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## Labor Day Parade Gets a Pass On Monday's Scattered Showers

by James Giese

Greenbelt was lucky. It didn't rain on our parade. The day began gloomily with a weather forecast of 50 percent chance of rain. Looking at weather radar, one saw small rain cells scattered about the metropolitan area. Fifteen minutes before parade time, Greenbelt East experienced a downpour.

The area of rain extended to the easternmost parts of Ridge Road. On parts of Crescent Road, the parade route, there was a light sprinkle.

By parade time that had all cleared away and the sky lightened somewhat.

Once or twice the sun even tried to come out. The annual Greenbelt Labor Day Parade be-

gan on time and proceeded – dry and without a significant hitch.

Following a flag honor guard and bagpipe band from Annapolis was a beaming Sylvia Lewis, Greenbelt's 2011 Outstanding Citizen, seated on the top of the back seat of a small convertible with her husband Robert in the front seat and her daughter Janet in the back seat. Lewis was closely followed by the Greenbelt City Council riding atop Greenbelt's vintage fire truck.

This was not a federal, state or county election year, so the parade was shorter, with politicians limited to those holding elective office. Following the council, Congressman Steny Hoyer led the

pack, walking the route and greeting well-wishers on either side of the road. For those watching the political scene, does his continued attachment to Greenbelt mean the new Congressional Fifth District will still include Greenbelt?

Newly elected County Executive Rushern Baker also walked. As he passed, greeting bystanders, he hollered out, "Thank you Greenbelt for sticking with me." Greenbelt gave Baker strong support in each of his three tries for election as county executive.

Other elected officials included County Sheriff Melvin High, County States Attorney Angela Alsobrooks; State Senator Paul Pinsky; and State Delegates Ann Healey, Tawanna Gaines and Justin Ross.

### Marching Bands

This year the parade was blessed with not just one, but two marching bands. Neither probably would succeed in competition but, hey, there was real live credible marching music. One band was the newly formed Greenbelt Marching Band, distinguished by their colorful hats and a splendid banner. The other was the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Pep Band. There were also the Prince George's County Police Bagpipers and a drum corps.

New to the parade were the Marching Bins, the beautiful

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### Remembering 9/11

Greenbelters are invited to join with family, friends and neighbors to commemorate and honor those lost and the heroes of 9/11/01.

On Saturday, September 10 at 8:30 p.m. join the City of Greenbelt Public Safety Advisory Committee at a Remembrance Candlelight Vigil at Roosevelt Center. Included will be comments from the mayor and reflections from a few Greenbelt residents that were 9/11 responders. Candles will be lit at 9:05 p.m. with a moment of silence. A slide show of images from 9/11 will then be presented.

On Sunday, September 11 at 8 a.m. there will be a memorial stair climb at the Maryland Trade Center I, 7500 Greenway Center Drive. Fire service members will convene in high-rise buildings across the United States to climb 110 stories as a tribute to their fallen brothers. Each climber carries the photograph and biographical sketch of a firefighter who was lost on September 11, 2001.

On Sunday, September 11 at 11 a.m. there will be a Remembrance Ceremony at the Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 located at 6900 Greenbelt Road.



PHOTO BY HELEN SYDAVAR

A surprised Sylvia Lewis receives the Outstanding Citizen plaque provided by Steve Kemp, president of the Greenbelt Rotary Club, as Outstanding Citizen Chair Bob Zugby watches.

## Sylvia Lewis Is Selected As the Outstanding Citizen

by James Giese

Remember TV's "The Price Is Right" and Master of Ceremony Bob Barker's familiar calling of someone's name quickly followed by "Come on down," summoning that person to the stage in front?

We do something like that in Greenbelt each Friday before Labor Day at the opening of the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival.

Our emcee is also a Bob, Bob Zugby. He, too, summons someone to the stage, saying "Come on up." Only that someone is not being called up to play a game but to be honored instead. Greenbelt's Bob calls up the Outstanding Citizen for the Year.

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## Voter Registration Required For City Council Election

by Kathleen Gallagher

Participating in the 2011 city election on November 8 – as a voter, candidate for city council or signer of a petition for a candidate – requires being registered to vote as a Greenbelt resident in Prince George's County. For the upcoming city council election, registration forms must be received in the office of the Prince George's County Board of Elections in Upper Marlboro no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, October 10.

### Registration Changes

Although it has taken quite a few years to accomplish, voter registration in Maryland has become "universal" in its interface with voters. People already registered to vote in the State of Maryland are no longer required to re-register if they move to a new address in Maryland, even if they are crossing county lines. New Prince Georgians,

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PHOTO BY HELEN SYDAVAR

The Greenbelt Police Department color guard lead the parade.

## Greenbelt Road Sector Plan Gets Go-ahead from County

On May 17 the Prince George's County Council authorized development of the Greenbelt Metro Area and Md. 193 Corridor Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment involving the Greenbelt, Berwyn Heights and College Park communities.

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission's planning staff has scheduled a series of agency coordination meetings to proactively address concerns on the sector plan identified by residents, workers and visitors. These meetings will serve as a starting point for continued partnerships between all parties as planning and implementation solutions are recommended. At the initial meetings, staff will review the goals and objectives of the sector plan, present issues that have been identified to date by the communities and

discuss how to best coordinate through and beyond the sector plan process.

The meetings have been scheduled as follows:

Transportation Network – Tuesday, September 13, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Economic Development/Implementation – Thursday, September 15, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Public Facilities/Parks and Recreation – Thursday, September 15, 2 to 4 p.m.

The first three meetings will take place in the Lakeside Office Complex, Jane Jacobs Conference Room, 14422 Old Mill Road, Upper Marlboro.

The fourth meeting, on Environmental Infrastructure, Monday, September 19 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., will take place in the County Administration Building, Board Room, 4th floor, 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, Upper Marlboro.

### What Goes On

#### Saturday, September 10

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot between Municipal Building and Community Center

10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Pooch Plunge, Aquatic and Fitness Center

8:30 p.m., Remembrance Candlelight Vigil for 9/11, Roosevelt Center

#### Monday, September 12

8 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at [www.greenbelt.gov](http://www.greenbelt.gov)

#### Tuesday, September 13

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Registration for Fall Session GED Course, Municipal Building

#### Wednesday, September 14

8 p.m., Council Worksession with PEPCO, Community Center

# Letters to the Editor

## THANKS!

On behalf of the Outstanding Citizen Selection Committee, I would like to thank all those who have made this program possible. Of course, these include our 2011 Outstanding Citizen, Sylvia Lewis (Again, congratulations!) and all those who sent nominations for this award. I remind all who submitted unsuccessful nominations to try again next year; you never know when a much-nominated individual might be selected.

Special thanks to our major sponsor, the Greenbelt Rotary, whose generous annual contribution ensures the continuation of the Outstanding Citizen program. Thanks, also, to the many merchants whose gift certificates are presented to our Outstanding Citizen.

I must also acknowledge the efforts of Cindy Murray (City Clerk) and Dea Zugby (a close relative of mine) in managing the reception for our Outstanding Citizens.

Finally, thank you to all of the enthusiastic Greenbelters who attended the festival and its opening ceremonies for the ultimate success of the Outstanding Citizen program. Indeed, "Greenbelt is great."

*Bob Zugby, Chair  
Outstanding Citizen  
Selection Committee*

## THANKS!

Being named 2011 Greenbelt Citizen of the Year is an experience that will thrill me for many, many years to come. From the dawning realization that I was the person Bob Zugby was talking about at the Opening Ceremonies, through the exhilarating ride on the back of Dea Zugby's Mini Cooper convertible leading off the Labor Day Parade, to watching the parade from the Reviewing Stand, I seemed to be living in another world.

I am grateful to many people for making this weekend so special to me.

I thank those who, over the years, proposed me for this honor. I don't know who you all are, but from the wide range of information that was in Bob Zugby's presentation speech, you must be people whom I have known and worked with over a wide span of time. Thank you for your support and respect and for taking the time to do the research and fill out the form.

My appreciation also to:

a. The Rotary Club of Greenbelt and the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee for sponsoring the event;

b. Bob Zugby and the Outstanding Citizen Committee for organizing the event and selecting me for this year's honor. Given the number of dedicated Greenbelters who serve our community, choosing just one recipient must be extremely difficult.

c. The merchants and organizations who donated gifts – the Greenbelt Co-operative Nursery School for the T-shirt and button; the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy for the beautiful flowers; the Beijing Restaurant, Generous Joe's, Sir Walter Raleigh's, the New Deal Cafe, Chef Lou's, the Silver Diner, Angel's Touch, Behnke Nurseries, Greenbelt Barber and Stylist and Pleasant Touch for their gift certificates.

d. Paul Pinsky, Tawanna



PHOTO BY HELEN SYDAVAR

**Sylvia Lewis at the Outstanding Citizen reception in the council room shows she can have her cake and eat it too.**

Gaines, Anne Healey and Justin Ross for the Maryland General Assembly's Official Citation;  
e. Ingrid Turner for the County Council Proclamation and  
f. Judith Davis for the City of Greenbelt Proclamation.

I was very pleased that my husband Robert and daughter Janet were able to share this experience with me.

Perhaps some of the previous years' Greenbelt Citizens of the Year can tell me how long this glow will last.

*Sylvia J. Lewis*

## Bikes vs. Pedestrians

### An Issue of Law, Safety

Something happened one day last week that, had it happened at any other time, I probably wouldn't have said anything about it but there was a memorial service this past Sunday for an acquaintance of mine [in San Francisco] who was struck by a bicycle while jogging across a major highway over a month ago.

This lady had the green light and was in the crosswalk. The bicyclist who collided with her was traveling at a high rate of speed and ran the red light. The lady lingered in a coma for nearly a month before being taken off life support. The guy who hit her walked away with minor scratches. He's going to be charged with manslaughter in addition to the traffic violations he already faced.

The other day while walking on one of the pedestrian pathways near Hillside Road, I encountered three children traveling at a rather high rate of speed and an adult trailing behind them. First, I should probably mention that I believe it is illegal to operate a bicycle on a pedestrian pathway. I understand that parents hesitate to take children of this age on to any of our major roadways in Greenbelt but we do have bike lanes on some of those roads and perhaps they need to learn how to ride safely on them. Although I had a fair amount of time to react, none of children seemed to realize that he or she should also slow down.

The fact that I needed to stand to the side in order to let these bikers whiz by is important to note because we have a fair number of older people in our neighborhood (I'm one of them) and some of them might not have been able to get out of the way as quickly as I did. One resident is still healing from an injury and currently uses a cane to get around – she might not have been able to get out of the way in time.

I've also noticed that we have some sight-impaired residents who

also traverse these paths. They would never have seen these kids coming.

Bicycles are supposed to be operated on roadways, obeying the same laws that apply to automobiles and other motorized vehicles. Under no circumstances are they supposed to be using pedestrian walkways. I really do understand the temptation to use the walkways, but if you are going to do so, you need to do it with a great deal of caution. And you need to remember that you have an obligation to recognize that the person on foot not only has the right of way but the law on his side as well.

I don't for a minute think that this group meant any harm or that the adult with them had any ill intent. But had I not been able to get out of the way, the scene could have been ugly.

*Catherine H. Hardy*

**Editor's note:** bicycle riding on public sidewalks is permitted within the city.

## Unacceptable Storm Response by GHI

I find it completely unacceptable that six families are completely without power and while Pepco has done what it needs to do in the area, GHI's responsibility to replace the meters on the end unit remains as it did at 5 a.m. Sunday – a dangerous pile of equipment laying in my neighbor's yard.

The excuses have been many – such as, "We are waiting on numbers from our insurance company and our electrician." In 30 years of construction work I never was called to a multi-family residence in an emergency situation and asked for a quote. It was always "just get it done." GHI is not a poor homeowner who doesn't have the financial ability to address this issue without knowing what the cost will

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**OLD GREENBELT THEATRE**

**WEEK OF SEPT. 9**

**The Debt**

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**Friday**  
\*5, 7:30, 9:45

**Saturday**  
\*2:30, \*5, 7:30, 9:45

**Sunday**  
\*2:30, \*5, 7:30

**Monday – Thursday**  
\*5, 7:30

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

# Community Events

## 9/11 Commemoration At Legion Post Sunday

Greenbelt American Legion Post #136 will hold a remembrance ceremony commemorating the 10th anniversary of the 9/11/2001 tragedy on Sunday, September 11 at the Post beginning at 11 a.m. There will be guest speakers from the Veterans Administration, Homeland Security and others.

After the ceremony light refreshments will be offered at the post.

American Legion Post #136 is at 6900 Greenbelt Road.

## Greenbelters Tops In Their Division

The Greenbelters won both their end-of-season, single-elimination playoff games in the Baltimore Beltway Senior Softball League to come out first in their division. At home on Wednesday, August 24 they topped longtime rival Dundalk, 23-8. Jasper Pendergrass and Al Morton went 4 for 4, with Pendergrass hitting a double and a home run. Willie White homered while John Benish, Robert Colbert and pitcher Phil Olson went 3 for 4.

A week later, at Howard Hitters' field in Columbia, Greenbelt took a four-run lead in the 1st inning. Howard came back with three runs in the 2nd inning but was held scoreless through the 7th inning. Short fielder Barry Clark stood out in a tight defense for the visitors, who registered four more runs in the 4th, then four more in the 6th.

The final score was 16-7, as veteran left fielder Fred Bohle had a perfect day at bat with a triple and four singles. Clark tripled and singled twice; Willie White doubled and hit two singles. Phil Olson pitched again, and Patricia Gaines, the first woman to play in the league, reached base on an error and finished in center field.

## Rhythm and Rhyme Wed. Tots Program

The Rhythm and Rhyme Time ("R&R Time") program at the Greenbelt Youth Center will resume on Wednesdays, starting September 14 from 10 to 10:30 a.m. in the multipurpose room. "R&R Time" is a free child/caregiver storytime sponsored by the Greenbelt Mamas and Papas and the Greenbelt Recreation Department.

Parents/caregivers take turns leading R&R storytime. More volunteers are needed. Those interested in volunteering are asked to email [dansquaredfitness@yahoo.com](mailto:dansquaredfitness@yahoo.com).

## GHI Notes

Thursday, September 8, 7:30 p.m. – Board of Directors Meeting  
 Wednesday, September 14, 7:30 p.m. – (A.R.C.) Architectural Review Committee Meeting – Board Room

Thursday, September 15, 7 p.m. – Real Estate Tax Seminar, GHI Members, Community Center

Friday, September 16, Office Closed – Maintenance emergency service available only. (Call 301-474-6011.)

Saturday, September 17, 11 a.m. – Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

Tuesday, September 20, 7:30 p.m. – (C.A.C) Companion Animal Committee – Lobby

Wednesday, September 21, 7 p.m. – Woodlands Committee Meeting – Lobby

7 p.m. – Board of Directors/Finance Joint Meeting – Board Room

Thursday, September 22, 7:30 p.m. – Board of Directors Meeting – Board Room

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

## At the Library

### Poetry Event

Saturday, September 10, 2 p.m., all ages event. Read and discuss one's own poetry or favorite poems written by others. Discuss everything from Shakespeare to poetry slams.

### Eager Readers

Monday, September 12, 4 p.m. for ages 8 to 12 – Jewell Parker Rhodes' "Ninth Ward." This month's book is at the Information Desk.

### Storytimes

On Wednesdays and Thursdays a librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props.

Wednesday, September 14, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages three to five years. Room capacity: 20 total.

Thursday, September 15, 10:30 a.m., Toddler Time for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver. Room capacity: 24 total.

Pick up a free ticket for the Storytime events at the information desk.

**YARD SALE**  
 Sat., Sept. 10, 8am – 3pm

Greenbelt Lake Village Community  
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 Greenbelt, MD

Clothes, Electronics, CSs,  
 Food, Etc.

## Oct. 15 Deadline For Cassels Award

The deadline to submit applications for the 6th Annual Jim Cassels Community Service Award is fast approaching.

The Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative recognizes an organization or group that has made significant contributions to the Greenbelt community in the form of a \$1,000 grant to be used to initiate and implement a new project or activity during the following year. It is awarded on the basis of the application and subsequent consideration by a panel of members of the cooperative.

The award is named for Jim Cassels, who led a life of community service in Greenbelt for more than five decades. He was involved in organizing the new Co-op Supermarket, successfully promoting the construction of senior housing in Greenbelt, establishing Greenbelt CARES and volunteering his efforts to many local groups. His son Fred believes his father's most important contribution to Greenbelt was "to identify a need in the community, develop a strategy to address the need and to bring together the people that could affect that change and pursue with persistence until that need is addressed." The Cassels Community Service Award exemplifies the same spirit.

Application forms are available at the Co-op office or online at [http://fd2.formdesk.com/coop/cassels\\_award](http://fd2.formdesk.com/coop/cassels_award).

For details call Steve Kane at 301-437-8814 or email [srkane@gmail.com](mailto:srkane@gmail.com).

## Cub Pack 202 Holds Join Scouting Night

Cub Scout Pack 202 will host a "Join Scouting Night" to sign up new members on September 15 at the Community Church, 1 Hillside Road. Boys in 1st through 5th grades are encouraged to attend to see what all the fun is about.

In the last year, Cub Scouts from Pack 202 participated in a week-long summer camp, went on several overnight camping trips, hiking trips, ski trips, pine-wood derby races, held its Blue and Gold formal dinner and participated in an Anacostia stream clean up and the Scouting for Food program.

Scouts also learned to appreciate the environment, how to set up a tent, start a campfire, tie knots, identify poison ivy, pocket knife safety, cooking over a campfire, fishing and the principles of "Leave-no-trace." Scouts also visited many points of interest within the community.

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) is one of the nation's largest values-based youth development organizations. BSA provides a program for young people that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship and develops personal fitness.

Greenbelt's Cub Scout Pack 202 has been continuously chartered for 66 years, one of the longest established Cub Packs in the National Capital region.

– *Cubmaster Ben Clarke*

## Children's Center Asks For U.S. Food Program

The Greenbelt Children's Center is applying to participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program through the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Federal rules require no discrimination as the basis of admission, meal service or the use of the facilities. The Center is required to notify the public through a local newspaper or other media.

For more information call Director Flora Gee at 301-345-8830.

## Ask the Expert Topic Is Reverse Mortgages

The next "Ask the Expert" program, on reverse mortgages, will be held on Tuesday, September 20 at 11 a.m. in the dining room at Green Ridge House.

All interested Greenbelt residents are invited to attend and learn what a reverse mortgage is and how it can help with monthly finances.

Those attending should sign in when they enter the building.

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## Academy Stadium Theatres

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 Children: \$6.00

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 SEPT 9

### FRI. – SAT.

Apollo 18, PG-13  
 11:20, 1:30, 3:45, 6:05, 8:15, 10:30  
 Creature, R  
 11:15, 1:25, 3:40, 6, 8:10, 10:30  
 Shark Night in 3D, PG-13 (!)  
 No fees at this location  
 11:15, 1:25, 3:40, 6, 8:10, 10:30  
 Warrior, PG-13 (!)  
 11:15, 2:45, 6, 9:20  
 Colombiana, PG-13 (!)  
 11:50, 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:15  
 Contagion, PG-13 (!)  
 11:50, 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:15  
 The Help, PG-13 (!)  
 11:55, 3:10, 6:30, 9:30  
 Don't Be Afraid of the Dark, R  
 7:45, 10:20  
 Spy Kids 4, PG  
 11:15, 1:15, 3:40

### SUN. – THU.

Apollo 18, PG-13  
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 Creature, R  
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 Shark Night in 3D, PG-13 (!)  
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 The Help, PG-13 (!)  
 12:45, 4:15, 7:30  
 Don't Be Afraid of the Dark, R  
 5:55, 8:25  
 Spy Kids 4, PG  
 11:55, 2:45

## Join Scouting Night

We are looking for young men from  
 First through Fifth Grades  
 and their parents  
 to come join in the fun!!!  
**Thursday**

September 15th, 6:30PM

Greenbelt Community Church  
 1 Hillside Road

[cubinfo@pack202.org](mailto:cubinfo@pack202.org)

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### Coming Soon:

November 11 - December 3: Alice in Wonderland, directed by Betsy Marks Delaney  
 January 20 - February 11, 2012: How I Learned To Drive, directed by Patrick Miller

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The Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club   
 Invites you to its next Meeting

Friday, Sept. 16 at 7:30 pm  
 at

Greenbriar Terrace Room, 7600 Hanover Parkway

Guest Speaker will be Ms. Yvette Lewis, Chairperson of MD Democratic Party. She will talk about the 2012 Election.

All are welcome, light refreshments will be served  
 For information, please call 301 577-8907  
 for Karl Shipps, President  
 or visit <http://Roosevelt.pgdems.com>

*A Review*

# New Book "Forgiveness" From St. Hugh's Pastor

by Kathleen McFarland

"Forgiveness: A Catholic Approach" by the Rev. R. Scott Hurd of St. Hugh's, has just been released by Pauline Books & Media of Boston.

Parishioners at St. Hugh's are familiar with Father Scott Hurd's interesting Sunday sermons. He gets our attention with a story or joke to start and then sprinkles his homily with tales of colleagues or saints or TV stars that relate the Gospel teachings to our own lives. Now Father has written a book on one of his favorite subjects, forgiveness, using that same engaging style.

The little paperback book (121 pages) is separated into three parts: Part I "Why Forgive," Part II "Hallmarks of Forgiveness" and Part III "How to Forgive." Each part contains separate chapters with catchy titles, such as "Don't Be a Doormat" or "Kiss and Make Up." The book is easy to read. I almost finished it in one rainy afternoon. But after the first run-through, I realized that it deserves much more study and thought.

Each chapter in the book is a gem in itself. Taken one or two at a time, the chapters could make the foundation for an ethics course for young people or a study guide for a discussion group.

The references used to illustrate each topic, whether to saints, rock stars, theologians or literary figures like Scrooge and Sancho Panza, are always appropriate, sometimes funny, sometimes educational, appealing to teenagers and adults alike. I found myself weeping at the story of Saint Jane Frances de

Chantal, which I had never heard before.

In the beginning of the book, Father lists actions that might cause people to refuse to forgive, actions which to many of us would seem to require justice or even revenge. As I read the list, I thought of situations in my own life and that of my friends which were just like that.

He acknowledges that forgiving is hard to do. And I know that some people could never be convinced to go along with this whole concept of forgiveness. But if by reading this little book, their thinking could be changed just a tiny bit, who knows how many relationships might be healed or at least improved? Father Hurd's book might not bring peace to the world but it could provide a spark.

## GCAN Meeting Is Next Wednesday

The next meeting of the Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN) will be held on Wednesday, September 14 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center in Room 114.

The topic for the meeting is "What does our current debt crisis have to do with climate change?" In this interactive session GCAN will examine the contract for the American Dream and discuss how this will impact the climate change movement. There will also be a preview of upcoming fall GCAN topics.

All eyes are on the government to see if they will be able to resolve the debt crisis before the November deadline. Meanwhile some GCAN members have been collecting signatures to support offshore wind power and other GCAN members have been learning about civil disobedience and intentionally getting arrested as part of the Tar Sands action.

For information call Lore Rosenthal at 301-345-2234 or email [lore@simplicity-matters.org](mailto:lore@simplicity-matters.org).

## In Memoriam – Sara Winkler

On behalf of my next door neighbor, Sara Winkler, who died August 23. Her death has an impact on me and my family. I began to know her when I met her at Gallaudet Preschool for her deaf daughter Kirsten. And also my daughter Clara attended there in the year 1965.

One or two years later my beloved husband Charles and I looked for a place under GHI. We finally selected a 3-bedroom unit which fit the size of my family. When we moved into it in 1966, we were very much surprised about the next unit from ours that the Winklers,

especially Kirsten lived. Wow! What a small world!

Clara and Kirsten were inseparable playmates for a long time. It must be interesting to think of only one hearing member in my deaf family. It is the reverse with the Winkler family, especially only one deaf member. It enabled us and theirs to share the learning of the deaf culture and ASL usage among the hearing people nowadays.

Now Clara is living in Staunton, Va., and Kirsten in Baltimore and keep in touch with each other from time to time.

– Sara N. Johnston

**Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church**  
 40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors  
[www.greenbeltumc.org](http://www.greenbeltumc.org) 301-474-9410  
**Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor**  
**Worship Service 10:00am**

**Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church**  
 3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi  
 Phone: 301-937-3666 [www.pbuuc.org](http://www.pbuuc.org)

Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community

**September 11, 10 a.m.**  
 "Turning to Peace" by Rev. Diane Teichert with Worship Associates John Sebastian and Ken Redd.  
 On the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, we pause to remember, probe for meanings in the world as it has become since, and affirm with story, music and dance humanity's yearning for peace.

**Greenbelt Baptist Church**  
 101 Greenhill Road  
 Greenbelt, MD 20770 – (301) 474-4212  
[www.greenbeltbaptist.org](http://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!**  
 "Helping People Connect with Christ and His Family Through Loving Service"

O Friends!  
 Abandon not the everlasting beauty for a beauty that must die, and set not your affections on this mortal world of dust. (Baha'u'llah)

Greenbelt Bahá'í Community  
 1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918  
[Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com](mailto:Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com) [www.bahai.us](http://www.bahai.us)

**BERWYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
 Rev. James Lawton - Pastor  
 301-474-7573  
 6301 Greenbelt Road  
 Berwyn Heights, MD 20740  
[berwynpresbyterian.net](http://berwynpresbyterian.net)

Worship : Sundays at 10:00 am -- Child Care Available  
 Sunday School : Will resume on Sept 11 @ 9:30 am  
 Office Hours : M-F 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

*"A hospitable, multicultural community of faith"*

## Community Foundation Seeks Fall Proposals

As part of its 2011 fall grant cycle, the Greenbelt Community Foundation is seeking applications for grants from local organizations looking for help in funding projects. The deadline for applications is next Thursday, September 15.

The Foundation calls for proposals twice a year, once in the spring and again in the fall. Grant amounts range from \$500 to \$5,000 and are generally given for projects which can be completed in one year.

Information about the Greenbelt Community Foundation as well as the materials related to submitting an application for funding can be found at the Foundation's website: <http://www.greenbeltfoundation.net>. Completed forms should be sent to the Greenbelt Community Foundation at P.O. Box 234, Greenbelt, MD 20768.

**Greenbelt Community Church**  
 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Hillside & Crescent Roads  
 Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings  
[www.greenbeltucc.org](http://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..."*

**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**

**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
 6905 Greenbelt Road • 301-345-5111  
[www.myholycross.org](http://www.myholycross.org) email [myholycross@verizon.net](mailto:myholycross@verizon.net)

Worship 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School & Bible Class 9:30 a.m.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church is a traditional Bible-believing, Christ-centered congregation! Join Us!  
 Join us on Facebook at Holy Cross Lutheran Greenbelt

**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 century.*

Shabbat services: Friday evening at 8:00 PM, except 1st Friday of the month, i.e. family service at 7:30 PM. Saturday morning services at 9:30 AM.  
 Educational programs for children K-12 and for adults.  
 Combined innovative full family educational program for parents and children.  
 Conversion classes. Concert choir. Social Action program.  
 Opportunity for leadership development.  
 Moderate, flexible dues. High holiday seating for visitors.  
 Sisterhood. Men's Club. Other Social Activities.  
 Interfaith families are welcome.

*Historic synagogue dually affiliated with United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation*

**Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS**

Sundays 10 A.M.  
 Municipal Building

**St. George's Episcopal Church**  
 Join us around a table where all are welcome!

Services  
 • 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](mailto:rector@stgeo.org) | [www.stgeo.org](http://www.stgeo.org)



# City Information

## GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING September 12, 2011 - 8:00 p.m. Municipal Building

### COMMUNICATIONS

#### Presentations

- National Preparedness Month Proclamation  
**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

- Public Safety Advisory Committee, Report #2011-02 (WMATA Metrobus Safety)

### LEGISLATION

- An Ordinance to Amend Article IV "Ethics", of Chapter 2 "Administration" of the Greenbelt City Code. - 1st Reading  
- A Resolution to Amend Resolution Number 1084, A Resolution to Purchase Certain Goods and Services from Various Vendors as Enumerated Herein When Total Fiscal Year Purchases from Each Vendor Exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) -1st Reading

### OTHER BUSINESS

- Local and Bi-County Legislation  
- Use of University of Maryland Shuttle by Greenbelt Residents  
- Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)  
- Sustainable Maryland Certified  
- Other Reports  
\*- Resignation from Advisory Group  
\* - Designation of Voting Delegate and Alternate for NLC Congress of Cities

### 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.

## FALL GED COURSE

Registration for the Fall Session GED course will be held on **Tuesday, September 13, 2011**, from 10:30am – 12:30pm at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Students will be placed in either GED I or GED II. GED I is held from 10:30 – 12:30. GED II is held from 1:00 – 3:00pm. The first actual class will be held on Thursday, September 15. Course is free to Greenbelt residents. There is a fee for non-residents. For more information on this program call 301-345-6660.

## City of Greenbelt Department of Recreation

### FIT "N" FUN CARDIO Ages 16+

**Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10am-11:15am from Sept. 12 - Dec. 16**

**Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road**

**Instructor: Judy Cocchiaro** For registration information visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov) and download the Fall Recreation Brochure.

## GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER

550-A Crescent Road (behind Police Station)

Congratulations to Bo on his adoptions Much happiness to him and his new family. Thank you to all who donated to Big Daddy and Tripod during the Labor Day Festival. Big Daddy will be having surgery on Thursday, September 8th.

### COME OUT AND VISIT ALL THE ADORABLE PETS.

The shelter is open on Wednesdays from 4-7pm, Saturdays from 9am-12pm or by appointment.  
INFO: 301.474.6124. Donations welcome any time!  
We especially need kitty litter!  
Follow us on Facebook!



## GREENBELT SAFETY EXPO

Saturday, September 17th from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center Parking Lot

Representatives from: City of Greenbelt Police, Volunteer Fire Department, Community Emergency Response Team, Greenbelt Animal Control, Neighborhood Watch, Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, Greenbelt CARES, Public Works, US Park Police, Code Enforcement, MD National Guard, American Legion #136. Info: 240-542-2023

## VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

Vacancies: Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Youth Advisory Committee  
For information call 301-474-8000.

## Meetings

### September 12-17

Monday, September 12, at 8pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING** at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov).

Wednesday, September 14 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION w/PEPCO** at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road Room 200.

*This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.*



## 9/11 -- 10th ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

Join your family, friends and neighbors in these events commemorating and honoring those lost and the heroes of 9/11/01.

Saturday, September 10th at 8:30 p.m.: **REMEMBRANCE CANDLELIGHT VIGIL**. Join the City of Greenbelt Public Safety Advisory Committee at ROOSEVELT CENTER, in a Remembrance Ceremony that will include comments from the Mayor, reflections from a few Greenbelt residents that were 9/11 responders. Candles will be lit at 9:05pm with a moment of silence. A slide show of images from 9/11 will then be presented.

Sunday, September 11th at 8:00 a.m.: **MEMORIAL STAIR CLIMB** at Maryland Trade Center I, 7500 Greenway Center Drive. Fire service members convene in high-rise buildings across the United States to climb 110 stories as a tribute to their fallen brothers. Some use air pack or carry hoses; many are in full turn-out gear; others are accompanied by rescue dogs. Each climber carries the photograph and biographical sketch of a firefighter who was lost on September 11, 2001.

Sunday, September 11th at 11:00 a.m.: **AMERICAN LEGION REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY** at the Greenbelt American Legion, Post 136, 6900 Greenbelt Road.

## Mad Hot Ballroom Dance Party!

Saturday, September 10 at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.



A community social dance for all levels of dancing skill, ages twelve and up. Bring your spouse, partner, and friends or just come by yourself.

7:00pm - 8:00pm: Dance lesson in the featured dance of the month. (This month's lesson: Waltz.)  
8:00pm - 9:30pm: Dance the night away to the best social, ballroom, Latin and club music.

DJ and Mad Hot Ballroom dance instructor Frank Solomon will teach line dances during breaks.

Attire: Dress up, formal, or nice casual. No shorts, jeans, T-shirts or sneakers. Please wear ballroom dance shoes to help preserve the floor. Cost: \$10 per person. Pay at the door.  
For more information, call Frank Solomon at 301-934-0729.

## Labor Day Softball Tournament

In honor of the 50th Anniversary of the Youth Center, the annual softball tournament held on Braden Field was played with wooden bats on Saturday, September 3. While only 4 teams participated in the tournament, it was a great time as players accustomed to using high-priced metal bats were forced to adjust to wooden bats. The wooden bats changed the usual dynamic of the tournament as runs came at a premium and teams were forced to play "small ball." Following round robin play, the day concluded with a single-elimination tournament. After completing round robin play without a victory, Tap Out Softball started clicking in the tournament and defeated POPS in the championship game. Congratulations to Tap Out Softball and thanks to all the teams that participated in this year's tournament.



Visit and "Like" the City of Greenbelt on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt](http://www.facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt).

# CITY OF GREENBELT ANIMAL CONTROL AND AQUATIC & FITNESS CENTER PRESENT POOCH PLUNGE 2011

*A Splash Party for You and Your Dog!*

Saturday, September 10th from 10am-3pm  
Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center, 101 Centerway  
\$5.00 per dog. One dog per handler.



Info: 301-474-6124

Pre-register at the Animal Shelter Booth at the Labor Day Festival.

Greenbelt residents receive priority registration. You may also register at the event. Participation is limited.

## Labor Day Adult Table Tennis Tournament

On Friday, September 2 the Greenbelt Recreation Department held its annual Labor Day Table Tennis Tournament at the Youth Center. Both singles and doubles competitions were offered. A total of 12 individuals, ages 16 and over, competed in the singles tournament. While the turnout was only a slight increase over the previous year, the competition level increased drastically. Perpetual champion John Anderson was finally defeated. Zhangyan Jiang came away victorious against Anderson in a best of three championship match that stunned all spectators that had grown accustomed to watching Anderson win the tournament each year. Jiang was also crowned champion in the doubles tournament with his partner Haifeng Qian. They defeated the tandem of Fred Smith and John Anderson. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who participated.

## Richard "Reds" Roland Memorial Horseshoes Tournament

On Saturday, September 3 the Greenbelt Recreation Department held the annual Labor Day Horseshoes Tournament. Competitions were held for both singles and doubles horseshoes. The now common singles championship pitted Wayne Cumberland against Mike Ginsburg and, once again, Cumberland was victorious. Cumberland also won the doubles championship with his partner Bill Kellaher. Mike and Richard Ginsburg were runner-up in the doubles tournament. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all participants for maintaining the tradition of this tournament.

## DONATION DROP-OFF

American Rescue Workers  
Saturday, September 10, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.  
Parking lot between City Office and the Community Center  
Info: City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8308.

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just like seasoned Greenbelters who have moved within the city, can change their address with the county Board of Elections by sending in a "Change of Voter Registration Data" form available at the city clerk's office at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road or from the Board of Elections office. Such changes may also be made by simply writing a signed letter to the Board of Elections, 16201 Trade Zone Avenue, Suite 108, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774.

If a new registration is needed, the form may be picked up from the city clerk's office or at the Greenbelt Library at 11 Crescent Road. Easier yet, "let your fingers do the walking" and print the form from the website of the Maryland State Board of Elections at [elections.state.md.us/voter\\_registration](http://elections.state.md.us/voter_registration).

Voter registration changes cannot be faxed, emailed or completed online because they must contain an original signature. Forms or letters must be mailed or delivered to the county Board of Elections at the above address.

Registration or changes may also be accomplished in person

at the county Board of Elections office in Upper Marlboro or at any full-service Department of Motor Vehicles office during regular hours.

### Eligibility to Vote

Eligibility to vote in the 2011 Greenbelt city council election requires being a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old by November 8 and domiciled at a residence address within the corporate limits of the City of Greenbelt as of the date of registration. In addition, eligibility to vote requires not having been found by a court to be incapable of voting by reason of mental disability; not having been convicted of buying or selling votes; not having been convicted of a felony or, if convicted, having completed serving a court-ordered sentence of imprisonment, including any term of parole or probation for the conviction.

Questions about registration requirements should be directed to the county Board of Elections office at 301-430-8020. Answers may also be found at [prince-georgescountymd.gov](http://prince-georgescountymd.gov) (choose "Elections" under "Select an Agency").

## HSUS Reward Now Offered In Greenbelt's Old Deer Kill

A reward just offered by the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and the Humane Society Wildlife Land Trust revisits the case of the deer remnants found in the woods behind the garden plots on Hamilton Place near Greenbelt Homes, Inc. headquarters. This incident was reported in News Review articles May 26 (Hunting Stand, Deer Bones, pg. 16) and June 9 (Poachers Seem Less Likely, pg. 1) and a letter June 2 from Brian Almqvist.

The two organizations have announced they are "offering a reward of up to \$2,500 for information leading to the identification, arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for illegally killing several deer that were found in Greenbelt."

In their announcement they related that, "According to Maryland Natural Resources Police, in late May 2011, the carcasses of about five deer were discovered in the woods near Greenbelt Community Garden. The remains of a tree-stand – an elevated seat that hunters use to scout wildlife for hunting – were also discovered in the area."

"Poaching is a serious crime that not only harms wildlife, but as this case evidences, also puts public safety at risk," said Elise Traub, outreach and policy manager of the Wildlife Abuse Campaign for the HSUS. "The Humane Society of the United States thanks the Maryland Natural Resources Police for their efforts to find the person or people responsible."

It is illegal to hunt in the area where the deer carcasses were found because of the proximity to residential homes, the announcement stated.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation may call the Maryland Natural Resources Police Catch-a-Poacher line at 1-800-635-6124.

According to the June 9 story in this paper, Mayor Judith Davis is quoted as saying at a GHI meeting that "the remains are several years old. Hunters some time dispose of and recycle remains by dumping them in a wooded area to let nature take its course". The story also says that the reported hunting stand was believed to be remnants of a tree fort built by children years ago.

## 9/11 Commemoration at Laurel Museum

During September the Laurel Museum will display an exhibit focused on 9/11. It offers visitors an opportunity to reflect on the day and the community's connections to it. They can also reflect on the aftermath from a 10-year perspective by adding to the museum's 9/11 commemorative book.

In the days after 9/11/2001, the museum provided a book of remembrance. Visitors left many poignant remarks. They later added comments related to the 2002 exhibition, "Our Local Heroes," focused on first responders in the story of 100 Years of Laurel Volunteer Firefighters and 50 Years of the Laurel Rescue

Squad.

During this 10th anniversary of September 11, Laurel Museum invites visitors to read the comments and add personal reflections in the same volume about 9/11, about America and their community 10 years later. The commemorative book will be available through September.

The Laurel Museum is at 817 Main Street in Laurel. Admission is free. Hours are Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sundays 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The current main exhibition at the museum is "And They're Off! 100 Years of Laurel Park."

For more information visit [www.laurelhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.laurelhistoricalsociety.org).

## LETTERS

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be.

Next it was, "It will take several days to get permits." Again, working in construction for 30 years, there are emergency situations where permits are dealt with as work is being accomplished.

Lastly – and the one that shows the complete lack of concern and urgency in dealing with this matter – when asked, "Well, if nothing else, couldn't the backing board be replaced to be ready for work?" we were told he "would have to check to see if he had any in stock, as 'special' plywood was needed."

After living in GHI for over 30 years I find the lack of concern and urgency when six families are lacking power to be not only unacceptable but abhorrent.

*Stephan McMichael  
20 Court Hillside*

**Editor's Note:** The above letter, written August 31, was received too late to be published last week. Stephan McMichael told the News Review yesterday that while the electrical service box has not yet been fixed, the six families are being served by a generator which was installed last Friday.

### GBLT Pride Thanks

What an amazing Labor Day parade! We may have started as a group of about 25 but we ended with the force of the community behind us and we cannot thank you all enough for your love and support.

For those that walked with us in the parade, thank you. It meant the world to have so many allies join us. For those along the route that made your own home-made signs, thank you. To walk and see that you had taken the time to make something to show your support was incredibly heartening. For those that cheered and clapped supporting us, thank you. To live in a community that values us and makes their support heard is truly wonderful.

Thank you for making Greenbelt an inclusive community that we all love to call home. We look forward to working with you in the future to secure equality for all.

*Lauren Cummings*

### Roosevelt Center Site Of Blues Festival

The 8th Annual Greenbelt Blues Festival will be held Saturday, September 17.

Spend the day listening to live acoustic and electric blues from 1 to 8 p.m. outdoors at Roosevelt Center, then move indoors to the New Deal Café from 8 to 11 p.m. Hear Johnny Grave and the Tombstones, Jonny & the Stingrays, Capital Blues Ensemble, KERQ and more.

The Greenbelt Blues Festival is sponsored by Friends of the New Deal Café Arts with support from the City of Greenbelt.

For more information visit [www.newdealcafe.com](http://www.newdealcafe.com) or call 301-474-5642.



## Speaker about Hospice at GIVES

GIVES (Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service) will hold its quarterly meeting on Saturday, September 10 in the Greenbelt Community Center, Room 112.

In addition to the regular business meeting a guest speaker will present information about the Washington Home and Community Hospice. Laurie Singh, the volunteer coordinator for Com-

munity Hospice of Maryland, will speak about the services provided by hospice and how to become a volunteer for the organization. She will address misconceptions about hospice and clarify all the services that are provided to those who are ill and to their families.

The GIVES meeting is open to all residents of Greenbelt. Visitors are invited to come hear the speaker.

### CITY ELECTION INFORMATION

**ANY REGISTERED GREENBELT VOTER MAY CHOOSE TO VOTE BY EARLY VOTING or ABSENTEE VOTING  
NO MORE EXCUSES!**

**EARLY VOTING:** This is the second municipal election in which any qualified voter of the City of Greenbelt may choose to vote by EARLY VOTING. The purpose of the change is to give an additional option to voters and make it easier to vote in City elections.

### EARLY VOTING DATES AND LOCATIONS

**Schrom Hills Park Clubhouse,  
6915 Hanover Parkway**

Saturday, October 22nd, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and  
Sunday, October 23rd, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

**Springhill Lake Recreation Center,  
6101 Cherrywood Ln.**

Saturday, October 29th, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and  
Sunday, October 30th, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

**Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road  
Mondays – Fridays**

October 24th – November 4th, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Tuesdays until 8:00 pm

**ABSENTEE VOTING:** Any qualified voter of the City of Greenbelt may choose to vote by absentee ballot. There is no longer any need to present an excuse for why you will be absent from your polling place on Election Day.

An **ABSENTEE BALLOT** may be requested in one of two ways. Each individual requesting a ballot must submit a separate, signed application form or letter.

- **Fill out an application form that you may 1) pick up in the City Clerk's office, 2) request from the City Clerk by phone at 301-474-8000 or by e-mail at [cmurray@greenbeltnmd.gov](mailto:cmurray@greenbeltnmd.gov), or 3) print from the City's Web site at <http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov>; or**
- **Write a letter of application to the City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, including your full name, domicile address in Greenbelt, signature, and telephone number.**

Military service members, their families, and other U.S. citizens abroad who are covered under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act may also use the Federal Post Card Application (<http://www.fvap.gov>) to request an absentee ballot for City election.

Applications to receive absentee ballots must be received by noon on Monday, November 7, 2011. The completed ballot must be received by the City Clerk no later than 6 p.m. the day of the regular election, November 8, 2011. No absentee ballots will be distributed prior to October 19.

Return your executed absentee ballot in time to arrive by 6:00 p.m. on November 8th by 1) sending it through the U.S. mail, 2) hand-delivering it to the City Clerk's office, or 3) placing it in the locked drop-box at the east door of the Municipal Building at 25 Crescent Road.

Questions? Call Cindy Murray, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000, or email [cmurray@greenbeltnmd.gov](mailto:cmurray@greenbeltnmd.gov).

### CITY ELECTION INFORMATION ELECTION CLERKS NEEDED

The City of Greenbelt Board of Elections is seeking several residents who would be willing to serve as election officials on November 8, 2011, from 6 a.m. until about 9 p.m. Clerks must also attend a training session on November 7 from 7:00 p.m. until about 9 p.m.

This is a rewarding experience for anyone who is interested in the political process and would like to play an active role in the local election. There is a stipend of \$135, plus a training fee of \$25.

There may also be a need for additional clerks to assist in the counting of absentee ballots. This job would entail working for two or three hours in the late afternoon/early evening of November 8. No preliminary training is necessary. The pay for absentee ballot clerks is \$35.

To apply, please visit the City offices to submit an application, or call or e-mail Cindy Murray, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000 or [cmurray@greenbeltnmd.gov](mailto:cmurray@greenbeltnmd.gov) to request a form. Forms are also available on the city website, [www.greenbeltnmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov).

# Greenbelt



Supermarket Pharmacy

## Farm Fresh Produce

Fresh Sweet Large Cantaloupe each <b>99¢</b>	Nutritious Ripe or Green Bananas <b>49¢</b>	Fresh Crisp Apples Select Varieties <b>99¢</b>
Fresh Cut & Peeled Baby Carrots 1 lb. <b>\$1.50</b>	California Iceberg Lettuce head <b>\$1.49</b>	Fresh Broccoli Crowns <b>\$1.49</b>
Sweet Ripe Seedless Grapes <b>\$1.99</b>	Fresh Crop Russett Potatoes 5 lb. bag <b>BUY ONE GET ONE FREE</b>	California Valencia Oranges 4 lb. bag <b>\$3.99</b>

## Fresh Quality Meats

Fresh Value Pack Boneless & Skinless Chicken Breasts <b>\$1.99</b>	Fresh Lean Beef Boneless Bottom Round Roast <b>\$3.49</b>	Fresh Value Pack Boneless Center Cut Pork Chops or Roasts <b>\$3.99</b>	Fresh Value Pack Boneless Rib Eye Delmonico Steaks <b>\$6.99</b>
Fresh Lean Beef Boneless Rump Roasts <b>\$3.79</b>	Fresh Value Pack 85% Extra Lean Ground Beef <b>\$2.69</b>	Hatfield Sliced Bacon Assorted 1 lb. <b>BUY ONE GET ONE FREE</b>	Hatfield Meat Franks Assorted 1 lb. <b>BUY ONE GET ONE FREE</b>

## Dairy

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## Frozen

Minute Maid Orange Juice Assorted 64 oz. <b>\$2.50</b>	Shurfine Margarine Quarters 1 lb. <b>89¢</b>	Deli Gourmet Imported Cooked Ham <b>\$3.99</b>	Turkey Hill Ice Cream Assorted 48 oz. <b>\$3.00</b>	Swanson Hungry Man Dinners Assorted 13-16 oz. <b>\$2.50</b>
Kozy Snack Lunchpak Puddings Assorted 4-6 pk. <b>\$2.50</b>	Crowley Sour Cream 16 oz. <b>\$2.00</b>	Deli Gourmet Roast Beef <b>\$7.99</b>	Smart Ones Entrees & Desserts Assorted 4-10 oz. <b>\$2.00</b>	Totino's Crisp Crust Party Pizza Assorted 9-10 oz. <b>\$1.50</b>
New Yorker White American Cheese <b>\$6.49</b>				

## Health & Beauty

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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](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf). Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

## Robberies

August 26, 2:06 p.m., 7800 block Mandan Road, two men entered an apartment, displayed handguns and took the occupant's property. The suspects are described as two black males, one about 5'6" and both wearing ski masks.

August 27, 11:13 a.m., Breezewood Drive at Cherrywood Terrace, a woman was approached by two men who forcibly took her purse. The suspects are described as two black males wearing white shirts and dark pants.

August 29, 3:29 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, two men approached a man and demanded his property. The suspects are described as two black males; one 20 to 25 years old, 5'7", 215 pounds, wearing a white shirt and gray jeans; and the other wearing a multicolored shirt and dark colored jeans.

August 30, 7:28 p.m., 7900 block Mandan Road, a man was approached by two men who assaulted him and took his property. The suspects are described as two black males; one about 6'3" tall, wearing a pink shirt and blue jeans; and the other wearing a white T-shirt and blue jeans.

August 31, 9:24 p.m., 7100 block Greenbelt Road, a person, approached by two young men, was assaulted with a blunt object and had money taken.

## Arson

August 31, 8:54 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, an unoccupied vehicle was intentionally set on fire by unknown suspect(s).

## Trespass

August 26, 3:41 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway, a non-resident youth was petitioned for trespassing on private property and released to a guardian pending action by the Department of Juvenile Services.

August 27, 7:07 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a resident youth was petitioned for trespassing on private property and released to a guardian pending action by the Department of Juvenile Services.

August 30, 9:23 a.m., 9100

block Springhill Terrace, a non-resident youth was petitioned for trespassing on private property and released to a guardian pending action by the Department of Juvenile Services.

## Vandalism

August 28, 1:38 p.m., 9000 block Breezewood Terrace, a ball was thrown through a window.

August 30, 8:42 a.m., Crescent Road at Hillside Road, graffiti was found on the walls of the underpass.

## Burglaries

August 26, 9100 block Springhill Lane, nine youths (most were residents) were petitioned for burglary after breaking into a vacant apartment. The youths were released to their respective guardians pending action by the Department of Juvenile Services.

August 27, 8:14 p.m., 7100 block Mathew Street, nothing was reported taken.

September 1, 6:37 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, nothing was reported taken.

## Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a silver 2001 Chrysler 300M with Md. tags from the 200 block Lakeside Drive, a green 2004 Dodge Intrepid with Md. tags from the 200 block Lakeside Drive and a red 2007 Suzuki Motorcycle with Va. tags from the 7500 block Greenbrook Drive.

A blue 2001 Jeep Cherokee with Md. tags, stolen from the Beltway Plaza parking lot, was recovered by the Prince George's County police. One arrest was made.

Thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7600 block Hanover Parkway (two incidents – cellphone, iPod, portable gaming system and iPod, U.S. currency, credit card); 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive (two incidents – iPod, GPS and radio/navigation unit); and 7600 block Mandan Road (rear Md. tag).

Vandalism was reported at Beltway Plaza (graffiti), 6000 block Springhill Drive (scratches) and 100 block Westway.

## Hispanic Heritage Fest At Beltway Plaza Mall

Hispanic Heritage Month is being celebrated at Beltway Plaza with special Latin music on Sundays, September 11 and 25 from 2 to 4 p.m. Live Mariachi music by Humberto Guzman will start playing at Center Court, with the band then moving along the mall.

## Register on Sept. 13 For GED Classes

Greenbelt CARES will hold its Fall 10-week GED course starting Tuesday, September 13 and continuing through Thursday, November 17. Registration for the course will be held on Tuesday, September 13 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The first class of instruction will be held on Thursday, September 15.

GED I, held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., is for students who need review of basic math (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, decimals, percentages and word problems) and English grammar skills.

GED II, held from 1 to 3 p.m., is for students who have successfully completed GED I and/or are ready to learn algebra and geometry, English literature and writing skills and prepare to take the GED test.

GED classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday for four weeks in the Municipal Building Conference Room at 25 Crescent Road.

Students are required to show proof of residency (i.e., current lease, phone or electric bill, driver's license or Motor Vehicle ID card).

There is no charge for Greenbelt residents. Nonresidents are required to pay a \$175 registration fee. All students are required to buy a copy of the GED textbook and calculator that can be purchased from Greenbelt CARES.

Students do not have to be 16 years old to take the GED course. Students are eligible to take a free GED pre-test given at Greenbelt CARES. The actual GED test is given by the State of Maryland. However, students who are ready to take the test can obtain the application forms from Greenbelt CARES.

Questions and enrollment information regarding either GED I or GED II should be directed to Judge Hering, course instructor, at Greenbelt CARES at 301-345-6660 ext. 2016 or email [jhering@ci.greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:jhering@ci.greenbeltmd.gov).

## County Holds Hearing On Preservation Plan

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) has published a preliminary Priority Preservation Area (PPA) Functional Master Plan. The preliminary plan was developed for Prince George's County in accordance with HB-2 (2006), Agricultural Stewardship Act of 2006.

The PPA Functional Master Plan lays the groundwork for protecting the PPA by continuing to use existing tools and programs and implementing new tools that serve to accomplish the preservation goal set for the PPA plan. It provides guidance expressed through its vision, goal and objective. It also provides policies and strategies to address the preservation of farm and forest land uses in areas of the county best suited for such uses.

The public hearing is to give stakeholders and interested persons an opportunity to express views concerning the Preliminary Priority PPA Functional Master Plan. It will be held on Tuesday, September 13 at 7 p.m. in the Council Hearing Room, First Floor, County Administration Building, 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, Upper Marlboro.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. for participants to view exhibits. Planning staff will be available to answer questions.

Copies of the preliminary plan are available at no cost at the following locations: County Administration Building, M-NCPPC, Planning Information Services (Lower Level), 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, Upper Marlboro; Bowie Branch Library, 15210 Annapolis Road, Bowie; and Laurel Branch Library, 507 7th Street, Laurel. It is also available on the M-NCPPC web page: <http://www.pgplanning.org/prioritypreservation.htm>.

Persons desiring to speak at the public hearing may register in advance or fill out a registration form available that night at the hearing site. Individual speakers and representatives from a group or groups will be limited to three minutes. Written testimony and/or exhibits will be accepted in lieu of or in addition to oral testimony.

To register in advance to speak call the M-NCPPC Public Affairs Office at 301-952-4584/TTY 301-952-4366 or register online at [www.pgplanning.org/Planning\\_Board/Testify\\_at\\_Hearings.html](http://www.pgplanning.org/Planning_Board/Testify_at_Hearings.html).

The hearing is important because the plan establishes policies that will help define the type, amount, character and location of future agricultural practices in Prince George's County.

## Greenbelt Playful City Once Again

KaBoom!, the nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing play opportunities for children, has recognized the City of Greenbelt as one of 151 2011 Playful City USA communities. This is the fifth consecutive year Greenbelt has received this designation. The city was the first in Maryland and is now joined by Chevy Chase, Laurel and Takoma Park. KaBoom! says that only one in five children in America lives within walking distance of a playground or park, leading to a Play Deficit. It says the American Academy of Pediatrics has established the importance of play in healthy brain development. KaBoom! created Playful City USA in 2007 to help local governments address the Play Deficit by ensuring children have the time and space needed for play.

In honoring Greenbelt for its outstanding dedication to play, KaBoom! cited the city's Get Active Greenbelt initiative that encourages everyone to be physically active through classes, health fairs, Play Day events and other ways to engage the family.

## Co-op Food Demos, Wine Tasting Events

During September the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket & Pharmacy will sponsor a variety of food demonstrations and wine tastings. All events are free.

### Wine Tastings

On Fridays, September 9 and 16 there will be wine tastings from 4 to 7 p.m. There will also be wine sampling with the Wednesday, September 28 portobello mushroom demo. Age identification is required for wine sampling.

### Food Demos

The next in the Co-op's "New to Natural?" series will be held Wednesday, September 14 from 4 to 6 p.m., featuring Navitas Naturals Superfoods. Products offered for sampling will be goji berries, raw cacao powder, palm sugar and a cashew-goji-cacao trail mix.

September 28 (also Patron Appreciation Day) food demo offerings will include pan-seared stuffed Portobello mushrooms and wine samples.

### Fall Workshop

The next workshop in the Co-op Shop Healthy Program will be held on October 4 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Youth Center. On "Fall Foods & Soups," it will provide tips on how to incorporate a variety of seasonal produce into menu plans, focusing on healthy, hearty soups. Registration is required by calling 301-474-0522, ext. 205 or emailing [membership@greenbelt.coop](mailto:membership@greenbelt.coop).

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter.

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## 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 nough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for September 12 through 16:

Monday – Cranberry juice, roast beef with stroganoff sauce, egg noodle pasta, orange spiced

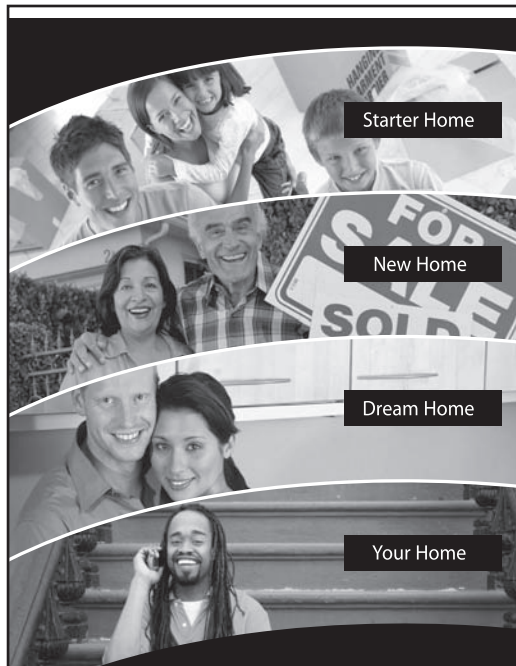
beets, fruit salad.

Tuesday – Apple juice, cheese pasta shells with meat sauce, seasoned kale, warm fruit compote with raisins.

Wednesday – Orange juice, chicken tenders with Teriyaki sauce, rice pilaf, green beans, pineapple tidbits.

Thursday – Grape juice, baked ham with Dijon mustard sauce, black eyed peas, butternut squash, diced pears.

Friday – Annual senior picnic. All sites closed.



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*Our Neighbors*

Condolences to Uri Yokel, his wife Kathy Rodriguez and their family and friends, on the death of Uri's mother Susanne (Shoshana) Yokel in Utah on September 4, 2011. Mrs. Yokel was traveling with Uri to visit national parks in the West when she died. Mrs. Yokel, of Bethesda, came often to Greenbelt for family celebrations.

Congratulations to Suze and Jim Marley, who have been kept busy answering calls of congratulation on the promotion of their daughter Lisa Wenzel to acting principal of the James E. Duckworth Regional School in Beltsville. The good news was announced and publicized with big articles in both the Washington Post and the Gazette. Lisa had been a volunteer at the school, which serves children with disabilities, since she was a senior at High Point High School. After 16 years of experience as a teacher's aide at this same school, she earned college degrees and returned to Duckworth. In the Post article (Sept. 1), Lisa credits her mother Suze with instilling the volunteering spirit that inspired her.

The Marleys are also enjoying the achievements of grandson Calvin Wright of Fredericksburg, Va., son of daughter Kathy, who won a scholastic scholarship to Shenandoah University and then was "scouted out" by the football coach and is scrimmaging with the freshman team.

At another event showing appreciation for teachers on August 22, a special Mass to celebrate the opening of schools, Cardinal Donald Wuerl of the Archdiocese of Washington paid tribute to long-time teachers in Catholic schools. He is pictured in the Catholic Standard of August 25 congratulating Sister Maris Bonnett for 60 years of teaching. Sister Maris, who was principal of St. Hugh's school in the 1960s, is still teaching at Holy Cross school in Garrett Park, Md. Sister Vivian Mary Mastromatteo, who also taught at St. Hugh's, received the 60-year award as well.

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

— Kathleen McFarland

**Thursday Bird Walk At Lake Artemesia**

On Thursday, September 15 at 3 p.m. take a free guided bird walk around Lake Artemesia to look for migrating and resident songbirds, waterfowl and other bird flyovers. The paved walk loops around the 38-acre lake and beside Indian Creek.



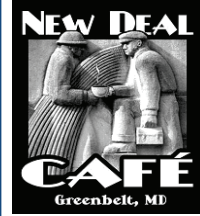
Meet at the parking lot at Berwyn Road and Balew Avenue in Berwyn Heights. This Audubon Society-sponsored walk is for beginners and experts. Binoculars are suggested and no reservations are needed for this free event. Call 301-459-3375 for more information.



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Already saturated ground toppled this tipping oak tree at 50 Court Ridge in Wednesday's heavy rains. The existing slant and nearness to the building prevented momentum in its fall, limiting damage to the structure, although the resident had to evacuate pending inspection, tree removal and any needed repairs. GHI, Pepco, police and city inspectors were on the scene almost immediately and before the homeowner was aware of the incident. Pepco trucks had been busy all over old Greenbelt turning lights back on one area at a time, responding to power outages.

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**NAMI Holds Monthly Workshop**

On Thursday, September 15 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Hanco Building at Beckett Field, 8511 Legation Road, New Carrollton, the local chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) will hold its September workshop. The topic will be the Practice Research Network of the University of Maryland, Baltimore School of Medicine, presented by Dan J. Nieberding, Community Liaison.

The Practice Research Network (PRN) is designed to link researchers of the University of Maryland, Baltimore with the public mental health system, which includes core service agencies, clinics and providers and various consumer advocacy organizations and stakeholders groups throughout the state. Nieberding will discuss the main focus and goal of PRN and current schizophrenia research studies underway. Information about opportunities to participate in PRN studies and their eligibility requirements will also be presented. The public is invited to attend.

**Little Paint Branch Trail Design Meeting**

At 7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 14 the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) will hold the kick-off public meeting for design of the Little Paint Branch Trail at Beltsville Community Center, 3900 Sellman Road.

M-NCPPC staff will provide an overview of the proposed trail, review a schedule for completion, give an opportunity for public input and answer questions. The new trail will close the current gap between College Park and Fairland Regional Park in Laurel. It will start where the Paint Branch Trail ends at Cherry Hill Road and will connect at Beltsville Community Center to meet the existing trail. These trails are part of the growing 20+ mile Anacostia Tributary Trail System that links parks, neighborhoods and Metro stations in northern Prince George's County for hikers, bikers and equestrians.

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**Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen Sylvia Lewis with her daughter Janet and husband Robert show off some of the proclamations she received.**

This year, 2011, the Outstanding Citizen is Sylvia Lewis.

Zugby's introduction usually provides a series of obfuscating clues to keep everyone guessing as to whom the honoree might be. This year he seemed to have trouble providing a clue that would keep the audience guessing. For most, particularly Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) residents, the honoree became easily recognized when Zugby announced the person had served many years on a homeowners board of directors and as president. The clincher was acknowledgment of the person's involvement with founding the Greenbelt Foundation.

Mayor Judith Davis and Maryland Delegate Tawanna Gaines, who were on the stage as the announcement was made, noted the expression of surprise that appeared on Lewis' face as she sat in the audience and came to realize that it was she who was being given the honor. She was doubly surprised when, as she walked up to the platform, she was met by her daughter Janet who was supposed to be at home in upstate New York. Her husband Robert also joined Lewis on the stage.

#### Credentials

As is the case with most Greenbelt Outstanding Citizens, Lewis has a long list of credentials as a community volunteer and activist. She has been a resident of Greenbelt for 43 years working for the American Red Cross and becoming the executive director of its Prince George's County Chapter until her retirement. She is also a retired Unitarian minister.

As a GHI resident she became active in the cooperative, serving first on the Member and Community Relations Committee, the Audit Committee and the Investment Committee before being elected to the Board of Directors. In that capacity she served for seven years as the co-op's treasurer and for four as its president. Lewis has been a strong advocate of cooperatives, gathering the representatives of all the Greenbelt cooperatives to form an alliance.

In other community involvement, Lewis was a founding member of the Greenbelt Foundation, serving as its chair and co-chair. The foundation has awarded \$60,000 in grants to promote education, environmental and artistic endeavors. She also has been active in the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club where

she served as its treasurer, was an organizer of the Bike 4 Breast Cancer fund drives, has tutored at Greenbelt Elementary School, worked as a docent at the Greenbelt Museum and volunteered at the Greenbelt Arts Center.

Lewis has been commended by her nominators "for her commitment to social justice and her willingness and courage to take on issues based on her convictions combined with her sincere unpretentious and persuasive attitude and infectious spirit that draws others into projects that benefit our entire community. Despite those many accomplishments Lewis remains unassuming and has no idea just how many lives she has touched and how important her contributions have been and will continue to be to her friends and neighbors."

As with "The Price is Right" contestants, Lewis received prizes as well – perhaps not as glamorous or valuable but given with true generosity and appreciation by those contributing them. The cost of the Outstanding Citizen program has been borne primarily by the Greenbelt Rotary Club. Club President Steve Kemp presented her with the Outstanding Citizen Recognition Plaque. Davis and the Greenbelt Council presented Lewis with a proclamation of recognition as the 2011 Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen. Senator Paul Pinsky and Delegate Gaines presented her with citations from the Maryland General Assembly.

County Councilmember Ingrid Turner, along with County Councilmember Mary Hensel Lehman of District 1, presented Lewis with similar recognition from the county. Continuing tradition, four classmates of the Greenbelt Nursery School gave Lewis a "Greenbelt Is Great" T-shirt, this time done in black. Numerous merchants also donated gift certificates.

#### Overwhelming

Lewis described receiving the award as "overwhelming." She said that it would not have been possible for her to undertake that much involvement if it hadn't been for the support of her husband, Robert. She accepted the award as representing all those who put forth the thousands of hours of volunteering that makes Greenbelt what it is. She quoted Alan Douglas as reflecting her thoughts: "This isn't where I was planning to go but this is the place where I needed to be."

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recycling bin and the dumpy trash bin. As the parade moved down the route, bystanders were asked to choose which bin to use for various disposables. The giant Generous Joe's pizza box almost made me run down to the Center to get a filled one.

Always a great crowd pleaser, the Greenbelt Double Dutch once again entertained with amazing feats of athleticism as they jumped rope in every contorted way you can maneuver a human body.

Horses are not seen as much as they once were in my youth. They were here this year accompanying two mounted state troopers. Magnificent animals.

This year Patti Brothers Stange followed behind with a silver dustpan and bucket to retrieve anything the horses might leave behind. A great benefit to those following on foot. Reminds me of the '60s when longtime city employee Henry Thurston would end the parade with a shovel and rolling barrel to accomplish the same purpose. Later it was our editor's daughter Carolyn Williamson (now Jolly) in disguise.

#### CERT Team

Impressive was the large contingent representing Greenbelt Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), all dressed with yellow vests. They are reminiscent of the old Civil Defense Corps of World War II who would parade wearing their identifying arm bands.

And what would the parade be without all those queens dressed in their lovely gowns and escorted by their comely attendants! And to think that, just the other day this lovely queen was that brat kid who lived next door or down the street or was in your class or even in your house.

The Greenbelt parades have provided a great deal of enjoyment to thousands of residents and neighboring residents over many years. For half of us, it is the pleasure of being a part of it, waving to all our friends and, for a time, being the center of attention to all we pass by.

For the other half, it's seeing all our friends and neighbors and even someone from our own family passing by and then hollering out a happy greeting to them.



**Council again rides atop the vintage GFD fire truck in the parade.**



**Chesapeake-Caledonian Pipes play along the parade route.**



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**The Recycling Society asks the question: Where would you put the Generous Joe's Pizza Box (Tom Jones) – In your recycling bin (Johanna Goderre Jones) or the trash bin (Frank De Bernardo)? Answer – recycling box after removing wax paper and pizza crumbs.**



**New to the parade this year is the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Pep Band.**