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College Frosh Challenges County Council Incumbent

by James Giese

While the November 2 election ballot will list very few Republicans seeking Prince George's County offices, the race for county councilmember from District 4, the district that includes Greenbelt, is an exception. County Councilmember Ingrid Turner went unchallenged in her September bid for the Democratic Party nomination for the District 4 council seat. In the November general election, however, a newcomer Republican office-seeker, Fiona Moodie, is challenging her.

Moodie is so much a newcomer that she only became eligible to vote in July when she turned 18. In fact, she is too young to run for state office, which requires candidates to be 21 years of age.

A resident of Bowie, Moodie is a recent high school graduate who is now taking classes at Anne Arundel Community Col-

lege. As a teenager Moodie took an active interest in politics, being a member of the Maryland Teenage Republicans. She also was active in 4-H from 2005 to 2009.

By seeking the District 4 council seat, Moodie believes she is offering voters a choice and a fresh approach on election day. In this, she is joining with her mother, Margaret, who is seeking election to the Maryland General Assembly from District 23-A (Bowie).

Moodie says that she understands the issues that youth face and believes that youth unemployment is a major problem in the county that needs to be addressed.

Turner

Four years ago, Ingrid Turner was a newcomer to county politics when she first successfully

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Fall Harvest Music, Crafts Day-long Festival Sunday

by Margaret Cahalan

This Sunday, October 24 there will be a free day-long celebration that includes Fall Harvest Music, Crafts and "Putting the Three Sisters Community Garden to Rest Till Spring" celebration. Sponsored by Stone Soup Music and the Three Sisters Gardens projects, all are invited to a variety of activities to be held at Roosevelt Center and in the Community Center Garden near the flagpole.

The day's festivities will start at 9 a.m. with the 9-lives yard sale, which continues till noon. Reduce clutter by donating unused treasures for others to use and enjoy. Try to bring items to donate for sale on Sunday by 8:30 a.m.

From 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. there will be live music, with an opening drum circle and music by the Gliders, Raincrow, Mike Elish, the Scrub Pines and Hillbilly Rehab.

Crafters

Handmade jewelry, quilts, art prints and nature-inspired accessories will be sold from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Weather permitting,

Everyday Quilts will appliqué, quilt and piece by hand throughout the day. Also weather permitting there will be solar cooking demonstrations and solar cooked veggie dogs.

From 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. bring "fall's bounty" items found on the ground, in the garden or along walking paths to the "Creating a Fairy House Village Community Craft Project" to make a fall-winter fairy house for placement in the Community Center Garden.

The Three Sisters First Annual Native and Edible Plant Exchange will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring plants for exchange by 9:30 a.m. – the focus is on local, native and edible plants for fall planting. All proceeds will go to support a Three Sisters Garden project to raise funds for handicap-friendly garden tables in each of the three gardens.

From 3:30 to 5 p.m. will be the ceremonial close of the growing year with "Putting the Three Sisters Community Center

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Fieldstone Acquires and Renames Empirian Village as Franklin Park

by Mary Willis Clarke

Fieldstone Properties, based in Parsippany, N.J., has acquired Greenbelt's largest apartment complex. The 2,877-unit property, formerly known as Empirian Village and originally as Springhill Lake Apartments, will now be known as Franklin Park at Greenbelt Station.

Fieldstone principal Joseph Kazarmovsky describes the name as a tribute to President Franklin Roosevelt's role in the creation of Greenbelt. He says the new management is a "new deal" for the property.

Five Fieldstone executives, including new property manager Debbie Dillon, introduced themselves to six members of the Greenbelt City Council (with Silke Pope absent) on Wednesday, October 13. The meeting occurred in advance of the real estate closing, which took place on Friday, October 15.

Maintenance Plans

Just before the beginning of the October 13 meeting, Fieldstone representatives presented a check for \$78,650 from Empire American Holdings (previous owners of Empirian Village) to Greenbelt Planning and Community Development Director Celia



New signs are in evidence throughout the complex.

Craze. The check to the city settled all outstanding code violation fines arising under Empire American ownership.

Under an agreement with the city, Fieldstone will remedy all outstanding maintenance issues and code violations within 90 days. Fieldstone will provide a timetable for addressing maintenance issues but the city insists that infestation and life safety issues be addressed within seven days of the real estate closing.

It is expected that all backlogged maintenance requests will

be answered in the period 10 to 30 days after closing and that all violations identified in the annual inspection will be remedied within 90 days. The city granted a temporary occupancy permit for a period of 90 days only. A more permanent permit will not be issued until the city is satisfied that code violations are addressed.

Fieldstone told council they will perform maintenance with in-house labor after new staff has been hired but during an initial

See **FIELDSTONE**, page 6

Two School Board Candidates Answer Questions at Forum

by Mary Moien and Kathleen Gallagher

On the evening of October 14, the Greenbelt City Council room was filled with Greenbelters and other county residents to hear from District 2 Board of Education candidates Mark Cook and Peggy Higgins. The forum sponsored by the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE), lasted nearly two hours with ACE Vice-Chair Alla Lake serving as moderator.

School districts were reformulated this year to allow for nine single-member districts. Neither candidate is an incumbent. The new District 2 is made up of six municipalities – Greenbelt, College Park, Berwyn Heights, New Carrollton, Riverdale Park and Edmonston – plus surrounding unincorporated areas.

Given this wide area, an intriguing aspect of the election is that the two candidates both work for the City of College Park. Cook is in his second term as an elected member of the College Park City Council. Higgins, who lives in Greenbelt, is director of College Park's Youth and Family Services, a sister program to Greenbelt CARES.

The two are in accord on many issues but both point out

the contrast in the experience each would bring to the board. Higgins stresses her 25 years of hands-on management work with county programs for children and families including working relationships with several schools. Cook highlights his experience as an elected official in making difficult decisions on budget and program priorities in challenging economic times.

Opening Statements

Peggy Higgins declared, "I know families and children." By both living and working in the county, she is familiar with the issues faced by its children and families, has built many professional relationships, knows how the bureaucracy works and is responsible for a \$1 million budget.

Higgins has been endorsed by the entire Greenbelt City Council, she said, as well as by all mayors and many councilmembers from other municipalities in District 2. She is also supported by the state senator and delegates from both the 21st and 22nd legislative districts, County Councilmember Ingrid Turner and the Prince George's County Educators' Association. She attributed this support to her

reputation as a consensus-builder who can get things done.

College Park resident Mark Cook said he was running for the board because as a father he wanted to assure that his own child and others have every educational opportunity. He said education is "the great equalizer" in our society and he wants to be sure that Prince George's County fulfills its obligation to "its most important asset, our children." He spoke of the need to reduce class size and improve the quality of education so that parents rather than moving out of the area for better quality schools will want to move into Prince George's County for its schools.

Magnet, Charter Schools

The first ACE question posed by Moderator Lake was whether, given limited resources, the county has the right balance of magnet, charter and neighborhood schools. Cook said that Eleanor Roosevelt High School is a great asset as a magnet school but that magnets have not always received the ongoing, long-term support they need to develop and become successful.

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What Goes On

Saturday, October 23

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop Off, Municipal Building Parking Lot

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

Monday, October 25

8 p.m., Council Meeting, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon

21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltsmd.gov

Wednesday, October 27

7:30 p.m., Senior Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting, Greenbelt Community Center, Room 111

7:30 p.m., Four Cities Meeting at Greenbelt

Editorial

A Promising Start

We welcome Fieldstone Properties, the new management at Franklin Park at Greenbelt Station, formerly the Empirian Village/Springhill Lake Apartment complex. Like other Greenbelters, we have been concerned with the lack of adequate maintenance and needed upgrades for Greenbelt's largest apartment complex. The measures already taken and plans set forth at the October 13 city council stakeholder meeting show promise for the future of this part of Greenbelt West.

The Fieldstone Properties representatives told city council, "Don't listen to what we say; watch what we do."

We will be among those who will be watching with great interest.

Letters

Enjoyed Fall Fest

Thanks to the City of Greenbelt for planning and implementing the annual fall fest at Schrom Hills Park on Saturday. We participated in the arts and crafts projects, had toddler's ID made by police department, rode the fire truck, learned about fire safety, took a hayride, ate delicious homemade goodies, listened to fabulous music and were awed by Greg May's circus performance. And perhaps best of all, we visited with many friends and neighbors there.

The Dan Celdran-Taylor Family
(Big Dan Taylor,
Li'l Dan Celdran and
Danzson Celdran-Taylor)

County Ed. Board Holds Open Meeting

On Thursday, October 28 at 7:05 p.m. the Prince George's County Board of Education will meet in Sasser Administration Building Board Room, 14201 School Lane in Upper Marlboro. The Board of Education meeting is open to the public. Interested persons may speak for three minutes by registering with the board office by 4:30 p.m. the day of the meeting. (Note: The board meets in executive session at 5 p.m.)

New Franklin Park Teen Camp Fire USA

Starting Monday, October 25 there will be a middle school Camp Fire USA Service Learning and Leadership Program for youth living in Franklin Park. The program will engage youth in planning and implementing service learning projects, teach them leadership skills and look for ways to increase their involvement in the community. Meetings will be held at the Camp Fire Office in the old Giant Learning Center.

Youth participating in the program will be required to pay a Camp Fire membership fee to cover insurance and program support. There are some partial scholarship funds available or youth may pay a monthly participation fee.

For more information email Camp Fire Teens in Action at info@campfireusa-patuxent.org.

Museum Talk Focus Is Historic Footprints

On Friday, October 29 from 3 to 4 p.m. the National Museum of Natural History will offer a lecture, "Take a Walk on the Ancient Side: Recent Discoveries of Early Human Footprints" by Brian Richmond of George Washington University. It is free and open to the public. It will be held in the David H. Koch Hall of Human Origins (First Floor).

Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

On Thursday, October 21 from noon to 2 p.m. pianist Amy C. Kraft plays mid-day melodies. Evening brings the weekly open microphone session with music, poetry, prose, storytelling and humor from 7 to 9 p.m. The Spanish Conversation Group meets from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. every Thursday.

New Deal Piano Man John Guernsey taps out lively jazz and blues notes on Friday, October 22, as he does every Friday and Saturday. From 8 to 11 p.m., the Lady Rose Blues Band, familiar to Greenbelters from the Greenbelt Blues Festival, will play.

On Saturday, October 23 classical guitarist Bruce Krittr plays from 4 to 6 p.m. The Bandidos de Ipanema band plays Brazilian pop and samba from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Sunday, October 24 the Fall Harvest Music Festival will be held outside from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Inside, from 10:30 a.m. to noon is the weekly Sign Language Discussion Group, followed from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. by Jim Stimson playing classical lute. The Lonesome Pine Band plays bluegrass from 5 to 7 p.m., followed from 7 to 9 p.m. by a closing reception for the exhibits of artists Rich Potter and Rhia Khan.

Next Week

On Tuesday, October 26 from 7 to 9 p.m. Steve Haug plays folk music. On Wednesday, October 27 the monthly Cajun Music Jam will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. On Thursday, October 28 the Songwriters Association of Washington will hold its monthly Open Microphone night from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, October 29 will feature the Badger Band playing Grateful Dead and Dylan tunes and original material from 8 to 11 p.m. Busted Taillight plays country and folk tunes Saturday, October 30 from 8 to 11 p.m.

There is no fee, cover charge or minimum charge for any of these events. For details call Chef Karim Kmaih at 301-474-5642 or visit www.newdealcafe.com.

Bob

is back in town!
Hooray!

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OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF OCT 22

You Will Meet a Tall Dark Stranger (R)

Friday

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

Saturday

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

Sunday

*3, *5:15, 7:30

Monday - Thursday

*5:30, 7:30

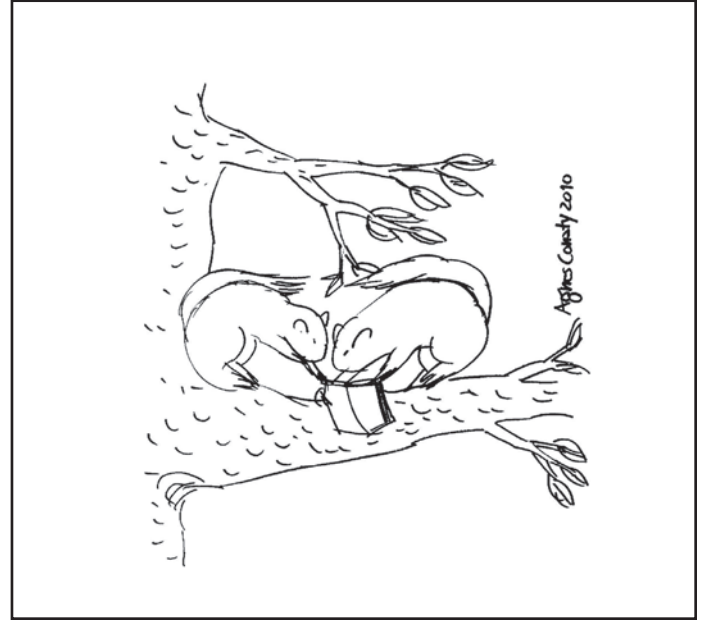
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On Screen

Woody Allen Directs New Comedy

Seventy-four year old Woody Allen writes and directs but does not act in his latest romantic comedy, *You Will Meet a Tall Dark Stranger* opening Friday, October 22 at the Old Greenbelt Theatre. His talented cast of angst-ridden, disaffected couples strains for happiness and meaning in contemporary London. Anthony Hopkins abandons his wife of four decades (Gemma Jones) for the attentions of the tarty Lucy Punch; Naomi Watts takes comfort with her boss Antonio Banderas after Freida Pinto captures the attention of her writer-husband Josh Brolin. Their many conversations are saturated with one-liners about death, sex and ennui. The narrator-fortune teller (Pauline Collins) says that "it is a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing." Hmm . . . did she plagiarize?

You Will Meet a Tall Dark Stranger is rated R and runs for 98 minutes.

- Jim Link

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

Art Reception this Sunday
October 24, 7-9pm

Join us for a closing reception for painter Rich Potter's *Misadventures of the Mind: One Year, 365 Paintings* and local photographer Rhia's exhibit, *Splendor of Natural Vistas*. Last chance to meet the artists and experience their art at the New Deal Café!

113 Centerway, Greenbelt, MD

301-474-5642

ATTENTION GHI MEMBERS



Hearn's Roofing and Insulation is scheduled to conduct the fall gutter cleaning throughout GHI beginning November 22 and ending December 24, 2010, weather permitting. Members are

asked to please close their blinds to preserve privacy while the work is in progress.

Please contact Peter Joseph at 301-474-4161 ext. 141 if you have any questions or comments.

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 must 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 October 25 to 29:

Monday – Grape juice, meat lasagna, field green salad, green beans, almond cookies.

Tuesday – Orange juice, turkey stew with vegetables, broccoli florets, brown rice, lemon sherbet.

Wednesday – Navy bean soup, baked pork chops with gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet peas, stewed apples.

Thursday – Limeade, Cuban chicken, yellow rice, sliced carrots, cupcake with candy corn.

Friday – Training Day - All sites closed.

GHI Notes

Monday, October 25, 7 p.m., Board Work Session on Committee Structuring – Board Room

Tuesday, October 26, 7 p.m., Joint Meeting of Buildings and Finance Committees – Board Room

Wednesday, October 27, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee Meeting – Board Room

7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee Meeting – GHI Lobby

Friday October 29, Offices Closed (Note: Members needing emergency service during closings can receive assistance by calling the maintenance number: 301-474-6011.)

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

Public Works Holds Electronics Recycling

On Saturday, October 23 from 9 a.m. to noon the City of Greenbelt will hold Electronics Recycling at the Public Works Yard. City residents can recycle old and/or unwanted computers and other electronic items. Bring items to the collection bins located at Greenbelt Public Works, 555 Crescent Road.

Accepted items include: TVs, CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, laptop computers, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords, fax machines, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, alkaline batteries taped on one end. Expanded Polystyrene (block "Styrofoam" #6) is now accepted.

Call Public Works 301-474-8308 in advance for drop-off of more than 10 items or items over 50 lbs.

Annual Pumpkin Walk For Kids of All Ages

Come see more than 200 blazing jack o'lanterns in the Greenbelt Forest Preserve on Saturday, October 23. The free walk will begin at 5:30 p.m. and end at 9 p.m. There will be free hot cider and hot chocolate. Bring flashlights and hiking shoes and watch for signs of Greenbelt's child-friendly Goatman. The preserve is located at Northway extended. For more information call 301-910-1669.

Greenbriar/Glen Oaks Has Halloween Party

On Saturday, October 23 from 10 a.m. to noon there will be a free children's Halloween party for youngsters age 3 to 14 at Greenbriar/Glen Oaks. Included will be Halloween entertainment by Mad Science, treats and refreshments. The party will be held at the Greenbriar Community Center, 7600 Hanover Parkway.

Those wishing to attend are asked to RSVP to Assistant Community Manager Tiesha Eley at 301-441-1096, ext. 2 or by email to Teley.greenbriar@verizon.net.

Exploring Memory With Heart, Senses

On Friday, October 29 Explorations Unlimited will host an interactive workshop by Katrina Boverman during which participants will expand their memories using their heart and five senses.

As people grow older they may have more concerns about remembering names, numbers and other information. Current research shows the whole body contributes to memory by using the heart and all five senses. Come promote remembrance in new ways and connect with "new" memories that may have been forgotten.

Boverman, a licensed clinical social worker for over 30 years, holds a master's degree in the applied healing arts and has a private practice in Greenbelt devoted to empowering, guiding and facilitating personal and professional change.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom, Room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

"Crossing Borders" Is P&J Film at Utopia

On Thursday, October 28 from 7 to 9 p.m. the film "Crossing Borders" will be shown without charge at the Municipal Building as part of the Utopia Film Festival, sponsored by the Prince George's County Peace and Justice Coalition.

"Crossing Borders" is a 2009 documentary that follows four Moroccan and four American University students as they get to know one another on a seven-day journey through the moderate Muslim state of Morocco. These eight students were only 8 to 12 years old during the tragic events of September 11, 2001, and much of what they know of one another has been established by the media and the common thoughts prevalent in their culture. By traveling together they get to experience not only Islamic art, thought and daily life but their own thoughts, opinions and hidden preconceptions of each other. The film shows how their interaction helps establish a human connection between the Muslim and Western worlds.

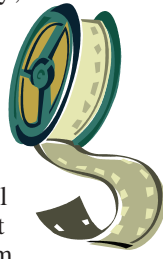
More information about the film is available at <http://crossingbordersfilm.org>.

Crossing Borders Education, a nonprofit organization for intercultural education, has brought more than 2,100 students to Morocco since 2004. Their website is www.cb-education.org.

Café Cajun Jam On Wednesday

On Wednesday, October 27 there will be a free Cajun Jam at the New Deal Café from 7 to 9:30 p.m. for dancers, musicians and listeners. Beginners are welcome.

For details call 301-434-5642 or email swopes123@aol.com.



ACE Science Club Meets Wed., Thur.

Meetings of the Greenbelt Children's ACE Science Club are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month for Greenbelt East and the fourth Thursday in old Greenbelt.

The next meetings will be on Wednesday, October 27 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Center (Greenbelt East). The same program will repeat on Thursday, October 28 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center.

The club is free to all Greenbelt children ages 8 to 14. The ACE Science Club features hands-on experiments and fun facts about science, technology, engineering, math, nature, life, the universe and everything. The club has been known to blow things up, demonstrating the explosive potential of chemistry and physics. Come enjoy science experiments, explorations, magic tricks and more.

Fall Free Produce Sign Up Oct. 28

The City of Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program has announced that this year's Fall Free Produce Program will start on Thursday, November 4 from 2 to 4 p.m. and will be held on the first Thursday of each month through May.

Currently there are 100 slots available, with the phone line for the program opening on Thursday, October 28. Interested Greenbelt residents should register by calling GAIL Program Intern Nadege Siri at 301-474-8000, ext. 3002 Monday through Thursday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Those who wish to participate must talk directly with her to guarantee a slot.

Food will be distributed at Springhill Lake Elementary School, 6060 Springhill Drive. All participants must bring their own bags or a rolling cart if possible. Note that distributed food items may sometimes be heavy.

Antique Cars Shown At Capitol Cadillac

Antique and Classic Cadillacs will be on display at the Annual Fall Cadillac LaSalle Show being held at Capitol Cadillac, 6500 Capitol Drive in Greenbelt on Sunday, October 24. The show theme is Fabulous Fleetwoods. It begins at 10 a.m. with awards presented at 3 p.m. Approximately 80 cars will be on display both inside and out, rain or shine. Admission is free.

For additional information and details call Henry and Diane Ruby, show coordinators, at 301-894-8026.

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Children: \$6.00

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Adults: \$8.50
Students/Military: \$7.50
Children: \$6.00
Seniors: \$6.50

R = ID Required
(!) = No pass, (!!) No pass weekend

Week of OCT. 22

FRI. - SAT.

Legend of the Guardians, PG
11:50, 2, 4:40
Life As We Know It, R
7:30, 10:20
N'Secure, R (!)
11:30, 2, 4:55, 7:20, 10:35
Jackass 3D IN 3D, R (!)
NO FEES at our location
11:50, 2, 4:30, 7:15, 10:10
Paranormal Activity 2, R (!)
11:50, 2, 4:30, 7:15, 10:10
RED, R (!)
11:30, 2:10, 4:55, 7:50, 10:30
Hereafter, PG-13 (!)
11:20, 2:10, 4:55, 7:45, 10:25
The Social Network, PG-13
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Secretariat, PG
11:20, 2:10, 4:55, 7:45, 10:25

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MON. - THU.

Legend of the Guardians, PG
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Life As We Know It, R
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More Community Events
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St. Hugh's Knights of Columbus
Will be hosting its annual
Soccer Shootout Sunday,
Oct. 24
At Braden Field,
Greenbelt, Md.
From 1 to 4 p.m.
All children ages 6 to 18 are
eligible to participate.
All contestants will be recog-
nized for their participation.
It's FREE and it's FUN!



Join Johnny & his band in rocking the night away to help raise money for S.A.L. Programs
October 30th, 2010, @ 8:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$20.00 each in advance or \$25.00 at the door
Sponsored by: Sons of the American Legion #136
6900 Greenbelt Rd. Greenbelt, MD 20770
PH# 301-345-0136
Doors will open @ 7:30 p.m.

Greenbelt Arts Center



Coming Soon! Chapter Two

by Neil Simon, directed by Sheilah Crossley-Cox

Fridays and Saturdays, Nov 12 - Dec 4 at 8:00 PM
Sundays, November 21 & 28 at 2:30 PM

The November 13th performance will be sign-interpreted for the hearing impaired.

\$15 General/\$12 Students/Seniors

123 Centerway • Greenbelt, MD 20770
<http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org>
Located underneath the Greenbelt CO-OP

ALSO:
VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY – October 24th at 6:00pm

Call 301.441.8770 for more information



Condolences to the family and friends of Margaret Smith, 89, a longtime Greenbriar resident. A service was held Tuesday, October 12 at the Greenbelt Community Church.

Longtime Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death on October 19 of Barbara Brubaker Lambert of Wardensville, W. Va. Lambert was the daughter of Jay and Sherry Brubaker, both deceased, who had resided at the 6 Court Ridge Road.

Congratulations to:

– Navy Seaman Recruit Daniel M. Showlund, who recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. He is the son of Linda L. Showlund and a 1995 graduate of DeMatha Catholic High School.

– Swimming phenom Michael Stevens, whose coach has announced that in the USA Swimming Final Top 10 rankings, he ranked third in the nation in the 12-year-old Boys 50 and 100 yard backstroke.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

Literature Contest For Kids Is Open

Letters about Literature is a contest for young readers, grades 4 to 12, who write and submit letters to express their admiration for a favorite author and showcase their reading and writing talents.

It is a national reading and writing program of the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress. Letters about Literature awards both state and national prizes on three competition levels: Level 1 for children in grades 4 to 6; Level 2 for children in grades 7 to 8; and Level 3 for children in grades 9 to 12. Six national winners each receive cash awards and will nominate a school or community library to receive a \$10,000 Letters about Literature Reading Promotion grant. Twelve national honor winners receive cash awards and also nominate a school or community library to receive a \$1,000 Letters about Literature Reading Promotion grant.

Teachers, librarians and parents can download free teaching materials on reader response and reflective writing at www.letters-aboutliterature.org. The submission deadline is Friday, December 10, 2010. State winners will be notified in March 2011 and national winners by mid-April.

Contest guidelines are available at the Maryland Center for the Book website at www.mdhc.org/programs/maryland-center-for-the-book/letters-about-literature.

Bukstel Holds Concert Of Humor and Music

A concert by singer-songwriter Ellen Bukstel will be held at Mishkan Torah Synagogue on Sunday, October 24 at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.).

A Miami native, Bukstel, who has performed since she was 10, has a range of hilarious to moving songs of love, remembrance and social awareness. Her songs have brought audiences to laughter and tears, sometimes simultaneously. She recently performed for a Miami-Dade Democratic fundraiser crowd of 2,200 that included President Obama as speaker.

Mishkan Torah is located at 10 Ridge Road. There is a fee; call 301-474-4223 or 301-595-0658 for reservations.



Singer-songwriter Ellen Bukstel will perform a range of hilarious to moving songs of love, remembrance and social awareness this Sunday.

Levine Art Exhibited at Wildlife Center

While fall is glorious outside, the Hollingsworth Gallery at the National Wildlife Visitor Center will be graced inside with exhibits of work from Sol Levine in October, Ed Grimes and Steve Noyes in November and Charles Willis in December.

Levine is a retiree from IBM and North Carolina State Univer-

sity whose career as a wildlife photographer has brought him local and national recognition.

The National Wildlife Visitor Center is located off Powder Mill Road between Md. Rt. 197 and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway just south of Laurel. Visit <http://patuxent.fws.gov> or call 301-497-5763 for directions.

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Oct. 31 One Service 9:30 a.m.
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City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 25, 2010 - 8:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

- America Recycles Day
- Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)
- Minutes of Council Meetings
- Administrative Reports
- Council Reports
- * Committee Reports

LEGISLATION

OTHER BUSINESS

- *Reappointment to Advisory Group
- *Resignation from Advisory Group

MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

MEETINGS FOR OCTOBER 25-29

Monday, October 25th at 8pm, **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**, at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov

Wednesday, October 27th at 7:30pm, **SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 111.

Wednesday, October 27th at 7:30pm, **FOUR CITIES MEETING** at Greenbelt.

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

CITY OF GREENBELT BUSINESSES, ORGANIZATIONS, AND GROUPS...

You are invited to provide coupons, give-aways, pamphlets, flyers, etc to be included in the **WELCOME TO GREENBELT PACKET**. These packets will be distributed to new Greenbelt residents when they move in. We will be putting together 500 new packets in November. Please provide enough materials to put in these packets. Materials may be brought to the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, prior to November 5th.

For more information, contact Beverly Palau, Public Information and Communications Coordinator, 240-542-2026 or bpalau@greenbeltmd.gov.

HOLIDAY BLUES WORKSHOP:



Learn how to fend off those feelings of sadness and depression that can so often come with the holiday season.

Sign up for this FREE 6 week workshop sponsored by Greenbelt CARES.

NOVEMBER 8-DECEMBER 20
 MONDAYS FROM 5-6:15pm

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Please call 301-345-6660 to register. Space is limited.

JOIN THE WE CAN CHALLENGE!



Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and the City of Greenbelt are launching a home energy challenge.

1. Set up an online account with your energy utility.
2. Sign up on www.wecansaveenergy.org
3. Earn points by conserving energy and exchange for discounts and coupons of your choice!

Save Energy! Save Money! Earn Rewards! Help us meet our goal of 50! Greenbelt currently has 40 people signed up.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23RD
 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Public Works Yard, 555 Crescent Road

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

Accepted items include: TVs, CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice printers, laptop computers, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords, fax machines, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, CFLs and fluorescent tubes 4' and under (residential only), alkaline batteries taped on one end, New! Expanded Polystyrene (block "Styrofoam" #6).

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE FOR DROP-OFF OF MORE THAN 10 ITEMS OR ITEMS OVER 50 LBS.

PLEASE CALL IN ADVANCE.

For further information, contact the Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8308.

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VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. Vacancies exist on: Arts Advisory Board, Board of Appeals, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, and Park & Recreation Advisory Board
 For information call 301-474-8000.

GREENBELT MIDDLE SCHOOL TASK FORCE

Applications are being accepted for a task force of Greenbelt citizens to consider future uses of the existing historic school building. For information call 301-474-8000.

RECYCLE RIGHT CONTEST "WIN WITH YOUR BIN"



You can win prizes by properly preparing your residential recycling bin during the next couple of weeks

(Oct. 25-Nov. 5).

Five winners will be selected: one winner from each of the four City Recycling Collection Routes and one winner from a Contractual Recycling Collection Route.

Make sure you have clean, properly prepared recyclables set out on your collection day! Check out our website to see what goes in your bin, download the Yes/No flyer from www.greenbeltmd.gov/public_works

Part of the AMERICA RECYCLES DAY Celebration. America Recycles Day is on November 15. This event is sponsored by the City of Greenbelt and the Metropolitan Council of Governments.

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL ACCESS

Verizon 21, Comcast 71 & Streaming
www.greenbeltmd.gov
Monday, October 25 at 8pm: Regular City Council Meeting (live)

Tuesday- Saturday, October 26 - 30:
10am & 6pm "Ask the Expert-Common Eye Problems"
11am & 7pm: "ACE Forum for School Board Candidates District 2"
12:30 & 8:30pm: Replay of Council Meeting
 2:30pm & 10:30pm: Labor Day Festival: "The Reagan Years"

Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program presents Fall Free Produce Program

Starting Thursday, November 4, 2010 at Springhill Lake Elementary School
 6060 Springhill Drive
 2:30 pm -4:00 pm.

Currently, there are 100 slots available. All interested Greenbelt residents should contact Nadege Sirri, GAIL Program intern at 301-474-8000 ext. 3002. She is available Monday-Thursday from 9-3 pm. You must speak with her directly to guarantee a slot. Phone lines open Thursday, October 28, 2010. All participants must bring their own bags or a rolling cart if possible. Please note sometimes items may be heavy. This program runs from November -May 2011.

COSTUME CONTEST AND PARADE



Friday, October 29
 Registration from 4-4:30 in the grassy area in front of Curves. All ages are encouraged to come

dressed in their Halloween finest. Trick or Treat around to the Roosevelt Center Merchants. Prize packs will be awarded to the best costumes for ages 18 months through 6th grade. There will also be a prize for best family and best pet. Entertainment by Greg May and the Magical Mayhem Circus.

Trick-or-Treat will be Sunday, October 31st from 6-8pm. Please leave your porch light on if you will be participating. If you live in an apartment, please tie a white cloth to your door.

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“blitz” to attack the maintenance backlog, they will employ contractors. They expect to hold a job fair to hire new maintenance employees.

The current maintenance voice-mail system will be discontinued with maintenance calls always answered by a live person. Emergency maintenance needs will be handled by on-site personnel “24/7.” Outside contractors will renovate empty apartments, they said, allowing Franklin Park maintenance personnel to concentrate on maintenance requests. The new management expects to have all maintenance requests answered within 48 hours and most resolved within 24 hours.

Franklin Park said that they will renovate apartments as they become empty and are readied for new tenants. Leasing advertisements provided at the meeting describe kitchens with energy-saving appliances, granite countertops and maple cabinets with under-cabinet lighting. Advertisements promise that renovated bathrooms will have new bathtubs and vanities.

The Fieldstone officials promised council that burned-out apartment buildings and broken entrance door glass will be priorities. Kazarmovsky said nobody should have to live next to burned-out buildings surrounded by chain link fencing. He said broken glass entrance doors create a bad image: “Broken glass is a cancer on the property,” he said.

The new owners also want to keep the entranceways enclosed for security and heating/cooling efficiency. They have terminated the earlier uncompleted program to remove entranceway doors. Because glass doors are vulnerable to breakage during tenant moves, metal doors with glass in the upper portions are being considered.

Quick Action

After the October 15 closing, Fieldstone took action quickly. Planning Director Craze reported that on Monday, October 18 she had been informed by Dillon that landscaping crews were already mowing and planting flowers.

Exterminators were also working at the property on Monday. And on the same day, Dillon met with current employees, all wearing new shirts with the project logo, to explain the company’s philosophy, including the expectation of respect and courtesy to all residents.

Fieldstone’s Kazarmovsky emphasized that background checks for prospective tenants will include criminal background and poor credit history information. Current tenants with troubled histories in the complex will not have their leases renewed.

Fieldstone emphasized that they are in the affordable housing business, providing housing for “working families.” While renovations of apartments are planned as tenant vacancies occur, Fieldstone indicated at the council meeting that rent will not be increased by large amounts. In a follow-up phone call, Dillon said that rent increases for renovated units would depend on floor plan but would be in the \$175 to \$225 range.

Marketing Complex

Franklin Park already has a contract issued under BRAC (“Base Realignment and Closure” program) to house approximately

100 military families in renovated units. Management hopes to identify space for a recreation center dedicated to these military families.

Franklin Park has also met with the University of Maryland’s Graduate Student Housing department. They hope to have 100 to 200 graduate students living there next semester, with an eventual goal of housing 400 to 500 graduate students. The UMD shuttle bus has already changed its route, they said, to include several stops within the complex. The shuttle bus destination signs now announce “Franklin Park Greenbelt.”

New management at Franklin Park also said they will market the apartments under a “preferred employer” program, a term not defined at the meeting with council.

Security Issues

Fieldstone Properties expects to install additional security lighting and security cameras throughout Franklin Park. However, management expects the tenant selection criteria to constitute the greatest tool for improved security. According to the presentation to council, Greenbelt Officer Tim White, stationed at the complex, has told the new management firm that probably 40 to 50 families are a problem and a magnet for other troublemakers. Fieldstone will also insure that only people with leases are living on the property and that leases will not be renewed for tenants with a “troubled rental history.”

Fieldstone asked about additional police resources dedicated to the complex. Mayor Judith Davis explained that Empirian Village management has been contributing to the cost of the dedicated officer. The head of security for Beltway Plaza, present at the meeting, told council that Dillon was already cooperating with his security forces. Among other efforts, they were collecting Beltway Plaza shopping carts that have made their way onto the property. The News Review has learned that Franklin Park management and the Greenbelt police department met on Wednesday, October 20 to discuss security issues.

Community Partnerships

The new owners of Franklin Park stressed to the Greenbelt City Council that they viewed their relationship with the surrounding community as a partnership and a community of interest. They do not want to have an adversarial relationship with the city and hope the city will work with them as they address maintenance issues.

Kazarmovsky expressed the reality: “Every dollar spent on violations is a dollar not spent on the property.”

As the meeting progressed, the initial skepticism of members of council seemed to change to a wary enthusiasm. Councilmembers encouraged the new management to make a priority of communication with residents. They described current problems, such as the condition of trash enclosures and the lack of recycling stations. They then went on to enumerate city services that could be tapped to assist the apartment complex.

In describing plans for the complex, Fieldstone representatives said, “Don’t listen to what we say; watch what we do.”

Fieldstone’s New Jersey Property Called a Success by Local Officials

by Mary Willis Clarke

Fieldstone Properties, new owner of the old Empirian Village/ older Springhill Lake/newly christened Franklin Park at Greenbelt Station, “specializes in buying class B and C properties and upgrading them with new kitchens, baths, roofs, paint and windows” This description by Fieldstone Properties acquisition manager David Libman is quoted in the July 2006 issue of the trade journal Multifamily Executive Magazine. The journal indicates the company works with pension funds that invest in multifamily property.

At the October 13 meeting with council (see accompanying article), Fieldstone principal Joseph Kazarmovsky described the company’s success with the 1,067-unit Mill Run apartment complex in Union, N.J., which he characterized as a “challenging” community before its acquisition. Fieldstone “treated tenants as real people,” he said but initiated careful tenant selection with criminal background and credit checks. Kazarmovsky said that crime within the Mill Run complex declined within 18 months with careful tenant selection and enforcement of lease rules.

While tenant reviews of Mill Run available on the website www.apartmentratings.com are predominately negative, Union Assistant Township Manager Ronald Manzella had nothing but high praise for Fieldstone’s management of Mill Run apartments. He described the complex, before Fieldstone’s ownership, as “problematic.” Street level crime there had been allowed to deteriorate under the previous owners. According to Manzella, the township had been initially skeptical about Fieldstone ownership since a series of previous owners had held the property for only short periods before “flipping” it for profit. But to the “surprise and great joy,” Manzella said the Fieldstone principals were “two of the most dedicated and hardworking individuals ever to come to our town.” Fieldstone provides “hands on” ownership, he said, empowering its employees and creating a successful public/private partnership.

Street level crime at Mill Run is down, according to the report, while the township previously devoted inordinate police resources to the area. Now Mill Run only requires the same amount of police coverage as the rest of Union Township, he said. Manzella suggested that Greenbelt give the company two or three years. They will be amazed, he said, at what Fieldstone accomplishes.

In addition to praises from Union township government, the government mortgage entity Freddie Mac approved what Fieldstone’s Kazarmovsky described as the largest Freddie Mac-approved mortgage this year as part of the financing of Franklin Park. According to Kazarmovsky, Freddie Mac performed an extensive review of Fieldstone’s portfolio of properties as part of the vetting process.



This monument sign identifies the new name for the apartment complex. Pansies in yellow and purple liven the grounds.



The UM bus has reappeared in the apartment complex, replete with the new name “Franklin Park Greenbelt.”

PHOTOS BY MARY WILLIS CLARKE

Beltsville Garden Club Holds Oct. Meeting

The Beltsville Garden Club will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the James E. Duckworth School, 11201 Evan Trail in Beltsville.

The speaker this month is Nikki Thompson, whose topic is “Native Bees: Keeping Bees in Your Garden.” Thompson is a member of BUMBA (Bowie and Upper Marlboro Beekeepers Assoc.) who has kept honeybees at her home garden since 2002. Her interest is in pollination rather than the harvesting of hive products. Thompson promotes these highly desirable insects and encourages native bees in the landscape, which benefits personal garden spaces and the entire environment.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting and there will be door prizes. Members are asked to bring a plant or plant-related material for the door prize table. The public is welcome and admission is free.

For more information call Louise DeJames at 301-890-4733 or visit the club website at www.beltsvillegardenclub.org.

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Lunch includes food and drinks contributed by FCS parents and local restaurants. No one goes hungry at the Fall Fair!

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Flavorful Large Onions Red/White	99¢ lb.

Fresh Quality Meats			
Fresh Shurfine Whole Roasting Chicken	99¢ lb.	Fresh Lean Beef Boneless Chuck Steaks	\$2⁹⁹ lb.
Fresh Value Pack Porterhouse or T-Bone Steaks	\$6⁹⁹ lb.	Fresh Lean & Natural Boneless Sirloin Pork Roast	\$2⁷⁹ lb.
		Fresh Value Pack Boneless Sirloin Pork Chops	\$2⁹⁹ lb.
		Ball Park Meat Franks Assorted 12-16 oz.	\$2⁵⁰
		Fresh Value Pack Split Chicken Breasts	\$1⁴⁹ lb.
		Prima Familia Italian Meatballs 9.6 oz.	BUY ONE GET ONE FREE

Dairy	Deli	Frozen
Breyers Assorted Yogurt 6 oz.	Hatfield Cooked Ham	Turkey Hill Ice Cream Assorted 48 oz.
88¢	\$3⁷⁹ lb.	\$2⁵⁰
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Borden American Cheese Singles Assorted 12 oz.	Deli Gourmet Lacey Swiss Cheese	Steak-Umm Thin Sliced Beef Sandwich Steaks 10.5 oz.
\$2⁰⁰	\$5⁹⁹ lb.	BUY ONE GET ONE FREE
Imperial Vegetable Spread Quarters 16 oz.	Customer Appreciation Discount Day Wednesday, Oct. 27th 5% Discount to ALL customers on ALL purchases (except stamps and gift cards)	
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Canadian Wild Caught Flounder Fillets		
Aleve Pain Relievers Assorted 40-75 pk.		Natural & Gourmet
\$5⁹⁹		Garden of Eatin' All Natural Blue Tortilla Chips Assorted 9 oz.
		\$2⁵⁰
Garnier Fructis Shampoo & Conditioner Assorted 13 oz.		Bob's Red Mill Whole Ground Flaxseed Meal 16 oz.
\$2⁹⁹		\$2⁹⁹
Seabest Frozen Ahi Tuna Fillets		Bakery
\$7⁹⁹ lb.		Fresh Store Baked Cinnamon Bread loaf
		\$1⁹⁹
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Campbell's Chunky Soups Assorted 15 oz.	3/\$5⁰⁰
Mott's Apple Juice 64 oz.	3/\$5⁰⁰
Shurfine Spaghetti & Macaroni Assorted 12-16 oz.	\$1⁰⁰
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Nat'l Bohemian Beer 6 pk. - 12 oz. cans	\$3⁵⁹
Che Gaucho Wines 1.5 Liter	\$8⁹⁹

Black Opal Wines 750 ML.	\$7⁶⁹
Coors Light Beer 20 pk. - 12 oz. btl.	\$13⁹⁹

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Higgins said she did not think the county had a good balance. She said the ultimate goal should be that everyone should have such confidence in the quality of the neighborhood school that there would be no pressure or need to go to a magnet or charter school. She said she has limited knowledge of charter schools but knows they are a viable option in providing choice for parents.

Sibling Preference

The next ACE question was whether younger siblings should receive priority admission to magnet schools. Higgins said to evaluate that she would need information on the impact of this policy on the availability of seats in the school: how many places would be left for other students? With that caveat, she said she saw benefit to having siblings together and academic advantages that could accrue, for example, in a language immersion program. Cook said he would support siblings going to the same school because parents want to assure that younger siblings have the same advantages as older siblings. Keeping children together enhances parental involvement and investment in the school, he said, as well as the school's knowledge of the family.

K-8 Schools

Lake then asked the candidates' opinions on schools containing kindergarten through Grade 8 (K-8) under one roof. Both candidates supported the K-8 model. Cook said the time spent in middle school is too short to get to know the children. The K-8 model would provide greater continuity for both the children and the school.

Higgins said she strongly supported the K-8 model as an option and that middle schools in the county are not meeting adequate yearly progress expectations. At the same time, she noted that Greenbelt was looking forward to having a successful new middle school on which the county had just broken ground. Such opportunities have to be included as part of the plan, she said.

Given the agreement between the candidates, Lake asked how a broader implementation of K-8 could be approached in a practical fashion in the current economic climate. Noting that the board must be creative in tough economic times, Higgins suggested that since lockers and gyms are a facilities requirement for K-8, it might be practical to target first the schools that have the capacity for those amenities. Cook responded that he would not want the physical layout of a school to drive the designation of K-8 and that the money could be found. He said, "We're always saying we don't have the money, [but] if we don't start now, when do we start?"

Community Involvement

Lake asked where the candidates saw opportunities for more community involvement with the school system. Cook replied one problem is that the county has many young parents who lack the skills to shepherd their children through the school system. He suggested the school system sponsor classes to teach parenting skills. Higgins said that this issue was what had made her decide to run for the board because she thought it was critical that the schools engage the community in a partnership. She described one action College Park had taken

through her department which started parenting groups among the city's growing Hispanic population; those parents have become actively involved in improving safety in the schools. Higgins also suggested possibilities for greater involvement of the University of Maryland and the business community.

Board-Teacher Relations

Lake then opened the questions to the floor. Mayor Judith Davis said that as a former teacher she would like to know how the candidates would, as board members, reach out to teachers to better understand their viewpoints. Higgins commented that since she had received the endorsement of the teachers' union, she hoped that their expectation is that she would be someone with whom they could work. She added that she would work through the area superintendents to meet principals and attend PTA meetings while working within the accepted chain of command. Cook said he considered teachers, as community members, to be the board's constituents as well as teachers of the school system and, as such, he would expect to work with them as their representative.

Board-Super Relations

Councilmember Leta Mach asked how they viewed the relationship between the superintendent and the board and how the board might foster it? Cook replied the relationship should functionally be one of equals, with the board recognizing the superintendent's responsibility to run the schools and the superintendent recognizing the board represents the community. The board should work to that end and support the vision with regard to reform governance established by Superintendent William Hite and the current board. She said the superintendent must be held accountable while also being given the flexibility to undertake innovative programming.

Citing the high turnover of school superintendents and other officials over the long incubation of the renovation of Greenbelt Middle School, Councilmember Ed Putens asked the candidates what traits they would want to see in a new superintendent in the event that the current one left. Cook said that, with no criticism intended of Dr. Hite, he would want a superintendent who had a collaborative working style with teachers, principals and others. He said there has been a big turnover of principals and teachers recently and that it appears that Prince George's is "hemorrhaging teachers" and has become known as a training ground for teachers to move on to other counties. Higgins pointed to Dr. Hite's graciousness, intelligence and creativity as being the kinds of attributes she would seek in a new superintendent if he were to leave. With regard to the turnover in principals cited by Cook, she said she thought the new principal appointments had been "absolutely wonderful" and that some of the changes were a "breath of fresh air."

Abby Crowley, a Greenbelt resident and former member of the Board of Education, commented she had found an important part of a board member's job is to ask the right questions. She asked the candidates, "What are the right questions?"

Cook replied experience had

taught him the need to tease out the truth from reports and to challenge bureaucrats to prove what they are saying. Higgins indicated her own approach would be to continue asking questions until she understood the matter at hand and to cross-check information with other offices or entities as needed to ensure consistency.

Vocational Training

Councilmember Konrad Herling asked how the needs of students not planning to go on to college should be addressed? Higgins said that "we should do better" in this area and that she would support greater efforts to develop programs or partnerships. She said she knew the AFL-CIO had made unsuccessful offers to reach out to students who would benefit from more information about job training. Cook said there are 7,000 students in vocational programs in the schools. He said since a majority of the county, 70 percent, does not go on to college, it is critical to provide training for other needed jobs.

Budget Cut Impacts

Berwyn Heights Councilmember Patricia Dennison asked how they would address the impact of budget issues, such as overcrowded classrooms and furloughed teachers. Higgins described it as a "very sobering situation" with no easy answers. Fewer children in school meant less money coming to the county and that, while this year was the first year that budget cuts impacted the classroom, the board would have to

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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

DWI Arrests

October 9, 11:58 a.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with driving while impaired by drugs. He was released on citations pending trial.

October 13, 1:32 a.m., Greenbelt Road at Branchville Road, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with driving while impaired by drugs. He was released on citations pending trial.

Vandalism

October 11, 9:54 a.m., 30 Court Crescent Road, graffiti was found in the area.

October 12, 3:52 p.m., 8000 block Mandan Road, a window on the building's door was damaged.

Vehicle Crimes

Two vehicles were reported stolen: a blue 2006 Yamaha motorcycle from the 9200 block Edmonston Road and a

red 2001 Pontiac Grand Am with Mich. tags from the 6000 block Springhill Drive.

A green 1997 Nissan Pathfinder with Md. tags was recovered in the 5900 block Cherrywood Lane using a license plate reader. A Md. temporary tag was recovered by Metropolitan police. No arrests were made in either recovery.

Thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 9000 block Breezewood Terrace (rear Md. tag); 9100 block Springhill Lane (GPS, camera, wallet); 9100 block Edmonston Road (tools, media system); and 6100 block Springhill Terrace (duffel bag).

Vandalism to vehicles was reported at 9000 block Breezewood Terrace (rock thrown through windshield, 23 Court Ridge Road (window broken) and 200 block Lastner Lane (window broken).

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make difficult decisions over the next few years on how to cut costs without any more damage than necessary to the classroom. Cook said that as a city councilmember, he has had to make tough decisions on budgeting, not simply work within a budget he has been given, and that College Park has learned to live within its means. He believes the school system is top-heavy with administrative staff and is doing too much outside contracting, which should be reduced so that funds can be pushed down to the student-teacher level.

How to Improve

Rita Raddich of Lanham, noting Prince George's was at the bottom of the 24 school jurisdictions in the state, asked why this is the case and what the candidates would do to change it. Higgins said, "We need to be better, no question," but she emphasized that the county was "not as bad" as its 24th place might imply. She said the context is that Maryland is ranked among the best in the nation so that the county is effectively toward the bottom of the highest ranking group. But, she said, the range of scores is not that great. Looking at the percentage of children who perform successfully, the highest ranking is at about the 94th percentile and Prince George's is at about the 80th percentile. She said what is needed to improve the schools is continued accountability of teachers and principals and greater involvement of parents and the community. Cook stated that 75 percent of parents leave the county to go to work and thus spend long hours commuting. More jobs are needed within the county but the catch is, without better schools, the county cannot attract more companies. He stressed that the solution is to make the tough budgetary decisions needed to create the smaller classes that will permit improved education for children. He said, "It's not that hard."

Drop-Out Rate

Alex Rodriguez, a Democratic Central Committee representative for the 47th Legislative District then spoke to ask what could be done about the drop-out rate. He said this has not been addressed by recent superintendents. Although the rate is 5.1 percent in Maryland, he said, in Bladensburg over the last four years it has been 44 percent for African-American females and 52 percent for African-American males. He said there are grants available to help improve drop-out rates, particularly Gear-Up program funds, for which the county has never applied.

Cook replied that even those who do graduate arrive at community colleges with a need for remedial work. He said there must be programs at colleges to appeal to high school students and their parents and convince them of the value of a higher education. He added that reducing teen pregnancy would also help to keep female students in school.

Higgins stated that the way to deal with drop-out rates is first to deal with truancy, which is the greatest predictor of both juvenile delinquency and dropping out. She said she has experience running truancy groups through her office, particularly at Parkdale High School, and that they have had some success in working with rising 9th graders with prior truancy problems by contacting parents immediately if children were not in school. She emphasized, however, that simply getting the student back into the classroom is not enough and that serious effort must be made to get those students up to an adequate performance level for the class they are returning to.

The forum concluded with brief wrap-up statements by the candidates and thanks from moderator Alla Lake to the candidates and the audience for their time and participation.

Mark Cook's and Peggy Higgins' websites may be found respectively at www.markcook.com and www.electhiggins.org.

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sought election to the District 4 council seat. She was the first African-American elected to that office. Turner had recently retired from the Navy as a commander in the Judge Advocate General Office after 20 years of service.

An Annapolis Naval Academy graduate, Turner has a Master of Business Administration degree from Golden Gate University and a Juris Doctorate degree (law) from Catholic University. She has taken advanced studies in health care law from George Washington University.

On the county council Turner is the vice-chair of the Transportation, Housing and Environment Committee and a member of the Public Safety and Fiscal Management Committee. She serves as chair of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' Human Services and Public Safety Policy Committee. She is also a member of the governor's Work Force Investment Board and the Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation board of directors. With the Maryland Association of Counties, she serves on the board of directors and legislative committee. For Congressman Donna Edwards, Turner serves on the Service Academy Selection Committee.

Turner's three top priorities, if reelected, will be education, public safety and economic development.

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by Barbara Simon

On Saturday, October 30 the students in the GAVA/GATE Animation Program will have their recent animated shorts screened as part of the Utopia Film Festival.

An annual event for these young people, this year's screening will take place at the Greenbelt Municipal Building as part of the free festival program KidVids, from 10 a.m. to noon. Works by three Greenbelt residents will be included – "Laura's Dream" by Tiahna Nugent; "Onion" by Josh Headley; and "Ares The Cat," "Splash!," "Dufa n Figdud," "The Dancing Cheese" and "Picki the Llama," all by Eilean O'Brien. Other young animators whose works will be shown are Graig Bracey, Bradley Brown, Diamond Douglas, Sam Goldstein, Jan Knutson, Kayla Latham and Deonte Merritt.

The KidVids program will also screen films produced for children by filmmakers from around the world. These include "Cravings," an animated short about a determined little girl who has a craving for fresh food; "When Life Gives You Lemons," about kids who find the sweet side of life at a lemonade stand; "Somewhere to Skate in Silver Spring,"

a youth-produced documentary about the benefits of skateparks; "Be Good to Eddie Lee," about a girl's friendship with a boy with Down's Syndrome; "Planet You," a look at the microscopic creatures that live on each of us; and "Finding My Magic," an animated short from Australia created to help kids build self-esteem, assertiveness and confidence in making good decisions and overcoming bullying.

The GAVA/GATE Animation Program, which is co-produced by the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts and Greenbelt Access Television, provides year round instruction for 10 to 18 years olds at GATE's studios in the Greenbelt Community Center. The program is supported by Prince George's County through a special appropriation grant from Ingrid Turner, who represents Greenbelt on the county council. All GATE programs are supported by the City of Greenbelt. More information on the KidVids and other Utopia Film Festival programs can be found at www.utopiafilmfestival.org.

Barbara Simon holds a key position with GAVA and has been instrumental in supporting the GATE animation programs.

Greenbelt Residents Go To Catoctin Quaker Camp

by Altoria Bell Ross

Greenbelt residents moped and oinked their way through a game of Frazleeram at the Catoctin Quaker Camp on September 15 and 16. Friends Community School in College Park annually welcomes the fall and the start of a new school year with an overnight trip below the ridge of Catoctin Mountain near Camp David in Thurmont, Maryland. Frazleeram is a tradition, too. Gamers move the ball communicating to team members only by mooing or oinking. The object of the game is to get the ball into a bucket held by a goalie posted at either end of the field.

In addition to competing in Frazleeram, 6th grader Catherine Peterson and her mom Sieglinde of Lakeview Drive, 8th grader Joshua Ross of Southway and his mother Altoria of Parkway and 7th grader Megan Winner of Lakeside joined 30 students, parents and faculty hiking, preparing meals, eating and cleaning up to-

gether. While waiting for dinner the first night, Megan, a piano student of six years, regaled the school community with the theme song from "The Lord of the Rings" and "The Linus and Lucy Song" from Peanuts, among other selections.

After dinner, the community sang songs around the campfire and each student set sail a candle boat, a lit tea candle placed in a small Styrofoam bowl, into the nearby dark lagoon and made a wish for the year. The best part of the trip for Megan was the social aspect. "I liked hanging out with my friends and having a break from school." Catherine also enjoyed the camaraderie of the group, "getting to know many of the kids and their parents."

On Sunday, October 24 from noon to 4 p.m., Friends Community School will host a fall fair open to the public to frolic, meet new people and build community.



Greenbelters Catherine Peterson of Lakeview Circle, Megan Winner of Lakeside, Sieglinde Peterson of Lakeview Circle, Altoria Bell Ross of Parkway and Joshua Ross of Southway at Camp Catoctin near Thurmont.

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Garden to Rest with the Fairies Till Spring." It will include the placing of sheet mulching, cover crop planting and placing the newly-made Fairy House Village community craft project creations nested in the mulched garden beds.

Stone Soup Music and the Three Sisters Garden projects are sponsored by the nonprofit Chesapeake Education Arts Research Society (CHEARS) with support from City of Greenbelt and the Greenbelt Community Foundation. The Three Sisters Garden project is one for which Prince George's County Master Gardeners can receive volunteer work credit; school community service credit hours are also available.

Margaret Cahalan is one of the organizers of the Three Sisters Community Garden project.



Three Sisters Garden behind the Greenbelt Community Center when corn and squash were at their summer best.

Reformation Celebration

Long before there was Halloween, there was Reformation Day, October 31. On this day, October 31, 1517, Dr. Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the doors of the church in Wittenberg, Germany beginning the Protestant Reformation.

Dr. Luther wanted his church to again focus on the message of the Bible: that a person is saved and accepted by God not by our works, but by the work of Jesus Christ. Each October 31st, Lutherans celebrate the basic teaching of the Bible: "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast" (Ephesians 2:8, 9).



You are cordially invited to join your friends at Holy Cross Lutheran Church as we celebrate Reformation Day, Sunday October 31st. We will have one special worship service at 9:30 a.m.

A special "Lutheran" luncheon of Bratwurst, Hot German Potato Salad, Red Cabbage and desserts will follow. There will be games and other activities for children of all ages!

Please join us on Sunday, October 31st at 9:30 a.m.

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