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The 1959 brochure advertising the Lincoln Place apartments in the Venice section of Los Angeles used this photograph. This photo was included in Amanda Seward's submission for designation of Lincoln Place on the California Register for Historic Resources.

Lincoln Place Saga Continues As AIMCO Deals with Tenants

by James Giese

This is the second and last part of a story about the Lincoln Place apartments in Venice, Calif., and efforts of its owner, Apartment Investment and Management Company (AIMCO), to evict the tenants in order to rebuild the apartments and the tenacious efforts of its tenants to stay put. AIMCO owns the Springhill Lake apartments in Greenbelt and proposes demolishing and replacing them with twice as many units of apartments and condominiums. Unlike Lincoln Place, Springhill Lake apartments are rented at market rates and are not considered of historic value. Photos are courtesy of www.lincolnplace.net.

Since 1995, the owners of Lincoln Place have tried to tear down the existing buildings and rebuild with new housing, possibly condominiums. The tenants have fought this action because of the community's location in the Venice section of Los Angeles, noted for its "eclecticism and Bohemianess" and for its proximity to the Pacific Ocean and Venice Beach.

They also had benefitted from a rent stabilization law limiting rent increases for many residents for many years, keeping their rents well below market rates. Since 2003 AIMCO has owned the property.

Before then the Los Angeles City Council approved conversion of the property to condominiums with the condition that there be opportunities for existing residents to remain housed there and that some affordable housing be available.

Subsequently, the apartment

project was designated on the California Register of Historic Resources. Five buildings containing 95 of the 795 units had been torn down while AIMCO was a part-owner.

In March 2006 AIMCO declared through a subsidiary that it was going out of the rental business at Lincoln Place and gave tenants 120 days (one year if disabled or elderly) to move. With the help of a relocation specialist, many tenants did move.

After several postponements, while efforts were made by the local city councilmember and others to resolve the dispute, tenants from about 50 apartments were evicted by deputy sheriffs on December 6, 2005. They were given 15 days to arrange for removal of their possessions. Evicted residents erected a tent city near the apartments.

Only hours after their eviction, tenants showed up at a Del Ray Homeowners meeting to seek the help of Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, who was speaking there, according to Vince Echavaria in a December 15, 2005, article in "The Argonaut."

Del Ray residents were not happy to have the tenants take over their meeting. One resident is quoted as saying, "The only reason they're fighting is because they're paying cheap rent by the beach."

The Los Angeles City Council spent 50 minutes hearing the tenants at its next meeting, "The Argonaut" reported. City Council

members condemned the evictions and urged the parties to negotiate further.

The council also asked that a sweeping review be conducted of the Ellis Act, the law that enabled AIMCO to conduct the evictions. Councilmembers met another 40 minutes in closed session with the city attorney, Rocky Delgadillio, whom tenants criticize for failing to render legal advice in support of their situation.

Evictions Delayed

By early March 2006 new negotiations had begun and AIMCO agreed to delay evictions to the end of May for the remaining 80 or so households of disabled and elderly, according to "The Argonaut." A conflict resolution specialist was brought in to mediate the dispute.

While an AIMCO comment was not made to the reporter because of a "gag order" by the mediator, Kevin Herera reported that AIMCO Senior Vice President Patti Shwayder had previously said that the company had offered tenants a generous relocation package plus maintaining 140 units of affordable housing at Lincoln Place.

On June 8 Echavaria reported in "The Argonaut" that AIMCO had given the remaining 47 households 30 more days to negotiate individual relocation offers and would not evict until August 31.

Lincoln Place Tenants Association (LPTA) President Sheila Bernard is reported to say that she thinks that most of the remaining tenants will continue to reject relocation offers. "They will have to pry me out of here with a crow bar," she told Echavaria.

According to Michael J. Tittinger in the June 10 "Santa Monica Daily Press," the LPTA filed a suit under the California Environmental Quality Act in June to ask the Superior Court to order Los Angeles officials to enforce

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City Staff Informs County Of Plaza Plan Concerns

by Thomas X. White

While the year 2006 passed without measurable progress on a proposed Conceptual Site Plan (CSP) for planned development at the rear of the existing Beltway Plaza shopping center, the City of Greenbelt's planning department, in January of this year, communicated its concerns about the evolving CSP to the staff of the Prince George's County planning department.

In a letter dated January 26, 2007, Greenbelt Community Planner Tarek Bolden wrote to Henry Zhang, planning coordinator in the Urban Design Section of the Development Review Division at the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) noting the city's disappointment upon learning that the applicant has continued to pursue the CSP with the planning agency when many critical issues identified by the city had not been adequately addressed.

Expressing surprise and con-

cern that the county planning staff might be prepared to recommend support for the CSP without consulting the city, the letter requested that the development review staff delay making any recommendations on the application until the City of Greenbelt has had ample opportunity to work with the applicant to address any and all concerns the city may have regarding redevelopment of the Beltway Plaza Shopping Center. The city wants the technical staff of M-NCPPC to review the city's concerns before making a recommendation on the CSP.

The Greenbelt letter notes that the city's planning staff has been discussing its concerns with the applicant about the proposed development since the spring of 2005. As recently as fall 2006, when a revised CSP was presented to the city staff, the applicant's plans still did not

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Council Considers Pending State Legislation on Feb. 12

by Barbara Hopkins

At its meeting on February 12, the Greenbelt City Council considered supporting several pieces of state legislation. Bills addressing speed cameras, the creation of a new class of liquor license, a study of luxury-type restaurants and municipal building requirements all garnered council's support. Council unanimously opposed a bill that would exempt certain developments from the school tax surcharge.

Speed Cameras

Support for a bill (PG 308) that would authorize Prince George's County and county municipal police forces to install and operate speed cameras won support only if amended so that municipalities that operate cameras receive citation fines directly generated by them or are reimbursed by the county for their cost. As written, all citation payments, even those resulting from cameras installed and operated by a municipality, are directed to the county Office of Finance.

Assistant City Manager David Moran told council the bill, with the same amendment, is supported by the county police chiefs association and the City of Hyattsville. Council agreed unanimously to support the bill as amended. If passed by the state legislature, it will take effect on October 1 of this year.

New Liquor License

Delegate Anne Healey has introduced bill PG 313 to establish an advisory commission to study luxury-type restaurants in Prince George's County. Such restaurants, defined with a minimum seating capacity of 100 people and a minimum capital investment of \$800,000 for interior improvements to create and run it, are entitled to apply for a Class BLX liquor license. The advisory commission would attempt to determine the demand for luxury-type restaurants in the county, whether more are needed

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Los Angeles City Councilmember Bill Rosendahl met with demonstrating Lincoln Place apartment tenants who were protesting their eviction.

What Goes On

Monday, February 19

City and GHI Offices Closed in Observance of Presidents' Day

Wednesday, February 21

7:30 p.m., City Council Worksession with State's Attorney Glenn Ivey, Community Center

7:30 p.m., Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting, Community Center

Thursday, February 22

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

Friday, February 23

Noon to 6 p.m., Red Cross Blood Drive, Community Center

Letters to the Editor

A Closer Connection

We appreciate this thoughtful article [about AIMCO and Lincoln Place in the February 8 issue]. I have never lived at Lincoln Place, but became familiar with the property because of my longstanding interest in 20th Century architecture and design. I wrote the nomination of Lincoln Place to the California Register of Historic Resources. Because I am a lawyer, independent of this preservation work – I specialize in entertainment transactional work – I have been working on my own behalf in defending the Commission decision against the owner AIMCO's legal challenges. Through this work I also became familiar with the plight of the tenants and joined the legal team defending the seniors and disabled tenants in this last round of evictions undertaken by AIMCO.

The connection between Greenbelt and Lincoln Place is closer than you think. Ralph Vaughn, the designer of Lincoln Place, was a draftsman at the Resettlement Administration when Greenbelt was being designed there. He also worked under the African American architect and professor at Howard University, Albert Cassell, during the time he began designing a Greenbelt City for African Americans on 500 acres on the shore of Chesapeake Bay. (Although originally funded by the Roosevelt Administration, the project was never built.) Vaughn was also the lead draftsman on the Garden City inspired Langston Terrace, the first public housing project built in Washington, D.C. It was designed by African American architect Hilyard Robinson, who had toured the modern housing movement projects in Europe and had worked with Walter Gropius and Marcel Breuer and Paul R. Williams, the so-called "architect of the stars" from Los Angeles. Vaughn brought all of this knowledge and sensitivity to the design of Lincoln Place. His challenge was to make 24 units per acre feel like eight units per acre. By designing different footprints for each building, he created unique non-repeating greenspaces between the buildings.

*Amanda Steward,
Art Vista*

People or Money?

James Giese's article "A Look at AIMCO's Challenges in Venice Apartment Renovation" provides an excellent account of the underlying issue. The renovations at both Lincoln Place and Springhill Lake, both AIMCO properties, are about two conflicting visions for society.

If AIMCO's plans are to keep the same type of residents who are currently at Springhill Lake, then our city will likely just get a Springhill Lake that is twice as big. But if AIMCO's plans are to gentrify Springhill Lake, then most of the current residents will likely have to leave their homes and look elsewhere for affordable housing. Although there are criminals in Springhill Lake, most SHL residents are law-abiding, hard-working people.

And these people are our fellow citizens.

I came to Greenbelt, in part, because I thought it was still a place where people, neighbors and community were more important than the money-first, upscale-ob-

essed culture that has penetrated much of America.

Robert Fireovid

Not the Only One

Jim Giese's article (February 8 GNR) on the New York Times story about Greenbelt, mentioned that it included some factual misinformation. I would like to add to Jim's corrections. I was described as "starting the Greenbelt Community Foundation." I am very proud of my affiliation with the Foundation but am one of 10 people who helped to create it.

Not-for-profit organizations and associations in Greenbelt are reminded that the deadline for submitting an application for a foundation grant (ranging from \$500 to \$2,500) is March 15, 2007. To request an application form or to receive more information, email the foundation at info@greenbeltfoundation.net.

*Sylvia J. Lewis, Chair
Greenbelt Community
Foundation Advisory Board*

A Different View

Cynthia Newcomer raises an excellent point when she says that people who have homes should stay out of Roosevelt Center. I agree wholeheartedly. After witnessing fights, hearing endless streams of loud foul language and seeing the results of muggings and beatings that have occurred there, I tend to limit my "exposure time" in the Roosevelt Center as much as possible. I hear from a lot of other residents who feel the same way.

Bill Cornett

Whole Picture Includes The Photographs, Too

Thanks for presenting highlights of the New York Times article on Greenbelt, "Greenbelt Makes the Pages," February 8.

Author James Giese comments that "It is not unusual for reporters who do a quick take to get some of the facts wrong."

I would say that an important part of the article was not mentioned . . . the photographs!

Lensman Steve Ruark contributed views of Springhill Lake and the 8 Hillside Road unit I share with my neighbors. The on-line version carries a third, that of the Center.

Photographs are an integral part of any article and should be noted. Please Mr. Giese, give us the "whole picture."

Thanks.

Mark Hanyok

THANKS

The board of the New Deal Café cooperative would like to thank the members of the Café

Correction

In the February 6 issue in the front page story, "A Look at AIMCO's Challenges in Venice Apartment Renovation," the names of Patti Shwayder, senior vice president of AIMCO, and Vince Echavaria, a reporter for "The Argonaut" newspaper, were misspelled. Shwayder's name was also misspelled in a second front page story, "Greenbelt Makes the Pages of the Sunday New York Times."

who attended the annual meeting earlier this month and everyone who has patronized the Café in the past.

This is a time of transition for the Café. The manager has resigned and three new members have been elected to the board: Vasili Frankos, Peter May and David Ziegler are joining boardmembers Diana McFadden and Ronnie Scotkin.

The Café welcomes volunteers from the community to work on committees which cover many aspects of the Café including entertainment, art, membership and marketing. Your greatest support is your continued patronage.

If you have any questions, recommendations or concerns please feel free to stop in or write us at New Deal Café Board, 113 Centerway. See you at the Café!

*Peter I. May, President
Vasili Frankos, Treasurer
David Ziegler, Secretary
Diana McFadden
Ronnie Scotkin*

Good News

Thanks for the great articles on the front page of last week's News Review. The articles by Elaine Skolnik and James Giese on eminent domain and apartment renovation were well-organized, topical and newsworthy.

They are more informative and entertaining than the wandering coverage of the council meetings that make me search desperately for the actual news and why it's important. Please continue to make the front page this good. Short, topical articles that show Greenbelt in the context of the state and of the nation are the kind of news that's really news.

Martha Heil

Smart Energy Idea

Try this tip to save money and help the planet keep its cool:

Modern washing machines and detergents can clean clothes effectively in cold water – which means not wasting energy by using hot water. Another way to save energy in a washer-dryer and dishwasher is to always wash full loads.

– Sierra Club

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF FEB. 16

The Painted Veil (PG-13)

Friday

*5, 7:30, 9:55

Saturday

*2:25, *5, 7:30, 9:55

Sunday – Monday

*2:25, *5, 7:30

Tuesday – Thursday

*5, 7:30

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On Screen

Love, Lust and Cholera

The Painted Veil opens Friday at the Old Greenbelt Theatre. Based on the novel by W. Somerset Maugham, this film tells the story of a young English doctor (played by Edward Norton) and his wife (Naomi Watts) who move to Shanghai in the 1920s. The couple's relationship deepens through infidelity, revenge and cholera, all against a beautiful backdrop of remote Chinese landscapes.

Director John Curran builds on his previous success bringing fiction to the big screen in "We Don't Live Here Anymore" (2004) based on Andre Dubus' short stories. Norton and Watts deliver convincing performances as the not-so-happy couple, as does Liev Schreiber portraying the English Vice Consul who cuckolds Norton's doctor. Alexandre Desplat won a Golden Globe for best original score.

The Painted Veil is rated PG-13 for partial nudity and disturbing images.

– Cathy Jones

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DEADLINES: Letters, articles and ads—10 p.m. Tuesday. Materials for publication may be mailed to address above, deposited in our box in the Co-op grocery store (by 7 p.m. Tuesday) or brought to our office in the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, during office hours. Mail subscriptions—\$35/year.

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

Community Events

GHI Notes

Monday, February 19, Presidents' Day Offices closed – Emergency maintenance will be available by calling 301-474-6011.

Tuesday, February 20, 7:30 p.m., Greening/Greenbelt Initiative, Baseline and Benchmark Work Group

Wednesday, February 21, 7 p.m., Woodlands Committee meeting

7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee

Thursday, February 22, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors meeting

Saturday, February 24, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation

Sunday, February 25, 3 to 5 p.m., Special function – Volunteer Committees Appreciation Reception

All events take place in the GHI Administration Building. Committee and board meetings are open meetings. Members are encouraged to attend.

Beaverdam Creek Watch Group Meets

There will be a meeting of the Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group (BCWWG) Tuesday, February 20 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the library of the Greenbelt Elementary School at 66 Ridge Road. On the agenda is discussion of the Streambed Assessment Walk, which some members took after the big rain on January 1, the Jan. 9 Town Meeting on the Clean Cars Initiative, Statewide Environmental Summit held in Annapolis on January 15 and the Invertebrate Training class held by the Audubon Society on January 20. There will also be discussion of future planning for the next year. Everyone is invited to attend and participate.

At the Library

Adults

On Wednesday, February 21 at 7 p.m., a librarian leads a discussion of Jonathan Safran Foer's book "Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close."

Storytimes

Tuesday, February 20, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver; limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, February 21, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver; limit 15 children.

Thursday, February 22, 10:30 a.m., Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5; limit 20 children.

GIVES Offers Free Income Tax Help

GIVES is sponsoring a program to do free tax preparation of federal and state income tax forms for Greenbelt residents at Springhill Lake Recreation Center. To qualify for the service the taxpayer's total income must be below \$25,000 for singles without dependents or below \$32,000 for those with two or more exemptions. Help is available between noon and 4:30 p.m. every Sunday in February and March. Call GIVES at 301-507-6580 (office hours are Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m.) to make an appointment.

Concert Band Launches Website

The Greenbelt Concert Band has announced the debut of its website. Among other available information, the schedule of band performances will be posted on the "Performances" page. The website address is <http://www.greenbeltconcertband.org>.

Explore Recycling

On Friday, February 23 Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation by Cindy Murray and Bill Phelan, current employees of the city, who will talk about recycling. Murray will discuss recycling in general including the benefits of recycling and what the city does. Phelan will add to the presentation by discussing how they recycle fallen trees into usable lumber. Everyone is invited to join in learning how people can do their part to protect the earth by recycling.

Murray has worked for the City of Greenbelt for over 30 years, the last five years as recycling coordinator. Phelan has worked for the city for more than 21 years, first as the city horticulturist and has been assistant director of Public Works for the last five.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Senior Classroom of the Greenbelt Community Center. Everyone is welcome to attend. Call 301-397-2208 for details.



FREE Pizza Night

Feb. 22, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
6th -12th graders
Greenbelt Youth Center

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Greenbelt Station Trial Balloon Feb. 17

A Greenbelt Metro Balloon Test/Building Height Demonstration has been scheduled for Saturday, February 17. At press time a pre-demonstration briefing is scheduled at 9:30 a.m., followed at 10 a.m. by the balloon float. The test will be conducted for approximately two hours. The purpose of the test is to determine how the building height of Greenbelt Station would affect Greenbelt and College Park.

Provisions are being made for both aerial and on-the-ground photography from different points in College Park and Greenbelt. The inclement weather fallback date is February 24.

Café Friends Group Meets Wednesday

On Wednesday, February 21 at 7 p.m., the board of the Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FOND-CA) will hold its winter meeting. Anyone who wants to bring a matter to the attention of the board is asked to call Barbara Simon at 301-474-2192.

H.S. Reunions Scheduled for June

Reunions have been scheduled for the 1997 class of Eleanor Roosevelt High School on June 9 at the Hyatt Regency in Bethesda and for the 1977 class of DuVal High School on June 8 at Martin's Crosswinds in Greenbelt.

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

MEETING OF
GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, February 22, 2007
GHI BOARD ROOM, 7:30 PM

Key Agenda Items:

- Member Request to Purchase Boiler Room Adjacent to 32G Ridge
- Request for Exception, 55F Ridge Road
- Yard Line Recommendation for Encroachment Resolution
- Bids to Rehab 11F Laurel Hill
- Report on Electrical Inspections
- Ethics Sub-Committee Report
- Suggested By-Laws Changes
- Schedule Manager's Review

Regular Board Meetings are Open to Members

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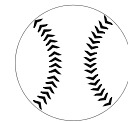
- February 8
- February 9
- February 15
- February 16
- February 22
- February 23



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Registration for New Players

Greenbelt Youth Center
Saturday, Feb. 17, 24 and Mar. 3
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T-Ball

(5-6 year olds)

Coach-Pitch / Machine-Pitch

(7-8 year olds)
and

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Fees:

- Resident \$30
- Non-Resident \$60
- T-Ball
- Copy of birth certificate is required.
- Sibling \$20
- Sibling \$30
- \$30 per player

VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED

Clinic for NEW Major League Players

Sat., March 10 from 10 a.m. to noon
at McDonald Field 7 Court Southway

Bereavement Group Starts Next Week

A new six-week support group for widowed men and women will begin February 23 and will be held at nearby Rexford Place, 9885 Greenbelt Road in Lanham. 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 men and women of all ages, races and creeds. There is no fee.

The six sessions will be held on Friday afternoons from 2 to 4 p.m. through March 30. During this time the group will share experiences and exchange 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 insights, 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.

Marine Band Plays At Dekelbourn Hall

The Marine Band will perform in concert at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center on Sunday, February 18 at 2 p.m. in the Dekelbourn Concert Hall.

The conductor for this free, no-ticket-required performance is Captain Michelle A. Rakers, assistant director, conducting "Derivations," a compilation of pieces inspired by another composer's work, such as Paul Hindemith's "Geschwindmarsch," which is based on Ludwig van Beethoven's Military March No. 1 in F, "York'sher." Featured will be works by Beethoven, Hindemith, Charles Ives, Percy Grainger, Igor Stravinsky and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

The Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center is at the University of Maryland, Stadium Drive and Route 193 in College Park. For more information on the Clarice Smith Center call 301-405-2787 or visit www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu.

Complete program information is available at www.marineband.usmc.mil. A pre-concert ensemble will perform baroque music on harpsichord and viola 45 minutes prior to the concert. Afterward there will be a post-concert chat with the conductor.



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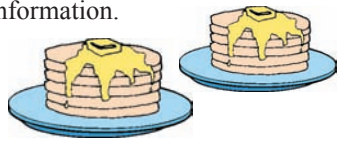
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Community Church Holds Pancake Supper

Greenbelt Community Church will hold its Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 20 at 6:30 p.m. The supper will be held in the Social Hall of the church (located at Crescent and Hillside Roads) and will include pancakes, sausage, baked apples, beverages and, they promise, a good time.

A traditional feast before Lent, a Shrove ("to confess") Tuesday dinner reminds people of the essential sweetness of life even as they prepare to face life's shadows. The supper is open to the public. Free will offerings will be collected to support Help-By-Phone, which runs eight food pantries and a clothing bank and provides prescription medicines and transportation to medical appointments in Prince George's County.

Call 301-474-6171 for more information.



Greenbelt Community Church
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Dr. Mark Johnson, Pastor

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

Weds. Worship: 7:00 pm
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Every breath that we breathe is a blessing from God and we learn from the Prophet Solomon (peace be upon him) to recognize these blessings each day. The Holy Qur'an tells us how he never forgot to be thankful to God. He is quoted to have said, "This is by the grace of my Lord, to test me whether I am grateful or ungrateful! And if any is grateful, it is (a gain) for his own soul; but if any is ungrateful, truly my Lord is free of all needs, supreme in honor."
– The Holy Qur'an, 27:40

Remember to count your blessings. For more information about gratefulness from an Islamic perspective, call 301-982-9463 or email info@searchislam.org or visit www.searchislam.org.



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Free Felting Class In College Park

Saturday, February 24 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. there will be a free felting community arts project at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road in College Park.

Led by Arts Specialist Bonnie Korr, participants will create large pieces of colorful felt, which will be joined together to form a felt mural. Felting is easy and produces beautiful results, with colorful fibers that are a visual and tactile delight. Bring friends and create a lasting piece of art together.

RSVP to 301-927-3013 or info@cpae.org.

History Play Presented By County Schools

On Friday, February 23 from 7 to 9 p.m. a play, "Ida B. Wells, Fighter for Justice," will be presented at Robert Goddard Middle School, 9850 Good Luck Road in Seabrook. This free program is part of the Prince George's County Public Schools' African American History Month Celebration.

School Board Has Open Meeting Feb. 22

The Prince George's County Board of Education will meet Thursday, February 22 at 7:05 p.m. in the board meeting room in the Sasscer Administration Building, 14201 School Lane, Upper Marlboro.

The meeting is open to the public. Public participation is encouraged. Interested persons may speak for two minutes by registering with the board office by 4 p.m. the day of the meeting by calling 301-952-6308.

New Art Exhibit Opens at UM

A new exhibit "Out of Place" has opened at the Art Gallery of the University of Maryland and will run through March 17.

Featuring works by many area artists, this free exhibit is open Monday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., remaining open until 6 p.m. on Wednesdays.

For more information call 301-405-2763 or visit www.artgallery.umd.edu.

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Sundays: 8:00 am Simple, quiet Mass
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301-474-4322

Mass Schedule:
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Pastor: Fr. Walter J. Tappe
Pastoral Associate: Fr. R. Scott Hurd



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Bible Study & Worship

10 a.m. Bible Study at the Youth Center
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Worship Service at Sir Walter Raleigh (this Sunday only)

Pastor Lou Redd
301-474-4499 410-340-8242 (cell)
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City Once Again Is a Tree City USA

The National Arbor Day Foundation has named Greenbelt a Tree City USA community to honor the city's commitment to community forestry. This is the seventh year Greenbelt has received this national recognition.

Greenbelt has met the four standards to become a Tree City USA community: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program and an Arbor Day observance.

"Trees in our cities and towns help clean the air, conserve soil and water, moderate temperature and bring nature into our daily lives," said John Rosenow, president of the foundation.

"A community, and its citizens, that recognize these benefits and provide needed care for its trees deserves recognition and thanks," he added.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

City Notes

Animal Control reports a previously adopted cat and dog were returned to the shelter, unable to adjust to a new environment, a raccoon was trapped in an apartment kitchen and numerous complaints were investigated regarding animals being left outside in cold weather. Ronin the lab is still continuing his water therapy at the Canine Fitness Center and had his final hip surgery.

Planning conducted a speed study of automobiles at 16 Ridge Road.



City Information

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Monday, February 19th, in observance of Presidents' Day.

The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of February 19th

Monday Route – Collected Tuesday

Tuesday Route – Collected Wednesday

Wednesday Route – Collected Thursday

Thursday Route – Collected Friday

There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, February 23rd.

Meetings for February 19-23

Wednesday, February 21, 7:30pm, City Council Work Session with State's Attorney Glenn Ivey (stakeholder) Community Center.

Wednesday, February 21, 7:30pm, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Community Center. Info: 301-397-2000.

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.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups. Vacancies exist on the: Arts Advisory Board, Advisory Planning Board, Employee Relations Board, Recycling & Environment Advisory Committee, Youth Advisory Committee
For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

GREENBELT RECREATION DEPARTMENT and GREENBELT ARTS CENTER present TWENTY-TWO TALENTED TEENAGERS in THE 2007 WINTER YOUTH MUSICAL

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Samantha Fitschen Choreography
Jesse Folks Asst. Director

Directed by: Christopher Cherry

February 16, 17, 18, 23, and 24 at 7:00 pm and February 18 at 2:00 pm

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Greenbelt Recreation Department



Monday, February 19th (President's Day Holiday) 9:00am-3:00pm

Kids, ages 6-12 are invited to spend the day with the Greenbelt Recreation Department in a exciting, supervised trip to the PATUXENT 4-H CENTER BIRDS, BEAKS, WINGS AND THINGS

Learn everything you need to know about birds and how the aeronautic engineers model their designs after them. A fun, activity filled day. Before and after care available. Sign up at the Greenbelt Recreation Center, 301-397-2200.

\$32 Residents, \$40 Non-Residents \$5 Before Care 7-9am; \$10 Aftercare 3:30-6pm

IT'S TIME FOR THE 5TH ANNUAL ACE READING CLUB YOUTH WRITING CONTEST!

Who: Students in grades 6 through 12 who live in or attend school in Greenbelt, MD

Divisions: Junior (grades 6-8) and Senior (grades 9-12)

Categories: Poetry and Short Fiction

Deadline: March 2, 2007

Mail to: ACE Reading Club, City of Greenbelt-CARES, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770

Awards: Award Certificates and Cash prizes
Winning students will present their entries at the Greenbelt Youth Literary Showcase on April 20, 2007. This event will be taped and aired at a later date on the City of Greenbelt's cable channel 71.

For more information visit the ACE Reading Club section of www.greenbeltmd.gov or contact Liz Murray at 301-345-6660.

The Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center will be closing early on Sunday, February 18th at 8 p.m. for Regularly Scheduled Staff Training In-Service Info: 301-397-2204

REGISTRATION IS NOW UNDERWAY FOR GREENBELT'S MANY CAMP PROGRAMS. INFORMATION ON CAMPS AND HOW TO REGISTER IS NOW POSTED AT WWW.GREENBELTMD.GOV MAKE YOUR PLANS EARLY, SESSIONS FILL UP QUICKLY. INFO: 301-397-2200

Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov for City Events, Services and Information.

Greenbelt Municipal/ Public Access Channel 71 MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Tuesday & Thursday, February 20 & 22: 10am & 6pm "Ask the Expert" 6:30pm: "Springhill Lake Elementary Celebrates Black History" 7:30pm Museum Lecture on Pyrex

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, February 21 & 23: 7pm "The Making of Homeward Bound 2004" 7:30pm "Rip the Mic" 8:30pm "Partners of the Heart with Vivian Thomas"

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, February 23, 2007

12:00pm-6:00pm

Greenbelt Community Center

Co-sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department. If you would like to make an appointment, please call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212

City Job Openings

Parking Enforcement Officer ½ time: \$13.83/hr. w/pro-rated benefits at 20 hrs/wk, to include some evenings and weekends. H.S. Diploma or equiv.; valid drivers license; knowledge of parking laws, regulations and ordinances and ability to acquire knowledge of other pertinent codes & regulations; knowledge of proper parking enforcement and inspection methods; ability to read, write and communicate effectively, follow written and oral instructions and maintain records, logs and files. Reports to Planning & Community Development Office.

Crisis Intervention Counselor – ½ time: To provide emergency and on-going counseling services involving domestic violence, rape, suicide, family conflict and juvenile crime. Work in close collaboration with local Youth/Family Services Bureau and Police Department. LCMFT, LCSW-C, LCPC preferred or license eligible (LGMFT, LGSW, LGPC) with prior family and crisis intervention counseling experience. \$18.74/hour w/pro-rated benefits.

Apply: City of Greenbelt, 25 Crescent Road – call job line 301-474-1872 or visit www.greenbeltmd.gov for required application. EOE.

Academy 8 Theatres

Beltway Plaza Mall
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All shows starting before 6 p.m.

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(!) = No pass, No Discount Ticket

Week of February 16 FRI. – SUN

Norbit, PG-13 (!)

12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15
Daddy's Little Girls, PG-13 (!)
12, 12:30, 2:30, 3, 5, 5:30, 7:30, 8, 10, 10:30

Hannibal Rising, R (!)

1, 4, 7:30, 10:20

Messengers, PG-13 (!)

12:30, 2:40, 5:30, 8, 10:30

Ghost Rider, PG-13 (!)

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

Bridge to Terabithia, PG (!)

12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15

MON.

Norbit, PG-13 (!)

12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45

Daddy's Little Girls, PG-13 (!)

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Hannibal Rising, R (!)

1, 4, 7:30

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12:30, 2:40, 5:30, 8

Ghost Rider, PG-13 (!)

12:30, 2:30, 5, 7:30

Bridge to Terabithia, PG (!)

12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45

TUES. – THUR.

Norbit, PG-13 (!)

2:45, 5:15, 7:45

Daddy's Little Girls, PG-13 (!)

2:30, 3, 5, 5:30, 7:30, 8

Hannibal Rising, R (!)

2:30, 5:20, 7:40

Messengers, PG-13 (!)

2:40, 5:30, 8

Ghost Rider, PG-13 (!)

2:30, 5, 7:30

Bridge to Terabithia, PG (!)

2:45, 5:15, 7:45



Each group of residences featured a different entrance and window treatment.

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the 2002 redevelopment commitments. Subsequently that court rejected the tenants' petition on August 16 and the decision was appealed to the district court of appeals.

In an August 30 press release, the LPTA announced a campaign to appeal to AIMCO's major investors and lenders on behalf of the 40 households still remaining, noting that many of the largest investors have pledged only to engage in socially responsible investment. The release claimed that redevelopment conditions and historic designation precluded demolitions. It questioned AIMCO's rush to empty out the buildings.

Also in August an assistant city attorney warned AIMCO that if it moved forward with evicting tenants on September 1, it would have a difficult time obtaining the permits needed to demolish the buildings, according to Herera in the "Santa Monica Daily News."

On September 1 AIMCO filed "unlawful detainers" on the remaining tenants and advised the tenants the company would no longer accept their rent payments.

Tenants Relocated

Echavaria reported in the August 31 issue of "The Argonaut" that Shwayder had said that the company had worked with many of the remaining tenants, giving them enough time to prepare for relocation.

"One hundred percent of people who have worked with us have found satisfactory, if not better, accommodations," Shwayder is quoted as saying. While AIMCO has offered tenants relocation packages with other AIMCO properties outside Venice, Echavaria quotes one tenant as saying that would be "like moving away from everything you know."

Amy Kaufman reported in the September 2 issue of the "Santa Monica Daily Press" that Shwayder said it was time to put the issue to rest. "A few extremists have continually distorted the facts surrounding Lincoln Place and misled innocent residents, the community and general public," Kauffman quoted Shwayder. Shwayder also said that residents over 65 had been offered relocation at reserved apartments at other AIMCO properties at current rent prices for life and that relocation payments were much higher than required by law, according to Kaufman's article.

But LPTA President Sheila Bernard told Kaufman that for tenants with fixed incomes, even with the money AIMCO offered, "that money may last a year or two and then you are homeless."

Kaufman also reported that the flowers and trees that once beautified the project have been torn out and that it then consisted of "boarded up doorways and worn out, discarded furniture piled behind apartments."

Trial Approved

On November 3 Herera reported in the "Santa Monica Daily News" that a tenant's challenge of the unlawful detainers had been accepted for trial by a superior court judge with a trial date to be set that day. At that time 13 households still remained on the property, he reported. But on November 7 Herera reported that AIMCO had filed with the judge a request for reconsideration. A hearing on that motion was to be held on December 4, Herera reported.

Amanda Seward, a member of the legal team representing senior and disabled tenants from 14 households, has told this newspaper that pre-trial motions will be heard on March 22, 2007, and a jury date set then. The tenants who were evicted earlier are appealing their cases and have filed opening briefs, she said.

Two other cases are also pending before the Court of Appeals, one is a suit against the City of Los Angeles.

Shwayder told this paper that AIMCO Venezia (the subsidiary company that owns Lincoln Place) "has spent millions of dollars relocating Lincoln Place residents to new homes. Over 600 residents left voluntarily and have many success stories."

Shwayder also said that it is "unfortunate that you erroneously try to make a connection between Lincoln Place and Springhill Lake." She notes that the Springhill Lake redevelopment plans were developed in Greenbelt with much community input and advice over a period of many months. The redevelopment plans, she said, were approved unanimously by the Prince George's County Planning Board and District Council as well as by four of five Greenbelt City Councilmembers at every stage and have wide support of the community and residents.

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adequately address critical concerns identified by the city.

Those concerns, highlighted in the letter, include recreation, open space, Greenbelt Road frontage issues, traffic impacts, green building and public facility impacts associated with the proposed residential component of the plan. In his letter Bolden also noted: "Due to the current school capacity situation and the proposed number of additional housing units already planned for the Greenbelt Metro area, the city cannot support a rezoning which would allow for any residential development on the Beltway Plaza property."

In a brief January 30 response to the Bolden letter, Zhang advised that the county planning board has recently established a procedure for all cases that need input from municipalities. Specifically, he noted that such cases cannot be scheduled until after the municipalities review the case.

Zhang expressed his desire to work with Greenbelt to have all major issues resolved before the case is taken to the planning board. Zhang, however, noted that, "In my opinion, after a cursory review of this project, I believe it will be a good project for the area and for the City of Greenbelt."

"However, we have to make sure the proposal is consistent with all standards and regulations before I can recommend approval."

Zhang also noted that the applicant has waived the 70-day review limitation because their team is still working on a traffic study. Bolden indicated that the Greenbelt planning staff has scheduled a meeting with the applicant on Wednesday, February 14.

Student Wildlife Art Displayed

Maryland students will display their artistic talent through March 11 at the Patuxent Research Refuge's National Wildlife Visitor Center in Laurel. This will be the seventh year the refuge has hosted the annual art exhibit from students in special education programs of the Maryland Association of Nonpublic Special Education Facilities (MANSEF).

MANSEF currently represents 53 facilities serving over 4,000 children and youth with disabilities throughout Maryland. These programs are considered an integral part of many of the students' education, providing them with a variety of opportunities that encompass creative and therapeutic outlets, skills development and even career preparation.

The National Wildlife Visitor Center is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission is free. The Visitor Center is located on Powder Mill Rd. between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 197 south of Laurel. For additional information call 301-497-5763 or visit <http://patuxent.fws.gov>.



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and how additional ones would affect existing establishments with licenses to sell alcoholic beverages.

If passed, the bill would give the commission a life of two years; the act establishing it would be nullified without further action at the end of May 2009. The bill requires the commission to submit its report and recommendations by September 1, 2008.

Another bill under state consideration, PG 314, would create a new Class B-DD (Development District) liquor license that would be available only for restaurants in a certain development district in the Woodmore Towne Centre or the Greenbelt Station Town Centre. For a restaurant in either of these districts to qualify for this class of license, its average daily receipts from the sale of food must be at least 51 percent of its total daily receipts, in addition to meeting other criteria common to existing classes of licenses.

Attorney Linda Carter was present at the meeting representing Petrie-Ross Ventures, retail developers for the Greenbelt Station project, who support this bill. She explained that the strict criteria to qualify for a BLX license and limits on the number of Class B licenses that a company may hold necessitate creation of a new class of liquor license.

Mayor Judith Davis read aloud from the agenda comments. City staff believes the Maryland General Assembly should modify the requirements for a BLX license rather than create a new class. Carter, however, said this process would take too long to be of benefit in attracting upscale establishments.

Restaurant chains may be maxed out on the number of Class B licenses they hold and therefore could be prohibited from new openings in this area, she said. Smaller, independent establishments may also have trouble meeting the requirements for a Class BLX license. Carter pointed out that often there are several applicants for any one liquor license that becomes available.

After discussion of these two bills, Councilmember Rodney Roberts moved to support PG 313, which council approved unanimously. Roberts also moved to take the suggested staff recommendation of "no position" on PG 314. He said he was not interested in attracting big chain

restaurants and preferred to support smaller businesses.

Carter explained that big chains help independent businesses because when there is a wait list for seating at the chain restaurant, many people overflow to another business where they can eat sooner. Roberts' motion on PG 314 died for lack of a second.

Councilmember Edward Putens then offered a motion in support of the bill, which passed four to one, with Roberts voting no. If passed by the General Assembly, this bill would become effective July 1, 2007.

"McMansions"

A bill allowing municipalities to regulate building requirements for single family residences, including fences, signs, parking, setbacks, structural dimensions and lot coverage that are stricter than those of the county or state is a priority of the Prince George's County Municipal Association (PGCMA). Council has an established record of support for PGCMA's legislative program, but Davis requested MC/PG 119, the "McMansion" bill, be placed on the agenda for added emphasis because this bill was slated to come before committee and the delegation the week of council's meeting. With little discussion, council voted unanimous support for this bill.

Surcharge Exemption

The only piece of legislation discussed to which council unanimously agreed it had "strong opposition" was PG 416. This bill would exempt new multi-family rental units replacing existing units located inside the Beltway from the usual school facilities surcharge to developers. If passed, this bill would exempt redevelopment of the first 2,899 rental units at Springhill Lake from the surcharge. This amounts to \$7,000 per dwelling unit plus adjustments for inflation for the fiscal year preceding the year for which the amount is calculated.

Davis said the surcharge is necessary because of the increased number of students the redevelopment would bring to the area. She thought developers should be willing to return to the community some of the value they reap from their projects. According to staff agenda comments, this bill has not yet been scheduled for action and it is unlikely the county delegation would approve it.

"Flyboys" Shown At Aviation Museum

The newly released movie "Flyboys" will be shown on Mondays, February 19 and 26 at 1 p.m. at the College Park Aviation Museum, 1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Drive in College Park. This movie is a true story inspired by the daring aerial dogfighters of WWI known as the Lafayette Escadrille Squadron.

The first five visitors that come to the museum dressed as aviators at each event will receive a free "Flyboys" DVD, courtesy of Fox Home Entertainment (one per family). Popcorn and lemonade will be served during the movie, which is free with museum admission.

The museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For information call 301-864-6029, TTY 301-864-4765.

Nature Programs At Patuxent Refuge

Some public programs are coming up at the Patuxent Research Refuge in Laurel.

An "Earth Walk," focusing on the ecology of the refuge, will be offered on Saturday, February 24 and Sunday, February 25 from 10:30 to noon. This program will be held at the Visitor Center on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 197.

The same site invites children ages 3 and 4 to "Nature Tots: In the Tree Top," an interactive program about animals who live high in trees. This will take place twice on Wednesday, February 28 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 2 p.m.

All programs are free but advance reservations must be made by calling 301-497-5887.

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Arrests

February 5, in reference to a recovered stolen auto reported January 24 in the 6100 block of Springhill Terrace, a warrant was obtained charging Shelton DeWayne Ford, 33, of 6148 Springhill Terrace, with theft over \$500, unlawful taking of a motor vehicle and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

February 5, 10:16 a.m., Roosevelt Center, two Greenbelt residents and a nonresident youth were arrested for theft over \$500. Police responded to a report of a theft which had just occurred at Generous Joe's Deli. Witnesses reported that the men took a purse from inside the deli and fled the area on foot on Gardenway toward the Spellman Overpass; a citizen was chasing them on foot. Police responded to the Hanover Parkway side of the overpass, where a school resource officer observed three suspects matching the description in the 7700 block of Hanover Parkway. The youth and one of the men were detained, with the third fleeing the area on foot. Witnesses positively identified the two as having been involved in the theft. The youth was released to a guardian pending action by the juvenile justice system. The man was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner. The third suspect, identified as a resident man, turned himself in to police and a criminal summons was obtained charging him with theft over \$500. The two men arrested were Elvin Michael Bridgeforth, 18, of 6958 Hanover Parkway and Jamal Williams, 18, of 9139 Springhill Lane.

Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

February 3, 12:50 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, David Samuel McCoy, 26, of 5900 Cherrywood Terrace was arrested and charged with attempted burglary and resisting arrest. While responding to a report of a domestic disturbance, the officer was advised that the male half of the disturbance was attempting to force his way into a neighbor's apartment and was possibly armed with a sword. Police located the man in the apartment building; he ignored several orders to go to the ground and had to be forcibly placed into custody. The man was transported to the hospital for treatment of minor injuries sustained while being placed into custody. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Robberies

February 7, 8:51 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, a man reported that unknown person(s) assaulted him from behind, knocking him to the ground and rendering him unconscious. His wallet was taken. The man was transported to the hospital for treatment. No description is available of the suspect(s).

Thefts

February 3, 3:02 a.m., 6400 Ivy Lane, a desk clerk at the Marriott Hotel reported that he observed a man laying across the check-in counter in an attempt to

open the cash drawer. Upon seeing the clerk, the man ran out of the hotel to a waiting vehicle and fled the area. The suspect is described as a black male, 20 to 25 years of age, 6'2", 220 pounds, wearing a black baseball cap, a dark nylon jacket and baggy jeans. The vehicle is described as a silver 2007 Dodge Charger, North Carolina tags TWA6303. No description was given for the driver.

Unattended Children

February 3, 4:31 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, a resident woman was arrested and charged with leaving children unattended after police responded to a 911 hang up call. Upon arriving on the scene police discovered two unattended children in the residence, ages 7 and 5. The woman returned home a short time later and was released on citation pending trial.

Disorderly Intoxication

February 4, 2:18 p.m., 5500 block Cherrywood Lane, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with disorderly intoxication. Police responded to a report of a person urinating in public. Upon arriving on the scene the man was located inside the Nail Salon, yelling at customers and employees. Witnesses reported that he had broken a bottle inside the business. He was arrested and released on citation pending trial.

Vandalism

February 6, 9:26 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Terrace, unknown person(s) threw a rock through the bedroom window of a residence.

February 7, 11:12 a.m., 7800 block Hanover Parkway, unknown person(s) used unknown means to break out the bedroom window of a residence.

February 8, 9:52 a.m., 7800 block Hanover Parkway, unknown person(s) used unknown means to break out the bedroom window of a residence.

Burglaries

February 2, 9:09 a.m., 8000 block Greenbury Drive, unknown person(s) attempted to enter a residence by kicking in the rear basement door. Entry was not gained.

February 2, 11:37 a.m., 8100 block Ryan Way, unknown person(s) attempted to enter a residence by breaking out the rear sliding glass door. Entry was not gained.

February 2, 12:49 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway, unknown person(s) entered a vacant residence by way of an unsecured window. Nothing was taken.

February 6, 8:22 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, police responded to a report of people inside a vacant apartment, who fled the scene prior to the officer's arrival. The suspects are described as two black males with

large builds, wearing dark blue coats.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a 1992 Toyota truck from Beltway Plaza; a dark blue Dodge Grand Caravan, Texas tags 546RVK from the 9100 block Edmonston Road; a 1999 Volvo S80 4-door from the 100 block Westway; a red 1995 Ford Mustang 2-door, Maryland tags FP9357 from the 7700 block Lakecrest Drive; and a dark green 2000 Honda Civic 2-door, Maryland tags 5BLM27 from the 7400 block Greenway Center Drive.

Three vehicles were recovered, two by Greenbelt police and one by Prince George's police. No arrests were made in any of the recoveries; one set of stolen tags, KTR655, has not been recovered.

Vandalism to and theft from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7700 block Hanover Parkway (three incidents); 7000 block Greenbelt Road; 6100 block Breezewood Court, 5900 block Cherrywood Lane; 5900, 6000 and 6200 blocks Springhill Drive (four incidents); 9100 block Springhill Lane; and Beltway Plaza.

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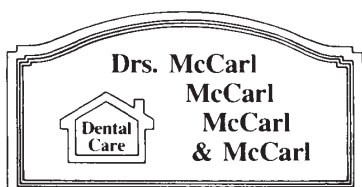


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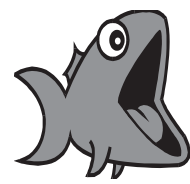
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Savvy Environmentalist

Water, Water Everywhere But Is It Safe to Drink?

by Joe Gareri and Holly Wheeler

Is the glass half empty or half full? – thinking about the water you drink.

We are lucky to live in a part of the country where water is abundant and affordable. Greenbelt's water is supplied by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC), which draws water from the Potomac and Patuxent Rivers. WSSC is required by state and federal law to test its water on a regular basis; currently it tests for more than 200 substances.

Although our public water meets state and federal standards, WSSC reports show that it contains trace amounts of metals such as arsenic, chromium and mercury; inorganics such as nitrate, pesticides and synthetic organic chemicals; volatile organic chemicals; and radionuclides. Even though levels of these substances are below the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Maximum Contaminant Levels, a few exceed EPA's Maximum Contaminant Level Goals, the level below which there is no known or expected risk to health.

The only true solution to water contamination is prevention. Many of the chemicals of concern entered the Potomac and Patuxent River watersheds through run-off from roads, developed areas and lawns.

Therefore, efforts such as limiting or avoiding the use of pesticides and chemical fertilizers, properly disposing of household cleaning products (or switching to environmentally benign products) and preventing oils and detergents from flowing into storm-water drains are the first step to improving water quality. Until water quality problems are resolved, more people are choosing to filter their water to minimize health risks and improve taste.

Home Filters

Home water filters come in a variety of designs. Whole-house filters are attached at the home's water source and filter all water used for drinking, cooking, bathing and washing. Point-of-use filters are attached at a particular outlet, such as the kitchen faucet,

and filter only the water from that source. Regardless of the particular style, there are two types of filtering technologies available for home use: carbon and reverse osmosis.

Carbon filters work by passing water through a series of filtering media. These filters vary widely in the type of materials they filter. A common brand using a water pitcher system filters only chlorine, copper, mercury and lead.

More sophisticated carbon filters screen a much greater variety of substances. For example, one locally available system filters sediments, pesticides, herbicides, trihalomethanes (cancer-causing organic pollutants), chlorine, mercury, arsenic, radon, heavy metals such as lead and cadmium and microbial contaminants such as Giardia and Cryptosporidium.

Reverse osmosis filters work by squeezing water through a semi-permeable membrane. They filter the same types of contaminants as the more sophisticated carbon filters along with chemicals such as fluoride. Because reverse osmosis filters produce water very slowly, a storage tank is usually installed so that water is available to meet the demand for drinking and cooking. A significant amount of wastewater can be produced in the process.

All systems, whether carbon or reverse osmosis, require periodic maintenance, primarily replacement of the filter. Be sure to follow manufacturers' instructions for system maintenance.

A popular alternative to filtered water is bottled water. Our next column will address the advantages and disadvantages of bottled water.

For information on Greenbelt's water quality, see WSSC's Water Quality Report available at wssc-water.com. For more information on filters, see the National Science Foundation website at www.nsf.org. We appreciate hearing your thoughts and comments; send them to savvyenvironmentalist@gmail.com.

Show in Annapolis by County Artists

"Artists Exploring the Great Outdoors: Prince George's County" is a diverse exhibit featuring Prince George's County artists' interpretations of outdoor sites in Prince George's County. The exhibit is on display on the 2nd and 4th floors of the Prince George's House Delegation Wing of the Lowe House Office Building, 84 College Drive, Annapolis.

This state capital exhibition of outstanding Prince George's artists is an annual program of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission's Department of Parks and Recreation for Prince George's County. The exhibit is open to the public

through April 10.

The Prince George's Arts Council will co-host a reception for the artists in the Prince George's Delegation on Tuesday, February 20 from 5 to 7 p.m.

The exhibition features a rich variety of art including oils, pastels, stained glass, photographs, photo collages, quilts and watercolors by 60 artists from seven Prince George's County visual arts organizations: Greenbelt Photo Club, Guild of Bowie Artists, Laurel Art Guild, Monday Watercolorist, Passageways Artists Studios, Southern Comforters and Southern Maryland Art League.

Teacher Award Nominations Opens

Nominations for the Maryland 2006-2007 "Teacher of the Year" award are being accepted through March 1.

The award will include \$1,000 to the winning teacher and a \$500 grant to that teacher's school. The state winner will also be eligible for the National Award that includes a special recognition and a \$2,500 travel certificate.

Last year's state winner was Jeremiah Murphy, a music teacher at Largo High School in Upper Marlboro.

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A Preview

Winter Youth Musical Is
"As You Like It" Adaptation

by Carol Griffith

The Greenbelt Recreation Department's fifth annual Winter Youth Musical, co-produced by the Greenbelt Arts Center, will be an adaptation of Shakespeare's comedy "As You Like It." It will be performed at GAC the evenings of February 16 through 18 and 23 through 24 and in a matinee performance on February 18.

The musical features a cast of 21 teens, assisted by four younger children and two adults in cameo appearances. Christopher Cherry, Community Center coordinator for the Recreation Department, has set the play to music and Samantha Fitschen, dance instructor at the Community Center, has provided choreography.

In previous years the youth musicals have featured original scripts and scores written by Cherry, several inspired by Greek mythology. Although a Shakespearean play is a new venture for the teen cast members, Cherry asserts they are ready to take on the task.

Cherry explains that the youth are struck, as many actors are, by the beauty of Shakespeare's language and understanding of human behavior. Especially appealing to teens are the play's themes of love in many guises and growing up with all its possibilities.

In June 2006 Cherry composed an original score for "As You Like It" which premiered as a production of the professional acting students of the Shakespeare Theater Company, where Cherry is a part-time instructor. Cherry explains that the comedy is Shakespeare's most musical play and the lyrics of several songs are written into the text of the play.

For the Winter Youth Musical, Cherry has created additional songs by setting soliloquies to music or using the lines from the play as a starting point. Cherry has also streamlined the play by reordering scenes and editing some lines.

Fitschen has added a dance prologue and some movement interludes.

Greenbelters Erin Cocchiaro, Cody Sanders and Elise Flynn, all students at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, play the leads. Michael Barnes, son of Community Center



Michael Barnes plays the god of marriage, who unites four couples during the finale of the musical. Photos by Chris Butler.

office associate Lisa Adams, sings three solos in the production. Barnes' vocal talents are known to many Greenbelters since his well-executed solos at the opening ceremony of the new Greenbelt Post Office in August 2006.

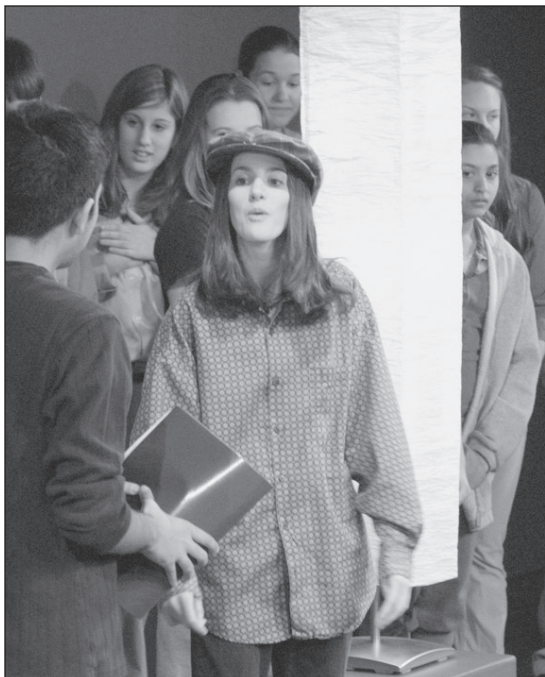
This year the Winter Youth Musical will be somewhat bitter-sweet for Cherry. Five graduating seniors – Dayna Burrows, Michael DiMarco, Dina Goldberg-Strassler, Vikram Ivatury and Mason Trap-pio – are appearing in their farewell show. Three of them, along with two juniors in the cast, have appeared in all seven productions Cherry has directed.

Prior to working with the Recreation Department, Cherry directed youth musicals at GAC in 2000 and 2001. "I started out working with an extraordinary group of elementary school students and they were so great that I kept raising the age for the program as the kids got older," Cherry comments.

To enhance young audience members' understanding and enjoyment of the play, the Recreation Department is offering a discussion group at the Community Center for children ages 10 and up on Sunday, February 18. At 1 p.m. Melissa Sites will lead a discussion about the play and how it was adapted for the musical. After the show group members will return to the Community Center for a one-hour session of refreshments and discussion.

Each registered child will receive a softbound edition of the complete play and a copy of the adapted script for this production. Admission to the discussion group is free with the purchase of a ticket to the musical.

Tickets to the Winter Youth Musical may be purchased in person at the Community Center welcome desk or charged by telephone by calling 301-397-2208 Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Parents may register their children for the February 18 discussion group in the same manner. Evening performances begin at 7 p.m. and the February 18 matinee will begin at 2 p.m.



Carly Rose Geiger bids farewell to the duke, after telling him that "All the world is a stage."

GVFD&RS Spends a Day on the Rails

On January 27, members of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad took to the newly opened Skate Park to simulate emergency rescues. Teams covered every bowl and dip with ladders and repelling equipment in order to prepare themselves in the event of an actual emergency. The Skate Park was opened on January 16 and has drawn a number of skateboard enthusiasts, some experienced and some new to the sport. Patrons must register in the Youth Center and learn safety requirements to use the facility.

