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Florence Holly Turns One Hundred, Still Busy and Engaged in Life

by Paula Clinedinst

"I've never met anyone who is 100 years old," I said to Florence Holly, former Greenbelter. "Well, then, I'm glad I turned 100 so you could meet me," was her response.

Florence Holly moved to Greenbelt from D.C. in the 1950s and quickly got involved in the community, helping build Holy Cross Lutheran Church where, for many years, she was president of the Women's Guild. (Holy Cross originally sat on the site where Green Ridge House was later built.) Holly taught third grade as a volunteer at Springhill Lake Elementary. She is a member of the Golden Age Club and was president several times. "We don't get to see her too much," says Bunny Fitzgerald, "and we wanted to honor her on her birthday but before she could come, she fell and couldn't make it. We were all very sorry."

In 1989, Holly was Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen. Still a member of the Lutheran Wom-



Martin and Florence Holly, 1988

en's Missionary League, she is hoping to find a Golden Age Club equivalent closer to her home in Annapolis, where she lives with her granddaughter, Laura Parry.

Holly was born in 1909 in Brooklyn – sharp as she is, she remembers her address there on Reed Avenue. In 1918 her mother and Holly's newborn brother died in the Spanish influenza epidemic.

Her father later remarried and

Holly and her siblings (John, Robert and Grace) were given up for adoption. Holly and her brother John "went south to Madison County, Virginia" to be adopted by a farmer and his wife.

Worked as Nurse

Holly graduated from St. Elizabeth's nursing school and began her career as a nurse there. She then developed a specialization in physical therapy, continuing her employment at the hospital. While at St. Elizabeth's Holly met Eleanor Roosevelt, a regular visitor. "I always thought she was a very nice lady," Holly recalls.

Holly met another special person while at St. Elizabeth's – her second husband, Martin, who had injured his knee and was being treated at the hospital. "I worked on him for three months," says Holly, "and in that time we went to the National Theatre and out to dinner some." Then he came

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Three Greenbelt Groups Receive Foundation Grants

by Barbara Simon

Saturday afternoon, July 11 the Greenbelt Community Foundation presented grant awards to three Greenbelt organizations at its summer 2009 awards ceremony and reception at the Greenbelt Arts Center. On behalf of the Foundation's Advisory Board, Sylvia Lewis and Emmett Jordan, co-chairs of the board, welcomed fellow board members, donors and grant recipients and their guests and then presented awards to the Patuxent Area Council of Camp Fire USA, the Utopia Film Festival and the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative Supermarket. Each of the representatives from the groups awarded grants thanked the Foundation and then spoke enthusiastically about the projects the grants would fund.

Camp Fire USA

Rosemary Pezzuto, executive director of the Patuxent Area Council of Camp Fire USA, described her organization's award-winning program which works with teenagers in Empirian Village in Greenbelt West to build caring, confident youth and future leaders, while strengthening their families. Students in the program participate in activities that reinforce their academic and social skills and deter them from participation in negative behavior. Pezzuto thanked the community partners who collaborated with her on this program for their contributions: Empirian Village, the Greenbelt Police Department,

See **GRANTS**, page 6

Youth Leader Describes Conference in Jordan

by Leslie Alston

If today's children are tomorrow's future, how are we preparing them to educate, inspire and lead? A program called Women2Women knows how. Those three words – educate, inspire and lead – are the basis and root of this program.

Women2Women is an educational program that has brought together young women ages 14 to 20 from 10 different countries for the past three years. This program has given young women the tools to succeed. A women's conference that was started in 2006 has blossomed and is still going strong in 2009.

This year a new twist was added. Fifty young women from the past three conferences were afforded the opportunity to take part in the Women2Women trip to Jordan. These young women are known as the Women2Women Alumni.

I have been fortunate to not only take part in the 2008 Women2Women conference that was held at Lesley University in Boston but also to travel to Jordan as part of the Women2Women Alumni.

At the conference in Jordan the founder of Empower Peace, Rick Rendon, welcomed us and presented a letter of congratula-



Greenbelter Leslie Alston is shown with one of the young orphans from the SOS village in Irbid, Jordan, during her June 26 through July 2 participation in the international young women's leadership conference Women2Women.

tions and inspiration from U.S. Secretary of State Hilary Rodham Clinton. I had the privilege of reading the letter to the group, along with a fellow delegate named Albina Gimranova from Uzbekistan. The introduction from Rick and Secretary Clinton's letter were two great indications that this was an experience I would never forget.

Right off the bat we were able to speak to Mona A. Al Alami,

See **ALSTON**, page 6

Council Plans to Stiffen Campaign Finance Laws; Extend Early Voting

by Karl Hille

At the Greenbelt City Council meeting on Monday July 13, tighter campaign contribution reporting and early voting ordinances were introduced for first reading. Candidates for Greenbelt City Council will have to provide more information in their campaign finance reports and produce more reports this year and citizens will have multiple opportunities to vote early, if not often, if two ordinances introduced by the council Monday night pass.

A move by Councilmember Edward Putens will allow a candidate to recover unspent funds contributed to his or her own campaign. Councilmembers removed language that would have established a misdemeanor offense and jail time for failing to comply with the campaign reporting law.

"A lot of candidates fail to give their final report on time. We're going to have a lot of councilmembers with misdemeanors and jail time," Putens said.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts objected to dealing now with campaign finance and candidate issues. Those issues were designed as needed remedies in the context of the then-approved move of the election date to even years. With that no longer a possibility for the immediate future, Roberts asked, "Why are they needed now?"

"My understanding during the public hearings we held was that the major concern was to change the date of the election and then, if that works, look at all these [measures]," he said. "Without that, I don't see the point of looking at these."

The ordinance will require one additional campaign finance report, for a total of three before and one after the election and would require all gifts to be reported, even those under \$25 or from a family member – those were exempt in the past.

"I'm a little concerned that we're making it harder to run for election and I don't think that's something we want to do," Roberts said.

Mayor Judith Davis said the goal was to provide more accountability to the voters, not convenience to the candidates.

"If you're not yet registered to vote, this is an election year for the city," Davis said following the reading of the ordinance. "If you've moved into Greenbelt in the last two years, you also need a change of address form."

Council also approved weekday evening voting hours for two weeks preceding this fall's city election in the Municipal Building and on alternate weekends in Greenbelt East and Springhill Lake, as well as procedures for collecting and counting the ballots.

The city is still using paper voting records and early voting can't be done in multiple locations at one time, City Clerk Cindy Murray explained. We have to wait until we move to electronic records to do that, she said.

In other action council:

- Set the number of elections judges and clerks, their compensation and compensation to the chairperson and members of the city's Board of Elections for the 2009 regular election.

- Awarded the contract for white coating on the city's indoor pool to Wilcoxon, Inc. for just over \$33,000.

- Approved a draft agreement guaranteeing \$50,000 in profit for P&G Old Greenbelt Theatre to run the one-screen movie theater in historic Roosevelt Center

- Raised fees and annual rates for using the Aquatic & Fitness Center, effective September 8.

- Approved purchase of goods and services from certain vendors exceeding \$10,000 each that did not go through the competitive bidding process. These vendors are usually sole source, best source or part of another government purchasing program.

- Increased fees for variances and other departures under the city's limited planning authority to bring them in line with regional fees.

- Set alarm user permit fees.

What Goes On

Monday, July 20

8 p.m., City Council Worksession re: Police Briefing, Municipal Building. Live on Comcast 71, Verizon 21 and streaming live at www.greenbeltmd.gov

Wednesday, July 22

8 p.m., City Council Worksession re: Ethics Briefing /75th Anniversary Planning, Community Center

Saturday, July 25

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

Letters to the Editor

Cautionary Tale

I was walking my dog Zoe last Thursday, July 9 around 7:20 in the evening along the path that runs by the side of the pool and leads to the Youth Center. I was near the new bench on that path near the pool. It was still quite light and the pool was nearly empty and a couple of kids were walking up from the Skate Park with their skateboards. A younger boy was behind them. Nothing unusual. I looked down at my dog. And then my head exploded, my ears rang and I sank to my knees and thought I was going into shock. I thought, is this a stroke?

The kids stopped in their tracks. The younger boy, behind the older two, approached me as I lay bleeding profusely from the head and disoriented. The younger boy came close and said, "I'm really sorry." I said, "Just help me, help me." But the older boys prevailed upon him to get out of there and they all fled. Luckily a lifeguard ran over and the staff from the Aquatic Center took care of me and my rather frantic dog and called the police and the ambulance crew from the fire department. The rock, which was a bit smaller than a baseball, penetrated the membrane covering the skull. I have two layers of stitches and another layer of anxiety that I vow won't get the best of me.

I want to thank all of the wonderful people at the Aquatic Center, my neighbors, the police department, the ambulance crew and the urgent care staff at Doctors Hospital for their care and assistance. And I appreciate that the younger boy had the guts to approach me and apologize for what may have been a very thoughtless and frightening accident. I wish the older boys had supported him in his instinct of compassion instead of pulling him away and fleeing the scene. If you want to throw rocks, watch for those humans among you. And if you've got that good an arm, try baseball.

Marat Moore

Overreaction Saddens

I would just like to express my severe disappointment over an incident that took place on the evening of July 8 on Ridge Road in the GHI community. My partner and I had gone outside to secure her new license plates on her car, carrying a Tupperware box containing screws/nails/bolts/etc. organized in Ziploc bags. We had been outside no more

than three minutes when a Greenbelt police officer arrived at the scene to tell us that someone had seen the bags and suspected that we were in possession of drugs (which, clearly, they were not).

Honestly, I was shocked. My first reaction was to laugh about the absurdity of such an accusation, as I have always felt safe in Old Greenbelt. This amusement quickly turned to anger and, shortly after that, to sadness. Why? Because my partner is African-American. And, as much as I try to rationalize other reasons for it, I highly doubt that anyone would have considered my/our behavior suspicious, much less drug-related, had I been alone or with another Caucasian. I am not easily offended by the prejudice of strangers but, in all honesty, ignorance usually doesn't lead to an immediate 911 call.

I have lived in Greenbelt Homes for five years now and have always considered our community to be one of openmindedness, if not racial diversity. (I have, however, been very encouraged by the growing number of families of color that are now living in GHI.) Until now, I have encountered nothing but friendliness and respect from the community . . . a "Live and Let Live" philosophy, if you will. That is one of the things that I love most about this neighborhood. I'm just very saddened by the fact that this feeling of acceptance and security has been tainted by the ignorance of one irrational neighbor.

Erin Kelly

Puzzled

Puzzled by Mr. Lange's letter (News Review July 9, page two, Letters)

The whistle-blower should be thanked rather than smeared. Three councilmembers (a majority of council) apparently held secret meetings to deliberate on an issue council was considering. I'm very glad that Councilmember

Rodney Roberts had the courage to object. Not to have done so would be a huge disservice to our (I hope) open and democratic government.

Robert Fireovid

Error Needs Apology

I applaud the News Review's July 2 editorial "An Improper Meeting." This is not the first time Mayor Judith Davis has been criticized for taking official city actions without involving the full council and the public (refer to city minutes for 11-27-06). I believe explanations and apologies are in order. Failing that, we can only conclude the three councilmembers who "erred" feel they did nothing wrong and that we now have a new model for conducting city business.

Joan Falcão

A Political Issue?

David Lange would have his questions about the News Review's excellent editorial (July 2) answered by watching a video of the June 22 city council meeting where Councilmember Rodney Roberts objects to a secret meeting held by Mayor Judith Davis and Councilmembers Konrad Herling and Leta Mach. The video can be seen on the city's website. The exchange with Roberts starts at about the two-hour mark. Or he can read the News Review account of the June 22 meeting.

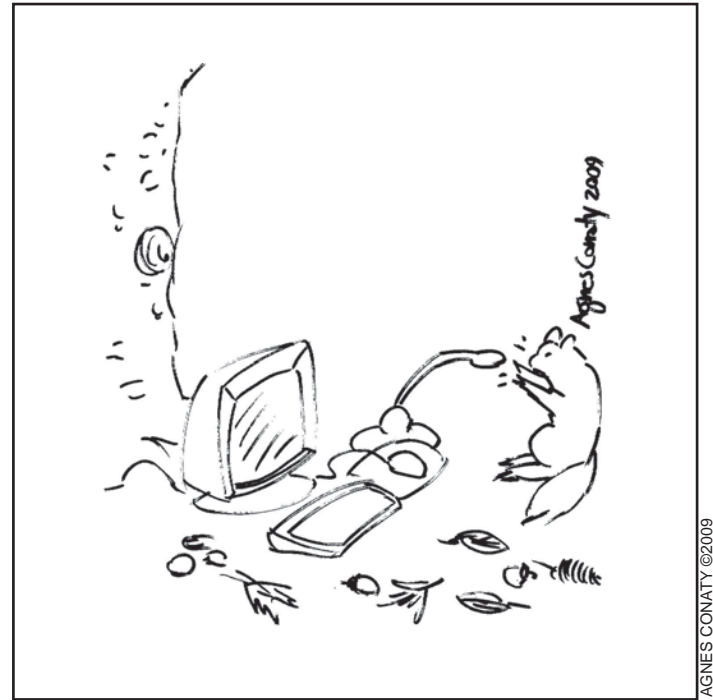
I think that after this bit of research Lange would offer an apology to Roberts and the many residents of Greenbelt who are sorely disappointed to hear these misinformed charges directed at Roberts.

Roberts has spent many years quietly serving the city based solely on his beliefs about what is best for the city he grew up in and loves and his respect for honest government.

On issues such as the council's

See **LETTERS**, page 5

Grin Belt



" . . . allow me to interrupt your blog with a short podcast . . . "

On Screen

Taking French Leave

"Cheri," a period costume drama starring Michelle Pfeiffer ("Age of Innocence"), opens this Friday at the Old Greenbelt Theatre. Has the Belle Epoque in Paris ever been more poshly pictured? The film first links elegant courtesan Lea (Pfeiffer) with the much younger Cheri (Rupert Friend), son of Lea's compatriot Madame Peloux (Kathy Bates). Years of insouciant coupling in the early 1900s ensue before a turn in the road makes for hard choices. Screenwriter Christopher Hampton drew on two slim novels by Colette; director Stephen Frears ("The Queen") shows a meticulous hand. (A black and white French version of "Cheri" was produced in 1950.) Rated R for sexual content and drug use. Running time is 100 minutes.

— Eli Flam

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Correction

The News Review seems to have persistent trouble correctly spelling the name of Marc (Kap) Kapastin, general counsel for Quantum Companies, which owns Beltway Plaza and last week again dropped the ball spelling the name wrong in the front page story on small business opportunities in Greenbelt. Kapastin was the only member of the business community here to attend the meeting. Since we have needed to issue a correction before, our double apologies to Mr. Kapastin.

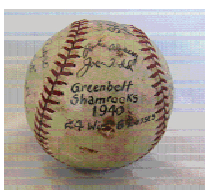
GREENBELT MUSEUM

2009 Lecture Series

Lions & Tigers &... Shamrocks?

A Short History of Baseball in Greenbelt

by Sheila Maffay-Tuthill



Tuesday

July 21, 7:30pm

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Room 201

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Come learn about baseball in Greenbelt with a brief illustrated talk and a roundtable discussion. See Greenbelt baseball artifacts in a mini exhibit and snack on some peanuts and Cracker Jacks. For more information call 301-507-6582. Sponsored by the FOGM Dorothy White Lecture Fund.



OLD GREENBELT THEATRE WEEK OF JULY 17

Cheri (R)

Friday

*5:15, 7:30, 9:30

Saturday

*3:15, *5:15, 7:30, 9:30

Sunday

*3:15, *5:15, 7:30

Monday - Thursday

*5:30, 7:30

*These shows at \$6.00
301-474-9744 • 301-474-9745
129 Centerway
www.pandgtheatres.com

Community Events

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition "Food and Friendship" program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for July 20 through July 24 include:

Monday – Apple juice, turkey cutlet with gravy, California blend vegetables, mashed potatoes, apple crisp.

Tuesday – Navy bean soup, meat lasagna, cut carrots, Caesar salad with dressing, peach parfait.

Wednesday – Minestrone soup, seafood pasta salad, lettuce and tomato salad with French dressing, slice of melon.

Thursday – Orange juice, ham steak with fruit sauce, steamed cabbage, mashed sweet potatoes, coconut cake.

Friday – Cranapple juice, Salisbury steak with gravy, whole boiled potatoes, chopped spinach, fruit cocktail.

At the Library Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories.

Tuesday, July 21, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, July 22, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group.

Thursday, July 23, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages three to five years, limit 20 children.

Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children's Desk.

Stories

Tuesday, July 21, 2 p.m., Stories by Hand with Kathy Macmillan for ages 6 to 12.

Summer Reading

Join the fun of the library's Summer Reading Programs. Enjoy reading and games in "Be Creative at Your Library" for birth through five and six through 12-year-olds and win fun prizes including Baysox tickets, free books and a chance to win Orioles tickets. Express Yourself at Your Library for teens offers prizes and gift cards. Adults earn gifts and a chance to win a weekend escape in Ocean City in Escape to Reading.



Woodland Hills Holds Fiftieth Anniversary

Greenbelt's Woodland Hills Community is planning a mid-October 50th anniversary celebration to mark the event and share stories. Former residents will be included; it is requested that past or present residents of Northway or Woodland Way or those having contact information for past residents send the information (name, telephone number, email address and original Woodland Hills address) to woodlandhills@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-5773 to receive updates and participate.

KaBOOM Praises City For Dedication to Play

Greenbelt was named by non-profit KaBOOM as one of 93 "Playful Cities USA" communities and singled out, along with Annapolis, Laurel and Takoma Park, for its dedication to play. Other cities were specially recognized for the quantity, access or quality of their play programs.

The commendation reads: "The City of Greenbelt has come together in an effort to reach out to a less-fortunate area of the community through the Backpack to Health Campaign which distributed bi-lingual monthly calendars sent home via children's backpacks. The campaign also reached out to the senior housing development and the month of May was dedicated to Adult and Senior Wellness. Staff offered a personal trainer to visit and work with the seniors on their new fitness equipment, while also performing tai chi and yoga demonstrations."

Next Reel and Meal Film on Plastic Use

The Reel and Meal at the New Deal will show the film "Addicted to Plastics" (85 min.) at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 20 at the New Deal Café. A vegan meal by Chef Karim can be purchased at 6:30 p.m. There is no charge just to see the film.

This documentary is about solutions to plastic pollution and includes scenes from 12 countries on five continents, including two trips to the middle of the Pacific Ocean, where plastic debris accumulates. The film offers practical and cutting edge solutions to recycling, toxicity and biodegradability. These solutions – which include plastics made from plants – will provide a hopeful perspective about the future with plastic.

For more about the film visit: www.bullfrogfilms.com/catalog/atp.html.

The guest speaker will be Phil Lee, president of the Baltimore Watershed Association, who wrote the draft legislation for the "bottle bill" introduced in the Maryland legislature last year. He will discuss what is happening in Maryland about recycling, bottle bills and legislation. More information about the Baltimore Harbor Watershed Association is at www.baltimorewaters.org.

For more information about the Reel and Meal event go to <http://www.beaverdamcreek.org> or email Susan Barnett at susnbarn@earthlink.net.

Summer Tutoring Offered by CARES

Greenbelt CARES will offer a summer tutoring experience for students completing grades 2 through 6. Children are split into groups (2nd and 3rd graders are together, 4th and 5th graders are together and the 6th graders work by themselves). The schedule is 9 to 10 a.m., English grammar and writing; 10 to 11 a.m., reading/literature; 11 to noon, math. Classes take place Wednesday mornings from July 8 through July 29 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Municipal Building Council Room, 25 Crescent Road.

The program is coordinated and supervised by Judith Hering, M.S., vocational/educational counselor for Greenbelt CARES Youth and Family Services Bureau. High school student service-learning interns provide additional assistance. Students in grades 8 through 12 may assist as tutors and earn community service credit.

There is a fee to covers material costs. Call 301-345-6660 ext. 2016 with questions.

GHI Notes

Monday, July 20, 7 p.m., Communications Committee Meeting – GHI Lobby

Wednesday, July 22, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee Meeting – Board Room

Friday, July 24, Offices Closed (emergency maintenance available – call 301-474-6011)


Sunday July 26, 11 a.m. Pre-Purchase Orientation – Board Room

Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.



The Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club will be holding a FREE football mini-camp at Greenbelt Middle School. Monday, July 20, Wednesday, July 22, and Friday, July 24, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

For more info, please call 301-794-0100 (press 4) or visit us at www.greenbeltbgc.com



Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club 2009 Football, Cheerleading & Soccer

Monday, Wednesday & Friday
July 20th – July 24th
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Greenbelt Middle School
Additional dates to follow.

For more information, please call 301-794-0100 (press 7) or visit us at www.greenbeltbgc.com

Kidsinger Jim Show At Farmers Market

On Sunday, July 19 starting at 11 a.m. the Greenbelt Farmers Market will host several free shows for the young and young at heart in a live children's show featuring Kidsinger Jim and his barnyard friends. The show features a barn set with door and hayloft openings for barnyard animal puppets as well as sing-along songs, positive themes, comedy skits and a hoe-down dance party.

Kidsinger Jim has been singing for kids since 1992 with over 3,000 performances to date. A part-time music teacher at a K to 8 school from 1993-99, he has performed fulltime since 1999. He performs mainly in the mid-Atlantic region but has traveled as far north as Massachusetts and as far south as North Carolina. Notable performance sites include the Maryland Governor's Mansion, the Ellipse, the Maryland Science Center and the National Aquarium.

GCA Meets

The Greenbriar Community Association (GCA) board of directors will meet on Friday, July 24 at 6 p.m. in the Greenbriar Community Building.

Hunting Ridge Board Meets

The Board of Directors of the Hunting Ridge Condominium Community will meet on Wednesday, July 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Hunting Ridge office.

More Community Events can be found on pages 4, 5, 6, 10 and 12.

Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday 10 – 4 p.m.
Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

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ALL SHOWS BEFORE NOON ON SATURDAY \$5.00

ALL SHOWS AFTER 5 p.m.
Adults: \$8.50

Students/Military: \$7.50
Children: \$6.00
Seniors: \$6.50

R = ID Required

(!) = No pass, (!!) No pass weekend

Week of July 16

THUR.

Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs, PG

11, 11:30, 1:20, 1:50, 3:45, 4:20, 6:20, 8:30

I Love You Beth Cooper, PG-13

6:45, 9:10
Bruno, R (!)

11:15, 1:40, 4:05, 6:30, 9

Harry Potter, PG (!)

11:55, 1:20, 3:30, 4:45, 7, 8

Transformers 2, PG-13 (!)

11:55, 3:30, 7
Public Enemies, R (!)

1:20, 4:45, 8

Taking of Pelham 123, R

11, 1:20, 3:45, 6:10, 8:30

FRI. – SAT

Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs, PG (!)

11:40, 12:15, 2:20, 2:45, 4:50, 5, 7:15, 9:45

I Love You Beth Cooper, PG-13

7:30, 10
Bruno, R (!)

11:30, 2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 10:15

Harry Potter, PG (!)

11, 11:30, 2:15, 3, 5:30, 6:15, 9:25, 9:50

Transformers 2, PG-13 (!)

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Public Enemies, R (!)

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Taking of Pelham 123, R

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Obituaries



Frank J. Kellaher

Greenbelt Pioneer Frank Joseph Kellaher, 74, died on June 10, 2009, at a hospital in Cape Coral, Fla., from congestive heart failure.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Mr. Kellaher came to Greenbelt with his family in 1938. A graduate of Gonzaga College High School, he also attended the University of Maryland.

In 1953 he left Greenbelt to enter the U.S. Army. Mr. Kellaher worked as a logistics officer with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) for 28 years, retiring in 1989.

After retirement he worked as an independent contractor for federal agencies and Boeing, retiring for a second time in 1998. He lived in Lanham before moving to Florida in 1998.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Eugene Kellaher of Greenbelt and his parents William and Alice Kellaher.

Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Helen A. Kellaher of Cape Coral, daughters Bonnie Lawson of Bowie, Stacey Szivedo of Owings and Frankie Jo Kellaher of Parsonsburg, Md.; brothers Bill Kellaher of Severna Park, Steve Kellaher of Phoenix and Patrick Kellaher of Waldorf; sisters Alice Cumberland, Eileen Tate of Crofton and Marie Tacchino of Cumberland, Md., sister-in-law Joanne Kellaher of Greenbelt; nephew Frank Kellaher of Greenbelt; neice Susie Hartwick of Greenbelt; nine grandchildren and many other nieces and nephews.

Museum Holds Baseball Lecture

"Lions and Tigers and . . . Shamrocks? Oh My! A Short History of Baseball in Greenbelt" is the title of the Greenbelt Museum lecture to be offered on Tuesday, July 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

Come learn about the grand tradition of baseball in Greenbelt and how the national pastime intersects with local history. Baseball has been a part of Greenbelt since the beginning and the museum has been given artifacts over the years that demonstrate how important this sport was to early residents.

The evening will feature a short talk illustrated with photos and items from the museum's collection, followed by a roundtable discussion featuring both baseball old-timers and those currently and passionately involved with the leagues today. Ballpark snacks will be served and ballplayers are encouraged to wear their uniform. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum Dorothy White Lecture Fund and is free to all.

Our sympathy to the family and friends of long-time Greenbelter Alberta Tompkins, who died on July 9, 2009, at the age of 87. A memorial service is scheduled for Thursday, August 6 at 11 a.m. at the Greenbelt Community Church, 1 Hillside Road. An obituary will be published in the News Review at a later date.

Greenbelters were saddened to learn of the death, on June 10, 2009, of pioneer Frank J. Kellaher, who died in Florida. Our sympathy to his sister-in-law Joanne, who remains in Greenbelt and her son Frank and daughter Susie Hartwick also of Greenbelt.

The month of June brought two joyous events to Mary Anne and Bernard Cullinan of Laurel Hill Road and their sons Sean and Matthew.

First, on June 6 their younger son Matthew Cullinan was married to Jessica, daughter of Charles Weakley and Jackie Wright, in a lovely outdoor ceremony in Frederick. The couple honeymooned in Greece and now resides in Baltimore.

Then on June 15 the Cullinans' first grandchild, Cameron Gene Cullinan, was born to elder son Sean and his wife Kerri. The big boy weighed in at 10 lb., 9 oz. at Sibley Memorial Hospital and now lives with his parents in Christiansted, U.S. Virgin Islands. His maternal grandparents Kathleen and Eugene Kelly as well as aunts Kristen, Patricia and Jessica and Uncle Matthew, now join the Cullinans and the newlyweds to make a big, happy family.

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Congratulations to

– Eveline Ursula Martha Jawer Soenmez, who will celebrate her 80th birthday on Monday, July 20, 2009. Mrs. Soenmez lives on Parkway with her son Michael Jawer, an employee of the Public Works Department.

– Billie McCain, who was named to the Dean's List at Salisbury University for the spring 2009 semester.

– The City of Greenbelt, whose Backpack to Health Campaign was specially singled out for commendation by KaBOOM as a "Playful City USA" community for its outreach to less fortunate areas of the community.

– Kathleen McFarland

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi
Phone: 301-937-3666 www.pbuuc.org

Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community

July 19, 10 a.m.
"Blessings of the Animals" by Jim Flaherty and Cory Carter, guest speakers with Tish Hall, worship associate.
Celebrating the animals with which we share our lives, we also remember animals we have loved in the past with photos and stories.
(For safety, all animals should be leashed, crated or otherwise contained.)

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors
www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410
Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 10:00am
Prayer Meeting Sun. 9:45 am

Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Hillside & Crescent Roads
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings
www.greenbeltucc.org
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..."

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Summer Worship: One service at 9:30 am through September 6, 2009
(No Sunday School/Bible Study)



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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

Co-op Says to Use Or Lose Vouchers

Joe Timer, Co-op treasurer, reminds any members of the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket who have not yet used their co-op refund voucher to use it or cash it in by the end of the month. All 2009 patronage refund vouchers expire July 31, the end of the co-op fiscal year.

Vouchers were mailed out to members in early December 2008.

Support Group Meets

A NAMI support group will meet Monday, July 20 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Hanco Building at Beckett Field, 8511 Legation Road in New Carrollton. This supportive work group prepares the mailing and provides other volunteer tasks while sharing their mental health experiences and each other's challenges and solutions. For more information call Marge Owens at 301-345-1572.

Greenbelt Baptist Church
101 Greenhill Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770 – (301) 474-4212
www.greenbeltbaptist.org

Welcome!

Sunday	9:45 am	Sunday School
Sunday	11:00 am	Worship Service
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

ALL are Welcome!

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 - Sundays
 - 8 a.m. simple, quiet service (no music)
 - 10 a.m. main service
(music includes a mixture of acoustic guitar, piano and organ music)
 - Wednesdays
 - 7 p.m. service with healing prayers (no music)
- 7010 Glenn Dale Road (Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)
301-262-3285 | rector@stgeo.org | www.stgeo.org



[These divine Manifestations] have established a bond of love and unity among mankind, made scattered peoples one nation and wandering tribes a mighty kingdom. They have laid the foundation of the oneness of God and summoned all to universal peace. (Abdu'l-Bahá)

Greenbelt Bahá'í Community
1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918
Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com www.bahai.us

Congregation Mishkan Torah

10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 301-474-4223

An unpretentious, historic, welcoming, liberal, egalitarian synagogue that respects tradition and becomes your extended family in the 21st

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Educational programs for children K-12 and for adults.
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Opportunity for leadership development.
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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)

We want you to be a part of our celebration and worship!
301-474-4499

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Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

LETTERS

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decision years ago to suppress Greenbelt police crime statistics from The Washington Post, based on a request from a realtor friend of the mayor, Roberts was the only person on the council who supported my position that this was wrong. Greenbelt stood out among area municipalities for having no crime statistics in the Post for about a year. It took me that long to get them restored. Think of how much worse the crime situation in Greenbelt would be had the mayor at that time persisted?

At least that time the mayor got council approval for that poor decision. But this time when Davis got the idea to rescind the council's original decision to discuss changing the city council election year to match the federal election year, she did so in a secret meeting with two councilmembers.

Fittingly, Davis used the royal "we" in her "council" statement, although she had only two loyal subjects agree secretly: Herling and Mach. And she used it too many times to be a mere mistake.

Councilmember Edward Putens agreed with Roberts about the inappropriateness of the meeting, Lange, not Roberts, wants to turn this into a political issue.

OK, then - I will. I'll vote for good government by voting only for Roberts and Putens this November!

Don Comis

THANKS!

Thank you to all those who attended the National Parks America Tour on National Trails Day at Greenbelt Park.

The day began with Unilever donating \$3,000 to the National Park Service followed by an inspirational speech by Mayor Judith Davis to the 100 volunteers.

The volunteers then ended up cleaning the Still Creek watershed along Kenilworth Avenue with help from the Friends of Still Creek removing seven tires and numerous bags of trash. Other volunteers removed invasive plants, allowing the native plants to flourish in the park. Still other volunteers helped repair a boardwalk in the park and contributed to trail maintenance. This tremendous effort of volunteering was followed by a free lunch provided by the National Parks America Tour and Unilever.

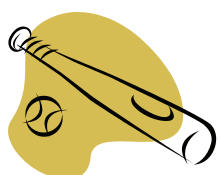
Greenbelt Park is very appreciative of all its volunteers who help preserve the park for this and future generations. Thank you, volunteers, for making a difference on National Trails Day in Greenbelt Park.

*Kevin Barry
Volunteer Coordinator*

THANKS!

With the successful end of the Greenbelt Baseball season, we want to say our thanks to all the sponsors and to all the parents and coaches who volunteer their time for the youth of Greenbelt. Thank you!

*Greg Fisanich,
League Commissioner
Greenbelt Baseball*



Rotary Club Installs New Officers for 2009-10

The Rotary Club of Greenbelt recently installed its new officers for the 2009-2010 year: President Wick Caldwell, Secretary Justin Perryman, Treasurer Chris Becker and Sergeant at Arms Harold Weiner. Presiding at the installation was Rick Carson, the past District Governor of Rotary District 7620.

The Rotary Club of Greenbelt, founded in 1988, is an organization of professional men and women most of whom either live or work in Greenbelt. Weekly

meetings, held on Tuesday morning at the Greenbelt Marriott at 7:45 a.m. feature a guest speaker.

The club is currently accepting new members.

There are 32,000 Rotary Clubs with over 1.2 million members in 200 nations worldwide that provide scholarships and support local and international causes to help with a variety of projects to improve their community and the world.

For more information call Rotary President Wick Caldwell at 301-526-3464 or Membership Chair Joel Lang at 301-386-5459.



Helen Sweven, immediate past president, presents a check from the Rotary Club of Greenbelt to Wick Caldwell, president, and Steve Kemp, District Anti-Hunger Committee member.

Housecleaning Party On Saturday at GAC

The Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) needs to reduce its collection of set pieces, props and more. This Saturday, July 18 starting at 10 a.m., they will be cleaning out the premises. Freecycle and other community folks (including theater groups) are invited. From noon to 2 p.m. everything on the curb marked with a red sticker is fair game. After 2 p.m. all remaining items will go into the dumpster.

Volunteers who can come help (no later than 6 p.m., due to "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown") are more than welcome. Help spread the word. For information call 301-441-8770 or email info@greenbeltartscenter.org.

City Information

MEETINGS FOR JULY 20-24

Monday, July 20 at 8:00pm **CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Police Briefing** at the Municipal Building. Live on Comcast 71, Verizon 21 and streaming live at www.greenbeltmd.gov

Wednesday, July 22 at 8:00pm, **CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Ethics Briefing/75th Anniversary Planning**, at Community Center.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000 or contact the City

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES
Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

Vacancies exist on the:

Green Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Youth Advisory Committee, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Arts Advisory Board, Community Relations Advisory Board, Public Safety Advisory Committee

For more info call 301-474-8000.

Members of City Advisory Boards and Committees are eligible for half-price annual individual or family memberships at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Saturday, July 25th
9:00am-12noon

Public Works Yard, 555 Crescent Road

City residents can recycle old and/or unwanted computers and other electronic items.

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, radios, DVD players, VCRs, CFLs and fluorescent tubes 4' and under (residential only).

Televisions Accepted

Special arrangements must be made for drop-off of more than 10 items or items over 50lbs. Call in advance.

For more information call 301-474-8308

GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER PETS OF THE MONTH



Becky: Very friendly black and white female.



Becky: Female, Brown Colored Tabby w/white chest. Has broken microchip. Will be looking for a new home soon.

THANK YOU TO DEVIN FENDLAY AND THE ELEANOR ROOSEVELT CHEERLEADERS FOR THEIR TREAT DRIVE!

Visit pets at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter on Wednesdays, from 4-7pm and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm.

For more information on any of these pets, call 301.474.6124.

Notice of Charter Amendment Resolutions

At its regular meeting of June 22, 2009, the City Council adopted two resolutions to amend the City Charter. As required by state law, these resolutions will be posted in their entirety for 40 days, until August 1, 2009, at the Municipal Building, as well as on the City's Web site at www.greenbeltmd.gov. Copies may also be requested of the City Clerk. The charter amendment resolutions will become effective on August 11, 2009, unless a proper petition to submit the amendment(s) to the voters on a referendum is filed by August 1, 2009, as permitted by law. As also required by state law, this notice is given to provide a fair summary of both resolutions.

Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2009-1
A Resolution of The City of Greenbelt Adopted Pursuant to the Authority of Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland and Section 13 of Article 23a of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1957 Edition as Amended), Title, "Corporation-Municipal," Subtitle "Home Rule" to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt Found, in Whole or in Part, in the Compilation of Municipal Charters of Maryland (1983 Edition As Amended), as Prepared by the Department of Legislative Services Pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1983, by Adding a New Section 27a, Titled "Early Voting" (Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2009-1)

The purpose of the above-titled resolution is to allow for early voting in Municipal elections.

Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2009-2
A Resolution of The City of Greenbelt Adopted Pursuant to the Authority of Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland and Section 13 of Article 23a of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1957 Edition as Amended), Title, "Corporation-Municipal," Subtitle "Home Rule" to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt Found, in Whole or in Part, in the Compilation of Municipal Charters of Maryland (1983 Edition As Amended), as Prepared by the Department of Legislative Services Pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1983, by Amending Paragraph (A) of Section 4, Titled "Creation; Qualifications; Compensation" and Section 31 Titled "Election Of Council" to Increase the Size of the Council from Five to Seven Members (Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2009-2)

The purpose of the above-titled resolution is to increase the size of the City Council to seven members.

For additional information, contact Cindy Murray, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000 or cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.

SWIM MEETS AT GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER...The GAFC will be hosting a swim meet on **July 18th**. The **OUTDOOR** pool will open at 1:00pm on these days. The Indoor pool will open at 8:00am; however Children's Lessons occupy all open swim areas through 12:00 noon. Indoor Lap lanes are available at this time.

For information on City Events, Services and Departments, visit Greenbelt CityLink: www.greenbeltmd.gov. Help Greenbelt get its own url on FACEBOOK. Visit us there and become a fan. Check in often for weekly updates!

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Florence Holly celebrates Halloween with the Golden Age Club in 1986.

to her one day and told her he was shipping out.

"He said, 'How about if we get married?'" recalls Holly, and on December 24, 1942, they did just that. Less than three weeks later, Martin Holly went overseas and was gone for several years. Not long after he returned to the United States, the Hollys (Martin, Florence and daughters Mary and Patricia) moved to Greenbelt. Sadly, the love of her life died in 1990.

Good Neighbors

Holly and her family lived in 45 Court of Ridge Road and she fondly remembers that she had "such wonderful neighbors." One of these neighbors was Mary Lou Williamson who would go door-to-door in the court making sure that everyone had voted, whether for City Council, GHI Board or President of the United States.

"She was always on the ball and never had to ask who was running," jokes Williamson. On a serious note, she adds that Holly "always has an air of dignity about her and is a person to listen to. Most notable is the cheerfulness that radiates to those around her despite her life's extra burdens." Williamson remembers that Holly's granddaughters "were sweet and friendly, just like their grandmother."

Having grown up with her grandmother, Parry remembers visiting nursing homes to deliver care packages and transport seniors to clubs and churches. "She would cruise around town in that red Buick without a care in the world," she recalls. "I remember she worked with county executives to obtain local bus transportation for senior Green-



Three generations of Holly girls: Florence, left, granddaughter Laura, middle, and daughter Pat.

belters so they could get around. She says 'you got to keep moving' and at 100, she still exercises daily lifting soup cans over her head!"

"At 92 she joined the literary council and tutored elementary school children on reading," recalls Parry. At the age of 95, Holly voluntarily gave up her driver's license. "When she was no longer able to drive," says Parry, "she said she wasn't giving up that easily! The parents and teachers loved her so much they all agreed to have the children come to her home to be tutored. She says you're never too old to stop giving or learning and she always instilled volunteerism in our family."

War Times

In her 100 years Holly has lived through the Great Depression, two World Wars, the Vietnam and Korean conflicts and 9/11. During the Great Depression she lived on the farm where they "learned how to deal with nothing." Even a short string meant something, she says, and "we saved it and it got to be a ball eventually." They grew produce such as sweet potatoes and corn and Holly remembers that "the County Agent always visited and always stayed for supper."

During World War I Holly was still in Brooklyn and remembers applying puttees to her uncle's legs. During World War II her husband worked with psychiatric patients upon their return to the United States.

Of Vietnam, Holly says, "We were all mixed up. We didn't know how bad it was when the U.S. got involved in the region."

Her second daughter, Pat, married a Korean war veteran who died of a heart attack four years after he came home. Of 9/11, Holly remarks, "I don't think we'll ever forget that day." She remembers being in her garden with the TV turned up high and coming inside upon hearing the news. "I certainly came inside fast for that."

Holly Today

Recently Holly was in a nursing home because of a bacterial infection. "It took a lot out of her," says Parry, "but she has unbelievable strength and will." Parry says her grandmother tells her, "You can get busy livin' or get busy dyin'."

She adds that Holly loves to read and work in her garden. "I'm up at 6 a.m. because my cat, Shadow, is climbing all over me," Holly says.

She likes to watch the news but her favorite hobby is reading. Historical novels are her favorite; "I can cover a book in a week," she says. Holly also likes to crochet and says, "I make up my own stitches as I go."

Holly's advice on living to 100 is this: "Take it easy, eat good food and don't hate anything or anyone." She is inspired by people who have had problems and yet still are enthusiastic about helping others. "I have a lot of blessings," says Holly.

On the prospect of turning 101, she says, "Just live . . . just enjoy people."

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Greenbelt Recreation Department and Springhill Lake Elementary and Greenbelt Middle Schools.

Utopia Film Festival

Chris Haley, chair of the Utopia Film Festival Committee; Chris Logan, a member of the Festival Committee and vice president of GATE (Greenbelt Access Television); and Bob Zugby, president of GATE, who received the grant award on behalf of the Festival, were present to accept the grant award for the Utopia Film Festival. The Utopia Film Festival, now in its fifth year, screens annually in October more than 40 documentaries, features, shorts, animated shorts and youth-produced films from around the block and around the world. Special attention is given to films which reflect the utopian ideals upon which places like Greenbelt were founded. The grant award will be used to develop the Festival's marketing and promotional plan and to fund the promotional materials needed to implement the plan, which is intended to increase attendance and awareness of the Festival.

Co-op

Dorrie Bates, chair of the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative and Kim Rush Lynch, the Education and Member Outreach coordinator for the Co-op, accepted their award, which will fund a Co-op Consumer Corner in the store. The corner will include information about other Greenbelt co-operative endeavors as well as about the supermarket and help spread the word about the value of cooperative efforts in the community.

This ceremony marked the fifth round of grant-giving by the Greenbelt Community Foundation, which awards grants every six months to nonprofit and cooperative Greenbelt organizations. The Foundation aims to serve as a bridge between the needs of the community and caring donors by awarding grants that will promote cooperative endeavors and undertake projects that celebrate, respect and build upon the legacy and ideals of Greenbelt: cooperation, citizen involvement, collaborative self-sufficiency and community participation. The mission of the Foundation is to maintain, improve and enrich the quality of life in Greenbelt. The next award application deadline is September 15. To find out how to apply for a grant email the Foundation at info@greenbeltfoundation.net or write to the Foundation at P.O. Box 234, Greenbelt, MD 20768.

Montpelier Mansion Family Fun Day

The Montpelier Mansion will hold a Family Fun Day from 4 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, July 19 on the grounds of the mansion at 9650 Muirkirk Road in Laurel. Visitors of all ages are invited to explore the grounds of Montpelier, play games, do a craft, dress up in old-fashioned clothes and take a tour. Visitors are also welcome to have a picnic dinner on the grounds but should have a rain plan since there are no inside eating facilities at Montpelier.

Although admission is free, canned food will be accepted for donation to local food banks. For more information call 301-377-7817.

"Perseus and the Gorgon" Benefits Fund for City Camps

The staff of the Greenbelt performing arts programs Creative Kids Camp and Camp Encore will present benefit performances of "Perseus and the Gorgon" by Christopher Cherry on Friday, July 24 and Saturday, July 25 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center.

The original full-length musical includes a castaway prince raised as a fisherman's son, a jealous king, a deadly quest and a hideous monster whose looks turn people to stone. The greatest challenge, however, is love. Drawn to someone he can't even look at, Perseus must learn to see with his heart.

Cast members Ian Brown-Gorrell, Scott Kincaid, Cody Sanders and Mason Trapio – alumni of Creative Kids Camp and Camp Encore – can all point to the influence the camps have had on their lives. Brown-Gorrell is heading to Point Park University in Pittsburgh to study musical theater. Sanders is continuing his theater studies at Prince George's

Community College. Trapio will be studying pre-med at the University of Maryland in the fall but plans to study theater as well. Kincaid, a DeMatha High School student, has performed professionally and often picks up stage lighting and sound jobs throughout the year.

Rounding out the cast of the show are Colleen Arnold who graduated this year with a B.F.A. in musical theater from Emerson College and Johlyze McNeil and Liana Ventimiglia, alumni of the annual Greenbelt Youth Musical.

The actors are rehearsing the production on their own time as a gift to the community. Proceeds from ticket sales will go to the Mary Purcell Geiger Scholarship Fund which provides scholarships for City of Greenbelt Recreation Department classes and camps throughout the year.

Tickets can be purchased in person from the Community Center office or by calling 301-397-2208, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Cody Sanders and Colleen Arnold rehearse for Perseus and the Gorgon.

– photo by Scott Kincaid

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director of the Jordanian Center for Civic Education Studies. She provided us with information on how to turn our ideas into action. This was the first workshop that helped instill the ideas of educate, inspire and lead. We volunteered at the SOS Children's Village and the Queen Rania Family and Child Center, and had a memorable time working with the orphaned and abused children of Jordan.

We were also able to sit in on the 1,000 Voices Broadcast, a program about the status of women and girls in the world. The broadcast had a panel of leading women: Cybra Audi, the face of news at Al-Arabiya News Channel; Her Excellency Maha Khatib, the Jordanian Minister of Tourism and Antiquities; Dr. Rula Quawas, the consultant

for International Relations and Program/Knowledge Production Jordanian National Commission for Women; Samar Haj Hasan, co-founder and managing partner, Mahara-Professional Consultancies in Development; and Lina Sidrys Nealon, program manager of "Demand Abolition," Hunt Alternatives Fund. The panel of women was accompanied by Dr. Safwan Masri, a professor at Columbia University.

In addition to these scheduled events, we were able to tour Jordan. We visited Mount Nebo, the Dead Sea, the city of Amman and Petra. The Women2Women Alumni trip to Jordan was a chance to experience life in a new country for me and a chance to enhance my knowledge of young women my age all around the world.

EVERY SATURDAY • 8 am to 3 pm

Flea Market

Eleanor Roosevelt High School
7601 Hanover Parkway
Greenbelt, Maryland

Vendor check in, first come, first served, \$15.00 per single space, \$10.00 per space if getting two or more from 6:00 am to 7:30 am
Contact Number: 301-552-9325



121 CENTERWAY, ROOSEVELT CENTER

Farm Fresh Produce	
New Jersey Fresh Blueberries pint	\$1.69
Fresh Crop Potatoes White/Russet 5 lb.	\$2.50
Fresh Crisp Apples Braeburn/Fuji/Pink Lady/Granny Smith/South Rose	\$1.29 <small>lb.</small>
Fresh Express Iceberg Garden Salad Mix 12 oz.	99¢
Northwest Red Ripe Cherries	\$1.99 <small>lb.</small>
Fresh Cut & Peeled Baby Carrots 1 lb.	\$1.50

Fresh Quality Meats			
Fresh Boneless & Skinless Chicken Breasts	\$1.88 <small>lb.</small>	Fresh Beef Value Pack Bone In New York Strip Steaks	\$4.99 <small>lb.</small>
Fresh Beef Value Pack Boneless Bottom Swiss Steak	\$2.99 <small>lb.</small>	Fresh Pork Value Pack Southern Style Spare Ribs	\$1.69 <small>lb.</small>
Fresh Grade A Split Frying Chicken	\$1.39 <small>lb.</small>	Hatfield Sliced Bacon Assorted 1 lb.	BUY ONE GET ONE FREE
		Fresh Value Pack 85% Lean Ground Beef	\$2.29 <small>lb.</small>
		Ball Park Meat Franks Assorted 12-16 oz.	BUY ONE GET ONE FREE

Dairy	Deli	Frozen
Dannon Assorted Yogurts 6 oz.	Deli Gourmet Oven Roasted Turkey Breast	Breyer's Ice Cream Assorted 1.5 qt.
60¢	\$4.99 <small>lb.</small>	\$2.50
Kraft Natural Chunk Cheese Assorted 8 oz.	Deli Gourmet Honey Ham	Pictsweet Assorted Vegetables 6-16 oz.
\$2.00	\$4.29 <small>lb.</small>	\$1.50
Shedd's Soft Vegetable Spread Asst. 45 oz.	New Yorker White American Cheese	Banquet Assorted Dinners Select Varieties 5-10 oz.
\$3.00	\$5.49 <small>lb.</small>	\$1.25
Shurfine Cottage Cheese Assorted 16 oz.		Stouffer's Red Box Entrees Assorted 6-21 oz.
\$1.50		\$2.50

Health & Beauty	Seafood	Natural & Gourmet	Bakery
Loreal Pro-Vive Shampoo or Conditioner Assorted 6-13 oz.	Fresh Catch Tilapia Fillets	Weber Grill Creations Marinade Mixes Assorted 1.12 oz.	Fresh Store Baked Original Rye Bread loaf Plain/Seeded/Pumpernickle
\$3.99	\$5.99 <small>lb.</small>	99¢	\$1.99
Western Family Speed 3 Disposable Razors 4 pack	Venezuelan Lump Crabmeat 1 lb.	Cardini's Caesar Dressing Original/Fat Free 12 oz.	Fresh Store Baked Iced Cinnamon Rolls 6 pk.
\$3.49	\$8.99	\$2.50	\$2.49

Grocery Bargains			
Wisk Liquid Laundry Detergent Asst. 32-50 oz.	Francesco Rinaldi Pasta Sauces Assorted 23-24 oz.	San Giorgio Pasta Assorted 12-16 oz.	Shurfine Apple Sauce Assorted 23-24 oz.
BUY ONE GET ONE FREE	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
Chicken of the Sea Chunk Light Tuna 5 oz.	Gatorade Thirst Quencher Sports Drinks 64 oz.	Maxwell House Ground Coffee Select Varieties 11-15 oz.	Rice-A-Roni or Pasta-Roni Assorted 4-7 oz.
88¢	\$1.50	\$2.99	\$1.00
			Nabisco Oreo Cookies Assorted 17-18 oz.
			\$2.99

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- Durable Medical Equipment Sales & Rental

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National Bohemian Beer 6 pk.-12 oz. cans	\$3.39
Cavit Pinot Grigio 750 ML	\$7.99

Forest Glen Wines 750 ML	\$7.99
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Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Drug Arrests

July 1, 6:34 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a nonresident man was arrested and charged on a warrant for possession with intent to distribute marijuana in a school zone and possession of marijuana. The suspect was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

July 3, 3:55 p.m., 6100 block Brezewood Court, a nonresident woman was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana. She was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Disorderly Conduct

July 5, 5:14 and 5:23 a.m., a nonresident man was arrested and charged in two incidents of disorderly conduct. The first time he was released on a citation pending trial. He was rearrested and released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Vandalism

July 2, 11:24 a.m., Crescent

Road, graffiti was found on the pedestrian tunnel walls.

July 4, 10:50 p.m., 3 Court Gardenway, a rock was thrown through a glass storm door.

July 6, 7:24 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway, a rock was thrown through a window.

Burglaries

July 7, 4:12 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road, nothing was reported taken.

July 7, 5:16 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road, it was reported that change was taken.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a gray 2003 Dodge Intrepid with Maryland tag 3BBM63 from the 6900 block Hanover Parkway; a green 2000 Mercedes 320 truck with Maryland tag 06139M4 from the 7200 block Hanover Parkway; and a black 2002 Lincoln LS with Maryland tag 2BDK14 from the 6200 block Springhill Court.

One vehicle and one tag were recovered by Greenbelt police with no arrests. Two vehicles

and one tag were recovered by outside departments with two arrests made.

Theft from vehicles was reported in the following areas: 6 Court Plateau Place (change); Schrom Hills Park (purse); 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive (GPS); 7700 block Hanover Parkway (GPS, also, an attempt to steal the vehicle was made); 9100 block Edmonston Court (two GPS); 5800 and 5900 blocks Cherrywood Terrace (GPS and GPS, sunglasses); 6200 block Springhill Drive (drywall boxes, tools); 9300 block Edmonston Road (purse, cellphone); and 6900 block Hanover Parkway (front Maryland tag 3DRR04).

Vandalism occurred at 5900 and 6000 blocks Cherrywood Court, 9200 Springhill Lane and 9100 block Edmonston Road (broken windows); 9100 block Edmonston Road (broken side mirrors); 5800 block Cherrywood Lane (broken antenna); and 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace (scratched paint).

Festival Notes

Opening Ceremonies will be kicked off with the National Anthem sung by Bill Edwards, grandson of early Greenbelters, Stanley and Vivian Edwards. Bill is a member of the U.S. Navy Sea Chanters and sang the National Anthem at President Obama's Inauguration ceremony.

Entertainment

"Greenbelt Idol" is looking for singers, judges, a logo and its own Ryan Seacrest. Email greenbeltidols@yahoo.com for more information or check out the Greenbelt Idols page on Facebook. The entry deadline is August 1.

The deadline for entering the Battle of the Greenbelt Bands is August 1. One member of each band must live, work or volunteer in Greenbelt. Send a CD with two or three songs to GLDFC, P.O. Box 2, Greenbelt, MD 20768. Three bands will perform Sunday of Labor Day Weekend and the winner will get \$500 and the chance to play during the New Year's celebration at the Community Center. Email greenbeltbands@yahoo.com for details.

On Saturday night the Mary Shaver Band will perform onstage from 8 to 11 p.m. The Hubcaps (www.hubcaps.com) will perform on Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. and The Reagan Years (www.thereaganyears.com) will be on stage Sunday night following the crowning of Miss Greenbelt. On Monday Bruce Swaim is back to perform jazz music.



Shuttle

The Committee is looking for volunteers to drive the shuttle. The shuttle runs throughout the festival and drivers work in shifts. Contact Brian York at 301-474-4610 if interested.

Pageant

Meetings for pageant contestants have begun so if interested go to www.missgreenbelt.com to get meeting dates and times. There are two fundraisers planned for the pageant. On Monday, July 27 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Five Guys on Greenbelt Road, mention the Miss Greenbelt Pageant when ordering and a portion of the cost will go to the Miss Greenbelt Scholarship. Also, on August 1 there will be a Basket/Bag Bingo at the firehouse. Doors will open at noon.

Outstanding Citizen

Nomination forms for Outstanding Citizen 2009 are available online at www.greenbelt.com and are due August 3. Send nominations to Bob Zugby, 94 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

Booths

Organizations that would like to have a booth and need a vendor should contact laborday@greenbelt.com.

Parade

The deadline for Parade entries is August 1. For information contact greenbeltlabordayparade08@gmail.com. Applications are available at www.greenbelt.com/laborday.

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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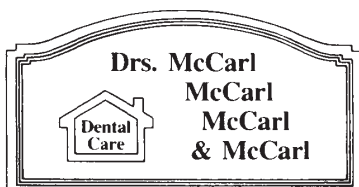


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Season Ends, Indians Take Championship

by Greg Fisanich

The Indians are the 2009 city champions of the Greenbelt Baseball League. Sponsored by Generous Joe's, the team defeated the Yankees, sponsored by the Lions Club, two games to zero in a best two-of-three series.

In game one the Yankees scored a run in the top of the first inning but were limited to one hit the rest of the way by Indian pitchers Ryland Heagy and Bryan Kellaher. The Indians started strong with five runs in the first inning and six runs in the second as Preston Wimbish drove in four runs. In inning three, the Indians scored five more runs, led by Anwar Gill's double and three more hits - 10 total for the game. Final score: 16 to 1.

Game Two

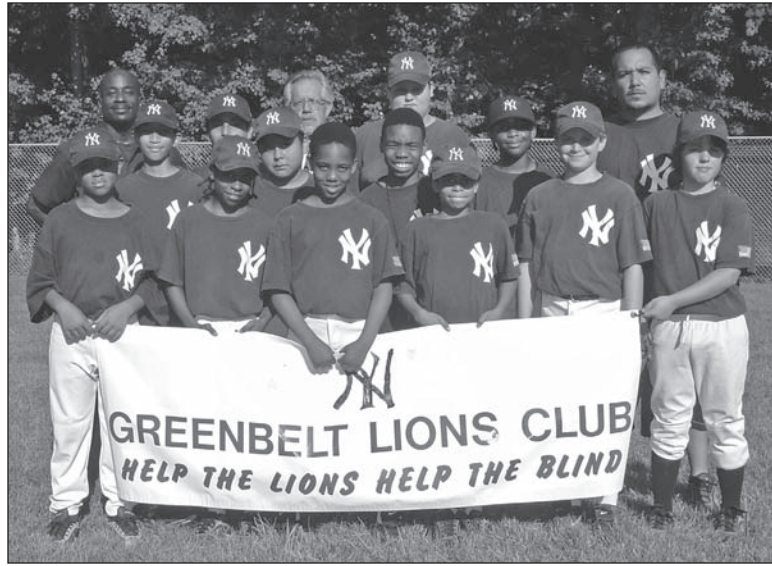
In game two the Indians clinched the city championship, 10 to 2. After the second inning

they jumped out to a seven-run lead on three hits and 10 walks. Yankees pitcher Matt Colon did a great job limiting the Indians to three runs over the final four innings. Yankee Noah Waldron had two of the Yankees four hits, scoring a run, while Alexa Stewart hit an inside-the-park home run by hustling hard. Stewart also made a diving catch that can only be described as "awesome." Indians pitcher Josh Tejada finished his Greenbelt League career by striking out 16 batters out of 18 outs; he hit a home run so high into the trees it may have landed on the Spellman Overpass. Managed by Greg Fisanich with coaches Frank Kellaher and Maria Donovan, the Indians finished the season 22-1.

Greg Fisanich also is the Greenbelt Baseball League commissioner.



Indians 2009 Greenbelt Baseball city champions - Third row, from left, Indians Coach Frank Kellaher, Jo. Tejada and Manager Greg Fisanich. Second row, A. Gill, P. Wimbish, L. Donovan, R. Heagy, Ja. Tejada, B. Kellaher and C. Fahey. Front: Kv. Reyes, Kn. Reyes, K. Donn, J. McGraw and N. Serra.



Yankees 2009 Greenbelt Baseball runners-up - Third row, from left, Yankee Coach Carter, Coach J. Morales, T.J. Edwards and Manager Joey Morales. Second row, M. Epps, M. Colon, O. Herrera, K. Norris and K. Mitchell. Front: M. Carter-Ways, A. Stewart, J. Norris, B. Stewart, A. Dean and N. Waldron.

Md. Senators Support Health Plan Option

Maryland's two senators, Barbara A. Mikulski and Benjamin L. Cardin, recently joined 19 other senators in outlining how reform with a public health insurance option could lower health costs, improve quality of care and ensure access in rural and other underserved areas. They signed a letter sent to key committee chairmen stating that "private insurance alone cannot accomplish our goals of making coverage more affordable and accessible."

"To achieve meaningful reform, insurers must compete based on quality and affordability," the letter said. "Indeed, history suggests that the insurance industry will build a business model at least in part around pushing government subsidies upward. A public option that sets the standard for quality, efficiency and cost will create incentives for healthy competition that will serve the interests of all Americans."

The senators outlined the need for a public health insurance option to be included in this reform as a way of keeping HMO costs in line and ensuring health insurance access in all parts of the country. The senators emphasized that the inclusion of a public health insurance option would bring much-needed competition to the private insurance market while containing costs, improving access and setting a standard for efficiency, quality and affordability. In particular they stressed the lower administrative overhead of the public option.

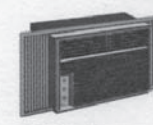


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Members of the public are invited to bring a friend, picnic, blanket and/or chair to enhance their enjoyment of the film. There is no admission charge and parking is also free. The mansion is located at 9652 Muirkirk Road at Route 197 in south Laurel.

In case of rain, the movie will be shown at the Vansville Community Center, 6813 Ammendale Road in Beltsville. For more information about the event, call 301-776-2805.

For verification of location in case of rain, call 301-937-6621 after 5 p.m. on July 17.

Air and Space Annual Lecture

The annual John H. Glenn Lecture "40th Anniversary of Apollo 11" will be on Sunday, July 19 at 8 p.m. at the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum.

On the eve of the 40th anniversary of Apollo 11's first human landing on the moon, the museum will have the Apollo 11 crew, as well as Mission Control creator and former Johnson Space Center director Chris Kraft as the speakers for the museum's 2009 John H. Glenn lecture in space history.

Forty years ago, the United States sent the first human beings to land on the surface of the moon. Apollo 11 was the culmination of years of research, engineering and hard work by the crew as well as by thousands of people on the ground.

Air and Space Museum Events

Every Saturday at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in the National Air and Space Museum, Flights of Fancy - Stories for Children presents "Moon Plane" by Peter McCarty, the story of a young boy who sees an airplane overhead and imagines himself in it, traveling all the way to the moon. The movie is recommended for children ages 3 to 7. An art activity follows the story.

Visitors to the building can see the Command Module Columbia, the Lunar Module and the Apollo to the Moon gallery; there are additional Apollo program artifacts at the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly, Va., near Washington Dulles International Airport.

The National Air and Space Museum building is on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., at Sixth Street and Independence Avenue, S.W. Both facilities are open daily from 10 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. (closed Dec. 25). Admission is free but there is a fee for parking at the Udvar-Hazy Center.



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Final Call for Miss Greenbelt

by Edith Beauchamp

Why would a busy mom – particularly a career-oriented mom – enroll her daughter in a pageant? Why would a dad permit it? Little Miss pageants, after all, conjure up images from “Little Miss Sunshine” – a funny sleeper of a movie about a family supporting their young daughter’s/granddaughter’s/niece’s wish to be in one of those “wear pretty dresses, get your face made up and strut across a stage” events.

Greenbelt’s Labor Day Festival has featured a pageant for girls for most of its history but ours, as with many things “Greenbelt,” is – in a word, “different.”

The Miss Greenbelt Pageant system is more like a summer camp experience, meeting every Thursday evening and several Saturdays from July through to the Labor Day Festival weekend. Every week the girls receive practice lessons in public speaking as well as coaching on leadership skills, teamwork and lots of practice and feedback at going through a personal interview.

“It’s a process,” one of the other more experienced moms said to me when I went with my very enthusiastic daughter to my first information meeting about the Miss Greenbelt pageant several years ago. Little did I know this would become a repeat process but many of the girls return year after year to a sisterhood of future leaders.

Role Model

Learning to become a role model takes work. Every girl in the program receives prizes and rewards at the end of the summer – none more significant than the training itself. And the fun they have, working together, learning dance routines and other activities, creates a year-long camaraderie of sleepovers and other get-togethers.

About a decade ago Natasha Chavrid-Jewell, who has volunteered to organize and produce the pageant since 1993, began a fundraising process to raise scholarship money which is also awarded to the girl who is named Miss Greenbelt.

Scholarship is a key emphasis and most of the practice is applicable to skills that will be useful in school as well. Area businesses help support the scholarship prizes by sponsoring each of the girls and the girls themselves conduct fundraising projects as well. Thus more training opportunities emerge – as the girls learn entrepreneurial and salesmanship skills in helping with the fundraisers and learning about creating charitable projects. Some past Misses also volunteer in ongoing ways: Miss Greenbelt 2006 Kimberly Wynkoop is organizing a scholarship fundraiser at the firehouse August 1 at 1 p.m. and Devin Fendlay, Junior Miss 2005, volunteers to help teach the dance routines.

Delegate Tawanna Gaines, who sponsored my daughter the first year she entered the pageant said at the time, “I love to see girls have an opportunity to speak in public and learn leadership skills.” Generous Joe’s and the Greenbelt Co-op also have sponsored my daughter in the pageant; the many other businesses that have contributed through the years may all be seen on the pageant’s website: www.missgreenbelt.com.



PHOTO BY EDITH BEAUCHAMP

Little Miss Greenbelt Kristen Beauchamp presents the “Sponsor Trophy” to Bob Davis, manager of the Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy, which was her corporate sponsor during the 2008 Miss Greenbelt Pageant.

Dressing up for that night is not the main focus; in fact, the girls are encouraged to find age-appropriate and tasteful outfits and their appearance is not at all the focus of the pageant. Makeup is discouraged on the younger girls.

This is not a beauty pageant, unless beauty is defined as exuding a bright, cheerful and intelligent, poised demeanor, respectful of others and conscious that your best public persona is in being aware of others.

The week before Labor Day a group of community leaders are gathered to interview the girls in a boardroom setting. The girls are encouraged to dress conservatively as if being interviewed for a job or applying to an elite school or college. It is not easy being interviewed by five or more adults at once across a table and carrying on a discussion about your interests and goals. That is why they practice throughout the summer.

For girls ages 7 to 10 who are running for Little Miss, this is often the first time they have been exposed to such a challenge. Preparing a resume and a brief biography to be read as they are introduced onstage on opening night is actually one of the first assignments and is part of the preparation for these interviews.

A significant amount of the emphasis for the Miss Greenbelts – Little Miss, Junior Miss and Miss Greenbelt – is on community service. Being organized, punctual, helpful to others – these are all part of the training and emphasis. Being able to speak comfortably in public and with strangers of all ages is a key part of the training.

Challenges

Little wonder then, that every young lady who participates comes away with significant growth in self-esteem, poise and significant useful skill-sets. People often say about my now 11-year-old: “Your daughter seems so poised.” “She has real stage presence.” “She is really comfortable speaking with adults.” “She has amazing executive functioning skills.” Credit the training she has received in this process.

For the three girls who are crowned Miss Greenbelt (14 to 19), Junior Miss Greenbelt (11 to 13) and Little Miss Greenbelt (7 to 10), there will be ongoing service as they assist the staff of the City of Greenbelt at various public events and festivals,

participate in helping setup and teach crafts with the Community Center staff and even help feed the homeless, as they did with the Warm Nights charity this year along with Greenbelt Girl Scout troop 4816. Altogether, current reigning Miss Greenbelt Gabby Laxamana, Junior Miss Molly Jankowski and Little Miss Kristen Beauchamp have worked together to complete approximately 36 community service projects.

Many suggestions are given for creative ways of making this an affordable summer experience. When you compare the training to the cost of enrolling in a summer camp program, it’s a bargain. Because the meetings are in the early evenings, many of the girls also have other summer activities during the days.

Budget

The first year when my then 8-year-old came home and displayed her budget which listed the items she would need and a column of figures she had added up, I was thrilled that she had already learned the most useful of all skills. I soon learned that with clearance sales and borrowed dresses, there are lots of ways to make this program work on almost any budget.

Because many girls do return and run again – the youngest Little Miss category is the one that is so far the smallest. Girls ages 7 to 10 are encouraged to enroll in this final week, although older girls are welcome also. Girls who want more information should go to: www.MissGreenbelt.com and have their parents send email with their contact information on the links provided.

If there is a movie parallel, perhaps it would be a bit closer to the “Princess Diaries” where the heroine spends a lot of time learning essential skills and growing out of her shyness and learning that wearing a crown is a big responsibility but also one which provides an opportunity to grow and where she can use the platform for public good. And then there is the wave. My daughter loved learning the wave.

“I don’t think there is another organization quite like this anywhere in the area,” said Natasha Chavrid-Jewell to the incoming class at the first meeting for the 2009 Miss Greenbelt delegates. Mrs. Jewell, as the girls call her, is herself a former Miss Greenbelt and vice president of Greenbelt’s Labor Day Festival Committee. She is also a corporate recruiter. The training shows.

A Review

“Charlie Brown,” Snoopy And All, Come to Town

by Eli Flam

The pace is up with “You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown,” the musical comedy at Greenbelt Arts Center weekends through August 1. Based on the childhood pals (plus Snoopy the dog) of “Peanuts,” Charles M. Schulz’s much-loved, long-running comic strip, “Charlie Brown” closes the 2008-2009 season for the Arts Center. It does so with lots of verve.

The cast of six, plus a “featured dancer” and backed by a seven-piece band, kicks off with a full-throated rendition of the title tune. Out in the open is the main conflict of our hero (played brightly by Steve Cargile): he’s kind but lacks confidence. Meanwhile, the audience needs a willing suspension of disbelief to see the adults on stage as kids from an earlier epoch. “It brings us back to a simpler time,” says director Jeffrey Lesniak in the program. The show – book, lyrics and music by Clark M. Gesner – debuted off-Broadway in 1967 and, with “Peanuts,” has helped to prime dozens of films and TV specials.

On we go to a brisk sequence of musical numbers, with a minimum of scene-setting gab in-between. Displayed at mostly full-tilt are the winsome or harder-charging qualities of sister Sally Brown (Lauren-Nicole Gabel), Lucy Van Pelt (Dana Robinson) and her blanket-fixated brother Linus (Stephen Backus), Beethoven-obsessed Schroeder (Ryan Tucci), Snoopy the dog



PHOTO BY JEFF LESNAK

Namesake Charlie and Snoopy face off in “You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown” at the Greenbelt Arts Center through August 1.

(the adroit Steve Love) and the “featured dancer” (Natalie Magee). Work in such songs as “The Kite” – will Charlie ever get it to fly? – and Lucy & Charlie’s “The Doctor is In” (she aims to clear his head for a nickel) and it’s intermission time.

Act II brings on such matters as philosophy, sandlot baseball and a glee club rehearsal, but the standout number is Snoopy’s lithe, loopy dance routine in “Supertime.” In the company wrap-up, the pals enthuse that “Happiness” is when anything or anyone loves you. (For Charles Schulz, in a 1962 interview, “Happiness is hearing an intellectual laugh!”) The audience at opening night last Friday, with or without intellectuals, laughed and clapped repeatedly.

The show goes on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. through August 1 and July 19 and 26 at 2 p.m., with discounts for seniors and students.

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Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee, Inc.

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