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## Council Worksession Discusses Capital Projects, Salary Increase

by Thomas X. White

The Greenbelt City Council worksession on Monday, July 16 was mainly advertised to discuss the Capital Projects Fund as it would appear in the adopted city budget for Fiscal Year 2008. At the beginning of the meeting, however, which was cablecast live on the city's cable channel 71, council added a discussion of council pay raises to take effect following the election of a new council in November 2007 and several informational items. Attendees at the meeting included the members of council, City Manager Michael McLaughlin, Assistant City Manager David Moran, Celia Craze, director of the Planning and Community Development Department and Jeff Williams, city treasurer.

The Capital Projects Fund accounts for monies appropriated as reserves in the General Fund that are to be used for capital projects for the city. The Capital Funds section of the budget also includes a summary of capital projects, a five-year projection of proposed capital projects (through Fiscal Year 2012) and a list of un-programmed projects for which no identifiable funding has been designated.

Other items included an accounting for the 2001 Bond Fund (created in 2003 from the proceeds of the \$3.5 million bond issue approved by voters in No-

vember 2001); the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Fund, which is set up to account for funds the city receives through Prince George's County for projects in CDBG-eligible neighborhoods in Greenbelt (mainly Springhill Lake); and a new fund labeled Greenbelt West Infrastructure Fund to account for planned public improvements funded through required contributions from Greenbelt West developers. City staff estimated some FY08 expenditures from the Greenbelt West fund for initial design work, which would proceed only if funding from the Greenbelt Station developers is actually received.

### Funds Transferred

The adopted FY08 city budget transferred \$400,000 to the Capital Projects Fund. When carry-over funds from previous years, additional funding from the state and other grant or gift funding are added, the total funds available for FY08 should amount to \$1,343,000.

Usually when council adopts the overall city budget in early June, all possible funding information is not yet available. Council thus defers its decisions on specific projects to fund until sometime after the budget is adopted and when the city staff has more accurately identified the overall source of funds.

In this regard the purpose of the worksession was to discuss the latest staff figures on available funds and to consider changes recommended in the Capital Projects fund that would become part of the city's adopted FY08 budget document.

Based upon a review of the total Fiscal Year 2007 expenditures from the Capital Projects Fund, staff is now estimating an ending fund balance of \$123,961 for FY08, which is \$42,900 higher than the projected fund balance in the manager's proposed budget in March (\$81,061). Sources of this increase include estimated savings of \$12,100 from the Hillside Road Outfall water quality project; \$8,200 on the Community Center window preservation project; \$8,900 due to higher shared payments from the Windsor Green Homeowner's Association for playground improvements and \$15,200 from the use of Program Open Space funds with a lower matching fund requirement for the Canning Terrace playground improvements.

While providing this information on an increase, Moran in an explanatory memo and McLaughlin at the worksession strongly recommended that the revised fund balance of \$123,961 be maintained to provide a cushion for possible overruns that may occur in projects during the coming year.

McLaughlin characterized the list of proposed capital projects as a "full plate." In effect, he was urging that council resist using the "\$42,900" for any new projects.

Moran's memo also noted a modification made in the 2001 Bond Fund to reflect actual FY07

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## Academy Theater Features "Greenbelt in Focus" Program

by Konrad Herling

Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATE), Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA) and Beltway Plaza have produced a community newsreel and animated shorts to be shown at Movie Theater No. 2 of Beltway Plaza's Academy Stadium Movie Theaters. The pilot program, called "Greenbelt in Focus" can be seen beginning Friday, August 3. It will be shown prior to the showing of the feature film. It promotes the Labor Day Festival and features highlights of previous Festivals. Little Miss Greenbelt 2006, Molly Jankowski, will give viewers the "inside scoop" about what makes the annual event so special. The animated shorts were produced by George Kochelle and created by local youngsters Tucker Bane, Taylor D'Ottavi, Caleb Valentich and Donna Gureckas.

Quantum Companies (Beltway Plaza) has funded the cost of the new DVD projector. The volunteer committee included Angela Hughes, Beltway Plaza marketing director, Marc "Kap" Kapastin, general counsel for

Quantum, Barbara Simon and George Kochelle of GAVA, Paul Sanchez, manager of the Old Greenbelt Theatre and Beltway Plaza's Academy Stadium Theaters, Konrad Herling and Malia Murray, who produced the groups' initial effort.

### Future Shorts

The group is in search of other producers and directors for other community activities. The newsreel program and animated shorts together will be approximately five minutes in length. The goal is to produce one program a month.

The committee envisions programs ranging from coverage of recreational, cultural, civic, environmental issues and the people and organizations which make meaningful community activity possible. For example the Recycling & Environmental Advisory Committee is interested in promoting tips about what can and cannot be recycled as well as coverage of broader environmental issues. To make this happen on a regular basis, the committee will need producers, directors, editors and camera operators.

## 2006 Outstanding Citizen Finds New Ways to Give

by Virginia Beauchamp

So what's new in the life of Greenbelt's 2006 Outstanding Citizen since Marsha Voigt received that title almost a year ago? At that time her commitment to organizations in and out of Greenbelt was nothing short of breathtaking. To some of these – like GIVES (Greenbelt Inter-generational Volunteer Exchange Service) and FOGL (Friends of the Greenbelt Library) – she has stepped down as president, though she maintains her memberships and is FOGL treasurer. But as of this summer, she indeed is adding something new.

It's still a work in progress. That is, she has joined a national program called CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) and is certified to oversee the circumstances and success of a court placement of a child in the county's foster care system. In this role she will report officially every six months to a court master within the Prince George's County Courthouse in Upper Marlboro.

She has already met the child, who lives somewhere in the southern reaches of Prince George's County. Whether boy or girl, and what the child's age, she did not say. Nor did she say whether the child had been



Marsha Voigt

placed with a foster family or in a group home. What is clear is that the child had been either abused or neglected and had thus come under court jurisdiction. Although a lawyer and a social worker have also been assigned to the case, the CASA worker sees the child most often and has the most immediate knowledge of his or her needs.

### Other Children

Other children also benefit from the activities of this Outstanding Citizen. On behalf of

See **VOIGT**, page 8

## Board Briefed on the Latest Greener Greenbelt Initiative

by Brian St. George

On July 18 members of Greenbelt's Advisory Planning Board (APB) met to hear a briefing on the Greener Greenbelt Initiative given by Jim Cohen, chair of GHI's Green Ribbon Task Force. The Initiative is a collaboration between GHI, the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and anyone with an interest in making Greenbelt a sustainable, livable, affordable, safe and beautiful community in years to come.

AIA, in celebration of their 150th anniversary, has initiated a "Blueprint for America" that asks AIA members from around the country to study and evaluate certain key cities and create a vision for what is possible for communities. The point is to determine what makes a city livable and to promote these qualities to their colleagues, industry and America as a nation. Greenbelt was one of 60 communities across the country to be chosen as part of this initiative.

APB members had questions about the proposals for housing and if residential housing might be considered for Roosevelt Center, in order to "bring more people to the Center." Cohen said all ideas are welcome; he suggested the topic had been brought up at one of the task

force meetings.

Concerns were expressed by APB board members Brian Gibbons and George Branan regarding the size of some GHI units and that they are simply not applicable to 21st century standards of living. In other words we all have more "stuff" than the pioneers of Greenbelt.

Another board member suggested that 21st century Greenbeltians are physically larger than our predecessors. Perhaps due to too many fast food meals? They also suggested a need for a greater variety of housing types, although specifics were not discussed.

Branan mentioned the reluctance of affluent citizens in Washington, where he works, to accept high-density housing, even when the space is available and close to Metro. He also indicated from his discussions with some residents in Old Greenbelt that they are less interested in seeing the Metro development than others not living in Old Greenbelt, suggesting a possible disconnect regarding development between those living in Old Greenbelt and those who do not.

Most members felt that the  
See **INITIATIVE**, page 16

### What Goes On

Friday, July 27

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

Saturday, July 28

9 a.m. to noon, Electronics Recycling, Public Works Yard

Saturday, July 28 through

2 p.m. Monday, July 30  
Registration for the Last Session of Children's Swimming Lessons (July 31 through August 3 and August 7 through 10) Aquatic and Fitness Center

Wednesday, August 1

7:30 p.m., City Council Worksession with Capital Office Park (stakeholder), Community Center  
Sunday, August 5,  
1 to 5 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center

# Letters to the Editor

## Close Overpass Just at Night

In last week's edition of the News Review, letter writers variously offered two severe views on the Spellman Overpass, the main pedestrian conduit between Old Greenbelt and Greenbelt East. One argued the overpass should be kept open around the clock, no matter the public safety consequences; the other said the bridge ought to be closed permanently, no matter the inconvenience to school children, bicycle commuters and others. I, and many with whom I've spoken, believe there is a sensible middle ground: gate the bridge at night.

As a recent victim of late-night violent crime where my attackers are known by police to have fled across the overpass to (successfully) avoid arrest, I feel sadly qualified to comment on this issue. City police activity reports do indeed routinely include the phrase, "the suspects fled toward the Spellman Overpass." This is common knowledge among residents in both neighborhoods along the pedestrian corridor who, for many years, have suffered vandalism and thefts from autos and, too often, robberies and violence. In many cases, criminals flee — east or west — across that bridge because police pursuit is so difficult.

But this is not reason enough to imperil or inconvenience our youth by closing their pedestrian route to and from school nor to reverse the efforts of so many Greenbelters to unify the city by building the bridge in the first place.

Instead, the simple, sensible compromise is to gate the overpass at some reasonable hour each night until morning. Indeed, every single city park is closed at 11 p.m., including Roosevelt Center. Similarly, upper Research Road is closed nightly by USDA, an action intended to reduce criminal incidents on BARC, as previously reported in the News Review.

I believe this simple, fair-minded compromise can improve all our safety and, simultaneously, keep this vital corridor open for legitimate use. I appeal to all Greenbelters to support such a balanced approach so that we may remain "One City — Protected!"

Andy Carruthers

## Begin a Dialogue?

In light of Eat Local Week and the current media focus on green living, the question is how can we as individuals and as a community embrace a more conscious lifestyle? Since having children, my husband and I have become progressively crunchier trying to live more in harmony with rather than attempting to dominate our natural surroundings.

No, I am not suggesting we all go build bamboo huts around Greenbelt Lake. Perhaps though we should consider creating a community garden devoted to organic growth. Or ban the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides that can harm our kids who play in the grass. Maybe we should begin a dialogue and engage our community leaders.

Anne-Marie Hamma

## Policy Violated?

In the July 19 News Review the editorial note titled "Police Blotter — What We Do and Why" stated: "A description of a suspect that is overly general, giving only race, gender and age, does not aid in the identification of any individual. Therefore the News Review does not publish such information."

But in the Police Blotter in the same issue under the vandalism subhead "July 7, 6900 block Hanoover Parkway," the article states: "The suspects are described as two white males, two black males and two Asian males, 14 to 18 years of age." (Race, gender and age!)

Was this a violation of your own policy? Or was this allowed since it shows diversity? If the crime had been committed by only two black males or two Asian males, would this be under the News Review policy and therefore omitted? Is the News Review policy to be accurate in published information or to be politically correct with published information?

All information that describes crime suspects should be published. This information is important for all citizens and may lead to forthcoming witnesses of the crime.

The News Review should publish accurate information and not edit content to make articles more politically correct. The readership deserves better.

Joseph Pope

## According to The Post

In support of the News Review's policy on race identification in crime reports, let me quote The Washington Post's Deskbook on Style in full, verbatim, on the issue: "Do not mention a person's race in describing criminal suspects or fugitives unless the rest of the description is detailed enough to be meaningful. Sketchy descriptions are often meaningless and may apply to large numbers of innocent persons." (The Washington Post Deskbook on Style, 1978, p.35)

Here is The Post policy on using addresses in crime stories: "In crime stories and others in which publication of a precise address could bring harm, embarrassment or harassment to an innocent person, list the address in this style: the 200 block of I Street NE or an upper Connecticut Avenue restaurant." (p. 164)

I checked with the Post Ombudsman and found that the policy on these has remained the same in the latest edition of the style manual, although the exact wording may have changed.

Don Comis

## Harsh and Divisive

I have no complaints about how the News Review reports crimes. I thought some of the statements made about crime and crime reporting made in letters printed in the News Review last week were harsh, divisive and do little to find solutions to crime in Greenbelt. I particularly dislike the requests that the overpass be closed. It is ridiculous to assume that students who walk to school via the overpass would be equally well served by taking buses. And the overpass is the only safe bike route from one side of Greenbelt to the other.

Joan Dunham

## Two Artists Featured At Wildlife Refuge

by Nicole Heaton, volunteer

Bird carver Kathy Boyle and wildlife artist Diane Ford will share the artists' spotlight at the Patuxent Research Refuge's National Wildlife Visitor Center during the month of August in the John Hollingsworth Art Gallery. Refuge visitors will also get the opportunity to meet each artist and purchase signed art. Boyle will be at the gallery on Saturday, August 4 from 1 to 4 p.m.; Ford will be there on Sunday, August 5 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Fascinated with a purchased chickadee carving, Boyle, a Baltimore native, began carving as a hobby in 1975 and went full-time in 1978. She started with smaller birds that she studied at her feeder. Today she specializes in songbirds but also carves game birds, shorebirds and birds of prey. Boyle has studied with other carvers, as well as taken watercolor and other art classes at an art center in Springfield, Pa., to help perfect her art.

Ford, a lifelong resident of Bethesda, creates elaborate drawings and paintings of wildlife in nature. From the age of seven Ford was an avid artist influenced by the beauty and serenity of nature. As a young girl she scoured her favorite books and magazines, such as National Wildlife, Ranger Rick, Audubon and National Geographic, for potential subjects. She then practiced freehand drawing until the wildlife images came out looking just right.

With the encouragement of her parents Ford pursued art throughout school and into her adult life. She spent many summers in the early 1970s along the Chesapeake Bay exploring marshes, crabbing, fishing and observing wildlife.

View Boyle's and Ford's works during the month of August at the National Wildlife Visitor Center located off Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Md. Route 197, south of Laurel. For more information call 301-497-5763 or visit <http://patuxent.fws.gov>.

## PHS Class of '77 Reunion Is Sept. 29

There will be a reunion of the Parkdale High School Class of 1977 held on September 29 from 6 p.m. to midnight at the Carrol's Creek Café in Annapolis. For ticket and other information call 410-280-0065 or visit the reunion website at [www.Parkdale1977.myevent.com](http://www.Parkdale1977.myevent.com).

## Corrections

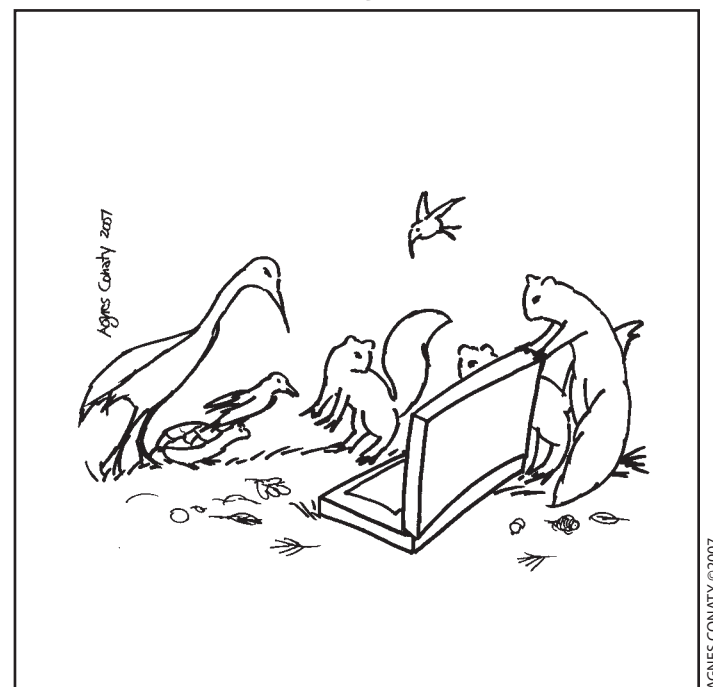
In last week's page 16 article "St. Hugh's Rocketeers Learn about Big Bang" Marjorie Sparks was incorrectly identified as the Principal Investigator (PI). Dr. Patrick Coronado is actually the PI; Sparks is a science teacher assisting Coronado.

The photo taken by Thomas Clune at the bottom of that page showing Larry Hilliard, Jennifer Clune, Haley Hilliard and Rachel Clune omitted the photo credit.

The last name of Karen Sparkes, writer of the "In Memoriam" to William Perkins was incorrectly spelled.

The News Review regrets the errors.

## Grin Belt



"We should be melting . . . the snowman put a new twist on the global warming question."

## Local Favorite Will Perform in Concert

The Kol Haruach Klezmer Band, now performing as the New Klezmer Quintet, can be seen on December 16 at Strathmore Hall in Bethesda with guest artist Ramon Tasat. Tickets are already selling out.

Tasat is an internationally acclaimed singer, guitarist and songwriter of Israeli and Ladino tunes. In concert with the Klezmer Quintet, the music goes from full, delicate and beautiful to up-beat, Israeli and dance-in-the-aisles crazy, all with a focus on Ramon's vocals.

For tickets and other performance information, see [www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org) or call 301-581-5100.

## Visit 12 Gardens In a Virtual Tour

Imagine visiting 12 botanic gardens in just an hour! Instead of spending days, if not weeks, trekking off to the Midwest, Florida, California, the Pacific Northwest and Hawaii, people will be able to experience beautiful gardens from all these regions with just one visit to the United States Botanic Garden (USBG). Ray Mims, USBG conservation horticulturist, leads a tour on Wednesday, August 8 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on the Conservation Terrace.

Pre-registration is requested for this free event. Call 202-225-1116 to register for event code FT080807. The tour is canceled if it rains.

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# Community Events

## GHI Notes

**Saturday, August 4, 11 a.m.,** Pre-purchase Orientation

**Tuesday, August 7, 7 p.m.,** Member and Community Relations Committee meeting

**7 p.m.,** Greener Greenbelt Initiative Steering Committee meeting

Unless otherwise noted, all events will take place in the Greenbelt Homes, Inc., Administration Building. Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

## At the Library

**Wednesday, August 1, 7 p.m.,** Hal Trapkin: Percussion Discussion, 6 to 12 year olds.

### Storytimes

**Tuesday, July 31, 10:30 a.m.,** Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver; limit 15 babies.

**Wednesday, August 1, 10:30 and 11 a.m.,** Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver; limit 15 children.

**Thursday, August 2, 10:30 a.m.,** Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5; limit 20 children.

## Widowed Persons Support Group

The next local six-week support group for widowed men and women will begin September 20. 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.

During the six-week period, the group shares personal experiences and exchanges practical information while discussing published materials prepared by bereavement specialists. Many persons, struggling to adapt to their new circumstances after losing a spouse, have found great benefits from the insights, emotional support and friendships provided in such groups.

The weekly sessions will be held on Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Senior Lounge at the Community Center. They start on September 20 and last through October 25. There is no fee but pre-registration is required. For further information, registration and/or directions call Leonie Penney at 301-474-8943 or Kathleen McFarland at 301-474-6892.

## Parade Applications Are Now Available

Don't stand on the sidelines again this year - jump in and join the parade! The 53rd Annual Labor Day Parade, a centerpiece of the city's Labor Day Festival weekend, is seeking community groups to join the march down Crescent Road.

Floats, music bands, marching or walking contingents, funny hats and costumes, colorful banners, decorated automobiles - all add joy, entertainment and excitement to the celebration, as well as helping community groups get public exposure for their organizations, issues and events. Parade information and applications are available at [www.greenbelt.com/laborday/Parade.htm](http://www.greenbelt.com/laborday/Parade.htm) or send email to [LindaIvy@aol.com](mailto:LindaIvy@aol.com). The application deadline is August 15.

## Explore America's Castles on Video

On Friday, August 3 Explorations Unlimited's summer travel videos continue with a showcase of America's castles. Viewers will explore the grandest mansions in America, fabulous homes built during the "Gilded Age" by legends of wealth. Blending architectural, cultural and biographical commentary, this video tour includes great estates including William and Alva Vanderbilt's ornate Marble House; and Whitehall, the home of Henry M. Flagler, "Father of Florida." Next the film visits San Simeon, William Randolph Hearst's California estate; and ends with George Vanderbilt's Biltmore, America's largest private home.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. These videos will be shown in the Senior Lounge, Room 111. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information call 301-397-2208.

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

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

Meals are served beginning at noon. All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and one percent milk. Menus for Monday, July 30 through Friday, August 3 include:

**Monday -** Vegetable soup with crackers, ham steak with fruit sauce, steamed cabbage, sweet potatoes and stewed apples.

**Tuesday -** Orange juice, beef patty with onion-mushroom gravy, brown rice with peas/okra/tomatoes and red Jello with mixed fruit.

**Wednesday -** Orange juice, oven fried haddock with tartar sauce, macaroni & cheese, mixed vegetables and peach supreme.

**Thursday -** Tomato soup with crackers, turkey salad, corn salad, cole slaw and canned peaches.

**Friday -** Apple juice, roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli and fresh nectarine.

## Sponsor Labor Day Festival with Cash

The Labor Day Festival Committee is seeking financial sponsorships for many of the events, attractions and activities that will be enjoyed by thousands of citizens, neighbors and friends at the 53rd annual festival over Labor Day weekend this year.

The many different sponsorable events include: main stage musical entertainment opening night activities (Friday); Kids' Day (Saturday); Family Day (Sunday); Labor Day (Monday); the Battle of the Bands during the parade; and the parade itself.

Sponsorship is available at a variety of monetary amounts. All who send a donation by August 1 will have their names listed in the festival program.

To make a contribution or for more information call Rachel McMullin at 301-602-6811 or email [rachelmcmullin@gmail.com](mailto:rachelmcmullin@gmail.com).

## Live Music Will Be At the New Deal Café

Blues and jazz piano musician and artist Piano Man John Guernsey plays every Friday and Saturday from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

On Friday, July 27 folk and rock musicians the Kings of Crownsville will perform at 8 p.m. and on Saturday, July 28 folk artist Midge will perform a mystical blend of torch songs at 8 p.m. On Sunday July 30, enjoy light music by Jim Stinson on the lute from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The New Deal Café is open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Friday 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Call 301-474-5642, email [ndc-music-113@hotmail.com](mailto:ndc-music-113@hotmail.com) or visit the New Deal for more performance information or to see about joining the lineup of talent.

### Game Night

From 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month is Trivia Game Night featuring "Wits & Wagers," the trivia game people can win without answering any questions. There are three separate hourly contests and a chance to meet some locals, have fun and maybe win prizes. For more information, go to [http://northstargames.com/events/trivia\\_nights/greenbelt.page](http://northstargames.com/events/trivia_nights/greenbelt.page).

### Art, Too

Art Opening is the first Sunday of each month. After a regular day, the Café closes from 6 to 7 p.m. to prepare for the art show held from 7 to 9 p.m. Light fare is available during the opening.

## GEAC Holds Meeting

The next meeting of the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC) will be held on Thursday, August 2 at 7:30 p.m. at Windsor Green.

## Credit Union Collects For SHL Elementary

The Greenbelt Federal Credit Union is collecting school supplies and raising cash donations for kids in need at Springhill Lake Elementary School. There are drop boxes for school supplies at the Credit Union, 112 Centerway, and Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket. Cash donations can be made at the Credit Union. Donations will be taken until August 14.

## Foundation Adds New Board Members

At its July meeting the Advisory Board of the Greenbelt Community Foundation welcomed four new board members: Brian Gibbons of Edmonston Terrace is Radio Digital Grants Manager at the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and is a member of the city's Advisory Planning Board (APB); Emmet Jordan of Hanover Parkway has a consulting business specializing in Marketing, Communications and Development and is a member of the city's APB; Craig Muckle is Public Affairs Manager for Safeway, Inc., was previously Public Relations Manager for BET (Black Entertainment Television), is chair-elect of the Prince George's Chamber of Commerce and has raised funds for several charities; Sieglinde Peterson of Lakeview Circle is an attorney, past president of the Greenbelt Cooperative Nursery School and past member of the city's Recycling & Environment Committee and Employee Relations Board.

Greenbelt groups wishing to apply for grants may email [info@greenbeltfoundation.net](mailto:info@greenbeltfoundation.net) for an application form and more information. Information is also available on [www.greenbeltfoundation.net](http://www.greenbeltfoundation.net). The deadline to apply for the next round of grants is September 15.

## Next Crime Watch Training July 31

The next training session for crime watch volunteers will be held on Tuesday, July 31 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Police Station. Everyone is invited to attend.

**PARKDALE CLASS OF '77 30 YEAR REUNION**  
Saturday, September 29  
6:00 pm - midnight  
Carrol's Creek Cafe  
Annapolis, Maryland  
For additional information please call 410-280-0065 or visit the reunion website: [www.Parkdale1977.myevent.com](http://www.Parkdale1977.myevent.com)

## Labor Day Festival Used Book Sale

Raising funds for:  
Greenbelt Elementary School PTA  
Book donation drop-off at Co-op Supermarket August 1 to August 31  
Large donation pickup available  
For information call: 301-474-2041

## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

### WEEK OF July 27 Sicko (PG-13)

(No coupons or passes accepted Fri. - Sat.)

#### Friday

\*4:50, 7:30, 9:55

#### Saturday

\*2:15, \*4:50, 7:30, 9:55

#### Sunday

\*2:15, \*4:50, 7:30

#### Monday - Thursday

\*4:50, 7:30

\*These shows at \$6.00  
301-474-9744 • 301-474-9745  
129 Centerway  
[www.pgtheatres.com](http://www.pgtheatres.com)

For more community events see page 7.

**Greenbelt Arts Center**  
Announces the First Show of the 2007-2008 Season  
**OLIVER!**  
Book, Music & Lyrics by Lionel Bart  
**August 3 - 26**  
Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00pm  
Sunday August 12, 19 & 26 at 2:00pm  
General Admission \$18. / Seniors & Students \$15.  
**Greenbelt Arts Center**  
123 Centerway (Lower level of the Co-op Supermarket)  
**301-441-8770**  
[www.greenbeltartscenter.org](http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org)  
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2007-2008 SEASON BROCHURE

## Academy Stadium 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 July 27 FRI. - THURS.

Ratatouille, G (!)  
12:50, 3:40, 7:30, 10:10  
Hairspray, PG (!)  
12:50, 3:40, 7:30, 10:10  
The Simpsons Movie, PG (!)  
12:20, 2:45, 5, 7:20, 9:30  
Who's Your Caddy, PG-13 (!)  
12:10, 2:45, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30  
Talk to Me, R (!)  
12, 2:35, 5:10, 7:45, 10:20  
Chuck & Larry, PG-13 (!)  
12, 2:35, 5:10, 7:45, 10:20  
Transformers, PG-13 (!)  
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Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix, PG-13 (!)  
12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:40

# Obituaries

## James Thomas Lee

On July 21, 2007, at approximately 5:45 a.m., James Thomas ("J.T.") Lee, 25 years old, of the 9 Court of Southway, died tragically in a motor vehicle accident in Laurel, Md. J.T., as he was known to his family and friends, was a lifelong resident of Greenbelt. As a youth, J.T. loved to play baseball and participated in both the Greenbelt Little League and Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club. In more recent years, J.T. played softball for his employer's team, S. Albert Glass, where he was a glassier, a trade he enjoyed very much. J.T. was also an avid player of interactive video games, especially "World of Warcraft," in which he achieved the level of Guild Master.

Neighbors remember J.T. as a gentle giant of sorts. He was always quick with a smile and a wave and always willing to lend a helping hand. Over the past eight months, J.T. had been struggling to overcome the death of his younger brother Sean.

J.T. is survived by his mother, Jill (O'Donnell) Fitzmaurice, stepfather Joseph Fitzmaurice, his sister Erin Lee, grandmother Georgia O'Donnell, aunt Mary Kay (O'Donnell) McGaffin, uncle Ken McGaffin, aunt Sharon O'Donnell Burns, cousins Kelley and Kenney McGaffin and Kyle and Eric Burns and his girlfriend Kelly Rhoads.

J.T. was preceded in death by his father Pat Lee and his brother Sean Lee.

The family will receive visitors on Saturday, July 28, 2007, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Fort Lincoln Funeral Home and Cemetery in Brentwood, Md. Services will follow at 11 a.m. with interment at noon.

## Exchange Program Matches Visitors

The Foundation for Intercultural Travel, a U.S. State Department exchange program, matches international students ages 15 to 18 with host families in this area.

Students will arrive soon, bringing their own spending money for clothes and other expenses. They will have complete medical insurance. Host families agree to provide room and board for their student and include them in the family for the school year.

These students bring a desire to become an integral part of their American host families. Families of all types are encouraged to participate.

Call Maryann at 877-439-7862 to schedule an interview or for more information about hosting a student.

## Protect and Restore Creek's Watershed

The Friends of Still Creek will present a program on protection and restoration of Still Creek and the Anacostia River on Monday, August 6 at 7 p.m. Meet at the Greenbelt Park Ranger Station classroom near the campground. Greenbelt Park is located at 6565 Greenbelt Road.

Anyone interested in attending the program is asked to RSVP to Bill Duncan at 301-345-6515 or email billdsail@aol.com.



Our sympathy to the family and friends of James Thomas ("J.T.") Lee of Southway, who died in an accident on July 21, 2007.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We'd especially like to hear more from our "newer" neighbors in Greenbelt East. To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

- Kathleen McFarland



**Greenbelt Baptist Church**  
101 Greenhill Road  
Greenbelt, MD 20770 - (301) 474-4212  
[www.greenbeltbaptist.org](http://www.greenbeltbaptist.org)

**Welcomes!**

**Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School**  
**Sunday 11:00 am Worship Service**  
**Wednesday 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study**  
**All are Welcome!**

*"Helping People Connect with Christ and His Family Through Loving Service"*

**Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church**  
3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi  
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*Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community*

**July 28, 10 a.m.**  
"Property Rights and Wrongs"  
by Bruce Baker, Paint Brancher, with Kathleen Davis, worship associate  
("Summer Fun" multi-age gathering for children ages 5+, Kelly Room)  
- Barbara W. and Jaco B. ten Hove, co-ministers

**Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church**  
40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt  
*Open heart, Open minds, Open doors*  
[www.greenbeltumc.org](http://www.greenbeltumc.org) 301-474-9410  
Rev. Dr. Paul C. Kim, Pastor

**Sunday School 9:45 am (Recess in July-Aug.)**  
**Worship Service 11:00 am Prayer Meeting Sun. 9:45 am**  
*Pray conditioned Air conditioned*

**Healing Explosion Meeting #1!!!**  
**Are you Sick? Are you Depressed?**  
**Do you need a Special Touch from God?**  
*Faith and Healing Ministries International invites you to a Special Healing Service.*

Saturday, July 28, 2007 (4 pm - 7 pm);  
Sunday, July 29, 2007 (5 pm - 8 pm)  
St. George's Church (Glenn Dale & Lanham-Severn Rds.)  
7010 Glenn Dale Road, Glenn Dale, MD 20769  
**God is still on the Throne!!!**

**ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
301-474-4322

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

**St. George's Episcopal/Anglican Church**  
7010 Glenn Dale Road  
(Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)  
301-262-3285 | [rector@stgeo.org](mailto:rector@stgeo.org) | [www.stgeo.org](http://www.stgeo.org)

**Sundays:**

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

**Wednesdays:** 7:00 pm Simple, quiet Mass

**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
6905 Greenbelt Road • 301-345-5111

**Summer Worship**  
Sundays at 9:30 a.m.  
(Memorial Day to Labor Day Weekend)

Fax 301-220-0694 • E-mail [myholycross@verizon.net](mailto:myholycross@verizon.net)

Who are the Bahá'ís? (Part 2)

Bahá'ís come from all religious backgrounds, including Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jain, Jew, Muslim, Sikh, Zoroastrian, animist and non-religious. Yet they study a common set of sacred writings, observe a unifying code of religious laws and look to a single international administrative system for continuing guidance.

**Greenbelt Bahá'í Community**  
PO Box 245, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918  
[www.bci.org/greenbeltbahai](http://www.bci.org/greenbeltbahai) [www.bahai.us](http://www.bahai.us)

**Greenbelt Community Church**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Hillside & Crescent Roads  
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings  
[www.greenbelt.com/gccucc/](http://www.greenbelt.com/gccucc/)  
Sunday Worship  
10:15 a.m.  
Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

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

**Mishkan Torah Congregation**  
10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
Rabbi Jonathan Cohen Cantor Phil Greenfield

Friday evening services 8:00 PM  
*except first Friday of the month, when children's service begins at 7:00 PM*  
Saturday morning services - 9:30 AM  
Sunday minyon - 9:30 AM  
Children's Education, Adult Education, Social Action, etc.  
For further information call 301 474-4223 [www.mishkantorah.org](http://www.mishkantorah.org)  
Conservative and Reconstructionist

**Hope Fellowship**  
*... living life together*

**Bible Study & Worship**

9:30 "Good Morning!!" Coffee and Snacks  
10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship  
Greenbelt Youth Center  
99 Centerway (Behind the Community Center)

Pastor Lou Redd  
301-474-4499 410-340-8242 (cell)

...living life together

*Catholic Community of Greenbelt*

SUNDAY MASS, 10:00 AM  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
SERVE BREAKFAST  
AT S.O.M.E.  
Sunday, July 29  
Meet at St. Hugh's School  
Parking Lot, 6:00 AM

**STOP, LOOK and LISTEN**

As we see the flowers bloom and trees turn green, it reminds us of the one who created the serene nature in perfect harmony. It is our job now to keep this harmony in our dealings as well, as the Creator reminds us: "The sun and the moon follow courses (exactly) computed; and the herbs and the trees bow in adoration. And the skies He (God) has raised high, and He has set up the balance (of justice), in order that you may not transgress due balance. So establish weight with justice and fall not short in the balance!" - *The Holy Qur'an, 55:5-10*

This is the guidance sent forth to mankind by God through the last Prophet, Muhammad (peace be upon him). For more information about Islam, call 301-982-9463 or e-mail [info@searchislam.org](mailto:info@searchislam.org) or visit the website at [www.islamguide.com](http://www.islamguide.com).

# Oliver! Opens On August 3

by Edith Beauchamp

The cast and crew are preparing for the opening of "Oliver!" and the Greenbelt Arts Center's new season. A brand new lighting system is being installed, two additional casts are beginning to audition and rehearse upcoming shows in the same space and the Creative Kids Camp also uses the theater during the day. "Oliver!" is the Tony-award winning musical, based on the famous Charles Dickens story of "Oliver Twist," with a large cast of children. The director Roman Gusso has significant theater credits to his name: two nominations for Helen Hayes awards and major roles in the national touring companies for "Beauty and the Beast" and "Les Miserables." But he also has the patience to teach and the cast has responded with a production that despite challenges is shaping up to be a real experience for audience and cast alike.

Producer David Weaver, no stranger to theater himself and by day a television engineer at WJLA-TV, has recently received his third Emmy for live audio production. He is currently installing and programming the new "Light Brigade" funded lighting system for the Greenbelt Arts Center as a volunteer. The new computerized system makes possible light changes during scenes and songs.

With the new lighting, a "fog" machine and newly painted theater, literally every floor, wall and crevice have been transformed for this production and all on a shoe-string budget with a dedicated and passionate cast. Fourteen-year-old Danielle Dernoga, with a lead role, has also volunteered her artistic skills to paint murals on the walls. But it's the music and the ensemble work that really make this show.

"Oliver!" is the first of six shows produced directly by the Greenbelt Arts Center this year. Opening night is Friday, August 3, and it runs every Friday and Saturday through August 26 at 8 p.m., with 2 p.m. Sunday matinees on August 12, 19 and 26.

### Coming Soon

At the annual Labor Day Festival two "special events" shows will run back-to-back each day on Saturday and Sunday at the Arts Center - both free. One troupe will perform an original adaptation of Shakespeare's "Macbeth: Life on the Heath" with two performances each night, while another group will put on a free show for children with two matinee performances each day.

The Alchemy Children's Theater, which was recently formed by Gretchen Jacobs who has directed and produced numerous plays for the Arts Center, is responsible for the children's shows.

Another annual "special event" is the Winter Youth musical, scheduled for mid-February and written and directed by Christopher Cherry.

### CARES

Shireen Blair and Blanca Brana, Crisis Intervention Counselors, attended a training "Understanding the needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning Youth in our Care" hosted by the Prince George's County Department of Family Services and CASA on July 12.



# City Information

## Meetings for July 30 – August 3

**Tuesday, July 31, 7:30pm, Four Cities Meeting at Berwyn Heights.**

**Wednesday, August 1st, 7:30pm, Tentative Advisory Planning Board Meeting to discuss the Spellman Overpass in the Context of APB's Concerns and Role, at the Community Center. Call 301-345-5417 to confirm.**

**Wednesday, August 1st, 8:00pm, City Council Work Session with Capital Office Park (Stakeholder) at the Community Center**

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

**VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**  
**Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.**  
**Vacancies exist on the:**  
**Arts Advisory Board**  
**Forest Preserve Advisory Board**  
**Youth Advisory Committee**  
**For more information, please call 301-474-8000.**

## GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER

101 CENTERWAY 301-397-2204

**Children's Weekday Lessons**  
**Session 4 (Last chance this summer)**  
**Dates: July 31 – Aug. 3, Aug. 7 – 10**  
**Passholders and Residents register: Sat. July 28**  
**Open Registration: Sun. July 29 through 2pm on Mon. July 30**

Class listings are available in the Summer Recreation Brochure posted at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)

### Attention Greenbelt Skatepark Members!

The lower portion of the Greenbelt Skatepark will be closed for skate board classes Monday thru Friday from 4:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. through August 17th. The park will remain open at all other times depending on weather conditions. The upper portion, the "Big Bowl," will remain open to the public during these times. For further information, please contact the Greenbelt Recreation Department at 301-397-2200.

### Greenbelt Municipal/Public Access Channel 71

**MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Tuesday & Thursday, July 31 & August 2: 6pm "Ask the Expert – Foot Care," 6:30pm: ACE Reading Club," 7:00pm "A Grimm Night For Hans Christian Andersen"**  
**PUBLIC ACCESS(GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, August 1 & 3: 7pm "The Importance of Being Earnest"**

### Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center FAMILY SWIM NIGHT

**Friday, July 27 from 8-10pm**

Admittance to the pool is \$3.00 per family, residents or non-residents. Bring your pool toys and the whole family for an evening of fun! Entering families must have at least one adult. Families will be charged \$1 for each additional non-family member, with a limit of 3 non-family members per group. For more information call 301-397-2204

### CITY OF GREENBELT POSITION VACANCY

Help Desk Analyst: \$31,990.40/yr (\$15.38/hr) Full-time. To maintain the City's help desk database and perform a variety of technology tasks. Provide user support, assist in routine backup, inventory management and monthly reports. AA degree in computer science, information systems management or related field and two years relevant experience. MOS Master Certification preferred. Criminal background check and credit history review will be required.

Apply: City of Greenbelt, 25 Crescent Road – call job line 301-474-1872 or visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov) for required application.

**The City of Greenbelt is an Equal Opportunity Employer.**

### AN ARTFUL AFTERNOON ~ SUNDAY, AUGUST 5th from 1-5pm~Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road ~ Info: 240-542-2062

1-3pm: Children's Artful Architecture workshop with the American Institute of Architects-Potomac Valley Chapter  
 3pm: See Buster Keaton's silent short "The Scarecrow" accompanied by Curt Heavey of Boister, with an original score performed on guitar, bass, and banjo  
 On Display: Searching for Life on Planet Earth: Digital Artwork by Bridget Zalewski Sullivan  
 Also: Artists' Open Studios and Greenbelt Museum Tours

## Come see the Summer 2007 Camp Staff in INSIDE THE FRAME OUTSIDE THE BOX Friday, August 3, 2007 at 7:00 pm Greenbelt Community Center

Art comes to life when the talented staffers of Greenbelt Summer Camps present a lively musical variety show set in an art museum. The staffers have volunteered their time to produce and perform this show, whose proceeds will fund Greenbelt Recreation Department camp scholarships for Summer 2008.

Sarah Aclander \* Colleen Arnold \* Melissa Boucarut \* Stefan Brodd \* Ian Brown-Gorrell \* Chris Cherry \* Samantha Fitschen \* Jesse Folks \* Chris Fominaya \* Mary Fominaya \* Ann Fraistat \* Dina Goldberg-Strassler \* Danielle Green \* Brian King \* Sarah Loutsch \* John McCann \* Matt McLaughlin \* Maia McWilliams \* Mason Trappio . . . and more to come!

Tickets are on sale now at the Community Center business office at 15 Crescent Road, or call and charge your tickets by phone at 301-397-2208. The suggested minimum donation per ticket is \$5.

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO RECREATION DEPARTMENT SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS**

## ELECTRONICS RECYCLING SATURDAY, JULY 28TH

**9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Public Works Yard**

City residents can recycle old and/or unwanted computers and other electronic items. Bring your items to the collection bins located at Greenbelt Public Works, 555 Crescent Road. **Accepted items include: central processing units, monitors, keyboards, printers, laptop computers, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords, computer mice, Fax machines, recording equipment, cameras, telephones and radios.**

**\*\*TELEVISIONS ARE NOW ACCEPTED ALSO\*\***  
 SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE FOR DROP-OFF OF MORE THAN 10 ITEMS OR ITEMS OVER 50 LBS. PLEASE CALL IN ADVANCE.  
 For further information, contact the Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8308.

## FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD

At its May 29 Regular Meeting, the City Council adopted changes to the Forest Preserve article of the City Code and approved the formation of a standing Forest Preserve Advisory Board. Residents interested in serving on the new board may call 301-474-8000 for an application form and booklet or find the form and information on the City Web site under "Boards and Committees."

## YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE (4 & 5 year olds)

**REGISTER NOW!!**  
 This league is a perfect opportunity for young children to get oriented with the sport of soccer in an atmosphere emphasizing sportsmanship and having fun. Children will be divided into teams based upon their age. Each team will have one practice and one game per week. The season will run for six weeks. Each player will receive a team shirt. All players will also receive a trophy at the conclusion of the season.  
 When: Wednesday Practices; Saturday Games (Practices begin Wednesday, September 19)  
 Where: Braden Field #2 (Outfield Grass)  
 Age: 4 Year Old Division; 5 Year Old Division  
 Fee: Resident \$40

**VISIT GREENBELT CITYLINK AT WWW.GREENBELTMD.GOV FOR INFORMATION ON CITY GOVERNMENT, SERVICES & EVENTS.**

## Greenbelt Swim Team Wins Division B

by Joan Dunham

The Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team ended its competitive 2007 season with a decisive victory in the PrinceMont Swim League (PMSL) Division B Championship meet, held at the Greenbelt Aquatic Center on Saturday, July 21. The final scores were:

1. Greenbelt Municipal Pool (234)
2. Montpelier Marlins (210)
3. Silver Spring Swim Team (193)
4. Belair Swim and Racquet (187)
5. Westlake Village Swim Team (146)
6. Whitehall Pool & Tennis (130)

The meet opened with a string ensemble performance of the National Anthem with Joe Lau on viola, Kelley Jo Wallace on violin, Drew Wallace on string bass, Aaron Solomon on violin, Grace Kim on cello and Sophia Sandborn on violin.

Pool and team records were broken starting with the very first event. Dylan Buehler of Montpelier set a record in each of the three events he entered: besting his team's record in the Boys 10 & Under 25 Meter Fly with a time of 15.81 seconds, setting a new Greenbelt pool record in the Boys 9-10 25 Meter Freestyle with a time of 31.89 seconds and setting both his team and a Greenbelt pool record in the Boys 9-10 25 Meter Breaststroke with a time of 19.37 seconds.

Thomas Brown de Colstoun of Montpelier set a new pool record in the Boys 8 & Under 25 Meter Backstroke with a time of 20.22 seconds and Nick Kotonias set a new Greenbelt team record in the Boys 13-14 100 Meter Medley with a time of 1:09.04.

The Greenbelt team had two triple winners, Amanda Freeman in the 11-12 Girls Freestyle, Backstroke, and 12 & Under Medley and Maresa Like-Mathews in the 15-18 Girls Freestyle, Backstroke, and Medley. Other first and second place Greenbelt winners were:

Jennifer Clune – first place in 9-10 Girls Freestyle and Breaststroke and second place in Girls 10 & Under Fly

Jennifer Kotonias – first place in the 15-18 Girls Fly and second in Freestyle and Medley

Stephen Irving – second place in Boys 10& Under Fly, 9-10 Freestyle and 9-10 Breaststroke

Nick Kotonias, in addition to the first place in the 13-14 Boys Medley also had a second place finish in the Fly

Joseph Lau – first place in 15-18 Boys Backstroke

Courtney Like-Mathews – first place in 13-14 Girls Backstroke

Frankie Like-Mathews – first place in 9-10 Girls Backstroke and second place in Freestyle

Jenny Lindvall – second place in 15-18 Girls Fly

Michael Stevens – second place in 9-19 Boys Backstroke

The Boys Mixed Relay team of Stephen Irving, Victor Lindvall, Nick Kotonias and Joseph Lau came in second while the Girls team of Jennifer Clune, Amanda Freeman, Courtney Like-Mathews and Maresa Like-Mathews took first place.

Coach Jill Lau told the team, "Congrats to everyone on winning Division B. We certainly deserved it and worked hard to attain it." The first-place winners of each event from each of the seven divisions plus the top swimmers from the entire league will compete against one another at the PMSL All-Stars meet at Belair Swim and Racquet Club in Bowie on Saturday, July 28.



PHOTO BY JOAN DUNHAM

Kelley Jo Wallace, Grace Kim, Aaron Solomon, Sophia Sandborn, Joe Lau and Drew Wallace play the National Anthem to open the Division B Championship competition on Saturday, July 21 at the Greenbelt Aquatic Center.

## Greenbelt Swim Team Celebrates 50 Years

by Caitlyn Irving

Sputnik was launched and so was the space race, Elvis Presley topped the music charts and "Gunsmoke" was the most popular show on television. In that same year, 1957, the Greenbelt Swim Team was formed. Two of the original team members, Kathy Labukas and Richard Castaldi, recently shared with us their memories of their years on the team.

Castaldi became involved with the team in 1957 when his brother enlisted his services because the team needed swimmers in his age group. After his first meet and win, Castaldi was hooked. Labukas joined the same year at the age of six as the youngest swimmer on the team.

Much has changed since the early days of the team. The first change is the team mascot. In 1957 the Greenbelt team mascot was a shark. These days the more rapid barracuda is the mascot for the team.

The pool was smaller in 1957. According to Labukas, the outdoor pool was smaller until it was expanded to its current size in the 1960s. The team was also smaller as well, with seven members on the original team

shown in a photograph proudly displayed by Labukas.

Meets were also held in the evening. "We swam later in the summer and we practiced two times a day," says Labukas. "We sometimes practiced at the YMCA in Washington, D.C., where Pete Labukas [her father] would allow some of the swimmers to get some practice time in, on occasion," recalls Castaldi. The Greenbelt News Review reported that the 1957 swim team gave a diving show and a synchronized swimming exhibition.

While much has changed since the early days of the team, much remains the same. The 1957 Greenbelt swim team started the team's rich tradition of winning. Labukas recalls that many of the Greenbelt teams led their division. The competitive strokes are the same and the meets were as long in 1957 as they are today, adds Labukas.

Family and community involvement have been a constant for the team. The Greenbelt News Review routinely then and now has reported the swim team's news, such as practice times and meet results. "Swimming was a family event and everyone was involved. Many old Greenbelt names come to mind – the Labu-

kases, Heibers, Goldbergs, Webbs, Shabes and the Aulisios are just a few," says Castaldi.

Although many of the names and all of the faces of the Greenbelt team members have changed since 1957, the tradition of pride, enthusiasm and fun that started with the first team still exists. Many thanks to Labukas and Castaldi for their support of the team and for sharing their memories of the first Greenbelt team.

### 2007 Team

It was a very successful season for this year's swim team. They won four of the five dual meets and the Division B Championships on July 21 and were declared the winners of Division B of the PrinceMont Swim League for the 2007 competition.

The swim team will end its season with a banquet and pool party on the evening of Saturday, July 28. All original team members and city councilmembers are invited to attend. The team is preparing a time capsule to be buried on the Aquatic Center grounds during the pool party. It will be stuffed with CDs of photos and team documents to share with future team members in 2057.

Caitlyn Irving is a 12-year-old swim team member.



The 1957 Swim Team poses at the end of their first season: from left: Kathy Labukas, Bill Webb, Kendra Keeney, unidentified girl, Jack Trudeau, unidentified girl and John McElderry.

## Applications Sought for Winter Art and Craft Fair

Think cool thoughts during the dog days of summer and apply to the Greenbelt Recreation Department's 36th annual Festival of Lights Art and Craft Fair. Creators of all things funky and fabulous are encouraged to apply now for booth space at this show which will take place at the Greenbelt Community Center on Saturday and Sunday, December 1 and 2.

Every year this fair showcases the talents of local artists and artisans working in furniture, ceramics, glass, home décor, clothing and accessories, jewelry, toys, fine art prints and more. All work must be the original creation of the exhibitor; kit crafts, imports and mass-produced products are not permitted with limited exceptions



Customers discuss the wares at the art and craft fair.

for nonprofit groups.

This show is juried which means the selection process is competitive and acceptance is not guaranteed. There is no charge to apply. Booth fees are due only upon acceptance to the show. Exhibitors may apply individually, with another artist or with

a community organization. The deadline to apply is October 5 but artists are encouraged to apply as early as possible. Applications are reviewed on an ongoing basis and demand always exceeds the supply of spaces for this popular show.

Original, well-crafted and affordably priced items are especially desirable. Bonus points for feats of recycling, sustainable products and anything that makes the shoppers laugh out loud.

The application can be downloaded at: [www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts/foi\\_application.pdf](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts/foi_application.pdf). Paper copies are available at the main office of the Community Center.

For information call Barbara Dickey Davis at 240-542-2062 or email [bdavis@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:bdavis@greenbeltmd.gov).

# Community Events

## Artist Sullivan Leads Community Center Art Gallery Talk on July 31

On Tuesday, July 31 at 2 p.m. there will be a free gallery talk at the Community Center led by ecology-minded artist Bridget Zalewski Sullivan.

“Our relationship with our natural environment is changing, radically changing,” notes Towson University faculty member Sullivan. The artist’s digital compositions are featured in the current exhibition at the Greenbelt Community Center Art Gallery, “Searching for Life on Planet Earth.” Sullivan’s work addresses the preciousness of natural resources, the adaptability of species and indeed the survival of the natural environment. “It is my hope that we will not forget to notice the cycles of the earth and its inhabitants,” she comments. “Through involvement, personal awareness and sensitiv-



“Sanctified Integument” by artist Bridget Zalewski Sullivan

ity to the environments in which we live, we will empower ourselves to make more sustainable choices.”

Meet the artist and learn more about her work at the gallery talk. This free program is open to the public and all ages are

welcome. Reservations are not required. The exhibition will continue through August 12. The Community Center is located at 15 Crescent Road. For more information call Nicole DeWald at 240-542-2057.

## Barber Oil Paintings At Café in August

On Sunday, August 5 there will be a reception from 7 to 9 p.m. for the opening of artist Elizabeth Barber’s August exhibit at the New Deal Café. Refreshments will be served and a newly-formed group, “The Greenbelt Chinese Trio,” will provide background music. Barber’s sister, Judy Davis of Rockville, will play flute music accompanied by Marcia Bronstein of Olney. Members of the Spontaneous Writer’s Group will read from their original poems and essays. There may also be another group of musicians but at press time the identity of the group is a closely-held secret. The Greenbelt Chinese Trio includes Yuli Wang (Chinese flute and seven-stringed zither), Quiongshy Wang (Chinese lute) and Liying Li (21-string Chinese zither).

Barber’s recent paintings are of Greenbelt Lake, Scotland, Papua, New Guinea and flowers. She has enjoyed painting and sketching over the years. Barber studied oil painting with Andy Reese of Brooklyn, N.Y.; Tina Tamaro of the North Light Art Studio in Cincinnati, Ohio; and Dan Kennedy of Greenbelt.

Barber was born in Bakersfield, Calif. Much of her life was spent in the study of music. She graduated from Occidental College as a voice major, continued studying in Europe as a Fulbright student, received a master’s degree in vocal music from Howard University and a doctorate at the University of Maryland. Much of her performance career has been in church music. She taught for three years at the University of Papua, New Guinea in Port Moresby. Currently Barber is a part-time soloist at the Christian Science Church of Clinton, Md.

The monthly exhibits at the New Deal Café are sponsored by Friends of the New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA) and are made possible in part by Prince George’s County.



## Artful Afternoon Features Keaton, Green Workshop

The next Artful Afternoon will be held on Sunday, August 5 featuring an architecture workshop for all ages and Buster Keaton’s silent short, “The Scarecrow.” Additional activities continue from 1 to 5 p.m., including an afternoon of artists’ open studios, whimsical sculpture displays scattered throughout the Community Center and tours of the historic 1930s home operated by the Greenbelt Museum at 10-B Crescent Road.

Come early for an all-ages artful architecture workshop from 1 to 3 p.m. led by the American Institute of Architects’ Potomac Valley Chapter (P.V.A.I.A.). This event is the latest in a series of “The Greening of Greenbelt: Planning and Architectural Design for a Sustainable Future” events. The final event will be a community visioning process (charrette) for the future of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., the local housing cooperative, being held at Greenbelt Elementary School September 28 through 30. For more information about the charrette call Eldon Ralph of GHI at 301-474-4161, ext. 128.

At 3 p.m. cool off with film and fun: a Buster Keaton film with live musical accompaniment. Those who missed the recent “The Best of Buster Keaton” series at the AFI Silver Theater and Cultural Center will definitely want to attend this Artful Afternoon with the Keaton short “The Scarecrow.” Curt Heavey of Boister brings the silent classic to a new generation with an original score performed on guitar, bass and banjo. Greenbelt Arts Supervisor Nicole DeWald, who recently enjoyed a Keaton screening says, “Buster Keaton is a great example of grace under pressure – a non-stop creative problem solver.” Heavey is a recipient of National Public Radio’s



The Blind Astronomer does Buster Keaton: Curt Heavey of Boister accompanies Keaton’s silent short “The Scarecrow” with an original score performed on guitar, bass and banjo.

Composer’s Symposium Award and master guitar teacher with a number of area studios. He performs and records as lead guitarist of Anne Watts and Boister, with whom he has collaborated on several original scores for silent film.

Attendees will want to be sure to check out the Greenbelt Museum’s new show in the historical exhibit space in the Community Center, “Sublime on a Dime: Fashions from the Great Depression to WWII.” The show illustrates the ingenuity of Greenbelters in creating style during hard times.

### Gallery Talk

On display in the Community Center Gallery is the exhibit “Searching for Life on Planet Earth: Digital Artwork by Bridget Zalewski Sullivan” (see story above). The Gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Saturday and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday whenever the room is not reserved. To confirm access call 301-397-2208.

Artful Afternoons are free events suitable for all ages held the first Sunday of every month. These award-winning programs are sponsored by the City of Greenbelt with support from the Maryland State Arts Council, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and the Prince George’s Arts Council. For additional information visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov/ARTS](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/ARTS) or call Barbara Davis at 240-542-2062.

## Free Community Nursing Program

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) Program is again partnering with Bowie State University School of Nursing to offer a third year of community nursing services. This 10-week service provides Greenbelt residents with free weekly visits from a senior-level student nurse. Students will be supervised this semester by Dr. Jacqueline Payne and will begin patient visits on Tuesday, September 11. Appointments can be scheduled between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. with one’s assigned student nurse. Services offered include bathing assistance, medication management, vital signs monitoring, health education, blood sugar monitoring, assistance with finger sticks and health advocacy.

Program participants receive up to 10 free visits. Registration begins Thursday, August 2 at 9 a.m. Call 240-542-2036 for more information.

## City Arts Program Awarded State Grant

The City of Greenbelt has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$16,454 by the Maryland State Arts Council for Fiscal Year 2008 programs. This arts program award is the highest to date from the Arts Council, reflecting Greenbelt’s firm commitment, expanding services and growing reputation as a regional center for the arts. Equally, the award reflects the successful advocacy of the dedicated Arts Council staff and board and the support of the governor and legislature in preserving funding for the arts which play a vital role in the economics and quality of life in Maryland.

“Kudos to Nicole DeWald [arts supervisor] and everyone involved,” commented City Manager Mike McLaughlin.

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expenditures and the 2007 State Bond bill award for the Greenbelt theater renovation. More up-to-date estimates for the Public Works facility reconstruction is \$4 million and for the theater renovation is \$1 million. Those estimates exceed available funds for those projects under the 2001 Bond Fund by \$1.8 million. Staff is working to identify potential cost savings options for both projects.

Of the four projects identified in the 2001 bond referendum only the traffic calming projects in Greenbelt East were completed in FY07 at an estimated total cost of slightly more than \$500,000. For FY08 a little more than \$3.2 million is available for the remaining three projects. It appears that most of that will be directed to the Public Works facility project and the theater renovation.

### Theater Project

The city expects to obtain county permits for the theater project this fall and staff is considering a negotiated contract with selected firms for what will be mostly mechanical work. A negotiated approach has been initiated for the Public Works facility project. Following receipt of expressions of interest in the project from four general contractors, staff will be recommending that the city enter into negotiations with Gardner & Gardner for the project. If that approach is accepted, work on the project could start within six months (January/February 2008).

For the 2001 Bond Fund, council discussion focused mainly on the Public Works project because of delays in obtaining permits and because the needed reconstruction of the facility is interfering with efficient operation of the department.

Mayor Judith Davis was quick out of the box with concerns about "cost savings options" noted in the Moran memo. She was concerned that such options not short-change the green design features that are an integral part of the facility renovation.

Craze assured council that would not be the case. She described Gardner & Gardner as a contractor with green architecture experience. She indicated that negotiating would enable the use of so-called "value engineering" and "design-build" concepts to achieve potential savings and economies for the project.

### Rest Room

Council also expressed concern that the proposed rest room facility for the Lake Park would be sacrificed as a result of the negotiated approach and projected cost overruns. Craze responded that a lot would depend on the ability to provide sewer and water service as part of the Public Works facility project. She said she would be evaluating the possible use of

"pre-engineered" facilities for the rest room project and looking at other waste disposal technologies.

For the Capital Projects Fund, staff assumed that council would not change any of the 15 listed projects for FY08 and that the list of projects and their projected FY08 cost of \$1,633,600 would be the same.

That turned out not to be the case when a council consensus emerged proposing \$20,000 for an additional project to address recent citizen concerns for public safety improvements along the pathway from the end of Gardenway to the Greenbriar condominiums property in the vicinity of the Spellman overpass across the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

Council recommended that this project be added to the Capital Projects list to be funded in FY08. Adding it would bring the total projected expenditures in the Capital Projects Fund to \$1,653,600.

The next step for approval will be submission of an ordinance to adopt the revised Capital Projects Fund for consideration at the August regular meeting.

### Council Pay

The adopted FY08 budget included funds for a pay increase for council members elected in the November election. The mayor's salary will be \$12,000 and the salary for the remaining four members of council would be \$10,000 each. Because the Greenbelt City Charter provides that a council may set the compensation only for the next elected council, the proposed increase must be set forth in a city charter amendment adopted before the next council election.

The council considered whether, there should be further amendments to the charter that would take care of periodic increases in council compensation in a neutral or automatic fashion. Some possibilities suggested by staff would be to set a certain percentage increase on an annual or council term basis that would reflect inflationary increases or to use a cost of living allowance approach or some other index.

Councilmembers were not enthusiastic about such approaches. Councilmember Rodney Roberts repeated his view that "any change in the compensation rate for council should be subjected to a vote by Greenbelt voters." Further, he noted that it should not be referred to as salary but rather as a stipend for service on the council.

In the end no further charter amendment was recommended and future councils will continue to periodically set increases that will apply only to a subsequent council. The proposed increase for the next council will be the first in 18 years.

## AmeriCorps Volunteers Make a Difference

Make a difference in the community – become a Volunteer Maryland Coordinator. Organize volunteers to meet a critical need such as coordinating youth mentoring programs, providing services for people with disabilities or environmental restoration projects.

This is a one-year commitment as a member of AmeriCorps (the "domestic Peace Corps"). The service year begins September 19 and includes extensive training, a \$13,000 living allowance, health care and a post-service educa-

tion award of \$4,725. Full- and part-time opportunities are available. Candidates must possess and demonstrate excellence in the following areas: verbal and written communication, computer skills, problem solving and conflict resolution, leadership, public speaking and commitment to national and community service. Applicants must have access to reliable transportation. People with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

Go to [www.volunteermaryland.org](http://www.volunteermaryland.org) or call 410-767-6231 to apply.

## Homeowners' Property Tax Credit Deadline

The State of Maryland has developed a program which allows credits against the homeowner's property tax bill if the property taxes exceed a fixed percentage of the person's gross income. In other words, it sets a limit on the amount of property taxes any homeowner must pay based upon his or her income.

This plan has been in existence since 1975 when it was known as the "circuit breaker" plan for elderly homeowners. The plan was called circuit breaker because it shut off the property tax bill at a certain point just like an electric circuit breaker shuts off the current when the circuit becomes overloaded. The Maryland General Assembly has improved the plan over the years so that now this program is available to all homeowners regardless of age and the credits are given where needed based upon the person's income.

### Requirements

Before eligibility according to income can be considered, a homeowner must meet the following basic requirements.

- Must own or have a legal interest in the property.
- Dwelling must be the principal residence for at least six months of the year, including July 1 except in the case of a recent home purchaser or due to health or special care needs.
- Net worth, not including the value of the property or the cash value of IRAs or qualified retirement savings plans, must be less than \$200,000.
- Combined income can not exceed \$60,000.

### Receiving Credit

Homeowners who file and qualify by May 1 will receive the credit directly on their tax bill or as a credit certificate issued at the same time as the property tax deadline. Applicants filing after May 1 are advised not to delay payment of the property tax bill until receipt of the credit if they wish to receive the discount for early payment offered in some subdivisions. A refund check will be issued by the local government if the tax bill was paid before the tax credit was granted.

### How to Apply

The Homeowners' Tax Credit is not automatically granted and each person must apply and disclose his or her income. The homeowner must apply every year by no later than September 1 on a standard application supplied by the Department of Assessments and Taxation. Applications are available as of February each year at the local assessment offices and at most public libraries, or by calling the Tax Credits Telephone Service at 1-800-944-7403.

## Rock Garden Tour At Bartholdi Park

Techniques of renovating the rock garden in Bartholdi Park of the U.S. Botanic Garden will be discussed by U.S. Botanic Gardener Virginia Harmon on Wednesday, August 1 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The location is 100 Maryland Avenue SW. The event is free; pre-registration at 202-225-8333 is requested.

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the Lion's Club, she does vision screening for children in nursery school and once a week during the school year she tutors a local sixth-grade student in math.

The latter responsibility has led to her involvement in another aspect of school administration. As of last year, anyone in the community involved in school activities – such as tutors, or parent chaperones – must be officially fingerprinted, at a cost either of \$65 or \$10 depending on the type of activity. Last year David Lange, who for several years has coordinated volunteer programs at Greenbelt Elementary School, arranged for the fingerprinting and found a donor for this major expense. Voigt is working with him to arrange fingerprinting and its payment.

She continues to work with Help by Phone food and clothing pantries and for the second year she has helped to supply clothing to Springhill Lake Elementary School students – some 40 percent of whom live below the poverty line. Similarly once a year she coordinates participation by the Greenbelt Community

Church in Help by Phone's annual Safe Haven program, providing shelter in the church during Christmas week for a group of homeless men.

So what does this very busy lady do for fun? She and her husband Larry look forward to an Elderhostel trip this September to Costa Rica, one involving considerable hiking. They have been building up their stamina for this challenging experience by regularly hiking something like four miles per day.

This will be their second Elderhostel adventure and in a wholly new direction. Last March they enjoyed the whale festival at Vancouver Island, Canada.

One other change will be occurring in Voigt's life, when, on August 1 her 96-year-old father, who has been living with her and her husband, will move to Green Ridge House. When space recently opened up for new residents at the facility, her father was pleased to be able to apply and to join there a number of poker-playing buddies with whom he has spent many pleasant hours since he moved to Greenbelt.



Please help the Outstanding Citizen Committee find the next outstanding citizen.

Submit your nomination for that person whose volunteer service to our community has made him or her your choice to be the Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen of 2007.



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### NOMINATION FORM

#### Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen

Submit this form or a letter by Monday, August 6 to:  
Robert Zugby, Chair  
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Please attach a statement (preferably printed or typed) which explains why the nominee deserves recognition as Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen. Possible subjects include a list of organizations or activities in which the nominee has participated, including length of time; specific accomplishments during each period of service; the impact on Greenbelt or on people within the city; and personal qualities which make the nominee special. Award is for volunteer (unpaid) work only. Supporting printed material will be accepted but is not required. Testimonials by others as to the person's good works will be helpful.

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



# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or [http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly\\_report.pdf](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf).

Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

## Assaults

July 19, 5600 block Cherrywood Lane, 9:52 p.m., a man reported that he was driving on Cherrywood Lane when he observed a taxi attempting to drive around a person walking in the roadway. That person then hailed the cab for a ride. The man sounded his horn for the cab to get out of the roadway and the passenger got out of the taxi and ran toward the man's vehicle. The man also exited his vehicle and a physical altercation ensued, with the man sustaining a broken hand. The suspect is described as a black male, 5'8" to 5'9", 170 to 180 pounds with a light complexion and close cropped black hair, wearing shorts and a white T-shirt. The victim drove himself to the hospital for treatment prior to contacting police.

## Robberies

July 15, 7619 Hanover Parkway, 3:48 p.m., a manager at Greenbelt Exxon reported that a man entered the station, displayed a handgun and demanded money. After obtaining money from the manager, the man exited the store. The manager followed him outside and then got into a physical fight with him, tearing off the man's shirt in the process. The suspect then ran to a waiting vehicle and fled the scene east onto Greenbelt Road. The suspect is described as a black male, 22 to 26 years of age, wearing multicolored shorts. The driver of the suspect vehicle is described as a black male, wearing a red shirt. The suspect vehicle is described as a black passenger car with a spoiler with Maryland tags.

July 19, 7800 block Mandan Road, 10 a.m., a 17-year-old non-resident youth was arrested for attempted strong arm robbery. A cab driver picked up the youth in the area of Beltway Plaza. Upon arriving in the 7800 block of Mandan Road, the youth reached over the seat and pulled the cab driver's shirt up over his head while demanding money. The cab driver grabbed a spoon from inside the vehicle and believes that the youth thought that it was a knife. The youth exited the cab and fled the scene on foot with the driver giving chase. He followed the youth to a Metro bus, which left the area with the youth on board. Police stopped the bus at Ridge Road and Gardenway; the youth was positively identified as the suspect who attempted to rob the cab driver. The youth was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

July 19, Beltway Plaza, 1:11 a.m. a man reported that he was outside in the area of the Giant supermarket when he was approached by two men, one armed with a handgun. A robbery was announced and after obtaining the man's wallet, both suspects fled the scene on foot west onto Greenbelt Road. The suspects are described as a black male, 5'11", wearing a brown shirt and blue jeans; and a black male, 5'8", with black hair in braids, wearing

a white T-shirt and dark shorts.

## Handgun Arrest

July 15, in reference to a traffic stop which took place July 10 in the 6000 block of Greenbelt Road, an arrest warrant has been obtained charging a resident man with transporting a handgun in a motor vehicle and altering a firearm's identification number.

## Drug Arrest

July 13, 7700 block Hanover Parkway 2:47 p.m., a nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia after police on foot patrol observed him sitting in a wooded area and detected the odor of suspected marijuana. The man was found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana. He was released on citation pending trial.

## Trespass

July 16, 9100 block Edmonston Court, 2:07 p.m., a nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespass after police responded to a report of a verbal dispute involving the man. Police recognized him as having been banned from the apartment complex by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

## Theft

July 19, 6900 block Hanover Parkway, 12:20 p.m., unknown person(s) removed a handgun from a residence while the victim was in the process of moving.

## Vandalism

July 16, Roosevelt Center, 2:46 p.m., unknown person(s) used a marker to write graffiti on the wall of the Greenbelt Truck and Auto Center. Additional graffiti was found on the footpath area under Crescent Road.

July 19, 99 Centerway, 9:15 a.m., unknown person(s) spray painted graffiti in the area of the Greenbelt Youth Center and Braden Field.

## Burglary

July 19, 6200 block Springhill Court, 9:29 p.m., unknown person(s) entered a residence by removing a bedroom window screen. Money was taken.

## Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a 2001 Dodge van from the 6100 block Breezewood Court; a red and black 2005 Suzuki GSXR motorcycle, Maryland tags 1D8247 from the 9300 block Edmonston Road; and a 2006 Ford E-250 truck from the 8000 block Mandan Road.

Four vehicles were recovered, one by Greenbelt police, two by outside police departments and one by its owner. No arrests were made in any of the recoveries.

Theft from, vandalism to and attempted theft of vehicles were reported in the following areas: Beltway Plaza (two incidents), 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, 9100 block Edmonston Road, 6200 block Springhill Drive, Crescent Road, 7500 block Greenway Center Drive, 7400 block Morrison Drive, 7700 block Jacobs Drive, 7700 block Ora Court, 7700 block Mandan Road,

## Police Charge Teen As Adult in Assault

The Greenbelt Police Department reported the arrest of Sade Johnson, 16, of 9294 Edmonston Road on July 17. Johnson was charged as an adult with first-degree assault when police responded to a report of a fight involving two juveniles. A male reported that he was riding his bike when the suspect came outside with a container of scalding water and threw it on him, resulting in burns to his neck and back. The victim was transported to the hospital for treatment. Johnson was arrested on the scene and was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

## School Violence Session on Aug. 6

On Monday, August 6 the Maryland Association of School Resource Officers and the Metropolitan Regional School Safety and Security Association will host a one-day conference on managing school violence. It will be held at Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School. Topics will include a regional update on gangs and student threat assessments.

The conference is geared toward professional school administrators, guidance counselors, pupil personnel workers, teachers and conflict resolution managers, school-based police, SROs and probation officers, school security officers and school crisis managers, gang unit investigators and supervisors, judges, state's attorneys and prosecutors.

Sponsored by the Prince George's County Public Schools and the School Resource Officers Units of the Greenbelt Police Department, Anne Arundel County Police Department, Hyattsville City Police Department and the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department, the conference will take place between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. There is a fee. Refreshments will be provided.

Anyone needing further information can contact Mike Fisher at 240-216-0499 (Michael.Fisher@pgcps.org) or Jon Carrier at 443-618-0502 (srojon@hotmail.com).

## Two-Year-Old Falls From Upper Window

On Saturday, July 21 Greenbelt police responded to a late afternoon call to the 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace, where a two-year-old girl had fallen from a second floor window after pushing out a screen.

The child, who was in the care of a babysitter, was taken to Children's Hospital, where she is in stable condition.

7200 block Hanover Drive, 7600 and 7700 blocks Hanover Parkway (three incidents).



Aerial view of Greenbelt under construction.

— Photo Courtesy of the Library of Congress

## Early Greenbelt Photos Back in Community Center

by Megan Searing Young

The beloved historic photographs of early Greenbelt that have hung on the walls of the first floor of the Community Center for many years have now been rematted, recaptioned and rehung. The photographs, some of which are part of the Farm Security Administration collection at the Library of Congress, were originally produced for an exhibition that was part of Greenbelt's 50th Anniversary celebration in 1987.

The dedicated group of volunteers led by Sandra Lange organized the 50th Anniversary celebration and curated the exhibit of images from which the Community Center photographs came. They also planned a lecture series which focused on Greenbelt's origins and organized a conference on New Towns. They secured funding to purchase an original house to establish the museum and wrote the anniversary book, "Greenbelt: History of a New Town, 1937-1987." Oral histories were collected to document the experiences of the town's early residents and the committee organized reunion activities.

Now, in 2007, as Greenbelt turns 70 and the museum celebrates its 20th year, it is fitting that the photographs have been refurbished and re-hung. To commemorate the 20th anniversary of the museum, a variety of activities is being planned for this fall.

### Temporary Removal

The photographs were removed temporarily from the walls of the Community Center in the spring of 2006. This provided an op-

portunity for the images to be rematted and for their accompanying captions to be expanded to include additional historical information. "We wanted the photo labels to provide context and, hopefully, when viewed together, the images will function as a brief but informative orientation to the historic town for both visitors and residents, alike," says Jill St. John, curator and director of Historical Programs for the Greenbelt Museum. Refurbishment and reinstallation of the photographs was delayed when the museum office was closed to accommodate the conservation of the Community Center windows. While the photographs were down Arts Coordinator Nicole DeWald installed three Greenbelt-related exhibits in their place.

The photographs have been rematted with the same type of archival acid-free matte board that was originally used (though the new mattes are a different color). The original UV glass was also reused. This type of glass is important because it protects the images by absorbing harmful ultraviolet light, which can cause fading and other damage. The original metal frames were also reused. The refurbishment of the photographs was a joint project by the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum and the City of Greenbelt.

The historic photographs of early Greenbelt are on view indefinitely in the Community Center Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. There is no fee.

## City Notes

Planning staff reports the contractor is near completion of the fire restoration work on 6710 Village Park Drive. The residents will be able to return home shortly. The contractor requested a Use and Occupancy inspection on Friday, July 20.

Due to the lack of rain, the horticulture crew devoted several days completely to watering young and mature landscaping and trees.

Facilities Maintenance crews continued working on the new IT offices in the basement of the Municipal Building.

Recreation reports the Greenbelt Skatepark was the location for one of the Mid-Atlantic

Skateboard Series events this week. There were approximately 40 registrants for the event and approximately 100 spectators throughout the day. An extremely good time was had by all. Tommy Schutz of Greenbelt did an admirable job representing Greenbelt at the event. To view photos of the event, go to <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov> for a slide show of photos taken by Barry Bordas.

Congratulations to Victorious Secret who won the 2007 Greenbelt Recreation Kickball League. Victorious Secret is comprised of full-time city staff members and fellow Greenbelt citizens.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522.

# ACE Discusses Greenbelt Middle School Issues, More

by Mary Moien

The physical condition of Greenbelt Middle School (GMS) and its planned replacement was a leading topic of discussion at the ACE (Advisory Committee on Education) meeting on July 10. The city has been trying to schedule a meeting with the Prince George's County School Board since last December to discuss this and other issues.

Now it appears that a meeting may be held in August in Upper Marlboro. Although this will present a hardship for residents who want to attend and participate, many ACE members are planning to attend.

It is anticipated that a major topic will be the plans for a new Greenbelt Middle School (GMS) and whether an elementary school will also be approved for the location. Emergency maintenance to GMS is also expected to be discussed.

The committee reviewed the actions that led up to County Councilmember Ingrid Turner's visit to GMS and her scathing letter about current conditions there. ACE member Lauretta Baugh stated that she had spoken to Turner who then sent her aide, Bonnie Bundy, to the ACE April meeting. Bundy related to Turner the committee's concerns about the middle school. This precipitated Turner's May visit to the school.

### Greenbelt Schools

A new discussion ensued re-

garding which schools ACE should be responsible for monitoring and assisting. City Liaison Wendy Wexler referred to the ACE charter which states that schools in the city of Greenbelt are included in the ACE mandate. The schools currently affiliated with ACE are public schools that Greenbelt students attend as their neighborhood school. These schools currently include Greenbelt, Springhill Lake and Magnolia Elementary schools, Greenbelt Middle School and Eleanor Roosevelt High School. (Magnolia, while outside the city limits, is the neighborhood school to more than 100 Greenbelt students living in Greenbelt East.) St. Hugh's Catholic School was added to the original list.

This issue has surfaced now as there is a new public charter school located in Greenbelt on Good Luck Road near Hanover Parkway. Turning Point Academy opened last fall with about 200 students in grades K-3. Of those first students, fewer than 15 are Greenbelt residents. The committee will prepare a report for the city on the new school within the next month.

There was a brief discussion about Friends Community School, a private school, which is currently under construction and located next to Greenbelt Park. The school serves a small number of Greenbelt students. The committee agreed that this school does not meet the definition of schools found in the ACE charter.

# Spring: The Season of Birth

by Don Comis

Making babies, violence, power and food. That's what all the noise is around Greenbelt. Not people, but birds. As if to drive home the point, on a Tuesday morning last month several grackles were raising a ruckus in the juniper tree in my front yard. Other grackles came flying in from the tree across the street as if to bring in reinforcements.

I never could tell what the excitement was about. I thought maybe food since a couple of the grackles had something in their mouths. Moths? Or were they warning my cat in the window? Or was it about babies? A power struggle?

I "rescued" a baby grackle recently – kidnapped is more like it, judging by the ruckus the baby and his parents raised. But then they were making a ruckus just before the bird fell from its nest. My neighbor found the bird out of his nest, seemingly unable to fly and wounded. After I put him in my pet carrier, it became apparent he was not hurt.

I checked with my friend Michele Touchet, an experienced birder, and she advised me to release the bird. The parents and baby were telling me the same thing. In fact, a woman walking her dog came by my house twice, trying to find out where the crying baby bird was. He was raising a storm like no one other bird I had ever rescued but then I had only rescued doves and house sparrows before.

I knew Michele was right because I had called up a wildlife sanctuary at work the morning

after I rescued two baby sparrows that had fallen from their nest on a cold, rainy night. They said that if the bird was fledged – had all its feathers – and was not wounded, I should release it. And if it was not fledged or was wounded I should bring it there. Keeping the bird was illegal they said.

And the sparrow parents were talking to "my" birds through the bedroom window. So I called my wife Helen and she released them. They flew right to their mother.

When you come across a baby bird that can't quite fly yet, it's hard not to get involved. I think I was right in bringing the baby sparrows in for the night only, putting them in a ventilated shoe box with newspaper strips for bedding. I placed an 8-hour heating pad under the newspapers, the kind that people use for sore muscles and starts heating as soon as you open or "break" the package.

Besides, they didn't want to leave my warm hands.

But the sanctuary was also right about eventually releasing them to the care of their parents.

This year we seem to have the most species nesting in or near our juniper tree – grackles, doves, and house sparrows for sure and cardinals and robins possibly.

Baltimore orioles nesting are attracting attention around Greenbelt, with online reports of an oriole couple at 10 Court Plateau Place, a nest at Lastner Lane and another nest near Greenbelt Lake.

Janet Hughes has been watching three more oriole nests in the trees at Northway extended. She says, "I also have two in my [Lake-



wood] neighborhood. It has been very exciting to see their population increase recently. I think all the young have fledged and as far as I can ascertain, they don't have a second brood around here.

"Indigo buntings are my personal favorite sightings up at Northway but orioles are a close second. Pileated woodpeckers, bluebirds, yellow bellied sapsuckers and barred owls are right up there, too," Hughes said.

In the May 12 migratory bird count at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, Michele and other birders recorded four Baltimore orioles.

The Baltimore orioles arrived in our area around April 28. That's when Peter Blank showed me two at 4 Court Laurel Hill Road, across the street from my house, after a bird walk he led along Northway. "This year it seemed like Baltimore orioles were one of the first migratory birds that breed in Maryland to show up . . . when Baltimore orioles arrive, it is a good sign that summer is near."

It wasn't the first time a birder showed me orioles at my doorstep. Years ago, a friend who came to visit asked if I knew I had a Baltimore oriole in my rosebush. The oriole flew toward him as he entered my yard.

*This story was submitted early last month but wasn't published due to space constraints.*

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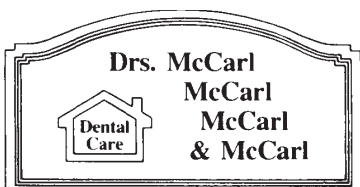


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*Savvy Environmentalist***Bus Service in Old Greenbelt: A Primer**by **Jim Cohen**

*This is one in a continuing series of "Tip-of-the-Week" articles from the GHI Sustainable Design and Practices Ad Hoc Committee.*

Residents wishing to take immediate action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions can, among other actions, give their cars a rest. According to the Union of Concerned Scientists, cars and trucks produce 25 percent of all U.S. carbon dioxide emissions, so any way we can reduce personal (usually solo) driving will produce environmental benefits.

Taking public transportation is one option. The math is simple: each weekday that you take public transit to work instead of driving alone will reduce your car's work-commute CO2 emissions (and other pollutants) for that week by 20 percent.

Several buses come through the center of Greenbelt – but a lot of people don't know where they're headed. The buses include four operated by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), two by Prince George's County, one by the City of Greenbelt and one by the University of Maryland College Park. Some serve the general public and others specialize in serving particular groups.

The following is a primer on the buses serving old Greenbelt.

**WMATA Buses**

These are the big red, white and blue buses, also called "Metro buses." The four WMATA buses providing service to Old Greenbelt are the C2, R12, T16 and T17. The T16 and T17 buses have the same route except the T17 stops at Goddard Corporate Park. Riders not going to Goddard Corporate Park can reach all other destinations on both the T16 and T17 buses. Schedules for all WMATA buses are available at [www.wmata.com](http://www.wmata.com). At that home page, go to "schedule and fares," then "bus timetables" and then to "Maryland." (Or pick up printed schedules at the Greenbelt Public Library or at the Metro station.)

Each of these buses makes a few designated stops in Old Greenbelt that are shown on the printed maps and on the WMATA website. There are many stops along the WMATA routes; to catch the bus just stand under a Metrobus sign that indicates the route number. But it matters a) on which side of the street you are standing and b) the displayed destination (see below).

All WMATA buses serving Greenbelt run on weekdays and Saturdays but not on Sundays. Regular fares on WMATA buses are \$1.25 but a reduced fare is 60 cents for seniors 65 and older, persons with disabilities and customers with a Medicare card and valid photo ID. Exact fare is required if paying by cash. Transfers from Metrorail to bus may be obtained at the Metro station before boarding the train. Seniors with these transfers do not need to pay an additional fee. Others pay a nominal fee.

Check the website for other fare-paying options, such as a "Smart Trip Card" – a permanent, rechargeable fare card that the rider can conveniently swipe over the bus fare box instead of paying cash for each ride. The WMATA website also has a trip planner

that enables the traveler to type in a destination and receive directions for the best rail/bus combinations.

When taking Metro from one station to another where you will catch a bus, remember to get a bus transfer at the first station – it will save 90 cents when you board the bus at the destination station.

**County Buses**

The county has three buses serving Greenbelt: TheBus #15 and #16 and the Call-A-Bus. While several TheBus routes go through various parts of Greenbelt, only one comes to Old Greenbelt (the #15) at Roosevelt Center. Regular one-way fare on TheBus is 75¢. Seniors (55 and older) and people with disabilities ride for free, as do children under 5. However, no transfers are available for the free rides. Information and a map are available at [www.goprincegeorgescounty.com/Government/AgencyIndex/DPW&T/Transit/thebus.asp](http://www.goprincegeorgescounty.com/Government/AgencyIndex/DPW&T/Transit/thebus.asp).

The Call-A-Bus is a demand response, curb-to-curb service available to county residents who either are not served by or cannot use existing bus or rail service. Priority is given to senior citizens and persons with disabilities. Reservations can be made for up to two weeks in advance for a ride but can also be made on the same day of the desired service, subject to bus availability.

The Call-A-Bus is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For reservations call 301-399-8603 between 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Regular fare on the Call-A-Bus is free for seniors and persons with disabilities

**City of Greenbelt**

The city operates the Greenbelt Connection, which is a 12-passenger, wheelchair-accessible van mostly limited to service within Greenbelt (Greenbelters may take it to Doctors Community Hospital). While the Greenbelt Connection is available to all Greenbelt residents, riders must schedule their service by calling 301-474-4100 at least 24 hours prior to the time of the desired ride.

The city bus runs Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 9:30 to 4. The regular fare is \$1.75 but the fare is \$1 for senior citizens, customers with a disability and children between 6 and 18.

**Univ. of Maryland**

The University of Maryland College Park has a free shuttle bus (#106 Greenbelt) that goes between the College Park campus and various Greenbelt locations. Since most of the revenue for the bus comes from student fees, this bus is limited to University faculty members, staff members and students, each of whom must show a University ID on each ride.

The bus serves those who work at the University of Maryland College Park as well as those who work at the University of Maryland University College, the adjacent separate institution. The exception to this policy is the free UM shuttle from the College Park Metro station to the campus, which is available to the general public as well. The route map and schedule is available at [www.transportation.umd.edu/routes/com-muter.html](http://www.transportation.umd.edu/routes/com-muter.html).

**Which Bus?**

Remember part of the exchange that Alice had with the Cheshire Cat, "Would you tell me, please, which way I ought to go from

here? That depends a good deal on where you want to get to," said the cat.

The following guide to the WMATA buses and the county's TheBus takes a cue from the Cheshire Cat and is based on destinations from Old Greenbelt.

The Greenbelt Metro – If you're looking for the fastest bus route between Old Greenbelt and the Greenbelt Metro station, the R12 bus is the one for you. Going to the Metro, take the one labeled "Deanwood"; returning from the station, catch the one labeled "New Carrollton."

Depending on where you pick it up, you can arrive at the Greenbelt Metro in 5 to 11 minutes. This route has 24 runs weekdays and 14 on Saturdays. The C2, T16 and T17 buses go there more frequently but will take longer because they all stop first at Beltway Plaza (as does TheBus).

Other Metro Stations – If your destination is either the College Park or the Deanwood Metro station, take the R12. For the New Carrollton station, take the R12, the T16 or the T17; for the Wheaton station, take the C2 bus.

Beltway Plaza and Greenway Center – All four WMATA buses listed above and TheBus will take you to Beltway Plaza. The C2 makes the most runs to Beltway Plaza – 42 trips from Greenbelt on weekdays and 33 runs on Saturdays. TheBus, R12, T16 and T17 buses go to Greenway Center but the R12 gets there the quickest (5 minutes from Crescent Road and Gardenway).

The University of Maryland College Park – Other than the University of Maryland College Park Shuttle Bus, the only bus going from Old Greenbelt to the University is the westbound C2.

NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Goddard Corporate Park and Doctors Community Hospital – TheBus #15, T16 and T17 buses will take you to NASA's

main gate and visitors' center but only the T17 will then make a stop at Goddard Corporate Park. The T16 and T17 go to Doctors Community Hospital as does the #16 TheBus. However, the #16 does not serve Old Greenbelt and requires a transfer.

BWI Airport – For \$3 you can take the B30 WMATA bus from the Greenbelt Metro Station directly to the passenger terminal at BWI Airport, arriving in about 35 minutes. The B30 runs seven days per week, at 40-minute intervals.

One final note: Except for the C2, it makes a big difference on which side of the street you're standing when you board a bus. If you're at Roosevelt Center and you want to go to the Greenbelt Metro station, then you board the

R12 on the north side of Crescent Road – that's the side across the street from the shops – it's a 10-minute ride on a bus labeled "Deanwood." However, if you board the R12 on the south side of Crescent Road – the same side of the street as the Sunoco station and shops – the first Metro station you'll come to is the New Carrollton station after a 25-minute ride. The author's experience is that you only make that mistake once. When going to the Metro by way of Beltway Plaza, the T16, T17 and #15 TheBus may also be boarded across the street from Roosevelt Center, while those buses going toward Greenway Center can be boarded on the Roosevelt Center side of Crescent Road.

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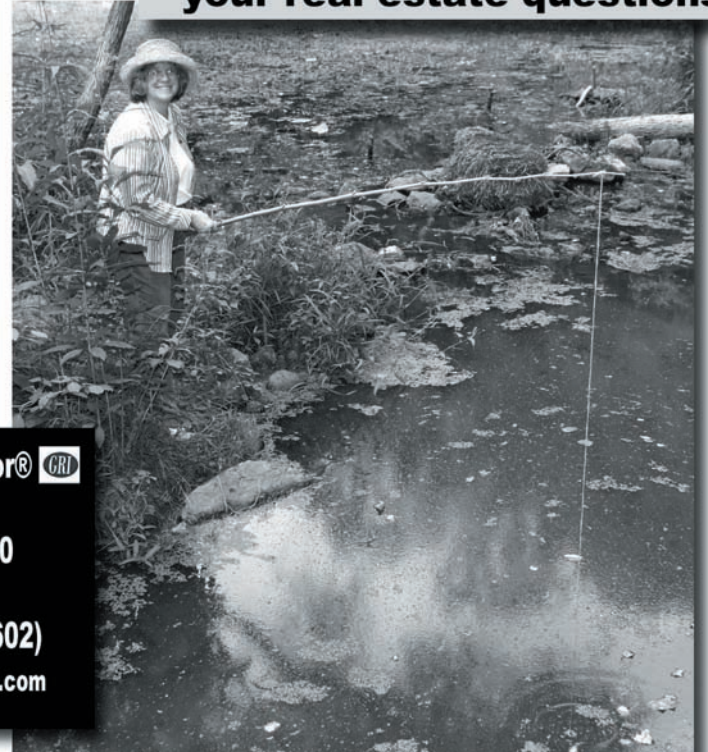
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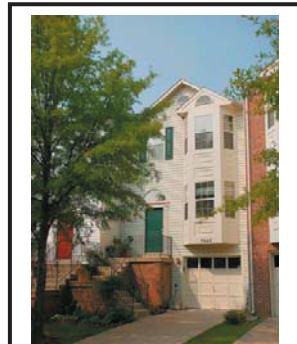
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*A View from the East*

## The Parks In Greenbelt

by Anne-Marie Hamma

This evening I am using my hammock as I survey the lawn that gently slopes down to our grove of poplars. (For accuracy: in place of "hammock," "lawn" and "grove of poplars," please insert the words "wooden bench," "concrete patio slab" and "azalea.")

Living on the bottom floor in a condo, I don't actually have a lawn. Though my husband and I are not living the typical American Dream, we have come to value the life we do live. One of the things we love so much about Greenbelt is that we feel we are part of a community.

On Sunday evenings we have begun to take our young family to the park to play. My son just got a tee ball set for his birthday, so that has lately been the game of choice. (My husband and I frequently question our sanity regarding our decision to buy a bat for a toddler.) However, we love being outside and the park not only affords the opportunity for us to stretch our legs but also to be a part of the community.

In fact, others also take on the park in the evening and we have met some nice people. Just a few weeks ago, with my husband's help, our son got to play his first (obviously modified) game of "sandlot" ball with some other kids.

Not having our own yard, we value that Greenbelt has some great parks and fields. So I encourage everyone to get out, play and meet their neighbors. Feeling a part of the community will help us value and want to preserve it. Greenbelt has a deep history that is regularly celebrated.

If you have not already done so, please check out greener-greenbelt.org – the website for the Greener Greenbelt Initiative. There you can also participate in a survey. As a community we need to make sure that new development acknowledges what Greenbelt represents. Sustainable, walkable communities need to be preserved and maintained. If that means the park is my lawn, then so be it.

And you know what? I love my patio. It's big enough for a few plants and a little inflatable pool. And I want to say to my neighbors upstairs: I promise not to set up a grill.

## Riversdale Celebrates Historic Family

Chaplain Plummer, an ordained Baptist minister and the first African-American chaplain in the regular U.S. Army, was born in Prince George's County. The son of Adam Francis Plummer, he served in the U.S. Navy during the Civil War and was a chaplain in the 9th Cavalry Regiment (Buffalo Soldiers). Chaplain Plummer also recorded his life through slavery to freedom at Riversdale and then at his own home, Mount Rose, in present-day Edmonston.

On Sunday, July 29 from noon to 3:30 p.m., Riversdale will celebrate the anniversary of Chaplain Plummer's 163rd birthday and commemorate the whole Plummer family. The free program includes music from the Children's Choir of Saint Paul Baptist Church, Inc. (founded by the chaplain's sister, Sarah Miranda) and the Progress-

## Green Initiative Making The Rounds in Greenbelt

by Mary Moien

The Greener Greenbelt Initiative is on the move. "What kind of community do YOU want over the next 30 years?" That is the question that is being repeated around the city. Residents continue to learn more about what they can do to plan for Greenbelt at its 100th birthday in 2037.

On July 17 the Greenbelt Museum sponsored a lecture at the New Deal Café. The lecture was standing room only. The back room of the café was filled to capacity with people even standing and sitting in the open doorways. Architect Carl Elefante, American Institute of Architects (AIA), and Jim Cohen, chair of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) Green Ribbon Task Force, made one of the first presentations to the whole Greenbelt population. Earlier presentations had been made at GHI's annual meeting in May, on Greenbelt Day Weekend and to other smaller groups. Through a grant from the AIA and pro-bono contributions from the local chapter, architects and other design professionals are collaborating for three years with GHI's Green Ribbon Task Force to help ensure the housing cooperative's viability and livability into the future.

### July 17 Lecture

This lecture and discussion was the first of a series of activities that will culminate in a three-day charrette in late September. Included in the lecture was a slide show highlighting how schools and cities and people have taken older structures and redesigned them to be up-to-date and environmentally friendly. It was shown that some buildings can be rehabilitated to be much more energy-efficient while maintaining their current design. Other buildings have more modest outcomes.

Elefante stated that only 0.2 percent of building stock meets green standards. At the same time, an estimated 85 percent of current buildings will be modernized by 2030. He stated that "the greenest building is one that is already built." Upgrading what the city has is important. In a more general presentation he pointed out areas in houses that are not energy efficient; baseboard heat – no; window air conditioners – no. The "envelope" of the house is where en-

ergy savings can be made – roof, walls, windows.

At a time when people should be conserving energy, people are using more and more. A study of college dorms showed that in the last five years, energy use has increased by 14 percent due to all the electronics that are brought to school by the students.

Members of the audience wanted to know if what is developed for GHI will be available and applicable to residents of other parts of the city. Cohen and Elefante both were affirmative. GHI is currently undertaking a survey of its residents to identify the important concerns for the next 30 years. They will be encouraging other homeowner associations to survey their members also. The charrette will be looking at four different levels: 1) the core of Greenbelt; 2) the town center; 3) greater Greenbelt and the county; and 4) regional, i.e., the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

### August/Labor Day Events

On August 5 there will be programs related to Greener Greenbelt for adults and children at Greenbelt Community Center's Artful Afternoon. Information and activities will also be part of the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival.

### September Charrette

The Greener Greenbelt Charrette (a community-wide interactive visioning process) will be held at Greenbelt Elementary School from September 28 through 30. Greenbelters are encouraged to participate in all three days of this process. Elefante emphasized that "we're trying to begin something, not solve every problem." This is the beginning.

What is a charrette? According to information provided by the Greener Greenbelt Initiative, "A charrette is a highly interactive event in which residents, business and civic leaders and design professionals come together to consider viable options for the future of a community and – through data, discussion and drawings – develop a long-range plan that reflects a shared vision."



### Gas Saving Tips

Consider car sharing by signing up for membership in a program such as Flexcar or Zipcar. These programs allow members to reserve and drive cars by the hour – and they cover the cost of the vehicle, insurance, gas, parking and maintenance.

Keep cars in shape. A well-tuned car burns less gasoline. Make sure to get oil and air filters changed regularly and that tires are always properly inflated.

– Sierra Club

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GHI frame units would need to be replaced at some future point. Planning Board member Sheldon Goldberg commented that the housing in Lanham built by the military has been declared decrepit, presumably by the military.

### Center Viability

The issue of economic viability of Roosevelt Center also came up for discussion. Tarek Bolden, community planner for Greenbelt, felt that Roosevelt Center was not vibrant enough to attract adults in their thirties and that consideration should be given on how to make the Center more dynamic.

Branyan commented that besides the skate park, Greenbelt does not offer enough activities for teenagers.

Bolden said that the Planning Department intends to support the Greener Greenbelt Initiative through the use of graphic maps the city controls.

Cohen passed out copies of the survey which had been distributed to GHI members with their newsletter, "The Communicator." Apparently many had not read it, so it is being redistributed. Cohen also shared a handout referencing the charrette to be held on September 28 through 30 at

Greenbelt Elementary School. In addition to the charrette there will be an Artful Afternoon on August 5 which will invite adults and children to explore the ideas of the Initiative. No one commented particularly on the survey or brochure except to say that the response rate to the survey will probably be low.

Cohen mentioned that the turnout for AIA Architect Carl Elefante's presentation at the New Deal Café on Tuesday, July 17, the night before, had been a "sell out" and that over half the attendees had identified themselves as being non-GHI.

Members asked what the outcome of the charrette would be. Cohen indicated that the architects and other professionals involved with the project on a pro bono basis would offer ideas and suggestions but ultimately it would be up to Greenbelters as a whole which ideas and designs would be implemented.

This outcome would be in harmony with the AIA's "Blueprint with America" which states "the purpose is to do things with your community not for it."

The next meeting of the APB will focus on the Spellman Overpass.

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