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Greenbelt Planning Staff Works With AIMCO on SHL Revisions

by Thomas X. White

In an effort to revive their failed preliminary plan of subdivision (PPS) for redevelopment of the Springhill Lake (SHL) apartment community, Apartment Investment and Management Company Inc. (AIMCO) has been working with the staff of the city's Planning and Community Development Department to resolve their differences. AIMCO has made several substantive changes to the previous plan that failed to achieve approval earlier this year from the Prince George's County Planning Board. The corporation is seeking the city's support for a revised plan to be reconsidered by the Planning Board in December.

At a Greenbelt City Council worksession on Wednesday, November 1 the city planning staff provided a detailed update on proposed revisions to the AIMCO

plan and proposed staff revisions to the city's list of required conditions that would provide "conditional" support for the PPS. Attending the worksession were the entire council; Michael McLaughlin, city manager; Celia Craze, director of the city's Planning and Community Development Department; Terri Hruby, Greenbelt's assistant planner; Tarek Bolden, community planner; Joe McNeal, assistant director of the recreation department; and AIMCO representatives Patty Schwayder and Andre Gingles.

McLaughlin opened the discussion, noting the history of the SHL redevelopment proposals, council's earlier concerns and efforts that have been made to address all of council's concerns with the previous plan that had been rejected. Craze noted that at least 100 hours of staff time

have been consumed in discussions and negotiations with the AIMCO group to address all of council's concerns. The revised AIMCO plans reflect some of those concerns, she said, but several conditions cannot be resolved at this time and will need further discussion.

Craze said the staff approach was based on the premise that council has generally viewed proposed redevelopment of the SHL property as a desirable goal but has raised concerns with the proposed density, building heights and availability of active recreation to serve the area. Other concerns are school capacity issues for Greenbelt West, environmental issues and infrastructure arrangements. If those issues could not be resolved, council may withhold

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Voters Endure Long Lines But No Electronic Mishaps

by James Giese

Although lines were long at Greenbelt's polling places, the 2006 gubernatorial election, in spite of tight races for governor and senator, resulted in lower voter turnout in the city. The 4,757 voting this year was nearly 2,900 less than the number who voted in the 2004 presidential election and nearly 400 less than in the 2002 gubernatorial election. While total registration figures are unavailable, the lower number should also represent a lower percentage turnout than the 47 percent in 2006. One reason for the number voting being lower is that many more voters could have voted absentee this election. Absentee ballots are counted at the Board of Elections offices and are not recorded with the precinct votes.

The long lines were apparently caused by the polling places not having enough voting machines to handle the turnout. The only known special problem was at Eleanor Roosevelt High School

where a power outage in the evening delayed voting. The last voters in line did not get to vote until hours after closing time. The electronic registration books also appeared to work without a hitch.

Election workers, who had to put in long days with many hours of standing and little relief, managed for the most part to be courteous and friendly to waiting voters.

There was little surprise in the city results. As expected, Greenbelt voted heavily Democratic. The Democratic candidates for each of the four top state offices, governor, comptroller, attorney general and U.S. Senator, received more than three out of every four votes cast, with Douglas Gansler, successful candidate for comptroller leading the four with 85 percent of votes cast. Congressman Steny Hoyer, who may now become Majority Leader of

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Election Results for Greenbelt Precincts (unofficial results)

	Greenbelt Center	Greenbelt Elem	Springhill Lake	Eleanor Roosevelt	Total	Percent
Governor						
Ehrlich/Cox	283	334	62	321	1,000	21.2
O'Malley/Brown	1,028	781	373	1,454	3,636	77.0
Boyd/Madigan	29	31	5	12	77	1.6
Driscoll/Rothstein	3	1	0	4	8	0.2
Comptroller						
McCarthy, Anne	250	273	55	254	832	18.2
Franchot, Peter	1,032	829	383	1,502	3,746	81.8
Attorney General						
Rolle, Scott	205	249	42	209	705	15.4
Gansler, Douglas	1,087	853	393	1,529	3,862	84.6
U.S. Senator						
Steele, Michael	281	289	74	359	1,003	21.2
Cardin, Benjamin	1,023	818	359	1,421	3,621	76.6
Zeese, Kevin	36	43	6	17	102	2.2
U.S. Representative						
Hoyer, Steny	1,054	881	391	1,579	3,905	87.2
Warner, Steve	223	185	35	129	572	12.8
State Senate						
Pinsky, Paul	1,173	950	407	1,604	4,134	100.0
House of Delegates (top 3 Win)						
Gaines, Tawanna	982	788	345	1,465	3,580	33.8
Healey, Anne	999	848	306	1,343	3,496	33.0
Ross, Justin	1,007	839	291	1,375	3,512	33.2
County Executive						
Johnson, Jack	891	677	391	1,484	3,443	100.0
County Council						
Turner, Ingrid	1,045	842	398	1,579	3,864	100.0
State's Attorney						
Ivey, Glenn	1,140	901	404	1,604	4,049	100.0
Clerk of the Circuit Court						
Magee, Peggy	1,054	833	395	1,569	3,851	100.0
Register of Wills						
Lee, Cereta	957	728	398	1,524	3,607	100.0
Judge Orphans Court						
Johnson, Carol	282	297	76	313	968	
Cartwright, Wendy	934	716	327	1,381	3,358	
Groves, Athena	871	661	302	1,302	3,136	
Ivory-Orem, Vicky	889	672	286	1,300	3,147	
Sheriff						
Jackson, Michael	1,043	817	392	1,566	3,818	100.0
Total Voting	1,353	1,157	443	1,804	4,757	

Iraq, Change of Direction Brought Out Voters Here

by Rivéa Ruff

Despite cold climates and steady rain, Greenbelters turned out in large numbers to Precinct 13 at Eleanor Roosevelt High School for Tuesday's election.

Numbers were large, with a turnout of 1,023 voters by 3 p.m. The line stretched across most of the cafeteria but moved smoothly with a roughly 20 minute in-and-out time for much of the day.

Though a large number of Maryland residents opted to vote absentee due to controversy over the accuracy of voting machines and other problems during the primary, voters at Roosevelt had no problem with the machines.

"The machines are pretty easy," said voter Kim Johnson, 36. "It's much easier than the system in D.C."

Sample ballots mailed to Greenbelt residents in the week leading up to the election proved helpful for several voters. Many brought the sample ballot with them to ease any confusion with the electronic machines.

One of the main issues that drove Greenbelters to vote was the war in Iraq.

"I have family in the military and I want them back on U.S. soil," said Johnson, who made it clear that she voted Democratic.

"When Bush puts his daughters in uniform and sends them over, I'll keep my mouth shut," said Lenny Holohan, 70. "But for now, I want those troops home."

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What Goes On

Saturday, November 11

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot between the Municipal Building and Community Center

10 a.m., Veterans Day Observance, War Memorial, Roosevelt Center

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Pet Adoption Day, Greenbelt Animal Shelter

Monday, November 13

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

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

Tuesday, November 14

7 p.m., Advisory Committee on Trees Meeting, Schrom Hills Park Clubhouse

Wednesday, November 15

7:30 p.m., Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Community Center

Thursday, November 16

7:30 p.m., GDC and GHI Board Meeting, GHI Board Room

Holy Cross Hosts Fair Trade Fair

On Saturday, November 18 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. a Fair Trade Fair will be held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church where handmade crafts made by skilled artisans from developing countries will be sold. The Fair Trade Fair is a Lutheran World Relief benefit offering a chance to buy handmade crafts that help provide a living for artisans in developing countries.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church is at 6905 Greenbelt Road. For more information call 301-345-5111.

Synagogue Rummage Sale Sunday-Monday

The Sisterhood of Mishkan Torah will hold its annual rummage sale on Sunday, November 12 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Monday, November 13 from noon to 8 p.m. The sale will be held at Mishkan Torah, at 10 Ridge Road. Items on sale will include clothing for both genders and for all ages, household goods, working appliances, jewelry, toys, books and games.

For more information call Mishkan Torah at 301-474-4223.

Lecture on Eastern Box Turtle Tuesday

On Tuesday, November 14 there will be a free lecture on the Eastern Box Turtle at 7:30 p.m. at the College Park Airport Annex. Sponsored by the Patuxent Bird Club and Prince George's Audubon Society, the slides and talk by Dr. Chris Swarth, director of the Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary on the Patuxent River, will provide little-known facts about one of Maryland's native reptiles, along with information about conservation efforts.

The College Park Airport Annex is at 1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Drive. All are welcome.

For more information call Lynette Fullerton at 301-459-3375.



City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL
November 13, 2006 - 8:00 p.m., Municipal Building
Regular Meeting

COMMUNICATIONS

- Presentations
- Introduction of Green Ridge House Service Coordinator - Daryl Pennington
 - America Recycles Day – Proclamation and Recycle Right Awards
- Petitions and Requests** (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)
- **Committee Reports**
Park & Recreation Advisory Board, Report #06-07 (Double Dutch Funding Request)
 - Park & Recreation Advisory Board, Report #06-08 (Bike Racks)
 - Recycling & Environment Advisory Committee, Report 2006-1 (Bottle Deposit Bill)

LEGISLATION

Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of Citation Collection Services from Complus Data Innovations, Inc., of Tarrytown, NY (1st Reading)

OTHER BUSINESS


- Springhill Lake – Preliminary Plan of Subdivision – Briefing and Discussion
- 2007 Legislative Program
- *Designation of Voting Delegate and Alternates for NLC Congress of Cities
- * Resignations from Advisory Groups

MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 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.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES
Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.
Vacancies exist on the: Arts Advisory Board, Advisory Committee on Education, Advisory Planning Board, Employee Relations Board, Public Safety Advisory Committee, Recycling & Environment Advisory Committee, Youth Advisory Committee (youth and adult positions)
For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

DONATION DROP-OFF
American Rescue Workers
Saturday, November 11th
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.



PET ADOPTION DAY

Saturday, November 11
10am-2pm
Greenbelt Animal Shelter

Come check out all of the adorable animals that are up for adoption at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter.

Drop off all of those donations that you have been meaning to make. The shelter is located in the parking lot of the Greenbelt Police Station at 550A Ridge Road. Call 301-474-6124 for more information. See the pets at www.greenbeltmd.gov
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER 13-17
Monday, November 13, 7:00pm, Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee, Community Center. Info: 301-474-8004.

Monday, November 13, 8:00pm, Regular City Council Meeting, Municipal Building (live on Channel 71)

Tuesday, November 14, 7:00pm, Advisory Committee on Trees, at Schrom Hills Park Clubhouse. All interested persons are welcome to attend. Info: 301-474-8004

Wednesday, November 15, 7:30pm, Advisory Planning Board, Community Center. Agenda: 1. Call to Order, 2. Approval of Agenda, 3. Discussion on Providing Additional Bike Racks at Roosevelt Center and Library, **8:00pm,** 4. Joint meeting with PRAB Springhill Lake Redevelopment-Staff Update, 5. Adjourn Info: 301-345-5417

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.

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71
MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Monday, November 13 at 8pm: City Council Meeting (live) **Tuesday & Thursday, November 14 & 16: 10am & 6pm** "Ask the Expert," **6:30pm** ACE Reading Club, **7:00pm:** "Energy Saving Tips," **7:30pm** Replay of Council Meeting.
PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Call for Schedule

City of Greenbelt Contract Post Office
25 Crescent Road
Operating hours: Tuesday through Saturday, 10am- 2pm
Services Available: First Class Mail, Priority Mail, Parcel Packages (up to 10 lbs.), Express Mail, Media Mail, International Air Mail, Customs Declaration, Delivery Confirmation, Signature Confirmation, Insured Mail, Return Receipt, Certified Mail, Stamps, Commemorative Stamps, Hold Mail Forms, Change of Address Forms
The following services ARE NOT available at this location: Money Orders, Mailing of Packages Over 10 lbs., Payment by Bank Cards (credit, debit, check cards)

LEAF VACUUM SCHEDULE FALL 2006-07
The City Public Works Department will again collect loose leaves from the following areas with the leaf vacuum from November 6, 2006 until January 19, 2007. We remind residents to rake the leaves to the curb, but not into the street, and to remove all sticks and stones from the pile as these can damage the machinery. Areas to be collected will be posted as in past years.
WEEK OF:
November 6 –9: Lakeside
November 13 – 17: Boxwood
November 20 -22: Woodland Hills, Greenbrook Village & Estates, & Windsor Green

Nov 27 – Dec 1: Lakewood
December 4 – 8: Lakeside & Greenspring I & II
December 11 – 15: Boxwood
December 18 – 22: Woodland Hill, Greenbrook Village & Estates

December 26 – 29: Lakewood & Greenspring I & II
January 2 – 5: Lakeside & Windsor Green
January 8 – 12: All areas
January 15 – 19: All areas
For more information call 301-474-8004

GREENBELT RESIDENTS CAN NOW REGISTER FOR GREENBELT ALERT! SIGN UP FOR THIS FREE TEXT BASED EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM
Greenbelt ALERT is a text based emergency communications system for Greenbelt residents. City officials will use it to send out important messages to email accounts, cell phones, pagers and other wireless devices in case of a possible emergency.
<http://alert.greenbeltmd.gov>
for more information or to sign up for this free, voluntary service.

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 November 10
FRI. – SAT.
Harsh Times, R (!)
1, 4, 7, 10:20
Santa Clause 3, G (!)
12:30, 2:40, 5, 7:05, 9:30
Flushed Away, PG (!)
12:30, 2:40, 5, 7:05, 9:30
Saw III, R
12:20, 2:45, 5:20, 7:50, 10:30
The Return, PG-13 (!)
12:20, 2:45, 5:20, 7:50, 10:10

SUN.
Harsh Times, R (!)
1, 4, 7
Santa Clause 3, G (!)
12:30, 2:40, 5, 7:05
Flushed Away, PG (!)
12:30, 2:40, 5, 7:05
Saw III, R
12:20, 2:45, 5:20, 7:50
The Return, PG-13 (!)
12:20, 2:45, 5:20, 7:50

MON. – THUR.
Harsh Times, R (!)
5, 7:40
Santa Clause 3, G (!)
5:30, 7:30
Flushed Away, PG (!)
5:30, 7:30
Saw III, R
5:20, 7:50
The Return, PG-13 (!)
5:20, 7:50

A Review

Film Festival Brings Local Slant

by Sandra Lange

It wasn't Sundance, Cannes or Toronto. No, it was Greenbelt where the second annual Utopia Film Festival took place on a balmy fall weekend, October 27 to 29. Spread among four venues – the Greenbelt Arts Center, P&G Old Greenbelt Theatre, Greenbelt Library and the Municipal Building – filmmakers from near and far submitted a potpourri of documentaries, shorts and melodramas on autobiographical, historic and imaginative subjects. In some cases filmmakers themselves appeared at the end of their productions to speak about their creative processes.

A trio of films shown in sequence explored race and diversity. "Yokes and Chains" portrayed the fear and suffering of slaves as they arrived in the port of Annapolis. Caucasian adults and children were chained together with wooden yokes around their necks. All wore black T-shirts with the words "So Sorry" printed on them. The film expressed a strong message of reconciliation and healing between people of white and African American heritages.

"Honey Child" explored skin color in a family whose African American heritage produced a child with blonde hair. "Bone Mixers" followed people of different backgrounds and ages who gathered on Wednesday nights to play dominoes. They tease and laugh, share stories, sip wine, munch chips and salsa, swish and sway to reggae music and toss their dominoes on the table in a multicultural display of enjoyment.

The full-length documentary "The Pact" played at the Greenbelt Arts Center on Saturday and the P&G Old Greenbelt Theatre on Sunday. It told the story of three African American men from Newark, N.J. who "beat the street" by becoming doctors. They shared their stories in order to show kids from similar backgrounds an alternative to the examples they see on the streets around them. The doctors – Sampson Davis, George Jenkins and Ramech Hunt – were articulate, interesting and entertaining.

The full-length independent feature film "Swimmers" centered on a Chesapeake Bay waterman's family in emotional and financial crisis. Writer/director Doug Sandler debuted the film at the 2005 Sundance Film Festival. Later it won the Grand Jury Prize for Best New American Films from the Seattle International Film Festival. The film takes place in Oxford, Md.

Each family member struggles with the conflict between dreams and reality, their problems interlaced with their relationship to the water that sustains them.

The acting is superb, especially that of 11-year-old Tara Gallagher who plays the young daughter and Cherry Jones, a two-time Tony award winning actress, who plays the wife/mother.

"Keeper of the Kone" presented the story of 70-year-old Peter Kone who worked for decades as field assistant for the Middlebury College lacrosse team. Faced with developmental disabilities throughout most of his life, Kone becomes the team's beloved mascot. He totes water and equipment, bestows his gentle humor and encourages each team member to do his best.

Kone's inspirational story earns him a place on the Lacrosse Hall of Fame as well as in the hearts



PHOTO BY SUSAN GERVASI

Showing off a slim new body, Jenna Norwood, who was the subject of a feature entitled "Supercharge Me," answered questions from the audience after the screening.

of his special friends. Kone is also faced with emotional turmoil by the loss of his best friend to cancer.

Greenbelt Story

"Three Brave Men" was shown free at the Greenbelt Library. Kent Moore, Prince George's County Film Librarian for the past 40 years, introduced the movie. In the early 1950s, Greenbelter Abe Chasanow was declared a security risk and suspended from his job with the Navy after 22 years of employment. The movie tells how he, with the help of a lawyer and his fellow Greenbelters, cleared his name. It also tells how some of his fellow Greenbelters were the people who smeared his name in the first place, probably out of spite for his role in helping to create the housing cooperative that became GHI. Chasanow also participated in a hotly contested race for membership on the housing co-op board.

Several animated shorts included 1950s cartoons and contemporary award-winning animation from Prince George's County Library's collection, as well as animated shorts by local youngsters, some of whom were in the audience. The free showings were well attended.

While many of the films that charged a \$5 admission were shown to sparse but appreciative audiences, there was a full house for the "Greenbelt Documentary" followed by "Stryker's America." Several long-time Greenbelt residents were interviewed for the "Greenbelt Documentary." Pioneers Barbara Young and Marion Benson Hastings nostalgically recounted how wonderful it was to move to Greenbelt in 1937.

New residents Elaine and John Henry Jones recalled how welcoming they found Greenbelt. For many years John Henry was the lone African American living here. If there was prejudice against him or his interracial family, he stated, he either didn't see it or chose to ignore it. It didn't

affect his participation in becoming a soccer coach or in joining a myriad of other activities. Their daughter, Corita Jones, enthusiastically endorsed Greenbelt as a place in which she happily grew up and enjoys living.

Mayor Judith Davis commented on current growth trends. The film includes footage from Greenbelt's early history and archival photographs from the Library of Congress collection. The grainy quality of the film distracted from the excellent content.

From 1935 to 1943, Roy Emerson Stryker was head of the Historical Division of the Farm Security Administration in FDR's New Deal administration. "Stryker's America" focuses on Stryker's selection of incredibly gifted photographers, such as Dorothea Lange, Arthur Rothstein and Gordon Parks, to record images of the Great Depression.

The film confirms Stryker's genuine passion for photography. The photographs he commissioned on behalf of the federal government provoked the social conscience of Americans and were effective tools promoting New Deal programs. The film was well received by the audience and generated many questions of the filmmaker.

One of the more quirky films shown during the weekend was "Supercharge Me – 30 Days Raw" in which Jenna Norwood (her dad, Bill Norwood, lives in Greenbelt) chronicled her 30-day conversion to a raw food diet. The overly long film (one hour and 30 minutes) presents Norwood's experiences as she sheds her junk food diet and opts to consume only raw fruits and vegetables.

We follow her gastronomic journey as she spends three weeks in a California facility specializing in purging the body of toxins and changing eating habits. Over five minutes of film footage shows fecal matter being extracted from the body through a tube in a process called colonics. By the end of the film and her 30-day trial period, Norwood has become a true believer in a raw food diet.

When the film ended, a slimmed-down Norwood pranced in front of the audience clad in a sexy show-girl, black and gold sequined outfit with matching headdress. She also presented an array of raw foods for the audience members to taste.

Festival Weekend

The Utopia Film Festival 2006 provided an extraordinary weekend of entertainment. The sponsors included: Greenbelt Access Television, Inc., the Greenbelt Arts Center, Christie Digital Systems, Inc., and the Prince George's County Memorial Library System. Kudos should go to all the organizers, especially to the enthusiastic executive director Chris Haley.

After many months of researching and selecting films for the festival, Haley, Susan Gervasi, Malia Murray and others can be proud of the provocative content and technical quality of the films chosen. As the Utopia Film Festival moves to its third year in 2007, its audiences should grow. The festival is deserving of larger audience support as it adds yet another creative dimension to the Greenbelt experience.

(Alex Barnes also contributed to this article.)

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A Review

"Three Brave Men" Retells Uncomfortable Local Story

by Don Comis

Before I saw "Three Brave Men" at Greenbelt's Utopia Film Festival 2006, I thought that we were making the same mistakes with terrorism today as we had with communism during the Cold War.

But one line in the movie convinced me things are worse today and that we are closer to a dictatorship than we were in the Cold War period. In the 1956 movie, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy says that in a democracy we can right wrongs by the government because democratic governments admit mistakes while dictatorships don't.

I have seen how hard it is for President Bush or anyone in his administration to admit a mistake. I can't imagine the U.S. Department of Homeland Security sanctioning a movie about one of its more grievous errors.

But the U.S. Navy sanctioned "Three Brave Men," which is the story of how a Greenbelt Veterans Housing Corporation townhouse resident was suspended from his Navy job when he was reported as a radical by a Greenbelt resident. This was after the Greenbelt Veterans Housing Corporation (now Greenbelt Homes, Inc.) acquired most of the original government-owned housing in the planned community. In the film the name of the town and of all the characters had been changed.

I have to admit to being amused because the Greenbelt resident, Abraham Chasanow, served as the cooperative's secretary, a position I once held on the GHI board. It amused me because the heated politics and gossip that so tragically harmed Chasanow and his family remain a legendary part of GHI politics to this day.

The resident who reported Chasanow seemed to be one of hundreds of residents who had been renting their home from the government and who were upset by being evicted because they had not joined the new housing cooperative.

Ernest Borgnine plays Chasanow in the movie, while Ray

Milland plays his attorney. The Assistant Secretary of the Navy finally reinstates Chasanow, after a suspension of almost two years.

As relatives of Chasanow in the audience pointed out, the movie never mentions a series of articles in the now defunct Washington Daily News by Anthony Lewis that put public pressure on the Navy to right a wrong. Nor does the movie mention the McCarthy hearing Chasanow faced. Or the fact that, as explained by Chasanow's two daughters in the audience, Chasanow left the Navy as soon as possible after being reinstated. He set up a private law practice and real estate agency in the building where Domino's Pizza is now housed.

Chasanow's daughters Phyllis and Ruth were portrayed in the movie when they were young children. Ruth recalled how, at age 5, she was shunned by her playmates.

The movie left me wondering who the other two brave men were. I quickly included the lawyer because he risked friendships and business by taking on the case for a low fee. But who could the third brave man be? I didn't even think of the newspaper reporter, Anthony Lewis, but should have. I was going to ask if the third man was the Navy, as a joke.

But, sure enough, the discussion after the movie revealed that the third brave man was the Navy Assistant Secretary!

Outrageous as it is to have a persecutor equated in moral bravery to his victim, I still despair when I think that today's federal government would never sanction a similar film about an innocent victim mistaken for a terrorist, no matter how heroic government officials were portrayed for belatedly righting a wrong under public pressure.

Chasanow's daughters also reminded us that there were many other victims of McCarthyism who could not fight back as their father did with the help of friends and a good lawyer.

Maryland Opera Society
AMAHL AND THE NIGHT VISITORS
& AMERICAN DANCE ARTISTS
Nov. 10, 8 p.m.; Nov. 12, 3 p.m.
Bowie Center for Perf. Arts
Info. and Tickets: 301-262-2158
Box Office Open 4-8 daily VISA/MC Accepted

Tabletop Tree Workshop
Build and decorate a 12" boxwood tree! An instructor from Wood's Florists will bring materials and tools. Craft a delightful holiday centerpiece – and bring a loved one for a fun afternoon together!
December 2, 1 to 3 p.m. at Old Parish House
4711 Knox Road, College Park
Register by November 15 by sending a check for \$25 to College Park Arts Exchange,
PO Box 784, College Park, MD 20740
CPAE: "Connecting People through Arts Experiences"
301-927-3013 – info@cpae.org

A Commentary

Film Recalls Difficult Times

by James Giese

I believe I last saw the movie "Three Brave Men" on late-night television in the 1960s. What I remember most is that if you lived in old Greenbelt, you knew the story was about us even though Greenbelt is never named or never shown in the film. It was good to see it again at the Utopia Film Festival, particularly now that I am better informed about what happened then.

"Three Brave Men" is the story of Greenbelt resident Abraham Chasanow, one of five Greenbelters working for the U.S. Department of the Navy who were suspended as suspected security risks because of their ties to organizations supposedly associated with or sympathetic to communism. Many charges dealt with these employees' involvement with community organizations in Greenbelt, particularly the cooperatives. Chasanow chose to fight the charges made against him, as did Izzy Parker. Chasanow's battle received national publicity and eventually achieved his full exoneration.

A good short history of the Chasanow affair is included in the 50th and 60th city anniversary editions of "Greenbelt, History of a New Town" (available at the library and elsewhere). It describes the anti-communist hysteria of the early 1950s generated by Senator Joseph McCarthy and tells how Greenbelt, with its strong support of the cooperative movement (which some found to be communistic), was put on trial by the Chasanow suspension.

Chasanow's exoneration was generated by his willingness to fight the charges instead of running for cover, as many did in those days. In this he was helped by a local minister's willingness to rally community support behind Chasanow; by an attorney's willingness to take on a case that could cause him to become known as an associate of communists; and most importantly by the journalistic efforts of a Washington reporter to let the world know of the unwarranted accusations made against Chasanow by the Navy and the department's stubborn refusal to correct them.

The minister was the Rev. Terry Braund of Greenbelt Community Church, the attorney was Joseph Faneli and the reporter was Anthony Lewis of the now defunct Washington Daily News, who won a Pulitzer Prize for his series of articles about the episode.

Four Brave Men

These men and Chasanow were, in my opinion, four brave men. But only two of them, Chasanow and Faneli, were so regarded by the movie. Its other brave man was Navy Assistant Secretary James H. Smith, Jr. In the movie, however, fictitious names were used for all characters and Greenbelt itself was called Riverview. Nor was filming done in Greenbelt.

What impresses me now is how gently and delicately the film treats the Navy Department and the Assistant Secretary of the Navy involved in the story. Although the Navy may make mistakes, it can rectify them, according to the movie. That is the difference between a democracy and communism, the movie con-

tends.

To me, this gentle treatment reflected the fear still held by many then in the film industry, where important members had been blacklisted as communist sympathizers, a fear that those who criticize the government might also be put on some blacklist. I don't think today's filmmakers would let the Navy off so easily.

I believe the only reason the Navy brass backed down from their efforts to fire Abe Chasanow was the bad publicity it got from Lewis' articles for trying to fire Chasanow. Also the nation was coming to realize the excesses of McCarthy and others that eventually resulted in the Senator's repudiation.

Communist-like

Of particular interest to me was the opening scene in the assistant secretary's office where charges against Chasanow are discussed. At the top of the list of his community involvement was that he worked for a "communist-like" newspaper. That, of course, is this paper, then called the Greenbelt Cooperator, for which many Greenbelt citizens have volunteered. The paper's current staff is not aware of what role, if any, Chasanow may have played in the paper, although we know that other family members participated. Daughter Phyllis as a high school student was helping with layout when Virginia Beauchamp joined the staff.

At that time, many people related cooperatives, and ideals of the cooperative movement, to socialism and communism. Greenbelt citizens were involved up to their necks in cooperatives, not only with the paper, but with the consumer cooperative that ran the city's stores, the health association, credit union, nursery school and the newly formed Greenbelt Veteran's Housing Corporation (GVHC, now Greenbelt Homes, Inc.) that had bought most of the government-built housing. Born in Greenbelt and still a resident, Bill Morrison was to hear Greenbelt called "Commiebelt" in that era, according to the Greenbelt book.

It was Chasanow's role as attorney to GVHC that apparently caused some residents to file complaints against him with the government. He signed the notices of eviction to those residents who refused to join the new cooperative, many of whom felt they should be able to continue as government-subsidized renters.

An early scene, before the suspension, shows the daughter of Goldsmith (the fictitious name used for Chasanow in the movie) at a Memorial Day ceremony held in a park picnic area being recognized by the city's mayor for writing an essay on what it meant to be an American. Phyllis Chasanow Richman, who became restaurant reviewer for The Washington Post, did write such an essay.



PHOTO BY SUSAN GERVASI

Ambassador George Haley (left) gave the keynote address at the opening reception for the Utopia Film Festival. Haley, past U.S. ambassador to the Gambia, is the brother of the late Alex Haley. Linda Carter (right) helped with the reception.

Richman was present at the afternoon showing of the movie and in discussion following noted that her essay was written for Independence Day. The Greenbelt book quotes a passage from that essay: "There is a glow in my heart because I am an American."

Mayor

Frank Lastner was then Greenbelt's mayor. In the film, the mayor has a confusing role. At one time he chairs a cooperative meeting, for example. In Green-

belt the role of those involved with the housing cooperative and those involved with the city were confusing to some. This stems from the fact that the first city manager, Roy Braden, was also the government housing manager for the city. However, the city council and mayor and the housing cooperative board of directors were always two separate entities.

When the community learns of Goldsmith's suspension in the movie, dramatically revealed in a scene at a cooperative meeting at which another man asks if it is true that he is a communist, Goldsmith and his family are ostracized by some neighbors and townspeople and hunker down within their house, seriously considering moving out of town.

The Chasanows were in fact shunned by members of the community. At the discussion following the movie, Ruth Chasanow, then five years old, told how some of her friends were forbidden to play with or talk to her on the neighborhood playgrounds. The Greenbelt book relates that Phyllis, then a teenager, had to change school buses in order to avoid harassment. It also tells of Chasanow pulling down the shades at home the night following his suspension.

Rev. Braund

In the movie, a Presbyterian minister came to Chasanow's home at night to urge him to fight the suspension charges and offer his support, knowing that the town's rabbi was away. The minister was actually the Reverend Eric (Terry) Braund, pastor of Greenbelt Community Church.

Braund was a popular minister, leading a church that the original town planners regarded as being ecumenical to serve the religious needs of all residents. One person at the movie discussion commented that Braund regarded the entire community as part of his ministry.

With Braund's help and the assistance of others, many in Greenbelt rallied to Chasanow's defense. I remember hearing one old-time Greenbelter telling me, "I never liked that Chasanow but I supported him because I knew he wasn't a communist."

Many did not, however. Isn't it just as true today that many believe a person charged is guilty unless proven innocent? However, the charges against Chasanow were essentially charges against the town, so many townspeople and community leaders rallied to his defense.

An interesting scene in the movie is the one in which the town clerk, who speaks her mind with frankness, is asked if she made the statements reported by a Naval investigator and absolutely denies doing so. Was there an overzealous investigator in reality out to find a communist sympathizer?

The Greenbelt town clerk then was Winfield McCamy. I met her only briefly, but those who knew her well as co-workers led me to believe that the feisty, plain-spoken woman was a good representation of the real town clerk.

In the movie and in actuality, a hearing board found Goldsmith/Chasanow not to be a security

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approval for the redevelopment.

Hruby then led discussion of the proposed changes to the AIMCO PPS, staff's recommended changes to the city's list of conditions and outstanding remaining issues. The discussion had been outlined in an October 26 memo from Hruby to the city manager which was provided as background to council in advance of the worksession.

Greenbelt West Schools

The staff recommended first that any approval by the city for the revised PPS would be "conditional" support. It would require satisfactory resolution of the timing of adequate public facility and certain funding issues.

The most critical unknown factor is the school capacity issue. This issue may not be resolved for several months, if not years.

The city's conditional support would set a dwelling unit cap for the entire development at 5,800 but redevelopment would be limited to 2,899 units until the public facility adequacy, timing and funding issues can be resolved.

This condition is incorporated in staff-recommended revisions to the city's conditions required for Greenbelt support for plan approval, specifically in a revised condition no. 25. It states, "Prior to the approval of the Detailed Site Plan (DSP) associated with the 2,900th residential unit or prior to the transfer of Parcel 20 (SHL Elementary School site), whichever comes first, the applicant shall submit a letter from the Prince George's County Board of Education indicating its intent to transfer the Springhill Lake Elementary School site and indicating how the student population projected to be generated from the applicant's proposed increase in residential units will be accommodated within the Prince George's County School system."

Condition no. 25 had already included a condition that the applicant agrees to participate in the preparation of a Greenbelt West School Plan.

Since it remains unclear how AIMCO will proceed if the Board of Education will not transfer the SHL Elementary School site and/or there is not an approved Greenbelt West School Plan, the critical consideration for the city is that the density of SHL should remain what it is today.

With the question of school adequacy dependent on the deliberations of the quasi-official Greenbelt West School Plan, there were questions from council relating to its operations. Marc (Kap) Kapastan, who was attending the worksession, advised council that Marva Jo Camp, representing the Metroland, Inc. developers, had led an initial meeting of the task force and discussed membership, mission and a plan for reviewing all of the proposed development plans. Their objective was to present recommendations and conclusions in early 2007.

Council also questioned whether AIMCO was committed to participating in the task force and Schwayder assured councilmembers that they would be participating. Adding to concerns about coming to a decision on the critical issue of school capacity for Greenbelt West was the current political situation with the newly elected school board assuming its responsibilities in the new year.

Recreation Facilities

Another major change to the AIMCO plan is an agreement

to provide three public ballfields within the project area. Two ballfields are to be located in the southwest corner of the SHL property at the intersection of Cherrywood Lane and Breezewood Drive on an approximately five-acre site. A third ballfield (more like a free play area) would be placed on Block R, an area of just under two acres in the south central part of the development.

Revised conditions nos. 10 and 11 allow AIMCO the opportunity to explore with council the mode and timing of conveyance of the subject parcels but gives ultimate authority to the city council in determining the mode of conveyance. Condition no. 10 also strengthens the provision for AIMCO to provide design and construction of a 20,000 square-foot recreation center to be owned and operated by the city on the site of the existing SHL Recreation Center.

A revised condition no. 11 calls for the plan to be revised at the time of final plat to show Block R as provided to the city for use as a public open play area and that such action would satisfy the requirement to provide one of the athletic fields referenced in condition no. 10. Condition no. 11 also has new language asserting that the public open play area, athletic fields and/or new recreation center may be located offsite should the city acquire land on which these recreational facilities may be located. In this case AIMCO would contribute to funds to satisfy the obligations of conditions 10 and 11.

Condition no. 12 was revised extensively to delineate requirements for on-site private recreational facilities to be provided by the applicant. They should include at least 17 acres of contiguous open space, trail and path system, including storm water management detention as an amenity, a minimum 17,000 square foot clubhouse/community building, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, tennis courts, basketball courts, playgrounds and parks/town squares.

One piazza (a town square feature) shall also be provided to serve as a visual, functional and identifiable center for the entire development.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts noted his concern that Block R is not sufficient to handle a competition-size ballfield. He reiterated his position that the developer should be required to provide the three competition-size fields at appropriate sites within the development.

Developer Funding

Conditional approval was also extended by staff to several key funding obligations the city is requiring of the developer for infrastructure, public facilities and increased staffing. Condition no. 5, applicant agrees to provide \$500,000 for the beautification and/or right-of-way improvements for Cherrywood Lane and in condition no. 6 for up to 50 percent of the design and construction costs for trail extensions from Cherrywood Lane into the proposed pedestrian trail system of the adjoining Greenbelt Station development.

The funding language applies as well to condition no. 10 relating to costs of design and construction of a new SHL recreation center and to condition no. 23 where AIMCO agrees to contribute \$500,000 for improvements to the Greenbelt police headquarters

conditional on the city's agreeing to provide a sub-station or satellite police office within the project area.

The developer also agrees to provide \$480,000 for funding of an additional four police officers for the Greenbelt Police Department. This condition, however, is tied again to approval of the DSP associated with the 2,900th residential unit.

Other conditions are a requirement that a new traffic study for the area would have to be completed if by full funding for the interchange serving Greenbelt Metro Station has not been secured (condition no. 28); a traffic signal study and funding for required traffic signals at Cherrywood Lane and Breezewood Drive and at Cherrywood Lane and Springhill Drive (condition no. 27); and submission of a phasing plan that demonstrates how the 35 percent for-sale unit requirement will be achieved (condition no. 18).

Other conditions are a requirement for a comprehensive stream restoration plan and documentation showing how low-impact development techniques have been considered or incorporated and documentation demonstrating compliance with noise attenuation standards with submission of a detailed plan for the buildings adjacent to the Capital Beltway and/or Kenilworth Avenue.

Before issuance of the first building permit, the applicant must agree to submit a plan to the city addressing how the housing needs of current SHL residents will be addressed, including priority availability for new rental or for-sale units. Every detailed plan shall address pedestrian and bicycle circulation.

Open ended provisions include a condition that the applicant shall establish a continuing funding mechanism for a trolley/tram or similar light transit system within the project area and a provision that AIMCO agrees to work with the appropriate governing agencies and adjacent property owners on the development of a comprehensive trolley/tram or similar light transit system that strives to reduce reliance on single occupancy vehicles serving Greenbelt West and connects to other areas of Greenbelt. This item is a key concern of Councilmember Konrad Herling. He advised the AIMCO officials of his recent efforts at the Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments (COG) to identify potential grant funding for local transit that might be applicable to the SHL and Greenbelt West developments.

School Capacity

Residents attending the worksession were most interested in the schools capacity issue. They wanted to be sure that AIMCO officials were committed to participating in the Greenbelt West Schools Task Force. They also urged council to assure that the new county school CEO was aware of the city's concerns, as well as the newly elected school board members and the new county councilmember for this district.

The mayor and council asked the staff to schedule the item for information at the November 13 council meeting and for consideration and action at the November 27 meeting of council. AIMCO representatives indicated that they would be seeking consideration of their revised PPS at the December 7 meeting of the Planning Board.



This map of the current Springhill Lake preliminary plan shows the addition of two playing fields in the southwest corner of the development and a free play area a little further in from Edmonston Road. Arrows indicate their specific locations.

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE

JAMES ELAM,)
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 Plaintiff,)
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 v.)
)
 Unknown Heirs of ELIZABETH JONES)
 and DOROTHY WATTS, if any)
 there be, PARTIES UNKNOWN,)
)
 Defendants.)

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of the above-styled suit is to effect adverse possession of real estate lying in the City of Charlottesville, Virginia consisting of 624 South First Street, TMP 280202000 (the "Property"), and being the same Property conveyed by Lucian Farrar, Jr. to his sole heir, his wife, Ida Jane Farrar, by his Will dated October 9, 1942 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for the City of Charlottesville, Virginia in Will Book 7, page 211, of which Lucian Farrar, Jr. died seized and possessed; and being the same property conveyed by Ida Jane Farrar to her sole heir, her son, James E. Farrar, by her Will dated November 17, 1953, and recorded in the Clerk's Office for the Circuit Court of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia in Will Book 15, page 330, of which Ida Jane Farrar died seized and possessed; and being the same property owned by James E. Farrar, aka Lucian James Edward Farrar, at the time of his death and passing by intestate succession to his sole heirs, his daughters Elizabeth F. Jones and Dorothy F. Watts; and to grant the Property to Plaintiff herein, James Elam, by adverse possession.

It appearing by Affidavit that due diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of the following Respondents: the unknown heirs of Elizabeth Jones and Dorothy Watts; and

It appearing by Affidavit that there are or may be persons interested in the subject matter of this suit whose names are unknown, namely any and all persons who may be heirs, assignees or successors in title to Elizabeth Jones and Dorothy Watts, whose names are unknown, and said Complaint making said persons parties respondent by the general description of "Parties Unknown," and an Affidavit having been made and filed that they are unknown, it is ORDERED that the aforesaid Defendants by the general description of "Parties Unknown" who are proceeded against by this Order of Publication and any other interested parties do appear on or before December 18, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. and do what is necessary to protect their interests.

It is further ORDERED that the foregoing portion of this Order be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Alexandria Times, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and in the Greenbelt News, a newspaper of general record in the Greenbelt, Maryland area; that a copy hereof be posted on the door of the courthouse of the Circuit Court of the City of Charlottesville; and that a copy be mailed to the last known address, if any, of the Defendants.

ENTER: /s/ Hon. Edward Hogshire
DATE: October 25, 2006

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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

October 28, 9:25 p.m., 5707 Cherrywood Lane, cashiers at the Shell Foodmart reported that a man entered the store, produced a handgun and demanded money. At one point he stuck the gun in the opening in the money exchange drawer and fired a shot. One of the cashiers was slightly injured when the weapon discharged but declined medical treatment. After obtaining an undisclosed amount of cash the man fled, possibly in a red vehicle. The suspect is described as a black male, 6', wearing a black hooded sweatshirt with light colored stripes, black jeans, a brown mask and gloves.

October 30, 6:52 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, a man reported that he was walking home when he was approached by four young men who demanded money from him. He gave one of the young men a small amount of money, at which time they knocked him to the ground, then punched and kicked him several times. The suspects fled on foot. The man declined treatment for minor injuries. The suspects are described as a black male, 16 to 18 years of age, 5'6" to 5'8" with a thin build and black hair, wearing a gray T-shirt with long black sleeves with a hood and gray jeans; a black male, 16 to 18 years of age, 5'8" to 5'10" with a thin build and black hair, wearing a white T-shirt, shorts and tennis shoes; and two black males, 16 to 18 years of age, wearing masks over their faces.

Drug Arrests

October 29, 1:37 a.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, two non-resident men were arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia after police stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. Upon approaching the vehicle the officer detected the odor of what he believed to be marijuana. One man was found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana. The other was found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to smoke marijuana. Both were released on citation pending trial.

November 2, 4:27 p.m., 5900 block Greenbelt Road, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with possession of cocaine, possession of paraphernalia, theft, operating an unregistered vehicle and other traffic violations. Police observed a suspicious occupied vehicle; a computer check revealed that the tag on the vehicle had been reported stolen. A quantity of suspected crack cocaine was lo-

cated in the vehicle; the driver was arrested. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Theft

October 28, 9300 block Edmonston Road, a resident youth was arrested for theft, driving without a license, failure to control speed to avoid a collision, hit and run and other traffic violations after allegedly taking his father's vehicle and striking several vehicles in a personal injury accident. He was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Disorderly Conduct

October 29, 1:22 a.m., 7200 Hanover Drive, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. Police responded to Willy K's Bar and Restaurant at the Holiday Inn hotel in response to a report of a person refusing to leave at the request of management. The man was escorted to his room; once inside he began yelling and banging on the room door. He was released on citation pending trial.

Vandalism

October 26, in reference to a vandalism which occurred September 27 in the 9100 block of Springhill Lane, a warrant had been obtained charging a woman of no known address with malicious destruction.

Burglary

November 2, 9:14 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, unknown person(s) attempted to enter a residence by tampering with the front door. Entry was not gained.

Vehicle Crimes

A 2003 Dodge Caravan was stolen from the 6100 block Breezewood Court.

Five vehicles were recovered, one by Greenbelt police and four by outside departments with no arrests made in any of the recoveries.

Vandalism to, theft from and attempted theft of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7800 block Emily's Way; 7800 block Mandan Road; 7000 block Megan Lane; 7800 block Hanover Parkway; 7200 block Morrison Drive; Ora Glen Court and Ora Glen Drive; Lakeside and Lakecrest Drives; unit block Lakeside Drive (two incidents); Maplewood Court; Ridge Road and Hamilton Place; 11, 19 and 69 courts Ridge Road (four incidents); 6200 block Breezewood Drive; 6000 block Cherrywood Court; 5800 block Cherrywood Lane; 9100 block Edmonston Road (two incidents); 9100 block Springhill Lane; and Beltway Plaza.



Left to right, Michael Apgar, Robert Defibaugh, Young Hur and Adam Swann were sworn in by Mayor Judith Davis as the newest Greenbelt police officers at the city council meeting on October 23. Police Chief James Craze looks on.

PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

Greenbelt Acquires Four New Officers

by James Giese

At the October 23 Greenbelt City Council meeting, Mayor Judith Davis administered the oath of office to four new Greenbelt police officers Michael Apgar, Robert Defibaugh, Young Hur and Adam Swann. All are graduates of Maryland police academies and are nearly ready to hit the streets in Greenbelt.

Apgar, a former Howard County police officer currently residing in York, Pa., is also an emergency medical technician.

He is waiting to attend a comparative compliance class to become re-certified as a police officer in Maryland. He has completed 122 college credit units at York College. He is recommended by Greenbelt officer Jason Powers who attended police academy with him.

Defibaugh left the University of Maryland Police Department to become an officer with the Greenbelt Police Department. Prior to his two years with Maryland he was a corrections officer in South Carolina. He has been a resident of Greenbelt since 2004.

Hur, a former Baltimore County officer, has also worked as a teacher and in sales. He is in the Marine Corps Reserves and served in Iraq in 2003 along with Greenbelt officer Ryan Peck, who recommended him.

Swann, a resident of Harwood, left employment in order to put himself through the Prince George's Municipal Police Academy as a part of a Prince George's Community College program that results in an A.A. degree. He deferred other police offers in order to obtain his first choice as a Greenbelt officer.

American Ed. Week Features School Visits

by Mary Moien

Next week, November 12 to 18, marks American Education Week. This year's theme is "Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility." This week is traditionally marked by parent visits to their children's schools. Celebrated in November since 1921, American Education Week began as a way to generate public awareness and support for public education. The News Review will highlight staff at local schools during November.

Schools throughout the country will recognize the educators, office staff, cafeteria workers, teacher's aides, school bus drivers and other education support personnel. The president of the National Education Association is encouraging all to join "in proclaiming loudly and clearly that all children have the basic right to a superior public education, regardless of where they live or their economic situation."

As of press time, only Greenbelt Elementary School had announced plans for the week.

Greenbelt Elementary

The major American Education Week activities will take place on Tuesday, November 14. Parents are invited to visit their children's classroom from 9 a.m. to 3:25 p.m. Later that day (5:30 to 7 p.m.) parents and others can view the judged science fair exhibits in the gym.

From 6 to 7:30 p.m., sixth grade parents can learn about the high school assessments in the Media Center.

From 6 to 8 p.m. security processing (at no cost) for all volunteers will take place in the cafeteria. (See story at right.)

A brief PTA meeting will be held from 7:30 to 8 p.m. in the media center. Babysitting will not be available.

UM Chamber Jazz Recital on Nov. 14, 15

Two concerts showcase student combos from the University of Maryland's School of Music jazz studies program. The first concert will be held on Tuesday, November 14 at 7:30 p.m. The second concert will be held the following day, Wednesday November 15 also at 7:30 p.m. Both are held in the Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

Local Stream Deemed In Healthy Condition

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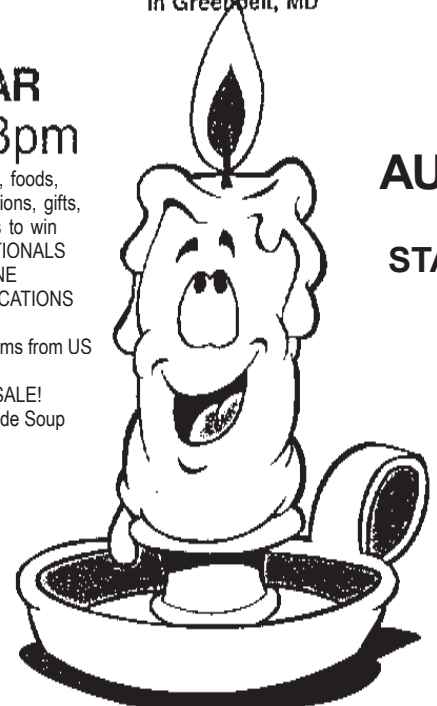
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New Company Will Oversee Collection of Parking Fines

by James Giese

Greenbelt parking scofflaws will have more to worry about when Complus Data Innovations takes over management of collecting the city's parking ticket fines. The company was awarded a contract by the Greenbelt City Council at its October 23 meeting. Council also rejected bids for a heavy-duty dump truck and agreed to write to School Superintendent John Deasy about concerns with future reconstruction of Greenbelt Middle School.

While Complus' fee will be based on the number of tickets issued by the city and the amount collected by the company (15 percent), City Manager Michael McLaughlin estimates the annual cost will be about \$12,000. The city will also lease electronic ticket writing machines, upgraded every three years, for an additional \$18,000.

The current supplier of ticket collection services, Data Ticket, receives payments of around \$16,000 a year. Added revenues from ticket collections, estimated to be about \$25,000 a year at a projected 80 percent collection rate, should more than pay for the added expenses.

When the city collected tickets itself, its collection rate was between 30 and 40 percent. Fourteen years ago the city contracted with Data Ticket, bringing its collection rate up to about 70 percent. Wishing to implement electronic ticket writing machines, the police staff, with Corporal Maria Parker the lead spokesperson, concluded that Complus would offer a bet-

ter arrangement to the city with its program to continually update its machines as needed. Complus claims collection rates as high as 96 percent.

The four ticket-writing units to be leased will be used by parking enforcement officers with one available for multi-officer use. These hand-held computer units are capable of retrieving information on past ticket violations and motor vehicle registrations. They can be used to mark cars in time-restricted zones, instead of chalk on tires. They also are capable of taking photographs and displaying tickets previously written. Vehicle bar codes are scanned by the machines to identify a vehicle and obtain motor vehicle information.

Middle School

Greenbelt has been apprized that the new Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for county schools calls for reconstructing Greenbelt Middle School in time for student use in the fall of 2009 with planning to be funded in Fiscal Year 2008. Of alternate programs, the CIP provides for option "D" which would preserve historic building sections of the existing structure and build a new addition in place of the rest.

While city staff is pleased to see this needed improvement programmed, it is concerned that the school system is proceeding on a plan to provide for current needs without consideration for additional school demands resulting from planned developments and redevelopments in Greenbelt West - Greenbelt Station, reconstruction of Springhill Lake at more than twice

the density and additional housing to be built at Beltway Plaza.

Mayor Judith Davis noted that a letter sent to school board chair Beatrice Tignor last spring expressing city concerns about the school remains unanswered. She felt that the appointed school board, soon to be replaced by an elected one, have "packed their suitcases and gone home."

Council agreed to send another letter to CEO John Deasy re-expressing concerns. Consideration was also given to sending a letter to the newly elected school board and to a new School Facilities Task Force when its membership is appointed.

Dump Truck

Bids were obtained for replacement of a heavy duty dump truck with a stainless steel body. The three bids received were all more than \$20,000 above the city's budget. Public Works Director Ken Hall told council that about one-third of the extra cost was for new emissions technology required in a 2007 diesel engine and two-thirds was for the stainless steel body over a regular steel body.

Staff are concerned about mechanical issues that need to be resolved in the new engines resulting from the required emissions technology. They noted that a 2006 diesel engine not subject to the new regulations and still available for purchase would greatly improve emissions over that of the 11-year-old truck to be replaced, especially when considering that the city is beginning to use ultra low sulfur diesel fuel.

Staff believe it best not to

buy a diesel engine with the new technology for another year or two until its bugs are straightened out. They believe the regular steel body will serve city needs well enough.

Staff recommended rejecting all bids and rebidding for a truck with a 2006 diesel engine and a regular steel body with expectations that such bids will be closer to the city's budget for the truck.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts advocated rebidding for a truck that could run on natural gas, noting that buses are now running on this cleaner fuel. Hall responded that this heavy duty truck used for snow removal could not be refilled quickly enough at the city's natural gas pump. For snow removal, the truck would need to be refilled several times during one night while he felt that it would take all night for the city's pump to refill it one time.

With a first-rate natural gas pump, that fuel would be better to use but such a pump would cost \$60,000. Hall noted that the city's natural gas pump has had a lot of maintenance problems with compressors often needing to be replaced.

Roberts complained this was the first he had heard of the city's pump problems. He noted that a factory-purchased natural gas engine was also capable of running on gasoline, which could be used in an emergency, and that there were pumps elsewhere that appeared to be working satisfactorily.

Davis suggested bidding for the truck with both diesel and natural gas engine alternatives. Council concurred, rejecting the existing bids.



Our sympathy to Pat Ball and family on the death of her husband William H. Ball.

Congratulations:

- to the Lady Raiders Cheerleaders, who placed first in both divisions in the Prince George's County Cheerleading Competition held at the University of Maryland Sunday, November 5.

- to Aaron and Jill St. John on the birth of their daughter Sylvia Fay St. John.



She was born at Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring on September 15, 2006, at 6:24 p.m. weighing 7 lbs. The St. John family thanks everyone who has welcomed Sylvia to Greenbelt.

- to ERHS student Brandon J. Cuffy, son of Roberta C. Dover of Springcrest Drive, who won a coveted place to attend the Air Force Junior ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps), Aerospace and Technology Honors Camp at Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta and Robins Air Force Base, Warner Robins, Ga. Cadets attending the camps are in the top one percent of 110,000 Junior ROTC cadets worldwide; only 500 cadets are selected and actually attend the honors camps.

- to Greenbelters Roya Bauman and George Branyan who perform with the Metropolitan Washington Baha'i Chorale as part of its 27th interfaith concert. The concert will be held on Tuesday, November 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Washington Hebrew Congregation in Washington, D.C. For information call 301-474-3720.

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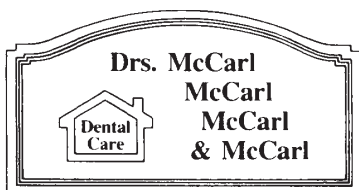


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risk. The Greenbelt book quotes the board as acknowledging that "from its inception Greenbelt has been the subject of controversy. . . . From without, it has been eyed suspiciously . . . as a 'queer' experiment." However, Chasanow was found to be "if anything, a moderating, constructive and conservative influence." The book further quotes the board's findings as saying "the weight of evidence points to the non-existence in Greenbelt of 'radical' or 'left-wing' groups as the words are loosely used."

In spite of that Chasanow was fired on April 18, 1954. In my mind, so much for the movie's nomination of the third brave man as the Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

Press

At that point, Goldsmith's attorney declares it is now time to go to the press. That is the only time the movie indicates that the press might have played a role in the affair. In reality, it was public exposure generated by the series of Lewis articles that brought the Chasanow firing to national attention and, I expect, caused the Navy to back down and reinstate Chasanow. In fact, the movie is based upon Lewis' articles.

Seeing the movie again made me want to read those articles. I asked Kent Moore, head of the county library systems film collection and moderator of the movie discussion, if the library possessed copies of the articles. He said the library had once had them but that someone had removed them from the files.

He bemoaned the fact that Pulitzer Prize-winning newspaper articles have never been compiled and published for later reference.

The movie ends, as it began, in the Assistant Navy Secretary's Office. Goldsmith is exonerated and restored to his job. Chasanow, too, had his job restored. His daughters said that he decided to leave the Navy and did so graciously by completing a reorganization of the office he headed, resulting in elimination of his job. He received back pay, of course, but most of that went to pay debts incurred while unemployed, they said.

Chasanow's vindication seemed to take a load off the back of the whole town, town banker Henry Brautigam is quoted as saying in the Green-

belt book. The Cooperator editor thanked Chasanow for defending his honor and declared that the clearing of his name ". . . meant also clearing the good name of Greenbelt," the book relates.

Afterward

Chasanow went into private law practice in Greenbelt. His office was located in the building on Centerway in Old Greenbelt in which Domino Pizza now is located and which was the first Greenbelt fire and police station.

Moore told the moviegoers of a story told by Ernest Borgnine, who played Goldsmith. After doing a scene, Borgnine was disturbed by a man in the studio crying. He learned that it was Chasanow, who was a paid advisor to the movie and was overwhelmed about the ac-

curate way the actor had played the emotional scene.

Chasanow's daughter noted that he had received money from the movie. She said those funds had been used to buy the new family home on Lakeside Drive in which the Chasanows lived for many years thereafter.

Does this incident relate to what is happening today? Certainly there is similarity between the overwhelming public concern then over communists infiltrat-

ing our government to destroy our way of life and terrorists today out to destroy our country. Those who were or had been associated with communist-leaning groups were shunned by many Americans then just as others today shun persons of the Muslim faith because of fear of their possible association with radical Islamists.

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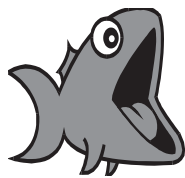


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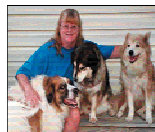
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 Brick Cape Cod Home with Garage; a rarity in Greenbelt! 3 levels and lots of space. This home won't last; call now for details! \$454,900 U.C.

Brick Townhome on Corner Lot
 Modern kitchen with hardwood cabinets, modern appliances and countertop. Roomy shed in large yard. Laundry room upstairs! \$234,900

Boxwood Village
 Beautiful 5 bedroom, 2 bath split foyer at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac. Screened porch and deck has wooded views. Priced at \$399,900 **SOLD**

Coming Soon
 GHI Townhome with addition. Bedroom and Full Bath on the main level. This cinderblock townhome has been recently remodeled. \$274,900

Suitland
 Single Family Home near the DC line. Sunroom, 4 bedrooms and 2 baths. Large yard with shade trees. Great condition! \$329,900

Glen Ora
 This 3 level townhome has 4 bedrooms and 3 1/2 baths. Fireplace, modern appliances, deck and patio. Steps away from pool! \$367,000 **SOLD**

Brick Townhome
 Steps away from Roosevelt Center! This 2 bedroom all-brick home has a 12 1/2' x 18 1/2' living room. Check this price at \$186,000! **SOLD**

Frame Townhome on Corner Lot
 This 2 bedroom townhome has a large yard with rail fencing and storage shed. Wide floorplan with remodeled kitchen & bath. Value! \$189,900

GHI Townhome With Additions & Extra Bath
 This two bedroom home has an addition in the front with w/d hookup and a rear addition with two rooms. Half-bath on the main level. \$209,900

 **Your Greenbelt Specialists** 

School Board Election Results for Greenbelt Precincts (unofficial results)

	Greenbelt Center	Greenbelt Elem	Springhill Lake	Eleanor Roosevelt	Total	Percent
At Large (Top 4 Win)						
Beck, Donna	712	580	248	1,066	2,606	
Darensbourg, Alicia	330	244	128	490	1,192	
Jacobs, Jeanna	573	450	208	876	2,107	
Johnson, Ken	251	200	137	433	1,021	
Lawlah, Gloria	288	236	129	428	1,081	
Stone, Howard	280	252	103	354	989	
Thomas, Nate	467	384	167	810	1,828	
Watson, Ron	473	357	150	862	1,842	
District 1						
Johnson, Rosalind	603	421	268	1,068	2,360	70.5%
Shell, Robin	276	252	100	361	989	29.5%
District 2						
Iliff, Heather	567	476	186	899	2,128	65.6%
Waller, Amber	267	190	175	483	1,115	34.4%
District 3						
Fletcher, Pat	420	314	166	802	1,702	57.2%
Williams, Regina	315	208	197	553	1,273	42.8%
District 4						
Morris, Steven	430	308	174	777	1,689	52.7%
Thomas, Linda	384	320	191	618	1,513	47.3%
District 5						
Costello, Katie	444	333	133	514	1,424	42.6%
Johnson, Owen Jr.	431	343	233	908	1,915	57.4%

Dems Meet, Hear Deasy Nov. 17

by Pat Unger,
president E&FDR Dems
The next monthly meeting of the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will be held on Friday, November 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Terrace Room of the Greenbriar Community Building, 7600 Hanover Parkway (on the north corner of Hanover Parkway and Greenbelt Road).

The guest speaker will be Prince George's Public School CEO Dr. John Deasy. Deasy will discuss his plans for the system and take questions from the audience. Principals and teachers of the local schools have been invited. The general public, former members and prospective members are always welcome. Anyone needing further information should call the club president, Pat Unger, at 301-474-1052.

The brief agenda for the meeting will feature a report from the nominating committee which is chaired by Judith Davis. Election of officers, including nominations from the floor with prior approval of the candidate, will also be held.

Program committee chair Sandra Eichbaum has announced that the December 15 meeting will be the group's Annual Holiday Gala. This celebration will be a tribute to Terry Lierman, chair of the Maryland Democratic Party, with swearing in of the new officers and recognition of the club's founding 30 years ago in 1976.

The January meeting will be the Annual Legislative Night in Annapolis on Monday, January 15. This event will be sponsored by State Senator Paul Pinsky and the 22nd District delegates Anne Healey, Tawanna Gaines and Justin Ross. Further details will be available by the December meeting.

The traditional "Greenbelt Sweetheart" Night on Friday, February 16 will round out the winter schedule. An employee of the City of Greenbelt will be

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"I support the troops wholeheartedly but I am tired of seeing them murdered," she said.

Others focused mainly on the economy. Some voters mentioned concern with tuition raises for college, while others were concerned with the difference between salaries and the cost of living.

Most voters remained in step with Maryland's status as a blue state, expressing hope that the Democrats would regain control of Congress. While most believed that the changeover would happen, they doubted that much difference would come from it.

"It's hard to say if anything major will be done," said David Ralph, 42. "But the tone of the nation will change a bit." Ralph believed that Democrats would win the House of Representatives but not the Senate.

Milton McAlister, 78, said that he had "confidence but skepticism" that the Democrats would get control of Congress.

Dee Williams, 30, a newer resident of Greenbelt who has lived in Maryland just under a year, also believed that the Democrats would regain control.

"They'll probably win but honestly, I don't know if anything will change."

Overall, Greenbelt residents came to the polls hoping for change.

"I'm here making sure that I get people to represent me that actually represent me," said Johnson. "Unlike the ones we have now."

"I'm not too happy with the way the government is run," said Kimberly Nelson, 27. "I hope people got out and voted. I know a lot of people think it doesn't make a difference but it does."

honored.

Members are asked to bring a snack or dessert to share for the November 17 meeting.

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the House of Representatives, easily defeated Green Party candidate Steve Warner in Greenbelt and throughout his district.

In Greenbelt, the leading vote-getter was Maryland State Senator Paul Pinsky who received 4,134 votes from the 4,757 Greenbelt voters participating in the election. For all offices, some voters failed to cast ballots. The election race drawing the highest total number of votes cast was the first one on the ballot for the offices of governor/lieutenant governor where 4,721 out of 4,757 votes were cast.

In the county, in the few races where there were contests, Greenbelters apparently favored the same candidates as the rest of the county. The one exception was the school board race for district 4. County wide, Linda Thomas appeared to have won by a small margin. However, still uncounted absentee ballots could change that result. Greenbelters favored Steven Morris by over five percent.

All the ballot questions were overwhelmingly supported by Greenbelt voters, including those opposed by some newspapers and organizations.

Many voters, particularly those frustrated by there being no competition for some offices cast write-in votes for a wide variety of people, some real and some fictional. The most significant write-in campaign was for Judy Mickens-Murray for the district 3 school board slot. She received 163 votes in Greenbelt, far below the 1,702 votes received by winning candidate Pat Fletcher. Rushern Baker received 81 votes for county executive even though he was no longer campaigning following his narrow primary defeat. Lynn Skerpon received 66 votes for register of wills from voters upset that the long serving register had lost her reelection bid in the primary to Cereta Lee.



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Here is a photo of people voting at the Community Center. Around lunchtime the wait to vote was over an hour.

Poll Workers Bused Here To Hand Out "Trick" Guides

by Rivéa Ruff

Most Greenbelters received a sample election ballot in the mail in the week leading up to Tuesday's general election, meant to assist with making choices before they reached the polls.

However, another set of sample ballots was being passed out by Republican electioneers in front of Eleanor Roosevelt High School on election day and at other polling places around town.

These ballots, labeled "2006 Ehrlich-Steele Democrats Official Voter Guide," were being handed out by men who said they had been bused down from Philadelphia to pass out the material at the polls.

John Keel, an electioneer from Philadelphia, said that he and others were bused into Maryland to campaign for Ehrlich and other Republican candidates.

"We were promised \$100 by the end of the day if we got on the bus to come campaign," he said. Keel said that the papers they were paid to pass out were an attempt to trick voters in Ehrlich's favor.

"They used confusing literature in the ballots to get votes," he said.

The electioneers believed they were bused from out of town because their actions would be frowned upon by Maryland residents.

"People up there aren't as into politics as they are here," said another electioneer who would be recognized only as Robert Allen, his middle and last names. "Had they known the type of sample ballots we were passing out, there wouldn't be that many workers."

The samples were paid and authorized by the Bob Ehrlich for Maryland Committee and the Steele for Maryland Committee.

Modeled after a real election ballot, the ballot featured pre-marked boxes for Republican candidates, though it was labeled as a "Democratic sample ballot" at the top.

The pamphlets were likely geared toward African American voters, featuring the colors red, black and green on its borders and pictures of Wayne Curry, Kweisi Mfume and Jack Johnson in the center with the statement, "These are OUR Choices," written in bold on the bottom.

The intent to sway Democrats toward Republican votes was made even clearer with the statement written on the back of the ballots: "In a general election, a Democrat can vote for a Republican candidate without switching parties."

Deborah Meshulam, a poll monitor who visited Roosevelt to check on the election proceedings thought that the sample ballots were strange at the very least.

"As a citizen, I think that something like that is troubling," she said. Meshulam believed that it could easily confuse voters just as they were walking into the polls.

"This is a very puzzling document to me," she said. "It seems a little shoddy."

It is not clear how many of these ballots made it into the hands of voters or how much of an influence it had on the election itself.

As the rain began to pour on election day, the Philadelphia electioneers opted to stay inside the school lobby rather than continue their campaign as they were more concerned with getting paid at the end of the day than with the outcome of the election.

"It's not hard when you don't care," said Allen.

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