/Reader Services Department at Moorland-Spingarn Research Center at Howard University and has taught Afro American Studies at the University of Maryland.

This lecture is sponsored by the Maryland Humanities Council. Call 301-507-6582 or email museum@greenbeltmd.gov for more information.

Bereavement Group Starts in Two Weeks

The new six-week support group for widowed men and women will begin September 21 here in Greenbelt. The program is led by trained volunteers from the Patuxent Widowed Persons Service and is co-sponsored by AARP and the Greenbelt Senior Citizens' Advisory Committee. It is open to both men and women of all ages, races and creeds. There is no fee.

The six sessions will be held on Thursday evenings from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Senior Lounge at the Greenbelt Community Center through October 26. During this time, the group shares experiences and exchanges practical information while discussing published materials prepared by bereavement specialists. Many persons struggling to adapt to their new circumstances after losing a spouse have found great benefits from the emotional support and friendship provided in such groups.

Pre-registration is required. For information and/or registration call Leonie Penney at 301-474-8943 or Kathleen McFarland at 301-474-6892.

GIVES Will Meet On September 16

Need a ride to a doctor's appointment, help with shopping or simple household chores or want a friendly call or visit? Call GIVES at 301-507-6580.

The next GIVES meeting will be held on Saturday, September 16 at 10 a.m. in the Community Center.

Discover Still Creek

Come discover Still Creek and its watershed on Sunday, September 17 at 2 p.m. in the Sweetgum picnic area of Greenbelt Park.

Walkers should wear sturdy, comfortable footwear. The walk will be on natural-surfaced trails with some difficult footing possible but the pace will be relaxed and there will be numerous stops to allow learning about the creek. Ticks and poison ivy are possible so dress accordingly.

Greenbelt Park's entrance is located between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway at 6565 Greenbelt Road.

To RSVP or for more information, call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944 or visit the web page at <http://www.nps.gov/gree>.

Senior Softballers Rally in 9th Inning

Down 20-13 in the 9th inning at Dundalk on Wednesday, August 30, Greenbelt stroked six straight hits to score four runs with no out – but a line drive was backhanded by the shortstop and the runner doubled off second. Losing 20-17, Greenbelt stood 2-2 in end-of-season playoffs.

Lefty Smith led Greenbelt's attack in the Baltimore Beltway Senior Softball League with a single, triple and home run. Eli Flam also homered (and singled), while Fred Bohle, Paul Williams and Dave Kerr each hit three singles. Jim Harbaugh doubled twice and Mac McNamara hit two singles. Manager Ray Reed pitched.

Greenbelt Arts Center Presents

The Women

by Claire Booth Luce

Get Ready to be greatly amused –

Fridays and Saturdays
 September 15–October 7 at 8 p.m.
 Sunday Matinees at 2 p.m.
 September 24, October 1

General admission: \$12
 Students/Seniors: \$10 Groups of 10 or more: \$10/\$8
 For reservations 301-441-8770
 or info@greenbeltartscenter.org
 Greenbelt Arts Center in Roosevelt Center

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Endorsements

• Metro Washington AFL-CIO	• Senator Ulysses Currie	• Delegate Joanne Benson
• County and Municipal Employees Association, UFCW Local 1994 MCGEO	• Senator Nathaniel Exum	• Vice Chair, Prince George's County Council Camille Exum
• Deputy Sheriff's Association FOP, Maryland Lodge 112	• Senator Gloria Lawlah	• Bowie City Councilman Michael Lyles
	• Delegate Carolyn Howard	• The Honorable Dorothy Bailey
	• Delegate Tawanna Gaines	

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL - DISTRICT 4

Paid Political Advertisement By Authority: The Citizens to Elect Ingrid Turner, Nicole Turner, Treasurer

Former Greenbelt Mayor and Former Chairman of the County Council Richard Castaldi Supports Fred Robinson for County Council

Fred Robinson has the experience and the leadership skills necessary to effectively represent our community. He will be a strong advocate for our children's education, for a safe community and for our environment.

I support Fred Robinson. I urge you to vote for Fred Robinson on September 12, 2006.

Richard Castaldi

Authority: Citizens for Robinson, Kelly Anderson, Treasurer.

CRAB FEAST--BULL ROAST

Saturday, Sept. 30, 2006

2 PM to 6 PM

Greenbelt Vol. Fire Dept.

125 Crescent Rd.

Greenbelt, MD

301-345-7000

ALL YOU CAN EAT

Steamed Crabs, Pit Beef
 Hot Dogs, Crab Soup, Baked Beans
 Cole Slaw, Sodas, Draft Beer
 Games of Chance, 50/50,
 Liquor Wheel, Raffle
 \$32.00 Adults
 \$16 Children 6 to 12
 Under 6 Free

limited ticket sales

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L. Ehrlich, Jr., and his running mate Kristen Cox on their ballot. Independents and other minor party candidates will be offered no choice at all until the regular election in November.

The congressman representing Greenbelt in the Fifth Congressional District, Steny Hoyer, a Democrat, is running unopposed in the primary as well. There is no Republican challenger. However, a Green party candidate, Steve Warner, will challenge Hoyer in the general election.

In local offices, Democrats will face single names on the ballot for Maryland state senator (Paul Pinsky), state's attorney (Glen F. Ivey) and sheriff (Michael A. Jackson).

Republicans will have even fewer choices as no candidates have been fielded for the offices of state senator or delegates for district 22 (Greenbelt's district) nor for county executive, county councilmember for the fourth district (Greenbelt's district), state's attorney, clerk of the circuit court, register of wills and sheriff. There is only one Republican nomination for judge of the orphan's court, Carol D. Johnson.

Races

The election contest drawing the most interest is that of U.S. Senator from Maryland where numerous candidates seek the opportunity to replace retiring Senator Paul Sarbanes. In the Democratic primary, 18 names will be on the ballot. However, most political analysts believe the contest is between U. S. Congressman Benjamin L. Cardin from Baltimore and former NAACP President Kweisi Mfume. Some pollsters put Cardin in the lead. Much of the state Democratic party leadership and Congressman Hoyer strongly back Cardin in the campaign. However, many Prince George's County party leaders and elected officials stand behind Mfume.

A few other names on the ballot could draw votes – votes that some believe might otherwise go to Cardin. Josh Rales, a Montgomery County businessman, has been using his own money for extensive television advertising, proclaiming that he is no professional politician.

Dennis F. Rassmussen, a former Baltimore County executive, is expected to draw votes in that jurisdiction. Allan Lichtman, an American University history professor and columnist for the Montgomery Gazette newspapers, is known to many in the Washington metropolitan area. According to his website relatively unknown Mike Schaefer believes that he will win votes simply because his surname is the same as the state's former governor and Baltimore City's mayor and current State Comptroller William Donald Schaefer.

Republicans will have a list of 10 names from which to choose a senate candidate. However, only one, current Lieutenant Governor Michael S. Steele, is politically well known. Steele is expected to handily win the primary and provide a stronger than usual challenge in Maryland to the Democratic candidate, whomever that person may be.

Another state race drawing considerable interest from politicians and political analysts is that of state comptroller. Former mayor and governor William Donald Schaefer has held a lock on that office since he defied then Governor Parris Glendening in seeking

election to that position. In office, blunt speaking Schaefer has made remarks which many Democrats find embarrassing and not representing the party's philosophy. He has also been too friendly to Republican Governor Ehrlich, in the view of many Democrats.

Two candidates oppose Schaefer in the Democratic primary. They will test whether Democrats are now prepared to dump their 84-year-old comptroller. Of the two, Maryland Delegate Peter Franchot of Takoma Park is considered to be more liberal than Anne Arundel County Executive Janet Owens. Should either win, it will be considered an upset.

On the Republican side, four candidates are seeking their party nomination for comptroller. Stephen N. Abrams of Rockville is a known Montgomery County politician now a member of the school board and former member of the Rockville city council. Anne M. McCarthy of Baltimore offers excellent educational credentials in business management as University of Baltimore associate professor of business management. Mark M. Spradley of Rockville and Gene (EZ) Zarwell of Bowie are business executives. Zarwell has served on party committees.

Attorney General

Democrats will have to choose between two well-qualified candidates for their party candidate for Attorney General to replace retiring officeholder J. Joseph Curran, Jr. Douglas F. Gansler is currently the Montgomery County State's Attorney. He achieved considerable publicity during his prosecution of the Beltway snipers. Opposing him is Stuart O. Simms, a former Baltimore City state's attorney. Originally, he was Doug Duncan's running mate for lieutenant governor, but at the last minute filed for attorney general when Duncan dropped out of the governor's race.

A third candidate is on the ballot, Tom Perez. However, the Maryland Court of Appeals has ruled him ineligible to hold this office and would have stricken

him from the ballot if the lateness of their decision had not prevented it.

Only one candidate for attorney general is on the Republican ballot, Scott L. Rolle of Frederick, the Frederick County State's Attorney.

Local Races

Four contests for office should be of greatest interest to most Greenbelt Democrats. There are no Republican candidates for these offices and winning the primary is tantamount to election. They are county executive, county councilmember for the fourth district, members of the House of Delegates from the 22nd district and register of wills.

Jack Johnson of Mitchellville is seeking reelection as county executive. He is running on his success in obtaining new businesses to locate in the county, the health of the county economy and the county's ability to fully fund schools.

Rushern L. Baker, III, a former member of the Maryland House of Delegates is again challenging Johnson. Baker is criticizing Johnson's failure to reduce crime, achieve better success in school tests and Johnson's appointment of "cronies" to county offices and to lucrative county contracts.

Johnson is expected to easily be reelected.

With the decision of popular fourth district County Councilmember Doug Peters to seek election as state senator in the 23rd legislative district to replace retiring Senator Leo Green, a Bowie mayor and two political newcomers are seeking the votes of Greenbelters. G. Frederick Robinson has been the mayor of Bowie since 1998 and is a retired major of the Prince George's County Police Department. He has strong backing from many Bowie area Democrats. Ingrid M. Turner of Bowie is recently retired as a JAG commander in the Navy. She and Darrell Carrington, also of Bowie, a former program director of the Office of Energy and Food Programs for the county, are aggressively challeng-

ing Robinson's candidacy.

In the 22nd legislative district, four candidates are seeking election to the three delegate positions. Three are incumbents, including one of only two Greenbelt candidates on the entire ballot, Justin David Ross. Running with him are Delegates Tawanna P. Gaines of Berwyn Heights and Anne Healey of Hyattsville Hills. Challenging them is Karen Pope-Onwukwe of Hyattsville, a lawyer in private practice specializing in elder law.

Dumped

The race for register of wills which usually draws little attention has resulted in a scathing editorial by the Washington Post (September 3, 2006). Incumbent Lynn L. Skerpon, a Princeton graduate with a law degree from State University of New York and more than 20 years experience in estates and wills, is being challenged by Cereta A. Lee of Glenn Dale, an executive assistant to the sheriff who holds an AA degree in business administration from Strayer University. Although Skerpon has "transformed a dysfunctional office into a model of efficiency," according to the Post, she has been dumped from most party district candidate slates. The Post blames Lee's patron, State Senator Nathaniel Exum for bludgeoning most of the county's state senators to remove her from the incumbent's traditional spot on

their district tickets and endorse Lee, claiming that it was done because Skerpon is white. The Washington Post later endorsed Skerpon.

School Board

Those who opposed the temporary appointment of the members of the county school board, should be happy to see this year's school board election. However, with little available information voters will need to choose from among 44 relatively unknown names to select the nine-member board available to them, causing others to question this election process. To add to the confusion, school board districts are totally different from either the state legislative or county councilmanic districts.

The school board election is non-partisan. As such, the primary is open to all voters. Greenbelt voters will choose from among 17 at-large candidates and will be able to vote for four. The top eight candidates in votes will have their names placed on the general election ballot. Greenbelt voters will also vote for one of four candidates to represent the district Greenbelt is in, District 1. This district consists of the northern part of the county. Here the two top vote-getters will be placed on the ballot for the general election. At that time all county voters will get to choose each of

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The Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center, Beltsville, MD
IS RECRUITING MALE VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE
35 - 55 YEARS OLD
FOR A NUTRITION STUDY.

If you meet all the above criteria, you may be eligible for this study to determine the energy content of fiber in your diet.

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE COMPENSATED

The Principal Investigator is Dr. David Baer

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL THE STUDY
COORDINATOR AT THE USDA BELTSVILLE HUMAN
NUTRITION RESEARCH CENTER
AT

(301) 504-5454 or EMAIL volunteers@ba.ars.usda.gov

Greenbelt Democratic Co-ordinating Committee endorses

Fred Robinson

For County Councilmanic District 4

- He has extensive municipal experience
- He supports municipal planning and zoning authority
- He supports local students going to local schools
- He is committed to funding a School Resource Officer and a New Fire Station

For more details about the endorsement process and GDCC, please read the article in this issue of the *Greenbelt News Review*.

Smart Energy Tips

More than 10 percent of energy bills go to heating water for dishwashers, showers and faucets. People can cut this energy use and their energy bills by

- Lowering hot water heaters to 120° and draining any sediment. Water heaters need to be kept above 120° to prevent bacteria build up but many hot water heaters are set too high. Draining some water a few times a year reduces sediment and increases efficiency.

- Adding insulation to older hot water heaters. Standard hot water heaters are on all the time. Adding extra insulation to older, non-Energy Star heaters will save energy. Most hardware stores sell pre-made insulator "jackets" that can be easily wrapped around water heaters. Insulating hot water heaters and any exposed pipes can knock up to 15 percent off the costs of heating water.

- Installing a low-flow shower head. Low-flow shower heads are a worthwhile investment (especially for renters, because they can be taken when moving) that will reduce the amount of hot water used and hence the energy needed to heat it.

— Sierra Club



City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL

September 11, 2006-8:00pm-Municipal Building
Regular Meeting

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

- End-of-School-Year Report - School Resource Officers
- Public Hearing – FY 2007 Capital Projects Budget Committee Reports
- Forest Preserve Task Force, Final Report

LEGISLATION

An Ordinance to Make a Supplemental Appropriation in the General Fund for Fiscal Year 2007 by Increasing the Transfer to the Capital Projects Fund in the Amount of One Hundred Fifty-One Thousand Dollars (\$151,000) (2nd Reading, Adoption)

An Ordinance to Amend the Capital Projects Budget for Fiscal Year 2007 (2nd Reading, Adoption)

A Resolution . . . to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt . . . by Amending Section 8, Titled "Same—Quorum, procedure" to Clarify the Number of Affirmative Council Votes Required to Take Various Actions (Charter Amendment 2006-1) (1st Reading)

OTHER BUSINESS

- Petition Requesting City Response Regarding NASA Employee
- Award of Purchase - Tractor
- * Adoption of Board of Appeals Resolution on Variance Application #06-002-V
- * Resignation from Advisory Group
- * Appointment to Advisory Group

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

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups. Vacancies exist on the:
Arts Advisory Board
Advisory Committee on Education
Park and Recreation Advisory Board
Youth Advisory Committee (youth and adult positions)
For more information, please call 301-474-8000.



Greenbelt City Council's Senior Citizen Advisory Committee Presents:

ANNUAL OPEN FORUM

Saturday, September 16, 2006
1:00-3:00 p.m.

Greenbelt Community Center
Senior Classroom, room 114

This is your opportunity to speak and be heard about issues relating to seniors in Greenbelt.

INVITATION TO BID

The City of Greenbelt, Maryland, invites sealed bids for furnishing the following:

2-Ton Dump Truck w/snow plow & salt spreader

This equipment is to be delivered to the Department of Public Works, 555 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770. Interested bidders may pick up a bid specifications package for Bid 2006-5 at:

City of Greenbelt Finance Office
25 Crescent Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770

Please call the Department of Public Works at (301) 474-8004 regarding bid submission questions. Bids must be RECEIVED no later than 10/2/06 at 10 a.m. Bids will be opened publicly at 10:10 a.m. on 10/2/06.

MEETINGS FOR SEPT. 11-15

- Monday, September 11, 7:00pm, Recycling & Environment Advisory Committee, Community Center. Info:301-474-8004
- Monday, September 11, 8:00pm, Regular City Council Meeting, Municipal Building (live on Channel 71)
- Wednesday, September 13, 7:30pm, City Council Work Session with Beltway Plaza (stakeholder), Community Center

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call the number listed above, or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov.

POOCH PLUNGE

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



Saturday, September 9th
11:00 am – 2:00 pm
Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center (outdoor pool)
101 Centerway

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.

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO THE

DAVIDSONVILLE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

Come enjoy a day of paddle and play with your furry best friend!

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

DONATION DROP-OFF

American Rescue Workers

Saturday, September 9th

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Parking lot between the City Office and the Community Center

For further information contact the City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8303.

FIT & FUN AEROBICS

Classes starting September 18th

High/low impact aerobics, kickboxing, toning, step, and weights. Babysitting service available to registered participants only. Child's information must be included on registration form. No drop-in babysitting is allowed. SPACE IS LIMITED!!! For more information on schedule and registration download the Recreation Brochure from www.greenbeltmd.gov or call the Community Center at 301-397-2208.

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Monday, September 11th at 8pm: City Council Meeting (live) Tuesday & Thursday, September 12 & 14: 10am & 6pm "Ask the Expert," 2pm and 8:15pm: Replay of City Council Meeting, 7:00pm "An Eye Inside Prince George's County Public Schools w/John Deasy," 7:30pm Greenbelt Labor Day Opening and Outstanding Citizen.

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, September 13 & 15: 7pm "Greenbelt Writers Group Showcase," 9pm Laurel Playhouse "Love, Sex, and the IRS."

Greenbelt Moving Ahead Program

Saturdays from 9:30am-12:00pm

Springhill Lake Recreation Center

Help for Greenbelt's teenage students with tutoring, SAT Prep, College Info, Applications. New session begins September 9th.

Janet Goldberg: 301-397-2212

BLOOD DRIVE-DONATE BLOOD AND SAVE A LIFE!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2006 FROM 12:00NOON - 6:00PM, GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER

If you would like to make an appointment contact Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212

Academy 8 Theatres

Beltway Plaza Mall
Center Court
301-220-1155

All shows starting before 6 p.m.

Are ONLY \$5.00

R = ID Required

(!) = No pass, No Discount Ticket

Week of September 8 FRI. – SAT.

The Covenant, PG-13 (!)

12:30, 3:10, 5:30, 8, 10:45

The Protector, R (!)

12:40, 2:50, 5:20, 7:30, 10:30

Snakes on a Plane, R

8, 10:45

Invincible, PG (!)

12:30, 3, 5:25, 7:50, 10:15

Crossover, PG-13 (!)

12:50, 3, 5:40, 7:50, 10:15

Wickerman, PG-13 (!)

12:40, 3:10, 5:40, 8, 10:20

Crank, R (!)

12:40, 2:50, 5:20, 7:30, 10:30

Barnyard, PG

12:50, 3:10, 5:30

Idlewild, R

1:10, 4, 7, 10:20

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Snakes on a Plane, R

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Barnyard, PG

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Idlewild, R

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MON. – THUR.

The Covenant, PG-13 (!)

5:30, 8

The Protector, R (!)

5:20, 7:30

Snakes on a Plane, R

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Crank, R (!)

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Barnyard, PG

5:30

Idlewild, R

5, 7:45

Polls Open

Primary election day is Tuesday, September 12. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the four precincts which serve Greenbelt – Greenbelt Community Center (third precinct), 15 Crescent Road; Greenbelt Elementary School (sixth precinct), 66 Ridge Road; Springhill Lake Elementary School (eighth precinct), 6060 Springhill Drive; and Eleanor Roosevelt High School (thirteenth precinct), 7601 Hanover Parkway.

Only registered Democrats and Republicans may vote in the upcoming primary next Tuesday. Those Greenbelters who have declined party affiliation (Declines/Others) will vote only in the general election on November 7.

Any registered voter who needs information about where to vote may call the Election Office at 301-430-8020.

Primary Election Voting Instructions

About 11,000 Greenbelters are registered to vote in next week's September 12 primary election, according to the county Board of Elections. The AccuVote TS voting system will be in use. The machines have a series of screens that the voter views and then chooses by touching the name of the desired candidate. The voter can change his or her mind by touching the candidate's name again. After all screens have been viewed, the voter finalizes the choices.

Only Democrats and Republicans will be holding primary elections, and, as has been the case for a number of years, two-thirds of the registered voters in the city are Democrats. Greenbelters registered with other parties or those who have declined to pick a party, i.e., Independents, are not eligible to vote in the primary.

Democratic Group Chooses Candidates

by Leta Mach

Greenbelt voters face a critical election on September 12 for the District 4 County Council seat. With County Councilman Doug Peters running for the state senate and with no Greenbelt candidate vying for the county council position, it is important to determine which candidate holds viewpoints similar to those of Greenbelters and would best meet the city's needs for service and funding.

To resolve this challenge, a new Greenbelt Democratic Co-ordinating Committee (GDCC) convened in August. The GDCC is composed of Greenbelt residents who are Democrats and either elected officials or officers of the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club.

GDCC members attended the Candidates' Forum on August 23 to learn about the candidates and their positions, including their views on municipal planning and zoning authority. Later in the month, GDCC interviewed all three District 4 Democratic candidates and reviewed their resumes, municipal and county experience and years of residence in the district.

Interview questions focused on issues, such as the Greenbelt Station development, Eleanor Roosevelt High School needs, constituent communication and commitment to continued funding for one of Greenbelt's School Resource Officers and a new fire station. The endorsement made on September 4 can be found in an advertisement on page 6.

School Board

In October, the GDCC will begin interviewing School Board candidates. For more information contact Chair Judith Davis, at 301-345-3243 or Jfintakdavis@aol.com.

Baker Challenges Johnson as Co. Exec.

by Esther Nguonly

The winner of the Democratic primary next week for the Prince George's County Executive seat between Rushem L. Baker, III, and incumbent Jack Johnson will be uncontested by a Republican challenger.

Baker, a resident of Cheverly and a graduate of Howard University School of Law, previously served as a state delegate for the 22nd District. Baker's main goals are to implement year-round schools to improve academic performance and to increase crime control by putting more officers on the street during peak crime hours and increasing police pay and accountability for police departments. He also seeks to improve economic development by investing in community and minority-owned businesses.

Incumbent Jack Johnson, of Mitchellville, is also a Howard Law School graduate and served as Prince George's County State's Attorney before being elected county executive. Johnson says that among his major accomplishments are an improvement in school funding and performance and a reduction in crime, two of the main concerns for the current election as well.

He prides himself on funding \$1.5 million for county schools in 2006, revitalizing communities across the county and launching major development projects such as National Harbor, University Town Center, M-Square and Konterra. Johnson is running for his second term as county executive.

No Republican candidates have filed to run in the general election.

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the five district members of the school board.

The best known at-large candidates are Howard Stone, Ken E. Johnson and Gloria Lawlah. Stone is a former county chief administrative officer and vice-chair of the current board. Johnson was a member of the board abolished by the state legislature as being dysfunctional. Lawlah is stepping down as a state senator and announced her withdrawal from the school board race, but her name still appears on the ballot.

Other candidates of possible merit are: Donna Hathaway Beck of Upper Marlboro, a PTA activist who claims three years' perfect attendance at school board meetings; Alicia Darensbourg who holds BA and MA degrees in education policy and program evaluation and is a self-employed project management and evaluation consultant; Deborah D. Driver of Fort Washington, a realtor, who is founder of the Potomac Charter School, Inc.; Carletta Fellows who holds an MA in education and is the founder of Dimensions Education and Enrichment Services, Inc.; Kenneth Fox, a physicist with a law degree who has been active on school advisory committees and is a past vice president of the Eleanor Roosevelt PTSA; Jeana Jacobs of Mitchellville, a lawyer who is division chief for the Department of Corrections and a hearing examiner for the school system; Tammie L. Page of Clinton who holds a doctorate in management and is involved with a Defense Department Robotics Mentor-Protege Program; Milad Pooran, a graduate of county schools who is now a medical doctor specializing in health services and critical care medicine with the National Institutes of Health; Larry C. Reid of Lanham, a retired Army master sergeant who is a JROTC instructor at the Forestville Military Academy; Walter J. Searcy, a PTA activist; Sherry A. Strother of Landover, a nurse-psychologist who is the local program manager for a public health facility and a local president for an AFSCME union local; Nate Thomas, a former teacher and director of planning for Community Teachers Institute; and Ron Watson, who holds a doctorate in engineering and is a principal in a firm.

Four candidates are vying for school board member from district 1. One is a Greenbelt, George Martin Gates IV of Windsor Green, an attorney. (Gates is also on

the ballot as District 22 At Large candidate for the Democratic State Central Committee.) Others seeking the office are: Rosalind Johnson of Laurel, a retired language teacher with the county school system; Robin Barnes Shell of Glenn Dale, a lawyer with an MA in counseling from Capital Bible Seminary who is an ombudsman for the Howard County Schools and a mediator with the Maryland District Court; and Dennis Whitley, III of Laurel, a lawyer with the firm of Shipley and Horne.

Other Races

Two lawyers, Peggy Magee of Upper Marlboro, the executive director of the county Human Relations Commission and Charles Moulden, the assistant chief clerk of the operations division of the district circuit court are seeking the office of clerk of the circuit court. Also in the race is Flora Ann Flowers, self employed and a former state employee in the clerk of the circuit court's office.

Four candidates are seeking the three offices of judge of the orphan's court. Wendy Alise Cartwright of Mitchellville is currently the chief orphan's court judge and William J. Monks of Bowie also serves as a judge. Both are seeking reelection. Two lawyers, Athena Malloy Groves of Upper Marlboro and Vicky L. Ivory-Orem of Bowie/Mitchellville also seek the office. On the Republican ballot, Carol D. Johnson of District Heights is the only candidate.

Democrats will choose eight at-large candidates from each of the eight legislative districts for the Democratic Central Committee. In five districts, single candidates are running unopposed. In district 22, George Martin Gates IV of Greenbelt is running against Cynthia A. Poles-Suite of New Carrollton. Also on the ballot is the selection of two members of the central committee from district 22. The only two names on the ballot are Raymond H. Glendening of University Park, the son of former Governor Parris Glendening, and Kurt Walter of College Park, former president of the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Democratic Club.

For the central committee, the winners in this election become the committee members. Those elected will serve until 2010.

On the Republican ballot, Marlyn C. Bitzer is running unopposed for the Republican Central Committee for district 22.

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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 26, 4:37 p.m., 9100 block Breezewood Terrace, a woman reported that she was walking in front of an apartment building when she was approached by a man, who displayed a gun and announced a robbery. He pushed the woman to the ground, took her purse and fled the scene on foot toward Edmonston Court. The suspect is described as a black male, 17 to 20 years of age, 5'5" with black hair in short plaits and brown eyes, wearing a black tank top shirt, long shorts and a black baseball cap.

Drug Arrest

August 28, 7:55 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road, a Greenbelt youth was arrested for possession of paraphernalia. Police observed the youth sitting in a parked vehicle, attempting to conceal something under the car seat upon seeing police approaching. Located under the seat was paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana. The youth was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Vandalism

August 25, 10:06 a.m., Mandan Road and Hanover Parkway, unknown person(s) painted graffiti on park benches.

August 30, 6:34 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway, two Greenbelt youths were arrested for malicious destruction after they allegedly broke out the window of a condominium building. Both were released to parents pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Burglaries

August 30, 3:10 a.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, a woman reported that she was sleeping when she awoke and observed a man prying the screen from her open bedroom window. She yelled out to the man, who fled the scene without gaining entry. He is described as a black male, 5'10", wearing dark clothing.

August 30, 8:42 p.m., 6500 block Lake Park Drive, unknown person(s) used unknown means to enter a residence. A computer, clothing, a video game player and a television were taken.

September 1, 5:45 a.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane, a woman reported that she was sleeping when a noise woke her up. She observed the man open her bedroom door and walk in. He then exited the bedroom and fled the residence. The suspect is described as a black male, 5'10" with a medium build and black hair in "twists" and a dark complexion, wearing long dark pants and a dark T-shirt. Entry was gained by an unlocked front door.

Vehicle Crimes

Five vehicles were reported stolen: a 1998 Mercedes 190 4-door from the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace; a 2003 Cadillac DTS 4-door from the 6500 block Capitol Drive; a red 1999 Dodge Intrepid 4-door, Maryland tags MMV297 from the 7900 block Vanity Fair Drive; a red 1996



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The coffee maker was pushed over, coffee pots smashed on the floor and bags of food spilled in all the aisles.

Mayhem at Hanover Parkway 7-Eleven

An early evening party at a church or ballfield near Hanover Parkway and Good Luck Road on Sunday, September 3 turned into a rampage by some of the participants. Deputies from the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department, who were hired for security at the event, shut down the party when it started to get out of control and sent the participants home.

However, as many as 80 youths went to the nearby 7-Eleven intent on malicious mischief. They rushed the three employees present, striking one and vandalizing and looting the store. The coffee machine was turned over,

the pots were broken, goods were pulled off shelves and thrown everywhere or carried off. The plate-glass window was cracked in a spider-web pattern.

One witness, who happened by while the mayhem was occurring, said people were everywhere rushing in and then out of the store. Another person, who came by after the youths left, said that the employees looked shell-shocked.

Officer George Mathews of the Greenbelt Police Department said that the youths scattered before the police got to the scene and no one was arrested. Investigation is continuing.

Metro Station Closed For Bomb Threat

On Monday, September 4, a man riding to Greenbelt on the Metro was heard near the College Park stop to say he had a bomb in his suitcase.

A passenger alerted officials. When the Metro train arrived at Greenbelt, the station was closed and police investigated. The suitcase was taken and nothing was found in it. The man said it was a joke but nevertheless was taken for further questioning. A woman who was with him was charged with assault when she tried to interfere with this procedure.

Dodge Caravan, Maryland tags 331M709 from the 9100 block Edmonston Road; and a green 2003 Chrysler Sebring 4-door, Maryland tags 3BMZ18 from the 100 block Westway.

Three vehicles were recovered, one by Greenbelt police and two by outside departments. There were no arrests in any of the recoveries.

Vandalism to, theft from and attempted theft of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7900 block Mandan Road, 7500 block Hanover Parkway, 7700 block Greenbelt Road, 24 Court Ridge Road, unit block Crescent Road, 8100 block Lakecrest Drive (two incidents), 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive, 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, 9000 block Edmonston Road, 9300 block Edmonston Road (three incidents) and Beltway Plaza.

Make-A-Wish Seeks Bilingual Volunteers

The Make-A-Wish Foundation is a nonprofit organization that fulfills the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions. It needs wish-granting volunteers and has a critical need for bilingual (Spanish-English) volunteers.

The organization has had an increase in the number of Spanish-speaking children who are eligible for a wish and needs bilingual volunteers to help make these children's wishes come true.

Bilingual volunteers are specifically needed to serve as wish granters, interview interpreters and document translators. The time commitment is ongoing but flexible. For more information call the Make-A-Wish Foundation at 301-962-9474.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Mid-Atlantic is a nonprofit organization that fulfills the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. Founded in 1983, the Foundation has fulfilled more than 5,500 wishes for children in Maryland, D.C., Northern Virginia and Delaware.

UM School of Music Walsum Concert

The Left Bank Quartet will premiere four award-winning works from the UM School of Music's biennial Walsum Competition for student composers. The free concert will be held Sunday, September 10 at 3 p.m. at the Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

Take Five Offers Boister "Swatches"

On Tuesday, September 12 the six-member musical group Boister stitches together musical swatches of pre-Weimer Germany, jazz-age Paris and post-modern America to create a seamless and new sound. Take Five is a free series of interactive, informal events, held on selected Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. at the Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at the University of Maryland in College Park.

Learn How Fantasy Becomes a Garden

A free lecture "Lines on Paper: How Fantasy Becomes a Garden" will be held on Friday, September 15 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the U.S. Botanic Garden.

Tres Fromme, Longwood Garden's Planning and Design Leader, provides an illustrated tour of the creative design process, based on Longwood's upcoming new Children's Garden. Pre-registration is required. To register call 202-225-1116 or visit the online event registration at www.usbg.gov/education/events.

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in council's Standing Rules. He suggested that council amend one of these documents to clarify the issue and prevent further questions. Council chose to have staff draft a charter amendment that would allow a majority of the quorum present to take any action other than adoption of ordinances and resolutions.

The questioned approval of the detailed site plan was reaffirmed by a four-to-one vote at the meeting on March 13.

Alternative Changes

After City Clerk Kathleen Gallagher researched the matter, including looking at the practices of other municipalities and the types of business that could be affected by the requested change, the issue came before council again at its regular meeting on August 14 in the form of three alternative proposals for amending the city charter.

One alternative states that if a quorum is established, a majority of those councilmembers present could take any action of city business except the adoption of ordinances and resolutions. After reviewing a list provided by Gallagher of the past year's actions that would be affected by this alternative, councilmembers felt there was a need for greater restrictions. As stated, this change would leave zoning issues among the items that could be approved by only two votes when just three councilmembers are present.

The second alternative was worded to include zoning items with ordinances and resolutions in a category that would require a minimum of three affirmative

votes to pass.

Alternative number three would clarify language in the charter but maintain the requirement for at least three affirmative votes for all actions that require a vote.

Staff comments noted that none of the alternatives would affect existing requirements for a super-majority vote on certain items. Staff proposed including language in the charter to list and thereby clarify these items.

As he did when the issue was first discussed in March, Councilmember Rodney Roberts said he did not think the charter is ambiguous and should not be amended. Other councilmembers supported an amendment. They felt that since the question had arisen, they had the responsibility to prevent a similar situation from occurring.

After discussion of the alternatives presented, council asked staff to prepare a charter amendment that would allow "administrative" issues, such as actions reaffirming those already agreed to by a majority of the complete council and referring matters to staff or advisory groups, to be passed by a majority of two when only three councilmembers are present but requiring three affirmative votes for resolutions, ordinances and other issues not considered "administrative."

Two agenda items from the August 14 meeting were given as examples of administrative items: approval of a purchase contract for a new asphalt roller that was provided for in the current budget and approval of use of the city flag and logo by the U.S. Postal Service for publicizing the grand opening of their new facility.

Three Area Activities in Memory of 9/11 Anniversary

"A Celebration of Life, in Memory of 9/11" will take place on Saturday, September 9 from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at Northwestern High School Justice Auditorium at 7600 Adelphi Road in Hyattsville.

Groups scheduled to perform as of August 30 are the Colours Arts in Education program, the Northwestern High School Concert and Gospel choirs, Northwestern High School Jazz Band and Steel Drum Band, SPLATT! blues orchestra, Lyrikal Storm from Parkdale High School and the Northwestern High School Female Step Team.

The event is free. Donations will be accepted on behalf of the Pentagon Memorial Fund and the Delta Project. See www.pgcp.org for directions.

Happy Wanderers

The Freestate Happy Wanderers Walking Club is sponsoring an afternoon 9/11 Memorial walk event on Monday, September 11, at the Montpelier Mansion, 9650 Muirkirk Road, Laurel.

The 5K and 10K trails include a walk along residential sidewalks. The trails are suitable for wheelchairs and strollers. Registration is held from 2 to 5 p.m. Finish the walks by 7 p.m. For additional information or brochure call 301-717-3604 or email kindfellow@comcast.net. A commemorative button will go to the first 200 walkers.

Dedication

Join County Executive Jack B. Johnson at 10 a.m. on September 11 as he dedicates the Prince George's County 9/11 Memorial to the memory of those Prince Georgians who died five years ago in the terrorist attack on the United States. The 9/11 Memorial is located in front of the Bladensburg Waterfront Park, 4601 Annapolis Road, Bladensburg, where other memorials, such as the Peace Cross, have been established to honor those who died protecting our freedom.

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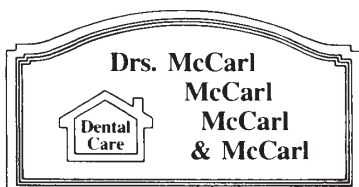


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helped inaugurate this fund-raiser in 2004, led the team of "helping hands" again last year and continues to find it an inspirational activity, even donating all proceeds from her business on that day.

"I get to know people in an inclusive, healing environment," said Vaccaro, "as we talk about our experiences on 9/11 and what kind of meaning has carried forth in our lives. It's a time for us to reflect on something so traumatic that has helped us become more aware and accepting of cultural and religious diversity. And I've thoroughly enjoyed watching GILA folks interact with visitors to the pavilion."

Vaccaro has also offered use of her Pleasant Touch facilities right in Roosevelt Center, especially in case of bad weather. Her plans are again for various options of massage styles (including Reiki - a light-touch channeling of energy to heal and harmonize), depending on preference, need and practitioner.

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.

Patuxent Tram Repair Funding Is Obtained

Senator Paul S. Sarbanes (D-MD) has announced that the Patuxent Wildlife Research Refuge will receive more than \$108,000 as part of efforts to enhance visitor access to the world renowned research facility. The money will be used to upgrade and expand a two-mile tram tour route through the refuge.

The money announced by Sarbanes was part of a new Alternative Transportation in Parks and Public Lands (ATPPL) program which was established under the recently enacted six-year highway and mass transit authorization bill. More than \$20 million in federal funding was provided nationwide to support the development of mass transit and alternative transportation services for national parks, wildlife refuges, federal recreational areas and other public lands.

Sarbanes was responsible for the creation of the ATPPL program nationwide, which is designed to ease traffic congestion and improve mobility and accessibility in National Parks and Wildlife Refuges and, in turn, help to protect the nation's natural resources. Programs will include rail lines, clean fuel buses or pedestrian and bike paths.

Specifically for Patuxent Wildlife Research Refuge, the funding to upgrade the tram will provide the opportunity for all visitors to explore the refuge's natural habitats and observe wildlife in a natural setting without physical exertion or disturbance to wildlife or habitats. The tram traverses a narrow dirt and gravel road through a variety of refuge habitats including wetlands, forests

and meadows. The tram provides an environmentally friendly, quiet tour of the natural and managed habitats of the refuge, while also showcasing the use of clean alternative energy.

Baltimore Sites Offer Discounts

The Maryland Science Center and the National Aquarium in Baltimore will offer a discount on admission prices after 5 p.m. on Fridays as part of the "Fridays After Five" promotion beginning September 8. Each Friday in September from 5 to 8 p.m. the Maryland Science Center and the National Aquarium will give Maryland residents a special "buy one, get one free" admission in addition to the reduced ticket price.

Every Friday evening from October 6 through March 30, 2007, all visitors to the Maryland Science Center and National Aquarium will be able to purchase tickets at a reduced price.

For information and tickets, visit <http://www.marylandscience-center.org> or call 410-576-3800.

Take an Aviation History Tour

College Park Aviation Museum offers a glimpse of the past with its new self-guided "Pilots, Planes and Pathways Tour" around the perimeter of the College Park Airport located at 1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Drive. Large signs featuring vintage photographs of the airport transpose scenes from the past onto the present landscape. A brochure is available at the museum office. For more information, call 301-864-6029.

Hopi Creation Story Presentation on 9/11

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ect called Safe Haven that is shared by 16 area churches.

Two years ago she originated another church-sponsored project to raise funds for Help by Phone. This is Empty Bowls, in which Greenbelt potters create original bowls for sale in which they serve soup and provide bread in a communal supper for local purchasers.

Currently she chairs the board of trustees for the Community Church. Earlier she chaired the building committee that arranged for installation of facilities for access for those with handicaps. Recently she found a way to raise money and research the design for reconstructing the playground area for the church Sunday school.

Local President

Two long-standing Greenbelt organizations have voted her their president. One of these is GIVES (Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service), a "care credit" bank whose members exchange a wide range of services in lieu of paying for commercial help.

The other is FOGL, Friends of the Greenbelt Library, which sponsors a summer reading program for children and other services by operating a book room with daily sales as well as a huge annual book sale.

And then for the world at large, Marsha for over 10 years has ordered and sold items produced by women living in villages in many different countries through SERV, an organization facilitating churches and other organizations to help impoverished women everywhere.

Other Activities

For more than five years Marsha has volunteered at Greenbelt Elementary School as a math tutor. Through the Greenbelt Lions Club she helps with eye tests for kindergartners, assists with blood drives and white cane sales and co-chaired their pancake breakfast.

She is credited with helping the New Deal Café to stay in business when, as a board member, she discovered they were in arrears on federal taxes and worked out a means with the IRS for these to be brought up to date.

On Tuesday evenings she leads a "conversation club" at the Hyattsville Library to help immigrants improve their language skills and also volunteers at the Washington Animal Rescue League. At an earlier time she served as special events chair for the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival and as a member of CRAB (Greenbelt's Community Relations Advisory Board).

In the words of a nominating letter signed by David Lange and eight other citizens, "We suspect that Marsha is involved in even more than we have described. We are amazed that nearly all of the volunteer efforts described above are CURRENT ones!"

A group of these friends stood beside the nominee as her community family as she received her many awards as this year's Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen.

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Marsha Voigt has lived in Greenbelt for more than 25 years and is well-known within the community as a committed, caring, and competent leader who is always ready to step in to do whatever is required to solve problems and meet needs; and

WHEREAS, having served as a volunteer for many years, Marsha Voigt is currently president of the Friends of the Greenbelt Library, which raises much-needed supplemental funds for such purposes as equipment, publicity banners, and the Summer Reading Program for children; and

WHEREAS, her contributions and compassion span the life cycle, ranging from volunteering with the Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES), of which she serves as president, to working one-on-one with sixth graders as a math tutor for the Greenbelt Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Marsha currently serves as the chair of the Board of Trustees of the Greenbelt Community Church, where she has over the years served as a member and chairperson of each of the church's standing committees, as well as having organized its role in Safe Haven, a collaboration of county churches that provides shelter and meals for homeless men during the winter; and

WHEREAS, one of Marsha's newest commitments is to the Greenbelt Lions Club, where she has recently been elected secretary and has helped organize blood drives and pre-school vision screenings, as well as co-chairing the pancake breakfast; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Marsha Voigt has contributed her time and talents to many other groups, both inside and outside of Greenbelt, including: the board of the New Deal Café; the Greenbelt Community Relations Advisory Board; SERRV, an organization that markets craft products made for fair wages by women's guilds in developing areas of the world; Help by Phone, an emergency service provider that assists more than 60,000 Prince George's County residents annually with critical needs; the Washington Animal Rescue League; and the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee.

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,

**Marsha Voigt
Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen - 2006**

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 1st day of September 2006.

Judith F. Davis
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GOVERNOR continued from page 1

Following law school, Ehrlich moved back to Maryland and practiced law. In 1986 he was elected to the Maryland House of Delegates. In 1994 he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, where he served until his election to the Maryland governorship in 2002. Governor Ehrlich is married to Kendel Sibiski Ehrlich, a former assistant public defender and assistant state attorney. The Ehrlichs have two sons, Drew (6) and Joshua (2).

Governor Ehrlich has based his campaign for reelection on his first term accomplishments. Under the heading of fiscal responsibility, his literature boasts of turning \$4 billion in state deficits into a \$ 1.7 billion surplus in just three years, reductions in the state bureaucracy by 7 percent and the launching of a strategic budgeting initiative to eliminate under-performing and wasteful state programs.

According to his literature, Ehrlich's education accomplishments include: Fully funded public schools with a \$1.4 billion increase in support, enactment of Maryland's first-ever legislation enabling the formation of charter schools, the doubling of college need-based scholarships and the largest funding for school construction in more than 30 years. For the environment the enactment of the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Act is listed as an accomplishment, along with the preservation of more than 60,000 acres of environmentally sensitive land and restoration of funding for the Maryland Open Space Program.

Health care accomplishments listed include: Provision of access to health care for 23,000 additional Marylanders, creation of the first in the nation Maryland Department of Disabilities (which was led by Kristin Cox whom Ehrlich chose as his lieutenant governor running mate) and increased Medicaid funding by \$850 million.

In the area of public safety, the governor includes toughened penalties for sex offenders, drunk drivers and witness intimidators; the launching of Project RESTART, providing substance abuse treatment and educational services for non-violent offenders; an overhaul of the State's Juvenile Justice System, including the closing of the troubled Charles Hickey School; the creation of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security as his administration's accomplishments.

According to the Ehrlich campaign literature, the governor oversaw the creation of nearly 100,000 new private sector jobs in Maryland; fast-tracked the Inter-county Connector and launched construction on other overdue roads, bridges and transit projects in the state.

Overall funding for programs directed to children was increased by nearly 30 percent, including Babies Born Healthy, Healthy Children, Children Ready to Learn and other educational programs. The current funding level for all of the listed children's programs is \$7.58 billion.

For programs for women, the Statewide Cancer and Early Detection of Cancer Programs (specific for breast and cervical cancer), Homeless Women, Domestic Violence, Displaced Homemakers and Family Planning Programs were increased by 11.2 percent to a current funding level of \$45.59 million.

On June 29, Governor Ehrlich announced his choice of Kristin Cox as his lieutenant governor. A working mother, Cox has been an advocate for education and empowerment for the disabled community

since she lost her sight to a rare genetic disease while attending college. She joined the Ehrlich administration in 2003, serving as director of the Office for Individuals with Disabilities.

In May 2004, when the legislation establishing the cabinet-level Department of Disabilities was enacted by the Maryland General Assembly, she was appointed by Ehrlich as the Department's first secretary. Previously Cox served as a presidential appointee within the U.S. Department of Education as Special Assistant to the Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Service Administration.

From 1998 to 2003, she worked for the National Federation of the Blind coordinating that organization's legislative agenda. Cox graduated from Brigham Young University in 1995. She and her husband, Randy, have two sons and reside in Towson.

O'Malley/Brown Team

Martin O'Malley grew up in Bethesda and Rockville. He attended Gonzaga College High School and the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., and got involved in politics in 1983 by working on the Gary Hart presidential campaign in Iowa, Pennsylvania and Oklahoma. After returning to Maryland he completed college and enrolled at the University of Maryland School of Law in Baltimore.

After finishing law school, O'Malley worked as a prosecutor for the state's attorney's office in Baltimore. After a failed run for the Maryland State Senate, he ran a year later for a vacant Baltimore City Council Third District seat and was elected handily. In 1999 O'Malley won a very competitive three-way Democratic primary race for mayor of Baltimore and, in the general election, was elected mayor with 91 percent of the vote.

During his two terms as mayor, O'Malley notes that Baltimore has become a national model for improvement in public safety, government efficiency, education and economic development. Accomplishments during his tenure as mayor include a nearly 40 percent reduction in violent crime since 1999, property taxes reduced to a new 30-year low and an innovative program to cut prescription drug costs.

One of the earliest announced Democratic candidates for the 2006 governor's race, O'Malley officially announced his choice for lieutenant governor in December 2005, choosing Delegate Anthony Brown of the 25th Legislative District (Prince George's County) in the Maryland General Assembly. Brown has served as majority whip of the Maryland House of Delegates. Previously an aviator officer in the U.S. Army, Brown served a tour of duty in Iraq as a lieutenant colonel.

He is a graduate of Harvard University and Harvard Law School. Brown is married to Patty Arzuaga and they reside in Mitchellville with their two children, Rebecca and Jonathan.

The campaign theme for the O'Malley/Brown team is "Leadership that Works for Maryland." The campaign website provides two or three page position statements on issues that the campaign deems important for Marylanders. Selected issues include:

Ending Maryland's gridlock – with promises to invest in transit across Maryland, ending raids on the State's Transportation Trust Fund, promotion of smarter long term planning and growth management and an increase in telecom-

muting programs;

Increasing independence and securing retirement for Maryland seniors – by providing statewide prescription drug assistance, expanding Baltimore's "Experience Corps" for volunteer mentoring for school children, supporting families with older adults, increasing security for older Marylanders and strengthening Maryland's retirement security;

Ensuring a cleaner, healthier Maryland – by implementing an environmental bill of rights for Maryland families, instituting and enforcing the Healthy Air Act, fully funding the lead paint poisoning prevention programs, restoring cuts made by the Ehrlich administration to the Maryland Open Space Program, reducing sprawl and overdevelopment, instituting a new tool (BayStat) to monitor and gauge the health of the Chesapeake Bay and protecting farmland through new tax credits;

Opening the doors of educational opportunity for all Marylanders – by building new schools and reducing class size; fully funding the Thornton Education Plan; increasing accountability to assure education dollars are spent in the classroom; recruiting and retaining the best teachers; providing relief to families from soaring tuition costs; investing in vocational, technical and life-long education; promoting Maryland's Community Colleges and expanding the access to college for those willing to serve in areas of need;

Planning for affordable energy – by assuring immediate relief to Maryland residents to keep energy affordable, replacing Public Service Commission members and providing for an advocate for consumers in negotiations for rate approvals, imposing a moratorium on any proposed mergers and increasing the state's ability to negotiate lower prices, promoting energy efficiency and investing in 21st century energy solutions;

Protecting Maryland's families and neighborhoods – by cracking down on sexual predators and enhancing the Amber Alert system, increasing supervision and tracking of violent parolees, reforming Maryland's juvenile justice system,

expanding drug treatment options for substance abusers, developing a comprehensive anti-gang strategy and doubling assistance to counties for violent crime prevention and improved performance of law enforcement;

Fighting for hard-working Maryland families – by expanding quality and affordable health care coverage, extending family and medical leave for state employees, creating new economic opportunities while protecting existing manufacturing jobs, supporting living wages for Maryland families and improving workers' collective bargaining rights;

Enhancing the independence of all Marylanders – by being a strong advocate for the disability community, empowering the Maryland Department of Disabilities to make reforms and improvements easier, supporting the Olmstead decision (Supreme Court, 1999) and promoting community-based services and care, creating more affordable housing across Maryland, encouraging greater private and public sector care for people with disabilities, improving transportation options for people with disabilities and fully funding and supporting education for children with disabilities;

Achieving sustainable, balanced growth throughout Maryland – by developing and implementing regional growth plans; empowering local communities to determine their own destiny; improving transparency in land use decisions and campaign finance; promoting livable, workable downtowns and communities and helping local governments to strive for the highest quality new growth that enhances the quality of life; and making home ownership more affordable – by directing funding to redevelop distressed neighborhoods, developing a statewide housing fund and increasing the supply of affordable housing, mixing land uses to reduce travel and build stronger communities, promoting energy efficient homes and increasing tax deductions for homeowners.

More information can be found online at www.bobehrllich.com and www.martinomalley.com.

City Notes

The City of Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program is a finalist for the 2006 Awards for Municipal Excellence. The GAIL Program and the other finalists will move into the last round of consideration for the awards to determine the winners. It was featured in the September 4 edition of Nation's Cities Weekly, along with the list of all the other finalists. The final decision will be made on October 30 with the winners of the awards announced to the public and recognized formally at the National League of Cities' Congress of Cities & Exposition in Reno, Nevada, December 5 to 9.

CARES

Teresa Smithson attended a meeting at Springhill Lake Elementary to discuss the Dyslexia Tutoring Program (DTP) extending services to eligible Greenbelt students and adult learners. Corrine Levenstein, program representative, Linda Sherwood, principal, and special education and reading specialist staff met to learn about the program and brainstorm how to recruit volunteer tutors. The program is based in Baltimore and provides free tutoring for children and adults who are dyslexic and demonstrate financial need. DTP provides free training in the Orton Gillingham method for those interested in volunteering.

CARES welcomed Marie Quigley, a family studies major at the University of Maryland, who will be interning in the Vocational Education Program.

On August 29, the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) hosted its first Meet and Greet for the candidates of the Prince George's School Board for District 1. Three of the four candidates were present: Robin Barnes Shell, Dennis Whitley, III and Rosalind Johnson. ACE anticipates having all the remaining candidates from all five districts and the at-large candidates at the next and final forum on Tuesday, September 26. That forum will begin at 7 p.m. in the city council room.



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