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This architect's rendering of the first two office buildings to be built in Capital Office Park is strikingly similar to the current view of these now existing buildings as seen from the Capital Beltway.

Capital Office Park Is Purchased By Large New Jersey Corporation

by James Giese

Capital Office Park and adjacent vacant land on Ivy Lane and Cherrywood Lane in the northwest section of Greenbelt is now entirely owned by a New Jersey real estate trust, Mack-Cali Corporation of Edison, New Jersey. In a press release on June 13, the company announced its acquisition of 43 undeveloped acres adjacent to the office park from Greenbelt Associates and Sixteenth Springhill Lake Associates, LLP for approximately \$13 million. In March 2006 the company had already acquired the developed portion of Capital

Office Park, a seven-building, 842,300 square foot class A office complex for approximately \$161.7 million.

Mack-Cali claims to be a leading real estate trust with a total market capitalization of approximately \$6 billion dollars. It owns and manages over 34 million square feet of class A office and office/flex properties in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic regions. It claims to be New Jersey's largest landlord and a leader in the New York region.

Its predecessor company, Cali Associates, was founded in 1949

by two brothers, John and Angelo Cali and their close friend, Edward Leshowitz. Cali Associates became a developer of single-family homes in northern New Jersey, developing over 5,500 housing units.

In 1994 the company became a public corporation, the Cali Realty Corporation, and began acquiring other holdings, expanding into the Philadelphia area real estate market. In December 1997, when the company undertook a \$1.2 billion merger with the Mack Company and Patriot American Office Group, the new company became the Mack-Cali Realty Corporation.

The company states that the office park is 83.9 percent leased to 88 tenants. Major tenants listed for Capital Office Park at the time of the 2006 acquisition included the Hewlett-Packard Company, the U.S. General Services Administration, Verizon Communications, Inc., Communications Titan Corporation, Joseph Greenwald and Leake, P.A. and Lockheed Martin Corporation.

The vacant land is located on the northwest side of Cherrywood Lane opposite Ivy Lane. Development of these properties was

See **PURCHASE**, page 8

Condominium Development Construction Plans Shelved

by Elaine Skolnik and Virginia Beauchamp

Construction of Greenbelt Crossing, a 90-unit condominium development planned for the long-abandoned nursing home site on Greenbelt Road, has been placed on hold. Lowell Baier, owner of the land, told the News Review that "the current (depressed) housing market has impaired our position to move ahead."

The 4.5-acre site is located between Lakecrest Drive and Southway. It is bounded on three sides – west, north and east – by the University Square Apartments property and lies only a short distance west of the Greenbelt Armory. Public access to all three properties is through the same driveway off Greenbelt Road. A small traffic circle from the southeast corner boundary of Greenbelt Crossing would control entrance to and egress from the new development.

The luxury, senior citizen-friendly project was enthusiastically received by the city's

Advisory Planning Board (APB) and the Greenbelt City Council in October/November 2005. Both recommended approval of the proposed development along with covenants and conditions dealing with traffic, acoustical accommodations, signage and external appearance and design.

When the owners' application was later heard by the Prince George's County Planning Board, Greenbelt Crossing received the board's blessing. Later the then-developers, who included Baier, received all the required approvals and building permits.

In his presentation of the detailed site plan to the APB on October 19, 2005, Ethan Bindernagel, former planner for the city, observed that the developers were "highly responsive to city requests" and "very open to staff suggestions" concerning aspects of designs in plans for the development.

See **CONDOS**, page 8

Time to Nominate Citizen Of Year Is Running Out

by James Giese

Time is running out for submitting nominations for this year's Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen. Nominations for this distinguished community award are due no later than Monday, August 6, according to Outstanding Committee Chair Robert Zugby. They must be delivered either by mail or by hand to his home at 94 Ridge Road, Greenbelt by the deadline. A nomination form, which may be used but is not required, appears on page 8 in this issue.

Nominators should provide as much information as possible about the nominee. The committee will have little time to conduct independent research about nominees between the deadline and the time it reaches a decision.

As always, the committee urges anyone who in the past submitted a nomination that was not selected to do so again. Greenbelt is fortunate to have many residents who do outstanding volunteer work on behalf of the community. With only one selection made each year, the commit-

tee, of necessity, must pass over other worthy nominees. It is not unusual for the person selected to have been nominated previously more than once.

The Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen award annually recognizes a resident of Greenbelt who through volunteer efforts has made a significant contribution to the benefit of the city. In the past the award has been given to individuals involved in a wide variety of endeavors, such as support to youth groups, running a volunteer fire company, organizing a crime watch, publishing a newspaper, founding a museum, supporting the homeless and much, much more.

While the award is often given to an individual who has volunteered to help the community in a variety of activities, it may also be given to one whose involvement included only a single worthy cause. Even a single outstanding deed or special service could be the basis for selection.

See **NOMINATION**, page 8

Filing Deadline for Council Candidates Is September 24

On Tuesday, November 6, Greenbelt citizens will elect the five members of the city council who will represent them for the next two years. Greenbelt residents who want to run for city council, sign a petition for someone to run for council or vote in the election must be registered to vote in Prince George's County. Since universal voter registration began in Greenbelt in 1991 the city has not maintained a separate voter registration list.

Candidacy for Council

Any qualified voter of the city wishing to run for council may do so by submitting the following forms:

1. Nomination Petition – This form requires the signature of at least 50 registered voters of the city and must be signed by the circulator of the petition and notarized. The signatures should give the petitioner's proper name (e.g. Mary Doe or Mrs. John Doe) and address.

2. Acceptance of Nomination – This form notes that the nominee agrees to serve, if elected. It must be filed along with the nomination petition and an affidavit containing a sworn statement providing the candidate's name, date of birth, Social Security number and resident address.

3. Financial Disclosure Statement – This form lists business entities and real estate interests held by the nominee and family and sources of specified income or debt. The statement covers the period January 1, 2006 through

December 31, 2006. Candidates who have had changes in their financial status are required to file a supplemental report for the period of January 1 through June 30, 2007. The filing period starts Monday, August 20.

The deadline for filing to be a candidate in the November 6 regular election is Monday, September 24 at 5 p.m.

The city clerk verifies that nomination petitions meet the requirement of the city charter. A drawing will be held by the Board of Elections in the Municipal Building on Monday, September 24 at 7:30 p.m. to determine the order in which names shall be placed on the ballot. This meeting is open to the public. Candidates, their families, supporters and interested citizens may attend to witness the draw.

Candidates must appoint a campaign treasurer. They are also required to file a notarized interim report of campaign contributions and expenditures no later than 5 p.m., October 22. A final campaign contribution and expenditure report must be filed no later than 5 p.m. Monday, November 12. These reports shall list the name, address and amount donated by every contributor (other than the candidate or a member of his or her family, who has contributed more than \$25 in furtherance of the candidate's nomination and election); and a detailed description of every expense.

See **ELECTION**, page 8

What Goes On
Sunday, August 5
1 to 5 p.m., Artful Afternoon,
Community Center
Thursday, August 9
7:30 p.m., GDC and GHI
Board Meetings, GHI Board
Room
Friday, August 10 through
Monday August 20
Municipal Building Post Office will be closed.

Letters

More Recycling Tips

I would like to add several more ways of being green to the ones mentioned in your article "Greenbelt Gets Greener Still with Single Stream Recycling" in the July 19 issue. One is to save your yogurt containers marked number 5, clean them and send them back to the manufacturer if they are Stonyfield Farm or Brown Cow Farm. Both companies accept clean yogurt containers and refund some or most of the postage costs in product coupons. The address for Stonyfield Farm is 10 Burton Drive, Londonderry, NH 03053. The address for Brown Cow Farm is 3810 Delta Fair Boulevard, Antioch, CA 94509. WholeSoy & Co. also accepts its clean soy yogurt containers and sends out coupons to cover most of the postage costs. Its address is 353 Sacramento Street, Suite 1120, San Francisco, CA 94111.

A second way is to keep and clean your plastic flower pots and planting containers and bring them to Behnke's Nursery on Route 1, which has reinstated the practice of recycling these containers.

A third is to bring clean Styrofoam peanuts in a plastic bag to a local UPS or other mail center. Styrofoam gets reused as packaging material.

Adding clean dry cleaning bags to your used shopping bags when you bring them to the store for recycling is a fourth way of being greener. In general, plastic bags and wrappings that do not make a crinkling noise when they are handled are acceptable for recycling at the supermarket.

With the prolonged dry spell that we are having the past few months, conserving as much water as practicable would help delay the instituting of watering bans for as long as possible. The water you use to wash your produce and the water you let run until it is warm before you use it can be collected in a bucket and used for other purposes such as watering plants. This is a fifth way of being green.

A sixth way is to "close the loop" and buy recycled products (as well as products that can be recycled).

Greenbelt restaurants could begin an organic compost program in which the food that would otherwise be discarded by them would be turned into compost that would then be used by local farmers to grow produce. Northern California has had such a program for several years. Google "restaurant composting California" to link to an article from the California Farm Bureau or see www.fourcourse.com.

If you give it some thought, I am sure you can come up with yet other ways of being green.

Germaine Timmermans

Send us a letter to share with your neighbors about your observations, concerns, gripes and accolades regarding local issues.

Letters must contain your name, address and phone number.

Greenbelt's New Principal Will Work Collaboratively

by Sandra A. Lange

Kimberly Seidel sits comfortably in the principal's chair vacated by her predecessor, Katherine Curl, who retired from Greenbelt Elementary School (GES) this past June after 39 years as a Prince George's County educator. Seidel calls GES "a great school with great teachers" and plans to spend her first year as principal observing what's working and tweaking what isn't working. She plans to continue Curl's open door policy and will be holding an Open House for the community on Thursday, August 9 at 6:30 p.m. She has already met many of the teachers who stopped by during the summer to welcome her to GES. She also has met members of the PTA, lunched at the New Deal Café and toured the Community Center.

Seidel is a comparatively young principal – just 37 years old – with a total of 14 years as an educator. She graduated from Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania with a degree in elementary and early childhood education. She completed one year of a master's program when she accepted a job in 1993 in Queen Anne County teaching kindergarten. While there, she completed her master's degree and became a teacher specialist, a position she held for two years. In 2004, she came to Prince George's County as assistant principal at Riverdale Elementary School where she remained for three years.

"I always wanted to be a principal," she exclaimed. She is very excited to be given the opportunity to be in Greenbelt as the new principal of GES. "I will be out and about," she speaks earnestly. She plans to be an instructional leader who works collaboratively with the teachers as part of a planning team and build on the successes achieved over the past several years.

Seidel says she values the active role of volunteers and seeks to foster greater community involvement in GES by encouraging more volunteers to participate in GES activities. She hopes the community will want to help on a daily basis as well as at special events like Grandparents' Day and International Day. She plans a monthly reading and math incentive program which she also hopes will attract involvement by community members. Her primary goal in the coming year is to help teachers and students enjoy being at GES and to be supportive of each other.

Seidel's enthusiasm for her new job is clearly evident by the excitement in her voice as she anticipates the beginning of a new school year. It is easy to see how she won the Energizer Bunny Award in 2003 in Queen Anne County. As she counts down the days to the opening of school on August 20, Kimberly Seidel seems eager and ready for the challenges ahead.



Principal Kimberly Seidel, Greenbelt Elementary School

U.S. House Supports Prince George's Co.

With the support of Maryland Congressman Steny Hoyer, the following programs that will benefit Prince Georgians are included in the legislation funding the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services and Education for Fiscal Year 2008, which was passed by the U.S. House of Representatives.

Bowie State University Principal's Academy Institute – \$200,000 to aid Bowie State University in creating an institute for the training and certification of school principals.

College Park Aviation Museum – \$150,000 for the design phase of a planned expansion to house educational programs, additional exhibits and displays, a theater, a restoration shop and an Aviation Hall of Fame. The museum expansion is part of the celebration of the College Park Airport Centennial of Flight (1909-2009).

Best Buddies Maryland – \$300,000 to support middle and high school chapters in Maryland. Founded by Anthony Kennedy

Shriver in 1989, Best Buddies is dedicated to fostering the social integration of children and adults with intellectual disabilities. There are two Best Buddies chapters in Prince George's County.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

Week of August 3

La Vie en Rose (PG-13)

Friday

*4:45, 7:30, 9:55

Saturday

*2, *4:45, 7:30, 9:55

Sunday

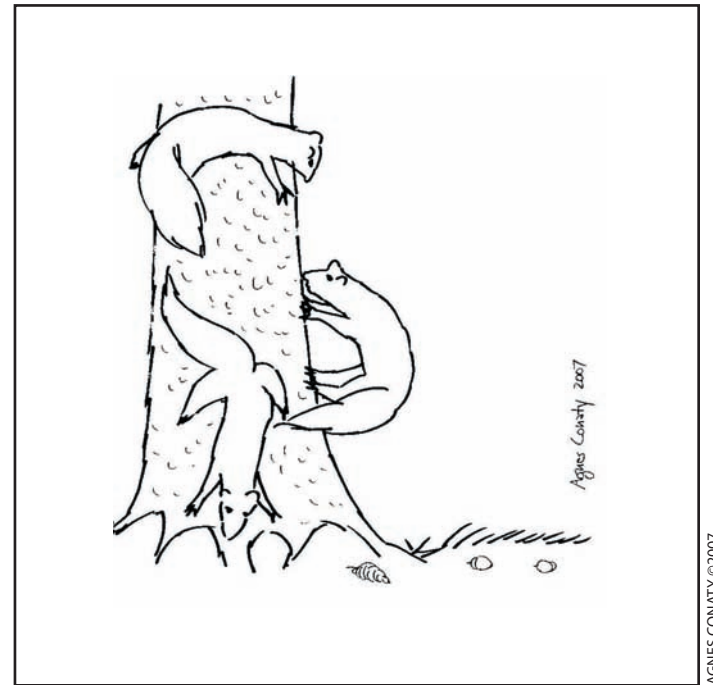
*2, *4:45, 7:30

Monday – Thursday

*4:45, 7:30

*These shows at \$6.00
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129 Centerway
www.pgtheatres.com

Grin Belt



"Could we tap the squirrel fund for high-tech gizmos to track acorns?"

On Screen

Her Life in Pink

Marion Cotillard (*A Good Life*) portrays Edith Piaf – many say she becomes Edith Piaf – in *La Vie en Rose*. Piaf's life was short but so full of tragedy that this 140 minute film omits substantial parts (e.g. all of World War II). And yet Cotillard's performance is so engrossing that you won't notice the time pass at all.

Gerard Depardieu appears as the nightclub owner who helps Edith get off the streets and gives her a new name. ("Piaf" is the French word for sparrow.) Rated PG-13 for drug use and sexual situations, the film is in French with English subtitles.

– Cathy Jones

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

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

Community Events

GHI Notes

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 Work Group

Thursday, August 9, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors meeting

Saturday, August 11, 11 a.m. to noon, GGI training sessions for court liaisons

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.

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 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, August 6 through Friday, August 10 include:

Monday – Orange juice, turkey/potato casserole, chuckwagon vegetables, lettuce/tomato salad with dressing, fresh apple.

Tuesday – Grape juice, salmon with dill sauce, wild rice, chopped collards, fruit cocktail.

Wednesday – Creamy broccoli soup with crackers, sliced turkey on wheat with mustard, lettuce/tomato salad with dressing, green pea salad with onions, fresh banana.

Thursday – Cranapple juice, baked chicken with gravy, pinto beans, chopped spinach, pineapple tidbits.

Friday – Fruit punch, six meatballs with Swedish gravy, wide egg noodles, okra/corn/tomatoes, sliced peaches.

Explore "Right Track"

On Friday, August 10 Explorations Unlimited continues with "All Aboard – 50 Years on the Right Track." Trains have thundered through 150 years of American history. Their fascinating story and impact on a developing nation is captured on this two-hour video. Viewers will see all the crucial developments from the invention of the first locomotive to the completion of the transcontinental track and the creation of high-speed railways.

Relive the glamour of railroad-ing's golden age aboard trains like the 20th Century Limited, the Super Chief and the American Orient Express. Watch how trains have radically transformed where Americans live, the way wars are fought and even a sense of time.

Favorite trains, rare archival footage, entertaining train songs, memorabilia, classic film clips from Hollywood and beautiful scenics capture the pioneer spirit and romance of the rails.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center in the Senior Lounge, Room 111. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

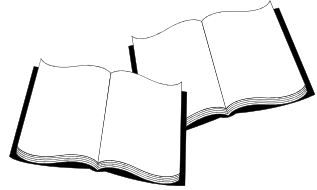
At the Library

Children's
Wednesday, August 8, 6:30 p.m., Imagining Stories, Part II, ages 8 to 12.

Storytimes
Tuesday, August 7, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver; limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, August 8, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddler time for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver; limit 15 children.

Thursday, August 9, 10:30 a.m., Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5; limit 20 children.



Computer Club Meets Thursday

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its August monthly meeting from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 9 at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, in Room 103. All are welcome.

Safety Committee Meets August 14

The Greenbelt Public Safety Advisory Committee will hold its next regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 14 at 7 p.m. in the Community Center, Room 112.

Greener Greenbelt Tables at Co-op

In an effort to reach out to all Greenbelters, the Greener Greenbelt Initiative (GGI) will staff information tables outside the Co-op supermarket in Roosevelt Center at selected times in the coming weeks.

GGI volunteers will pass out an informational brochure describing the project's goal of developing a community-wide vision of Greenbelt's future over the next 30 years. They will also distribute a survey asking for residents' ideas about recreational space, economic development, livability, sustainability, housing concerns and historic preservation.

Information tables will be staffed on Saturdays, August 11 and September 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and Wednesday, September 25 from 4 to 8 p.m. For more information on GGI, visit www.greenergreenbelt.org.

Still Creek Meeting On Monday at Park

The Friends of Still Creek invite people to discover Greenbelt Park and the Still Creek watershed and learn how to help in the protection and restoration of Still Creek and the Anacostia River.

Meet at the Ranger Station classroom on Monday, August 6 at 7 p.m. The Ranger Station is located near the campground about 1.5 miles from the park entrance.

RSVP Bill Duncan at 301-345-6515 or email billdsail@aol.com.

Greenbelt Park is located at 6565 Greenbelt Road between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. The Greenbelt Park website address is www.nps.gov/gree. The Friends of Still Creek website is www.stillcreekwatershed.org.

Sullivan Reception at Artful Afternoon this Sunday, August 5

This Sunday, August 5 join artist Bridget Zalewski Sullivan at the Greenbelt Community Center for a reception in conjunction with her exhibition Searching for Life on Planet Earth. The reception will begin at 2 p.m. as part of the Recreation Department monthly Artful Afternoon program.

Sullivan creates digital artwork incorporating aerial and satellite photography, images from nature and figurative elements including photos of her elder daughter. She uses these elements to create a highly personal iconography and employs this visual vocabulary to address universal themes of fertility, life cycles and environmental change. Her exhibition at the Community Center Art Gallery continues through August 12. The gallery is open



Artist Bridget Zalewski Sullivan explains her work to an interested group.

Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., whenever the space is not reserved. To confirm

hours for a particular day call 301-397-2208. All of the work in the exhibition is available for purchase.

Camp Staff Give One Scholarship Show

The city's summer camp staffers are presenting a one night only scholarship show on Friday, August 3 at 7 p.m. Camp counselors, interns and teachers of the Greenbelt Recreation Department have volunteered their time to rehearse and produce the first-ever Scholarship Show to raise money for summer camp scholarships. The lively variety show, "Inside The Frame, Outside The Box," will be presented at the Greenbelt Community Center.

Set in an art museum, the fast-paced show features vocal numbers and dances in a variety of styles. The show is directed by Creative Kids Camp counselor Colleen Arnold, a rising junior at Emerson University, where she is majoring in musical theatre. Camp Encore counselor Matt McLaughlin, who graduated in May from the Ringling College of Art and Design, designed and oversaw the creation of the sets. Chris Fominaya, the Creative Kids Camp music teacher, served as rehearsal pianist. Arnold, McLaughlin, Fominaya and the rest of the cast and crew have volunteered dozens of hours rehearsing the numbers and painting sets after the camp day ended and on the weekends.

All proceeds from the show will go to fund camp scholarships for Summer 2008. Tickets are available at the Community Center office and at the door. There is a modest suggested donation. Call 301-397-2208 for information.

Neighborhoods Host Night Out Activities

National Night Out will be celebrated throughout Greenbelt East on Tuesday, August 7 and for the first time in Roosevelt Center.

The Greenbriar Home Owners Association will have an information booth and activities featuring child safety from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the 7700 block of Hanover Parkway. Also, as she has for many years, Dorothy Pyles will have her own table with light refreshments in the 8000 block of Mandan Road.

Hunting Ridge Condominiums will provide an information table with brochures and refreshments outside the Club House beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The Belle Point community will celebrate its Night Out on Vanity Fair Drive.

The Windsor Green Home Owners Association and Neighborhood Watch Group will hold their annual cookout at their Community Center at 7 p.m.

The Greenbelt Lake Village Neighborhood Watch at 6500 Lake Park Drive will have a pot luck dinner at 7 p.m. followed by a group walk throughout the community.

The Old Greenbelt Neighborhood Watch will set up their table in Roosevelt Center with free refreshments.

National Night Out is a nationwide grassroots effort to encourage residents to "take back their streets" by sponsoring outdoor activities and evening walks and to participate in crime watch programs.

For more community events see page 7.

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

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 August 3 FRI. - THURS.

Transformers, PG-13 (!)
12:30, 6:30, 9:50
Chuck & Larry, PG-13 (!)
12:30, 3:30, 9:50
Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix, PG-13 (!)
3:30, 6:30
The Simpsons Movie, PG (!)
12:20, 2:45, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30
Underdog, PG (!)
12:30, 2:45, 5:15, 7:20, 9:30
Who's Your Caddy, PG-13 (!)
12:10, 2:45, 5, 7:30, 10:10
Bourne Ultimatum, PG-13 (!)
12, 2:30, 5, 7:45, 10:20
Talk to Me, R (!)
12, 2:35, 5:10, 7:45, 10:20
Hairspray, PG (!)
12, 2:35, 5:10, 7:45, 10:20



Happy Hour 3-7 p.m.

Come and check out the new

New Deal Café

Under New Management

Healthy Food • Vegetarian Options
Soup and Entrée Specials
Live Entertainment • Free Wifi
Beer and Wine List • Espresso Drinks
Local Art Gallery
Take Out and Catering

Obituaries

Jane Stone Runow

Former Greenbelter Jane Stone Runow, 81, of Springfield, Va., died on June 26, 2007, at Inova Fairfax Hospital of an aortic aneurysm.

Born in Middletown, Conn., she settled with her family in suburban Maryland in the late 1930s. She was raised in Greenbelt, was an honors graduate of the University of Maryland in 1947 and was a member of Phi Kappa Phi honor fraternity.

A piano player and a skilled seamstress, Mrs. Runow created her daughters' wedding and bridesmaids dresses.

She is survived by two daughters, Anne Runow of Washington and Mary Tornell of Springfield and five grandchildren.

Her husband Hans H. Runow died in 2006.

(Information for this obituary came from an article by Adam Bernstein from The Washington Post.)



Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of former Greenbelter Jane Stone Runow, 81, who died June 26, 2007, at Inova Fairfax Hospital. Mrs. Runow grew up in Greenbelt.



Congratulations to textile sculptor Elizabeth Lundberg Morisette, who will display one of her unique artworks – vessels formed with everyday objects like twist-ties or zippers – in the True Colors exhibit at the Judith Racht Gallery in Harbert, Mich., from August 4 through 26.

Congratulations to Noah Desch, son of Michael and Theresa Desch of Lakeside Drive, who has graduated magna cum laude with a degree in computer and electrical engineering from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, Ind. Noah also made the dean's list for the pre-graduation spring semester.

A speedy recovery to Dee Ronchi, who fell at home last weekend and ended up getting 21 stitches on her arm. She is doing better every day. Her family is so grateful to the professional members of the GVFD who responded so quickly and took such good care of their mom.

Former Greenbelter Helen Oring Nichols will celebrate her 100th birthday on August 30, 2007. She loves to receive mail; she may re-read the letters to remind herself of her friends and family. Her address is: Helen Oring Nichols, Ingham Regional Assisted Living, 6429 Earlington Lane, Lansing, MI 48917. Her phone number is 517-886-3996.

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

– Kathleen McFarland

Watkins Park Offers Summer Concerts

Join in a summer of music at Watkins Regional Park, 301 Watkins Park Drive in Upper Marlboro, for Thursday evenings filled with music, family and fun at the 9th annual "Concerts in the Park" series.

The next concert is on August 9 and will be by the Army Blues Jazz Ensemble paying tribute to the big bands of yesteryear as well as the latest innovative sounds of contemporary composers.

Concerts are from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Bring blankets and beach chairs and spread out on the lawn surrounded by trees. Enjoy a ride on the train and carousel before the concerts start or visit the Watkins Nature Center

throughout the concert.

Shows may be cancelled due to inclement weather. Food is available for purchase.

For more information call 301-218-6700, TTY 301-218-6768.



Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church
3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi
Phone: 301-937-3666 www.pbuuc.org

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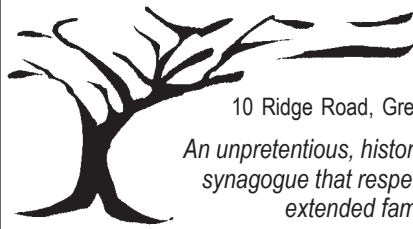
August 5, 10 a.m.
"Writing Recreatively: "A Spiritual Quest for Women"
by Vanessa Landow, Paint Brancher, with Pat Tompkins, worship associate
("Summer Fun" multi-age gathering for children ages 5+, Kelly Room)
– Barbara W. and Jaco B. ten Hove, co-ministers

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church
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Open heart, Open minds, Open doors
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Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.
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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 or visit the website at www.islamguide.com.



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Greenbelt Bahá'í Community
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Greenbelt Youth Center
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August 5: From Famine to Feast
Pastor Lou Redd
301-474-4499 410-340-8242 (cell)

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Festival Notes

Call for Drivers

The Labor Day Festival shuttle will be up and running this year thanks to Lester Whitmer, who has volunteered to serve as coordinator. Drivers are needed to operate the vans that transport people between the festival grounds and several nearby parking lots. To volunteer as a driver call Lester Whitmer at 301-345-8997.



a.m. to noon or 5 to 7 p.m. Registration forms can be filled out when artwork is submitted. All work must be original in design and conception and ready for display.

Awards are given in several categories for each show. For complete rules and more information, pick up a flier at the Greenbelt Community Center, Greenbelt Library or the New Deal Café in Roosevelt Center or visit the website www.greenbelt.com/labor-day. People may also call Barbara Simon, president of the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts, the shows' sponsor, at 301-474-2192.

Convertibles Needed

The Miss Greenbelt Pageant is looking for convertibles to drive the Queens and their Court in the Labor Day parade the morning of Monday, September 3. For more information call Kathy Kerdock at 301-345-6387.

For more information call Frank DeBernardo at 240-432-2489.

Calling All Artists

Greenbelt artists and craft-people of all ages and abilities are invited to enter the annual Greenbelt Labor Day Festival art shows. Anyone who lives, works or goes to school in Greenbelt may participate in either the show for adults or the show for children and teens. All works are put on display throughout the Labor Day weekend in the Greenbelt Community Center.

To make submitting artwork easier, this year artists may bring their work to the Community Center on Thursday, August 30 from 6 to 8 p.m. or Friday, August 31 from 9:30

Free Activities In Old Bowie Sat.

Bring the family – spend an hour or spend the day. On Saturday, August 4, 100 years of bicycling will be on display from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at A & M Cycle, 13002 Ninth Street. There will be an 1887 Columbia High Wheeler, late 70s Schwinn Stingrays and Fastbacks, over 60 antique bikes from the 30s, 40s and 50s and more!

A summer bluegrass concert by "Jerico Bridge" will be held at the Village Green from 2 to 4 p.m.

The Railroad Museum offers tours of a 1992 caboose from noon to 4 p.m., while visitors also enjoy trains passing by from the observation station. Old Town Bowie Welcome Center Heritage and Children's Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information call Michael DeNardo at 301-262-4343.

Annual Encampment At Riversdale Aug. 11

On Saturday, August 11 from noon to 4 p.m., the 12th Annual Battle of Bladensburg Encampment will be held at Riversdale House Museum, with costumed interpreters portraying both American and British troops of the War of 1812. Visitors will have a look into camp life on the eve of battle. Cannon firing, gunnery drills, children's activities, camp and kitchen displays and refreshments all take place on the grounds of Riversdale, a contemporary of the White House. Rosalie Calvert, mistress of Riversdale, will be on hand. As an added feature, Regency romance writer Janet Mullany will read from and sign her new book, "The Rules of Gentility," at 1:30 p.m. All events on the grounds are free, though there is a fee for house tours. For information call 301-864-0420, TTY 301-699-2544 or visit the website www.pgparcs.com.



City Information

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION

DATES & DEADLINES for the 2007 City Council Election

First day to receive papers and file nomination petition	8/20
Last day to file nomination petition (by 5 p.m.)	9/24
Date of drawing for placement on ballot	9/24
Last day to register to vote (rec'd by 4:30 p.m. in Upper Marlboro)	10/8
First day to receive an absentee ballot	10/19
Interim Campaign Contributions/Expenditures report due	10/22
Last day to request regular absentee ballot (by noon)	11/5
Training session for Election Judges and Clerks	11/5
Election 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.	11/6
Absentee ballots must be rec'd by 6 p.m.	11/6
Final Contributions/Expenditures report due by 5 p.m.	11/12
Charter Meeting for swearing-in at 7:30 p.m.	11/12

Expanded Absentee Voting - "No More Excuses!"

In 2005, the City Council adopted legislation to permit any qualified voter in Greenbelt to vote absentee in City elections. This means any voter may choose to vote early or choose to vote by mail rather than going to the polls. For additional information, call Kathleen Gallagher, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000 or e-mail kgallagher@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. thru 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.

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 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" 7:15pm Replay of Council Work Session of 7/23 PUBLIC ACCESS(GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, August 8 & 10: 7pm GAC presents "The Importance of Being Earnest"

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 a application form and booklet or find the form and information on the City Web site under "Boards and Committees."

MUNICIPAL BUILDING POST OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

Friday, August 10, 2007 thru Monday, August 20, 2007 We apologize for any inconvenience.

Visit

www.greenbeltmd.gov for information and events.

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 Non-Resident \$50

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.

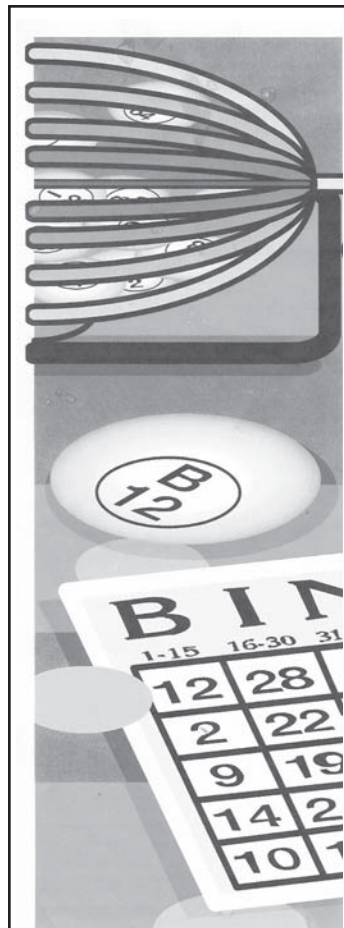
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Tickets are on sale now at the Community Center business office at 15 Crescent Road, or call and charge your tickets by phone at 301-397-2208. The suggested minimum donation per ticket is \$5.

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO RECREATION DEPARTMENT SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

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

1-3: Children's Artful Architecture workshop with the American Institute of Architects-Potomac Valley Chapter 3: 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



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Greenbelt Swim Team Celebrates 50 Years and a Winning Season

by Joan Dunham

The Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team (GMST) held a picnic on the grounds of the Community Center on Saturday, July 28 to celebrate the end of the 2007 competitions and the team's 50th anniversary. Guests included Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis and Councilmember Konrad Herling. Davis read and witnessed a proclamation in honor of GMST's 50th anniversary which lauded the team's efforts to involve diverse families in providing a physically and emotionally healthy outlet for Greenbelt's youth. The proclamation notes that team members also serve the city through lifeguard and swim instructor positions and as competitors for the Eleanor Roosevelt High School swim team.

Other guests at the picnic included one of the original members, Richard Castaldi, who spoke for a few moments on his swim team memories and on some of the differences between then and now. The pool, for example, was 40 yards long whereas now it has been rebuilt to have 25 meter swim lanes.

Midway through the picnic the swim team filled a time capsule with photographs, the previous week's issue of the News Review, flags of Maryland, Greenbelt and the US, a copy of Davis' proclamation, the 2007 Prince-Mont Swim League (PMSL) handbook, CDs of photos and team papers, meet programs, a dollar bill signed by parent Len Wallace and more. The capsule, constructed of 6-inch PVC drain pipe, was cemented shut and carried to the grounds of the Aquatic Center. There it was buried and a plaque placed over it which reads "Greenbelt Swim Team The First 100 Years. The swimmers on the 50th anniversary have buried important documentation for those who will celebrate the team's 100th anniversary. Buried Saturday, July 28, 2007 to be reopened Saturday, July 28, 2057. Dedicated by the Greenbelt City Council."

The picnic ended with the distribution of awards to swimmers as well as ribbons and medals from the All-Stars events in the morning. The Volunteer of the Year was awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Khanh Pham for their assumption of various duties including the Khans becoming treasurer and B Meet manager.

Following the picnic the swim team held a splash party at the Aquatic Center, featuring squirt guns, floats, a photo show and treats. David Taylor Nielson served admirably as the announcer and DJ at the picnic and at the splash party. The event ended abruptly at 9:35 p.m. when lightning was observed in the area.

The final event of the season for the All Stars Prince-Mont Swim League was an All-Stars meet held on Saturday morning, in which the top swimmers from all teams competed individually. Nineteen swimmers from the Greenbelt team were honored by being selected for events at this meet. Maresa Like-Mathews, in her last League competition, took first place in two of the three Girls 15-18 events in which she was entered, the 100-Meter Freestyle and the 100-Meter Medley and set a new team record in the



In the pool, Drew Wallace is held aloft by his father Len during the splash party.



Councilmember Konrad Herling; Mayor Judith Davis; team members (and coaches) Maresa Like-Mathews and Joe Lau; and Aquatic Boosters President Dave Mathews display the proclamation.



Gabrielle Kuhn, Elizabeth Moore and Abigail Moore inspect the time capsule contents.

50-Meter Backstroke. She broke her old record of 32.99 seconds with a new time of 32.29 seconds. Since Maresa will be celebrating her 19th birthday in September, she will no longer be eligible to compete in the League.

Photos by
Joan Dunham



PMSL Vice President Quentin Smith; Greenbelt Swim Team Coaches Kyle Daniels, Maresa Like-Mathews and Jill Lau; and PMSL President John Venit display the Greenbelt team's Division B Champions banner. Photo courtesy of Clement Lau.



Mayor Judith Davis, Meet Manager Clement Lau, Head Coach Jill Lau and Councilmember Konrad Herling display the plaque at the time capsule burial site.

Community Events

Help Park Remove Invasive Plants

Help protect Greenbelt Park from harmful invasive plants. Join in a hands-on nature preservation activity and learn about native and non-native plants.

This program is held the first Saturday of every month, rain or shine. The next invasive plant removal session will be on Saturday, August 4 at 11 a.m. in the Sweetgum picnic area. People should wear appropriate clothing, work gloves and bring a lunch/snack.

Greenbelt Park's entrance is located between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway at 6565 Greenbelt Road. For more information call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944 or visit the webpage at <http://www.nps.gov/gree/>.

Astronomical Society Holds Star Party

On Saturday, August 4 Astronomical Society members will hold a star party at Northway Field.

Members of the society will begin to set up to view the moon and other celestial objects at approximately 8:30 p.m. In the event of rain or hopelessly cloudy skies the event will be cancelled without further notice.

Bring along a telescope and society members will help aspiring sky watchers become amateur astronomers.

Details are available at www.greenbeltastro.org/events_shtml.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

It's the lazy, sticky days of August but the seniors in the Golden Age Club are very active.

There are several trips planned. There are openings for the "Dream Girls" trip September 9 and for the trip to the King Tut Exhibition in Philadelphia on September 18. Stop by Karen Haseley's office at the Community Center to sign up.

On August 8 we will have a speaker from the Greener Greenbelt Initiative. There are many challenges for keeping Greenbelt a livable and efficient community in the future.

The Club is always looking for speakers and interesting activities for the monthly meeting.

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.

Hubcaps Lead Labor Day Entertainment

Get out the poodle skirts and slick hair back into a perfect DA! The "Fabulous Hubcaps," one of the nation's most sought after oldies show bands, will be the featured music group of Greenbelt's 2007 Labor Day Festival.

The seven-person group, which has performed at such varied venues as the White House, Orioles Park at Camden Yards, two Kentucky gubernatorial inaugurations and the Nantucket Yacht Club, will perform on the Labor Day main stage Monday, September 3 at 2 p.m.

With an extensive repertoire of do-wop group harmony, classic rock and roll, Rock-A-Billy, Motown and R & B music, the Hubcaps' shows are filled with high energy tributes to original artists like Little Richard, Elvis, The Platters, Buddy Holly, Fats Domino, Ray Charles, The Shirelles, The Beach Boys and The Rolling Stones.

The Hubcaps have been performing and recording since 1974. They have released 15 recordings including their most recent, "Summer Nights." In 2005 they were inducted into the Southern Legends Entertainment and Performing Arts Hall of Fame.

The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival will run through the entire Labor Day weekend from Friday, August 31 through Monday, September 3 in Greenbelt's historic Roosevelt Center, at the intersection of Crescent Road and Southway.

The Festival also includes midway rides, art exhibitions, contests, information about community organizations and the Miss Greenbelt Pageant. For more information go to www.greenbelt.com/laborday.

Dead Birds Close Local Metro Station

Greenbelt's Metro Station was one of three closed for a period of time on Sunday afternoon, July 29, starting about noon. A contractor mistakenly had spread poison at the wrong time of day and then neglected to remove the dead birds. By late afternoon all stations had reopened, though at Greenbelt, a portion of the Kiss and Ride area was still closed to the public at 5 p.m.

Both the FBI's joint terrorism task force and the National Institutes of Health were involved in the investigation according to a Washington Post story on Monday, July 30.

Metro's contractor is expected to work when patrons of the subway system are not around. Metro began learning of the dead birds around noon - mostly sparrows and starlings. Four stations on the Green Line were affected, including Greenbelt, as well as two on the Red Line. Authorities identified the poison at the Greenbelt station as D-Con, a rat poison, according to the Post story.

City Notes

Highlights of work accomplished by Public Works last week include the Horticulture Crew continuously watering trees and shrubs to prevent loss due to drought conditions.

The Refuse and Recycling Crew collected 33.90 tons of refuse and 13.67 tons of co-mingled recyclable materials.

The Street Maintenance Crew installed a crosswalk on Ora Glen Drive.

The Parks Crew finished the greenhouse adjacent to the Public Works facility, prepared the site at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center for the installation of a time capsule and began renovation of a volleyball court at Braden Field.

The Facilities Maintenance Crew began upgrading the electrical power in Roosevelt Center for four new security cameras.

Recreation Department staff hopes to have the final copy of the fall recreation brochure in the mail to residents before Labor Day weekend. Priority registration for residents will remain open until August 31.

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA



BOARD MEETING
GDC and GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, August 9, 2007
GHI BOARD ROOM
7:30PM

GDC Meeting Agenda Items:

- 2007 Parkway Heat Pump Replacement Contract - Single Reading
- Second Quarter Financial Statements

Key Agenda Items:

- Request for Serviceside Garden Window - 54D Ridge Road
- Proposed Rules Change §X.N.2 - Windows
- 2007 Garage Door Replacement Contract - 1st Reading
- Interpretive Panel Placement
- Request for Contributions
- Board Strategic Planning Debriefing
- Review the 5% Down Payment Membership Criteria

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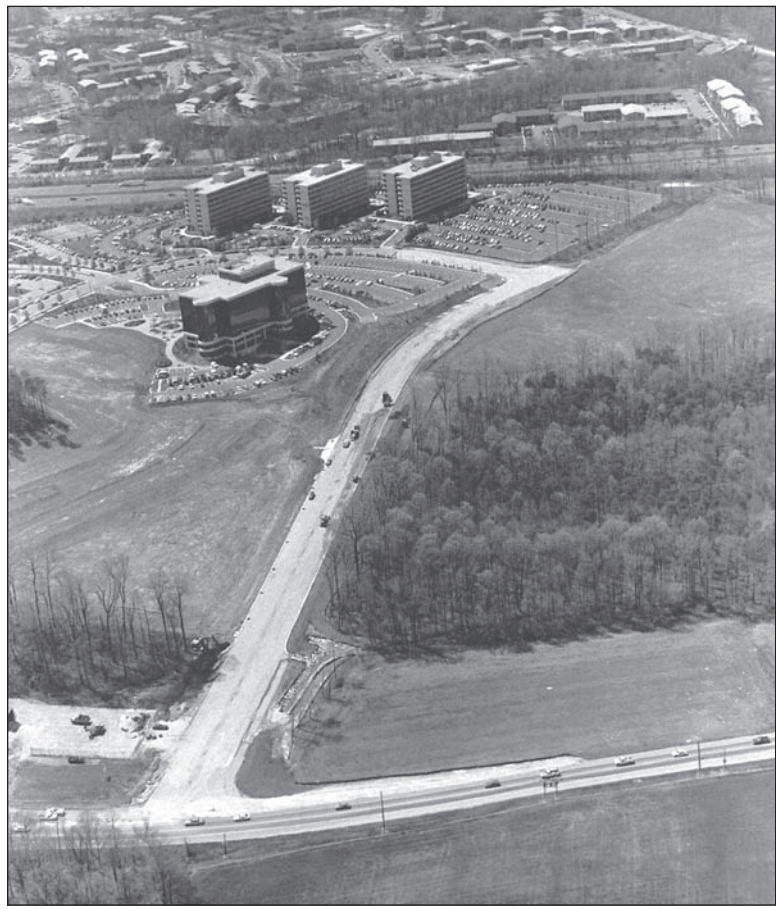
You are invited to join the Board and Finance Committee on
Thursday, August 23, 2007
8:00 P.M. - GHI Board Room

Attend this important meeting to find out about the challenges facing GHI that will have a substantial financial impact upon our cooperative.

Your ideas and suggestions are encouraged as we begin the 2008 budget preparation process.



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This 1988 aerial view shows four of the seven buildings built in Capital Office Park. Two others are off the picture to the left. The seventh, a blue glass building twin to the building standing alone, was not yet built. Springhill Lake apartments and Beltway Plaza are seen above the office building across the Capital Beltway. Cherrywood Lane in center of photo was being constructed between Ivy Lane and Edmonston Road at the bottom of the photo. Not yet built were the U.S. Courthouse to the right of Cherrywood Lane or the Cherrywood Lane bridge across the Beltway. Photo by Bill Cornett.

deferred by the original owners when the market for office space diminished in the late 1980s as a result of overbuilding in the

Washington Metropolitan area. The land borders environmentally sensitive Indian Creek flood plain.

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Election of Council

The five candidates with the highest number of votes cast will be elected if each receives votes amounting to at least 40 percent of the number of people voting in the election. Otherwise a runoff election will be held on Tuesday, November 13. A runoff has not been necessary in more than 20 years.

Greenbelt does not have provi-

sions for election of the mayor or by the electorate. At the swearing-in ceremony on the Monday following the election the newly elected council will elect the mayor and mayor pro tem. Traditionally, the new council has elected the highest vote-getter to be mayor and second highest vote-getter to be mayor pro tem for the ensuing two-year term.

2007 GREENBELT ELECTION CALENDAR

Mon., Aug. 20	First day to obtain papers and file nomination petition
Mon., Sept. 24	Last day to file nomination petition by 5 p.m.; Drawing for placement on ballot at 7:30 p.m.
Mon., Oct. 1	Last day for council to adopt resolution adding referendum questions to ballot (6th Monday before election)
Mon., Oct. 8	Last day to register to vote
Wed., Oct. 17	First day to receive an absentee ballot
Mon., Nov. 5	Noon deadline to request regular absentee ballot; First time to request emergency absentee ballot
Tues., Nov. 6	Election 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Absentee ballots must be submitted by 6 p.m.
Mon., Nov. 12	Charter Meeting for Swearing-in of 37th City Council

Your Vote IS Your Voice

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Surprise

Each year at the opening ceremony of the Labor Day Festival on the Friday before Labor Day, the chair of the Outstanding Citizen Committee announces the committee's designation for the current year. Who is that nominee remains a closely guarded secret until that announcement is made. This procedure has caused complications in the past in making sure that the recipient, who is unaware of the award, is present that night. Fortunately, so far the recipient has been at the festival and able to come up on stage to be recognized.

At the opening ceremony the recipient receives numerous recognitions and gifts from sponsors. Following the ceremony, a reception for the current and past Outstanding Citizens is held at the Council Meeting Room of the Greenbelt Municipal Building, to which the public is invited and where they may personally congratulate the new and past Outstanding Citizens.

The Outstanding Citizen also serves as the Parade Marshal for Monday's Labor Day Parade. The recipient rides in the lead convertible in the parade, is introduced at the reviewing stand and gets to watch the rest of the parade go by from the best viewing spot in the city.

Voter Registration For City Election

Registering to vote is the first step to qualify either to run for office or to vote for a candidate in the November 6 city council regular election. Although the county Board of Elections will handle all registrations, registration forms may be picked up during regular office hours at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road or at the Greenbelt Library on Crescent Road. Voters may call the Board of Elections at 301-430-8020 to request a form by mail, or print one from the web at <http://www.elections.state.md.us/citizens/registration/application.html>.

All completed forms must be received by the Board of Elections in Upper Marlboro by 4 p.m. October 8. Residents may also register to vote at Motor Vehicle Administration offices from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or at the Board of Elections, 16201 Trade Zone Ave., Suite 108, Upper Marlboro from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Qualifications

In order to vote in Greenbelt and to be registered with Prince George's County one must be a citizen of the United States of America; at least 18 years of age as of November 6, 2007, domiciled within the corporate limits of the City of Greenbelt as of the date of registration, not convicted more than once of an infamous crime and not currently under a sentence imposed pursuant to a conviction of an infamous crime and not under guardianship for mental disability. All questions about these requirements should be directed to the election office at 301-430-8020.

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The Greenbelt Nursing and Rehabilitation Center had been ordered to close by regulators of the State of Maryland in early January 1999 after being cited for many violations. In late January 1999, nursing home patients were relocated to other facilities in the area. A court case followed and in June 1999 the nursing home paid a fine and the property was later sold. However, the abandoned nursing home still today remains on the tract, screened from Greenbelt Road by a grove of forest trees, including a 45-foot tall willow oak.

The proposed Greenbelt Crossing plans include preservation of this grove plus additional trees, especially at the rear of the property. The grove would help screen a proposed three-story parking structure at the north boundary from the adjacent University Square Apartments.

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.

For more information call 240-542-2036.

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NOMINATION FORM

Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen

Submit this form or a letter by Monday, August 6 to: Robert Zugby, Chair
94 Ridge Rd., Greenbelt, MD 20770

Name of Nominee _____

Address _____

Nominated By: Name(s) (please print) _____ Signature(s) _____ Phone _____

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.greenbeltnmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report"
 or http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf.
 Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robberies

July 19, 12:05 a.m., 7600 block Ora Glen Drive, a security guard reported that he was in an office building parking lot when he was approached by two men, one armed with a handgun. A robbery was announced, at which time a second security guard arrived on the scene, causing the men to flee the scene on foot. The suspects are described as a black male 18 to 28 years of age, 5'8" to 5'10" with a dark complexion and a thin build, wearing a black T-shirt, blue jeans and a scarf over his face; and a black male 18 to 28 years of age, shorter than the first suspect, wearing a white T-shirt.

July 20, 11:21 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, a man reported that he was in the hallway of an apartment building when he was approached by two men, who punched him several times and demanded money. After obtaining money both men fled the scene on foot. The suspects are described as a black male, 30 years of age, 6'1", 200 pounds with black hair in long braids, wearing black pants and no shirt; and a black male, 30 years of age, 5'10", 250 pounds, bald, wearing a white shirt and black pants. The victim was treated on the scene by ambulance personnel for a minor eye injury.

July 22, 12:20 a.m., Beltway Plaza, a man reported that he had completed a transaction inside the lobby, of the Bank of America at the ATM and as he exited the lobby he was approached by a man who produced a handgun and announced a robbery. The victim went back into the lobby and withdrew money for the suspect. After obtaining the money, the suspect fled the scene on foot toward the 5500 block of Cherrywood Lane. The suspect is described as a black male in his 20's, 5'7" with a medium build and short black hair, wearing a dark colored shirt and blue jeans.

July 24, 4:46 a.m., Beltway Plaza, a man reported that he was in the front parking lot of the plaza when he was approached by one of two men. The first man produced a handgun and demanded his wallet, while the second man stood nearby. After obtaining the victim's wallet, both suspects fled the scene on foot toward Branchville Road. The suspects are described as a black male in his 20's, 5'11", 170 pounds with hair in dreadlocks, wearing a white shirt and possibly dark jeans; and a black male in his twenties, 5'11", wearing dark clothing.

Assaults

July 21, 4:32 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, a boy reported that he was in the common area of an apartment complex when he was approached by a youth who punched him in the head for no apparent reason. The boy went into his residence and when he returned he discovered his green and black Huffly brand bicycle had been taken. A short time later the boy and his mother observed a female youth with the boy's bike, along with the youth who had earlier assaulted her son. When the victim's mother approached the female, the female struck her with a chain type piece of jewelry. Both suspects then fled the area.

The mother refused treatment for a minor facial laceration.

July 22, 5:05 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, a food delivery person reported that he knocked on the door of a residence to deliver a pizza. A man answered the door and stated that the delivery person had knocked too loudly. He then threw money at the delivery person, punched him in the side of the head and fled the scene.

July 23, 9:18 p.m., 6900 block Greenbelt Road, a man reported that he was riding his motorcycle when he felt several "hits" on his back. Believing that the objects that struck him had come from a passing van, the man followed it to the area of Lamont Drive in New Carrollton, where the vehicle was parked. The biker left to contact police and upon his return he met police at the scene. The vehicle, a Dodge Caravan, had been abandoned and located inside were signs of paintball use. Further investigation revealed that the vehicle had been reported stolen to the Prince George's County Police. The victim was not injured.

July 24, 9:53 p.m., 7000 block Megan Lane, a young man reported that he was riding his bike when he observed six youths walking in the roadway, blocking his path. As he neared the people, they parted in order to let him continue riding by. As he passed, one youth pushed him and his bike to the ground. Another one then took a bike lock from a bag he was carrying and struck him with it, cutting his lip. Another also assaulted the cyclist, who broke free and contacted police. The youths fled the area prior to police arriving on the scene. The victim refused treatment for his injury.

June 25, 4:20 p.m., Greenway Center, a cashier at the CVS Pharmacy reported that she saw a man enter the store and attempt to steal merchandise. A store manager confronted the man as he attempted to leave. The man left the store without taking the merchandise but then spat on the manager as he left. He is described as a black male, 5'8", 170 pounds, bald, wearing an orange hat, a dark blue shirt, blue jeans and black shoes with white stripes.

July 25, 8:16 p.m., Roosevelt Center, an officer was flagged down by a citizen, who reported that there was some sort of physical altercation in the nearby wooded area. Investigation revealed that the victim was called into the wooded area by a man who is known to the victim and was physically assaulted. The assailant fled the area. The victim reported no serious injuries. The suspect is described as a white male 23 years of age, 5'10", 145 pounds with brown hair and blue eyes.

Drug Arrests

July 25, 7 p.m., 5 Court Gardeway, a man of no fixed address was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute within 1,000 feet of a school, possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, possession of marijuana and open alcohol. A nonresident man was also arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and open

alcohol. A resident youth was arrested for possession of marijuana and underage possession of alcohol. Police on patrol observed three people standing together. Upon seeing the police, the youth threw an object to the ground; it was retrieved and found to contain a quantity of suspected marijuana. The nonresident man was also found to be in possession of a quantity of suspected marijuana, packaged as though for sale. The youth was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system. Both adults were transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

July 26, 10:09 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, a resident man and a resident youth were arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia. A nonresident youth was arrested for possession of paraphernalia, malicious destruction and trespass.

Police responded to a report of three people possibly smoking marijuana behind an apartment building. The people were located; paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana was found on the ground where they were standing. Investigation revealed that the nonresident youth had been banned from the complex by agents of the property. All three suspects were transported to the station for processing, where the nonresident youth was observed vandalizing the holding cell. The adult was released on citation pending trial. Both youths were released to family members pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Vandalisms

July 20, 9:52 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, an unknown object was thrown against the bedroom window, shattering it.

July 22, 9:13 a.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, graffiti was painted on an apartment build-

ing.

July 23, 4:24 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road., the bedroom window of a residence was broken.

July 23, 8:16 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, the bedroom window of a residence was broken. Witnesses described two possible suspects as a black male 16 years of age, 5'2" with black hair, wearing a white T-shirt and khaki pants; and a black male 16 years of age, 5'4", with black hair, wearing a white tank top shirt and blue jeans.

Burglaries

July 21, 11:08 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, a residence was entered by forcing open a bedroom window. Several pairs of sneakers were taken.

July 23, 11:37 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Court, a residence was entered by way of an unlocked bedroom window. A video game player and video games were taken.

July 24, 7:17 a.m., 7800 block Walker Drive, a commercial burglary was reported.

July 24, 10:25 a.m., 6400 block Golden Triangle Drive, a commercial burglary was reported.

July 26, 10:44 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, an unoccupied but leased apartment was entered. Nothing was taken.

Vehicle Crimes

Two vehicles were reported stolen: a 2001 Chevrolet Express truck from the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace and a 1999 Honda Civic 2-door from the 7200 block South Ora Court.

Four vehicles were recovered, two by Greenbelt police and two by outside police departments. No arrests were reported in any recovery.

Vandalism to, theft from, attempted theft from and attempted theft of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 5800 block Cherrywood Lane; 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace; Cherrywood Terrace and Breezewood Court; 6000 and 6200 blocks Springhill



STOP Means STOP

During August and September the Greenbelt Police Department will conduct a traffic safety campaign entitled "Stop Means Stop." The campaign will be focused in historic Old Greenbelt and officers will be looking for violations of the state's stop sign law.

The law states that vehicles will stop (a complete cessation of movement) at the near side of the intersection at a clearly marked stop line. If there is no clearly marked stop line, the vehicle shall stop before entering the intersection.

Extra officers will be assigned to this detail using overtime funding from the Maryland Highway Safety Office.

This campaign is in response to the numerous violations reported by residents to the Police Department. After an in-depth study of the problem, it was determined that most people are not "running" the stop sign but are rolling through at a low speed commonly referred to as a "California stop."

For the first two weeks of the campaign, officers will use discretion in issuing citations or warnings for motorists who roll through the stop signs. After the first few weeks, officers will step up enforcement efforts and issue citations in lieu of warnings.

Drive (three incidents); 9100 block Springhill Lane; 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive; 3 and 12 Courts Plateau Place; 8100 block Lakecrest Drive; 7500 block Greenway Center Drive; 6900 and 7800 blocks Hanover Parkway; and 7800, 7900 and 8000 blocks Mandan Road (four incidents).

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.

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Arts Center New Season Is a Result of 28-Year Volunteer Effort

by Edith Beauchamp

The Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC), now celebrating the start of its 28th year, has evolved from a local movement in 1979 to save what was then a vacant Greenbelt movie theater and revitalize Roosevelt Center to a full-blown arts center whose variety of cultural offerings emanates from the former bowling and archery site next to the former post office. GAC showcases several theater troupes, hosts classes and shows for the city's Creative Kids Camp and Camp Encore, sponsors performances by musical groups, puts on gallery exhibitions for visual artists and has hosted the Utopia Film Festival's opening ceremony.

The new season opens Friday, August 3 with the musical "Oliver!" based on the Charles Dickens' tale of an orphaned boy in 19th century England. While the Arts Center will produce six plays of its own this season, several other theater groups will also have special performances.

For example, at the Labor Day Festival, one troupe will perform an original adaptation of Shakespeare with two free shows each night open to the public on Saturday and Sunday evenings, while another group will put on a free show for children with two matinee performances earlier each day also on Saturday and Sunday during the Festival.

Greenbelt playwright and songwriter, Christopher Cherry, will also bring his troupe of teenagers in Camp Encore for their annual

winter performance of one of his original shows – this year based on the Hercules legends.

Advance ticket sales will begin soon, including a new discounted subscription series. More details of the upcoming season will be available on the theater's website: www.greenbeltartscenter.org and forthcoming in News Review advertising.

While the idea of creating a cultural arts center and housing the variety of cultural programs at the Greenbelt Movie Theater was introduced during the 1979 unsuccessful city council campaign by Konrad Herling, it was Eileen Peterson's news, shortly after the election, that Roosevelt Center's primary developer was seriously considering shops for the historic space that spurred Herling and a good number of volunteers to discuss strategy to keep the dream alive.

A lively city council public hearing regarding the benefits to the community, which featured members of the Grenoble Hall Theater Guild, e.g., Marie Tousignant and Tom Schreiber, long-time Greenbelters Ken Voigt, Gail Neuman and Jose Morales, among many others, inspired council to set up a meeting with developer George Christacos to explore whether or not he would rent the space out for arts programs. He agreed to temporarily rent the 7,200 square foot space for \$500/month to see if this embryonic effort would attract new customers to Roosevelt Center.

The new organization had but a few weeks to clean the vacant

theater as it prepared for its Open House. Trix Whitehall, John Ward, Steve Hooper, Ken Voigt, Norene Yoch, the Schreiber family, members of the Greenbelt Jaycees and others put in long hours patching the plaster ceiling and painting the stage walls to ready the facility. December 8, 1979, marked the beginning of live performances at the theater space, known as the Utopia Theater based on information presented at the public hearing a month earlier.

A variety of dance and music performances, as well as film brought life to the formerly moribund space. In the initial few months, the Arts Center held coffeehouses, which featured poetry and song from local artists, Judy Kastner and the McGee sisters, photography workshops conducted by Bill Cornett and voice lessons. To move the organization toward becoming a bonafide 501(c) (3) organization, Bylaws and the articles of incorporation were written with the help of David Lange and the late Hal Siegel.

Then, 240 theater seats were located at a former performance space in Warrenton, Va., perfect for long range plans. They were installed just before the first play opened in March of 1980. "Nightwatch" was a mystery – and Lucille Fletcher, the playwright, came to the opening night.

The Greenbelt Arts Center occupied the movie house turned playhouse from fall of 1979 to June 30, 1988, when suddenly the landlord tripled the rent. While

UPCOMING PRODUCTIONS

SHOWS	DATES
Oliver! (Musical)	August 3-26, 2007
Dearly Departed (Comedy)	September 14-October 6, 2007
Rocky Horror (Musical)	October 19-November 10, 2007
Beard of Avon (Comedy)	January 11-February 2, 2008
Born Yesterday (Comedy)	March 14-April 5, 2008
Octette Bridge Club (Drama)	May 2-17, 2008

by this time successfully bringing in lots of patrons, the group couldn't afford the substantial increase and was forced to vacate the theater they felt they had saved. "We became vagabonds for three years," Herling said. The group stayed together and kept producing and performing plays but in any meeting space they could find. They borrowed Greenbelt's Municipal Building, the Youth Center, the gym at the Community Center, Berwyn Heights Presbyterian Church, Capitol College in Laurel and Mishkan Torah Synagogue to continue operating, Herling remembers.

New Home

Eventually in the fall of 1991, former Greenbelt resident Marie Tousignant, who had become president of the group, had the vision to lease the former bowling alley at the foot of the Roosevelt Center steps behind the Mother and Child statue. "In December 1991, we performed 'Lion in Winter' in the lobby of the present Arts Center because the bowling lanes and pin mechanisms had not been pulled out to

create the theater space," Herling said.

Once again a crew of volunteers set to work renovating this new space, including Bob Thompson and Mary Feng, Marie Tousignant, Trix Whitehall, John Ward and Alex Barnes. An enormous amount of effort went into the transformation. Instead of creating "theater style" seating with the stage at one end, this time the theater became a "black box," which in theater terminology means that the seats may be completely rearranged in different styles for each production.

For one production the seats may surround the stage – known as an "arena" style. For another, they may be on three sides of the stage, or a "three-quarter thrust" style. Some shows, such as last season's "Biograph Girl" about the history of the movies, are arranged in the more traditional, "proscenium" style or "theater style" just as in the original movie house if this style suits the type of play and its staging.

A "black box" theater offers a

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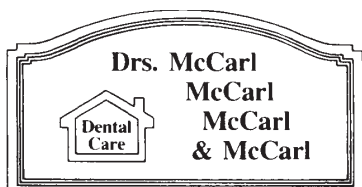


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GMS in International Baccalaureate Program

This fall Greenbelt Middle School (GMS) will join four other Prince George's County middle schools and become affiliated with the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program.

The Middle Years Program, an expansion of the highly successful IB Diploma Program for high schools has received international recognition as an outstanding program intended to foster personal and intellectual development. Students at GMS will study eight subject groups – humanities, mathematics, two languages, science, the arts, physical education and technology.

The county has several high schools with the IB Diploma Program, so there could be an opportunity for students from an IB middle school to complete a six-year IB experience within the county schools. Eleanor Roosevelt High School is a science and technology school and does not offer the IB program.

The school system has stated that "helping to close achievement gaps, accelerate secondary school improvements and make college an option for every child" is its goal. At the middle school level there will be three new programs, of which the IB is the one selected for GMS. Some middle schools already have

special programs such as TAG (talented and gifted) or French Immersion. These programs will remain; all other middle schools will participate in one of the new programs.

Nine middle schools will participate in the AVID program. AVID (Achievement Via Individual Determination) is a program designed to support students who are in the "academic middle" but who have a desire to go to college and the willingness to work hard. Eleven other middle schools will participate in America's Choice, a coherent and comprehensive program for working with students struggling to master state standards.

Dr. John Deasy, Superintendent of Schools, stated "A high-quality, challenging education that opens the doors to college cannot be an accident of geography. Every middle school in our county must provide children with the foundation skills and knowledge necessary to do college-level work. This is the first step of a comprehensive effort to improve teaching and learning in all middle schools. Over time schools may embrace two or more specialty programs to provide options for students and parents seeking academic challenges."

Service Academy Applications Available

Congressman Steny H. Hoyer has announced that his office is currently accepting applications for anyone interested in entering a U.S. Service Academy in the summer of 2008. To pursue appointment to one of the academies, students between the ages of 17 and 22 must be nominated. To begin the nomination process, students can obtain the application packet online at Hoyer's website or can contact Betty Rogers in Hoyer's Greenbelt office at 301-474-0119. The full service academy application packet is available online at <http://hoyer.house.gov/services/academy.asp>.

Included in the packet is all the information and materials needed to complete and submit the application, which must be postmarked for delivery to Hoyer's office by October 15, 2007.

Each year, Hoyer nominates outstanding candidates from the fifth Congressional District for admission to one of four United States service academies: the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. (Army), the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y. This year, 43 students were nominated for consideration.

The More Things Change . . . Concerns of an Activist

Mat Amberg, an active Greenbelt resident for many years, graduated from City College of New York (CCNY) in 1941. The summer 2007 edition of CCNY's *Alumnus* magazine featured an article written by Amberg recounting some of his and other students' college experiences during that time of pre-war turmoil and concern over fascism. Following is a summary and excerpts from the article.

It was very long ago, but it's still hard to believe that City College once welcomed students from Benito Mussolini's Fascist Italy at a ceremony in The Great Hall. That dark day resulted in the expulsion of 21 students (including Amberg) and was a watershed in the controversy-racked administration of CCNY President Frederick B. Robinson.

In October 1934 a delegation of 350 students from 26 universities of Fascist Italy were sent on an official mission to American colleges and universities as part of the triumphal march of Fascism throughout the world. Well aware of the growing menace of Fascism, many students across the country responded to the visits with angry protests and demonstrations.

Despite that and requests from his own student body, President Robinson required all students to attend a welcoming ceremony for the Italian students. Robinson's only capitulation was to allow Student Council President Edwin Alexander, Jr., to deliver a few words of greeting.

The greeting began but as soon as Alexander had uttered the words, "I bring a message to the tricked and enslaved Italian students," the microphone was cut off and Alexander was forcibly removed from the podium – amid shouts from the audience to "let him speak."

President Robinson called the students "guttersnipes," which resulted in many pins being worn on campus in the next few days declaring "I am a guttersnipe."

The administration and faculty

moved against the students, charging some with gross misconduct, while the students began peaceful marches and picketing of the president's home demanding his resignation.

Photos were taken of the picketers and a good number were called before the faculty. Five students were labeled "major actors" and 16 "minor actors" in the disturbance. Amberg was among the minor actors but all 21 students were summarily expelled from the college.

Amberg studied hard and worked long hours in order to continue his education at Earlham College in Richmond, Ind. In 1941 he was re-admitted to CCNY and earned his bachelor of science degree in economics. Not long after, Pearl Harbor was bombed and the United States entered the world-wide struggle against Fascism and Nazism.

Amberg's closing admonition, recalling the CCNY welcoming of a Fascist delegation and the expulsion of its own students: "As we confront extremism in its various forms at home and around the globe, I hope this serves as a cautionary tale and lesson that, if we are not careful, 'it can happen here!'"

Art Contest Focuses on Local Reservoirs

For those who like to draw nature and wildlife, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) is sponsoring an art contest with a theme of picturing life at Triadelphia and Rocky Gorge Reservoirs. The two reservoirs are home to wildlife, provide recreational opportunities for the public and are an essential source of water for WSSC customers.

The contest, seeking depic-

tions of life supported by Triadelphia and Rocky Gorge reservoirs, is open to anyone with artistic ability. Each contestant may submit one original work in each of the following categories: animal life, plant life, recreation or water use by people at the reservoirs.

Artists may choose their medium – oil, water colors, pastels, pencil, pen and ink, charcoal, etc. For complete contest rules contact Dawn Forsythe at 301-206-

8233 or dforsyt@wsscwater.com.

Contestants must submit entries before October 31, 2007.

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During Greenbelt's International Film Festival each October, movies are shown at the GAC theater, the Old Greenbelt Theatre, Municipal Building, the library and this year plans are taking shape to also involve Beltway Plaza mall theaters.

This summer during the day, the GAC theater is filled with

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Woody Woodpecker Can Be Seen Here in Greenbelt

by Don Comis

Woody Woodpecker lives in Greenbelt, along with six friends. Seven species of woodpeckers can be seen in Greenbelt: red-headed, red-bellied, yellow-bellied sapsucker, downy, hairy, northern flicker and pileated. Woody's tuft gives him away as a pileated woodpecker, the largest woodpecker in our area and the only one with a tuft.

For those under the age of 40, Woody Woodpecker, a cartoon figure, was a creation of Walter Lantz. Woody was a woodpecker with a huge crest of red hair who delighted us baby boomers with his wild laugh based on a series of "He-he-he-HA-HA!" delivered with the staccato rhythm of the bird's ascending pecking sound.

To my regret, my childhood friend of the 1950s has faded away. But at least I have the woodpeckers of Greenbelt, especially the talkative red-bellied.

Woody's red head is obviously shared by the red-headed woodpecker – but not so obvious the red-bellied or the northern flicker. I once got lucky and saw a flash of light red under a red-bellied woodpecker's wings. But in all the red-bellied woodpeckers I've seen, that was the only time I saw anything close to a red belly.

6-Woodpecker Day

Before I got serious about birding a few months ago, I did not realize that the yellow-bellied sapsucker and the northern flicker were woodpeckers. I also did not know there were seven woodpecker species in Greenbelt, giving rise to the birder expression that "I had a 6-woodpecker day," meaning the speaker had seen six of the seven species in one day.

And I did not know woodpeckers even had calls, let alone the loud, almost Woody-like mocking call of the red-bellied woodpecker.

The red-bellied woodpecker, the most common in Greenbelt, was my first success in applying Peter Blank's advice to get out there and track down the birds making the various calls. I kept hearing a loud call and noticing that I always saw a red-bellied woodpecker around when I heard the call. Eventually I learned that this easy-to-identify call is the red-bellied woodpecker's, giving me one of the few birds I can recognize by call, helping my species count list. Currently I have 44 species on my "life list" in this area.

At the recent migratory bird count at the Beltsville Agricul-



Red-bellied Woodpecker

tural Research Center on May 12, birders counted 94 species of birds, including 19 woodpeckers belonging to four species: red-bellied (12), downy (2), hairy (1) and northern flicker (4).

Northern Flicker

The northern flicker has been good for my birding ego too. He is one of the most recent new birds I've learned to identify on my own. I was walking the inner path of GHI when I saw what looked like a red-bellied woodpecker on the ground near me at a playground park. I couldn't believe I was this close to a red-bellied. But what was he doing on the ground?

With the aid of my binoculars, I quickly noticed that he had only a little spot of red on his nape, not enough red to be a red-bellied woodpecker. Red-bellied woodpeckers have a fair cover of red on their heads. Red headed woodpeckers are faithful to their names, with much more red, extending from their heads to their necks.

Looking at this ground woodpecker, I checked for unique identification characteristics. I quickly found one I had never seen: what looked to me like a black heart on his upper breast. I took out my bird book and there it was: northern flickers are the only woodpeckers that eat on the ground, have a black crescent on their breasts and have a small patch of red on their nape.

Woody Lives

To me, the red-bellied woodpecker is Woody, because I hear his mocking "brrrrh" everywhere in Greenbelt, while I've never seen the pileated woodpecker in Greenbelt, although others have.

Everytime I hear that "brrrrh," whether I'm on a birdwatching walk or at my bus stop or just carrying bags of mulch past the woods near my house, I know that Woody still lives – in Greenbelt.



Red-bellied Woodpecker



"Woody the Woodpecker"

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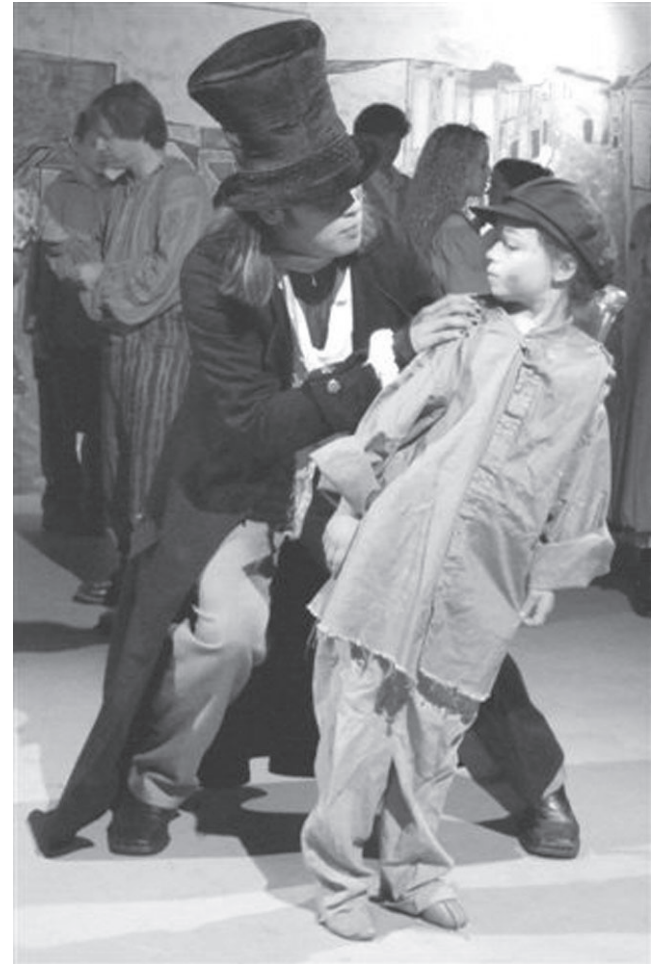
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