

TPB Plans for New Sunnyside Bridge Lead to City Kerfluffle

by Jonathan Taylor

At City Council's May 29 regular meeting, the public learned that Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) has joined North Core as a potential site for a relocated FBI headquarters. The new location was outed during discussion of a unanimously-adopted impromptu agenda item Councilmember Rodney Roberts had proposed. All members were present except Leta Mach.

Roberts' item capped what had been a news-less meeting. A final public hearing for the Fiscal Year 2013 budget – also on the agenda – attracted citizen comment but council heard nothing critical of the budget itself (which is to be adopted June 4). A call for citizen petitions and requests brought a request for a council worksession to soothe tensions between the city's two youth soccer leagues: Greenbelt Soccer Alliance and Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club. That request was referred to staff and a fall worksession was eyed.

The BARC item was much more interesting. According to Roberts, at the May meeting he attended as Greenbelt's long-

standing representative to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Transportation Planning Board (TPB), a dormant project to replace the Sunnyside Avenue bridge suddenly sprang to life, absorbing an additional \$6.991 million in new planned expenditures over what was planned just 18 months ago.

"All of a sudden, the county, just out of nowhere, said: we need to do this project," he said.

Communication

"And then I see this communication," Roberts continued, "where the county has decided that they've settled on essentially two sites for the FBI, trying to lure them here to the county: one being the North Core of the Metro Station and the other being BARC itself. And I find that very disturbing that they would kinda do these things that are not truly above board. They didn't say: we want to do this bridge, because we want to send FBI to the BARC, you know? So what I'm getting at – and what I'd like the council to do tonight – is send a letter saying: we don't want the

FBI at BARC."

Ultimately, it was Roberts' reference to the "communication" – an email – not his request that council oppose a BARC site, which drew council's fire and a sharp expression of concern from City Manager Michael McLaughlin.

"I would urge council to stop the discussion," said McLaughlin, seeking protection for the contents of the email he said the county had sent in confidence as "an opportunity for council to get briefed."

With Mayor Pro-Tem and Transportation Planning Board wannabe Emmett Jordan looking on, Councilmembers Silke Pope, Ed Putens and Konrad Herling all indicated in various ways their agreement with McLaughlin's urgings while Mayor Judith Davis summed up their fears. "Mr. Roberts, because you have made it public, it may now be that we are off the table."

Unmoved, Roberts responded: "Well, I don't know what the situation is but it didn't sound like we had a seat at the table to start with."

City Council Holds the Line On FY13 Budget Adoption

by Thomas X. White

At its regular meeting on June 4 the Greenbelt City Council adopted the Fiscal Year 2013 budget for the city. With Councilmember Edward Putens unable to attend, six members methodically went through several minor changes to City Manager Michael McLaughlin's proposed budget that had been informally agreed to at the final budget worksession on May 21 and unanimously adopted the modified budget.

After the adjustments made for a one percent cost of living increase for city employees and another one percent for performance pay based on evaluations, as well as the other minor adjustments to various budget accounts (see GNR May 21 issue), council approved total General Fund Revenue for FY13 in the amount of \$25,542,700. That amount is \$50,000 less than that proposed by the city manager.

On the expenditure side, council approved employee pay adjustments and several other minor changes to the expenditure accounts, resulting in Total General Fund Expenditures of \$24,961,600, an amount \$48,900 less than what had been proposed

by the city manager.

After approving an additional "Special Projects" expenditure in the amount of \$10,400 for the purchase of two additional specialized computers for Police Department cruisers, the net difference of \$38,500 would add to the city's undesignated and reserved Fund Balance which is now at a comfortable plus 10 percent of the city's annual operating expenses.

Mutual Congratulations

Following the budget adoption, council remarks were generally congratulatory and appreciative toward the manager and his proposed budget, which they had found easy to work with. McLaughlin returned the favor by thanking council for clearly defining the vision for Greenbelt and for their participation in a good budget review process.

Mayor Judith Davis noted the proposed budget and the final budget adopted by council had adhered to principles council had requested of the manager. Those were: maintain core services, avoid laying off any Greenbelt

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Parental Involvement Enhances Nursery School Early Learning

by Chris McComb and Christine Doran

This year marks the 70th anniversary for Greenbelt Nursery School (GNS). Over the past seven decades, the school has become a fixture of the community. As a co-operative, it provides a different experience from that of other early learning programs. Each member family is required to participate actively in the program, including helping in the classroom as a teacher's aide and working on committees that keep the school running.

The experience offered by co-op schools is remarkably different from that found in a traditional school setting. The most obvious distinction is the amount of involvement expected from the families. Family participation moderates the tuition, although the time commitment can be a deterrent for some parents. Most parents at GNS, however, delight in the experience and it is, in fact, this involvement that attracts them to the school.

Parent Jacqueline Lilly put it succinctly, "While co-oping, I get an inside perspective on what my child is doing every day." Many parents are eager to participate actively in their child's first educational experience and many GNS families believe the school's unique atmosphere can be attributed to the required involvement of parents.

Parent Sian MacAdam says of her decision to send her children to GNS: "I love how welcoming the school felt right from the beginning and how my children felt comfortable from day one. I appreciate the diversity of the school. It is a joy to co-op in my child's class – I get to experience my child in a different environment, watch the children grow and learn so much from the staff."

Parent Co-op

GNS was founded in 1942 as a parent co-op. One of the early co-operatives in Greenbelt, it is also one of the oldest teaching co-operatives in Maryland. For the 2011–2012 school year over 70 children are enrolled in the school's programs and 90 percent of those have parents who are committed to full or limited co-op status.

Even parents not able to work as classroom aides maintain involvement through various committees. With children in their second year at the school, both MacAdam and Lilly serve on the 11-member GNS Board of Directors.

GNS employs nine staff members, including seven teaching staff, all well-trained and experienced in dealing with children at all developmental levels.

The teachers have worked in the school for between six and 16 years and several had their own children go through the school. All teachers and teaching assistants participate in the Maryland Child Care Credential program, which recognizes childcare providers who pursue continuing education and professional activities beyond requirements of state licensing regulations.

The co-operative status of the school puts the teaching staff in a unique position. Teachers really appreciate the advantage of having parents in the classroom. Teacher Pamela Hamlin says, "I like having [the parents] see how things 'really are.' I try to explain why I do certain things. I also enjoy talking and getting to know them and a bit about how things are at home. I really love my job!"

GNS Director Lisa Meyer also serves as a teacher in the Farm Room at GNS, a space devoted to two- and three-year olds. The school is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Meyer feels the NAEYC accreditation provides further assurance to parents that the highest educational standards

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Four-year Modernization Of WSSC Sewers to Start

by Peter Curtis

The Washington-Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) has announced that the first of a series of contractors will begin extensive work to repair and modernize sewers in many areas of Greenbelt. This contractor's work will take approximately seven months but the entire project will last at least four years according to WSSC Contract Manager Ken Dinnis.

Residents in many areas of Greenbelt will be affected by this work, which will range in nature from minor repairs to extensive

excavation projects. People in all affected areas will be notified of the work to be done in their neighborhood at least 48 hours before it is begun, either by a letter or a visit from WSSC personnel. All affected areas will be returned as closely as possible to their existing condition following the work.

Dinnis noted that in the event that significant tree roots must be cut to carry out the work, saplings will be planted to replace trees that

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What Goes On

Saturday, June 9

8 a.m., CPR Course, Greenbelt Fire Dept., Crescent Road.

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, parking Lot between City Office and the Community Center.

Monday, June 11

8 p.m., Public Hearing on Greenbelt Middle School, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov

Wednesday, June 13

8 p.m., Council Stakeholder Meeting with Greenbelt Homes, Inc., Hamilton Place

Thursday, June 14

7:30 p.m., GDC Board Meeting followed by Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Board Meeting, Hamilton Place

Letters

Three Cheers For Comis!

Thank you for publishing Don Comis' stunning eye-witness accounts.

I salute the Don of Greenbelt's wildlife in wetlands and woods: creative writer, photographer, birder extraordinaire, Don Comis.
Marjorie Gray

Council Meeting Mon. On Middle School Bldg.

What community services do Greenbelt citizens want?

What services should be available equally in all parts of the city?

What if some parts of the city don't have enough rooms to support these services?

What public transportation is available, especially for children?

Can the 1937 Greenbelt High School be preserved and reused?

These and other questions may be addressed at Greenbelt City Council's public hearing on the fate of the old Greenbelt Middle School.

The hearing will be held at 8 p.m. next Monday, June 11 in council chambers (2nd floor, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road).

Hope to see you there.

David Lange
Chair, GMS Task Force

Corrections

In last week's front page article "Presentations, Reports, Business Make Long Night for City Council," the addition of a Watershed Grant Request to the council's agenda was attributed to the wrong member of council. It was Mayor Judith Davis' addition to the agenda.

In the GCAN meeting announcement last week on page 8, we incorrectly identified GCAN speaker John Lippert's association with Clean Currents. The president of CleanCurrents of Rockville is Gary Skulnik; Lippert is an independent contractor.

Tutoring Program For Grades 1-12

Tutoring sessions will be offered at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center club house every Saturday morning during the summer from 10 to 12 a.m. All students from grades one to 12 are invited to take advantage of the program, as well as students seeking to earn a GED.

For information call Judge Hering at 301-345-6660 or email her at jhering@greenbeltmd.gov.

CARES Offers Free Babysitting Class

Greenbelt CARES will hold a free babysitting course on Thursday, June 28, from 1 to 4 p.m. Students who have completed grades 5 to 8 are eligible to attend. They will learn responsibility and safety issues when working with children.

To register call 301-345-6660 ext. 2016.

CARES Offers Tutoring Program

Greenbelt CARES will offer a summer tutoring program for Greenbelt students completing grades 2 - 6. The program will be held in the Springhill Lake Recreation Center Clubhouse on Monday afternoons, beginning July 2 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Space is limited. Students participating in the program are required to fill out a registration form. Greenbelt residents have first priority. There is a \$15 charge to cover materials.

There will be five sessions: July 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. The schedule for instruction is 1 to 2 p.m. for English grammar skills and composition/spelling/writing; 2 to 3 p.m. English literature and 3 to 4 p.m. Math.

Parents or students should call CARES at 301-345-6660 ext. 2016 to register for this program.

Devoted Dads

Learn all about nature's most daring and devoted dads on Friday, June 15 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Discover the incredible ways they help protect and care for their babies. For ages 5 to 7 at the National Wildlife Visitor Center.

Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

Friday, June 8 jazz pianist John Guernsey plays from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then the Sligo Creek Stompers headline with a raucous but refined blend of traditional roots music from 8 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, June 9 begins with Bruce Krittr on classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. John Guernsey follows with up-tempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., and The Galt Line takes over from 8 to 11 p.m. with rockabilly, Western Swing, Jump Blues and Gypsy Jazz.

Sunday, June 10 from 5 to 8 p.m. The Petrified Pickers play bluegrass and country classics with some of the area's best pickers.

Next Week

On Tuesday, June 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. The Bachelor & the Bad Actress do Indie with a twist, and Takoma Hollow does funky covers and looping blue grass. Tom Gleason plays on Wednesday, June 13 from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, June 14 pianist Amy C. Kraft plays mid-day melodies from noon to 2 p.m. Later there will be an open microphone session with James and Martha from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, June 15 jazz pianist John Guernsey plays from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then Warner Williams plays Piedmont and R&B style blues from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Saturday, June 16 Bruce Krittr plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m., John Guernsey plays jazz and blues piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then The Mott Squad takes the stage with rock and roll covers from 8 to 11 p.m. Sunday, June 17 the monthly kids' open microphone session will be held from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. From 5:30 to 7 p.m. Darbuka Dawg Hafla will play Middle Eastern music and dance.

Crazy Quilt

Mark calendars for the Crazy Quilt Music Festival, which will be held outdoors in Roosevelt Center on Saturday, June 23 from 2 to 8 p.m.



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NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GDC & GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Thursday, June 14, 2012

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 PM



GDC Key Agenda Items:

- Approval of June 23, 2012 Minutes
- Selection of Board of Directors and Election of Officers

GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Approval of April 12, 2012 Minutes
- 2012 Underground Utility Contract, 2nd Reading
- Yard Line Certification: 23 Court Ridge, 62A Crescent
- Installation of Window for Through-wall Air Conditioner, 4L Plateau
- Revised Subleasing Policy on GHI Units
- Status of Right-of-Way Encroachment Issues
- Finance Committee Recommendation on Solar PVES
- Finance Committee Recommendation on Eliminating GFCU Accounts
- Finance Committee Recommendation on Reviewing the Acquisition of a 591-Unit Apartment Complex in Greenbelt
- Allocation of 2011 Budget Surplus
- Review of Amazon.com Link on Website
- Contract for Repairs: 14R Ridge Road, 1st Reading
- Proposed Date for Board Open House
- Schedule Six Month Evaluation for General Manager
- Schedule Member Picnic in Fall
- Holiday Substitution for GHI Staff
- Schedule Strategic Plan Workshop
- Fall Board Meeting Dates

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All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for June 11 to 15 are given below.

Monday – Cranberry juice, salmon burger with creamy dill sauce, scalloped potatoes, green beans, fresh peach.

Tuesday – Orange juice, roasted chicken with herb gravy, black-eyed peas, carrots, tropical fruit salad.

Wednesday – Grape juice, chicken cacciatore, parsley rotini, spinach, pineapple tidbits.

Thursday – Training day; all sites closed.

Friday – Cranberry juice, chopped steak with pearl onion gravy, northern beans, orange-spiced beets, applesauce.

Astronomical Society Holds Star Party

All are invited to join the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) for a free star party Saturday evening, June 9 at the City of Greenbelt Observatory at Northway Fields. In addition to the observatory telescope, several members will share personal telescopes and binoculars for the enjoyment of all. Observing will begin probably around 9 p.m.

Objects to be observed include several nice star clusters and nebulae as well as the planets Mars and Saturn.

The star party will be cancelled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot at the bottom of the hill unless bringing a telescope.

At the Library

Bookids

Tuesday, June 12, 4 p.m.: Children's book discussion of Lloyd Alexander's *The Book of Three*. The book, based on Welsh mythology, follows Assistant Pig Keeper Taran as he is caught up in the battle between the sons of Don and Arawn Death-Lord. There will also be poetry and other activities.

Summer Reading

Tuesday, June 12, 7 p.m.: Ice Cream Social. Come learn about and sign up for the summer reading program and events while enjoying an ice cream treat. For all ages. Children must be accompanied by caregivers to eat ice cream. Signing up online for the summer reading program can be done at www.pgcmcls.info.

Storytimes

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

Wednesday, June 13, 10:30 a.m.: Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years.

Thursday, June 14, 10:30 a.m.: Toddler Time for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver.

Space is limited; pick up a free ticket for Storytime events at the information desk.

Adult Programs

Tuesday, June 19, 7 p.m.: Historian and author/lecturer Carroll R. Gibbs presents an audio-visual lecture for adults and older children on "Haiti: From Independence to Earthquake" in this weekly series of talks through June 26 on African American history and culture. Find out how Haiti began, its complex relationship with the U.S. and how it is coping with one of the greatest natural disasters in its history.

For more information on any of these programs or events visit the library, call 301-345-5800 or visit www.pgcmcls.info.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

A lovely luncheon sponsored by County Councilmember Ingrid Turner was enjoyed by many members of the Golden Age Club and others.

Three Golden Age members were presented with awards – President Cathie Brannan, Vice President John Henry Jones and Pauline Bordas. All were surprised and honored.

On June 13 representatives from the library will speak about the summer reading program and other events at the Greenbelt Library.

The June potluck birthday lunch will be held on June 20.

We wish our president Cathie Brannan and her husband Pat a safe and happy trip to Hawaii. They will visit their son and daughter-in-law and those two special grandchildren. We'll miss them but the club will keep busy while they're gone.

I saw a great bumper sticker the other day which I liked: "Parachutes and minds are alike – they don't work until they are opened."

Greenbelt Computer Club Holds Meeting

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its June meeting on Thursday, June 14 at 7 p.m. in Room 103 at the Community Center. All are welcome.

Co-ops Have Table At Farmers Market

On Sunday, June 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., there will be a Greenbelt cooperatives table at the Greenbelt Farmers Market.

Information about Greenbelt's seven co-ops and representatives of each will be available, along with free balloons and kids crafts.

For more information visit www.alliance.greenbelt.coop.

Co-op's June Demos And Wine Tastings

On Fridays, June 8, 15 and 22 wine tasting events will be held at the Co-op, with a bonus wine tasting on Wednesday, June 27 along with the food demo that day. There is a \$1 savings on tasting wines during these events.



On Wednesday, June 13 from 4 to 6 p.m. the New to Natural food demo will feature Indian simmer sauces by Maya Kaimal.

On Tuesday, June 19 the quarterly Healthy Horizon program at the Greenbelt Youth Center will be a talk on hydration and a demonstration of fruit soups and smoothies. There is a 10-person attendance minimum. Advance registration is requested by contacting membership@greenbelt.org or 301-474-0522, ext. 205 to assure enough samples and attendance to hold the event.

On Wednesday, June 27 from 4 to 6 p.m. the Seasonal & Savory food demo will feature Italian-style melon salad, fire and ice salsa and melon gazpacho, in addition to the bonus wine tasting. It is also patron appreciation day.

Program Is Planned For Spanish Speakers

A special four-day program for Spanish-speaking parents of children in the Franklin Park community of Greenbelt will take place at the Springhill Lake Recreation Department Clubhouse beginning Monday, June 18 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

The program, which is free, will continue through Thursday. Children are welcome.

For more information contact Judge Hering, City of Greenbelt, at 301-345-6660.

GHI Notes

Thursday, June 7, 7:30 p.m., Nominations and Elections Committee Meeting – GHI Lobby

Friday, June 8, Office Closed – For Emergency Maintenance Service call 301-474-6011

Wednesday, June 13, 8 p.m., GHI/City Stakeholder Meeting – Board Room

Thursday, June 14, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting – Board Room

Monday, June 18, 7:15 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

Tuesday, June 19, 8:30 a.m., Yardline Committee Meeting – GHI Library

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

Wednesday, June 20, 7 p.m., Woodlands Committee Meeting – Board Room

7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee Meeting – GHI Library

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

Greenbriar Boards To Meet on June 12

Greenbriar Board meetings will be held on Tuesday, June 12, Phase III at 6:30 p.m. and Phase I and II meetings at 7:30 p.m.

More Community Events on pages 2, 5, 8 and 12.

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Madagascar in 3D, PG (!)
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Madagascar in 2D, PG (!)
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Prometheus in 3D, R (!)
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Prometheus in 2D, R (!)
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The Avengers, PG-13
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Obituaries

Toni R. Durantine

Toni Raymond Durantine, 93, of Crescent Road died at his home on June 4, 2012.



Mr. Durantine was a resident of Greenbelt for more than 50 years, where he attended St. Hugh's Catholic Church for about 30 years. He worked for the federal government for most of his career, retiring as an administrator at Goddard Space Flight Center.

Born August 16, 1919, in Ossining, N.Y., he was the son of Italian immigrants Michele Durantini and Francesca Calandra. He was the youngest of five brothers, all of whom preceded him in death.

Growing up in this Hudson Valley town, he delivered newspapers, with a route that took him along the outside walls of Sing Sing Prison, was a Sea Scout and caddied at local golf courses.

During the Depression he went to Idaho to work in the Civilian Conservation Corps as an ax man. He enlisted in the U.S. Army just before World War II. He served in the South Pacific as a navigator aboard a B-24 bomber, flying 56 combat missions.

After the war, he graduated from Rutgers University with a degree in social sciences. He would be recalled to active duty in the U.S. Air Force in 1951, serving in Alaska as a captain during the Korean War.

In Greenbelt Mr. Durantine helped the local Boy Scouts. He was an announcer for the Greenbelt Swim Team for several years. An avid gardener, he had a garden plot on Hamilton Place where he grew vegetables for many years.

He is survived by his children Anthony Durantine of Crescent Road, Peter Durantine of Hummelstown, Pa., Matthew Durantine of Wheaton, Md., and Nicolette Butler of Corning, N.Y.; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

There will be a viewing from 3 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 9, at Gasch's Funeral Home, 4739 Baltimore Ave, Hyattsville. A funeral Mass is scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 12 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 359 West Areba Ave., Hershey, Pa., with interment at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery in Annville, Pa.

Elizabeth Laster

Elizabeth (Lisa) Edith Laster, 58, of Stockholm, Sweden, died of cancer on Thursday March 22, 2012.

Ms. Laster was born on April 4, 1953, in Ithaca, N.Y., the oldest child of Miriam Sargeant Laster of Norway, Maine, and the late Howard Joseph Laster, former chairman of physics and

astronomy at the University of Maryland and dean of liberal arts at the University of Iowa.

Ms. Laster grew up in Greenbelt, moving into 15 Ridge Road in 1956 when she was 3 and then moving to 3 Lakeside Drive in 1960. She attended Hawthorne High School in Washington, D.C., and moved to Stockholm, Sweden in 1971.

Ms. Laster was one of the original founders of "Kalikå", a children's clothing and toy store that grew from one location in the outskirts of Stockholm to become an esteemed Swedish brand with a flagship store in the old town, Gamla Stan, of Stockholm and two other stores in Sweden, international distribution in Japan, Paris, London, New York and Beverly Hills and their products presented at the Swedish Design Center.

Her proudest achievement, in addition to her children and grandchildren, was the founding, with Kalikå, of the "Fair Play" project in partnership with the St. Petersburg's Early Intervention Institute in 1996. Fair Play was an innovative example of early social entrepreneurship, enabling families with handicapped children in Russia to produce the Kalikå product working from home, caring for their children. The project was originally supported by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency and Save the Children Sweden.

The Fair Play project is now self-supporting and continues to produce the Kalikå toys and children's clothes.

In addition to her mother, Ms. Laster is survived by her husband, Rolf Lundberg, her children from prior marriages, Hanna Söderlund Cronlund, John Laster and Joseph Laster; her step-daughter, Åse Levin; her former husbands, Kjell Söderlund and Åke Cederholm; her sisters, Jenny Laster Genser of Arlington, Va., and Sally Hudson of Long Valley, N.J.; two grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, two nieces and a nephew. She was predeceased by her brother,

Jonathan Allen Laster as well as her father.

Those wishing to make memorial contributions are asked to consider Doctors without Borders.

Richard E. Craig

Richard Eddie Craig, 82, died at his Lakeside home on May 26, 2012. His family was with him.

He grew up in Ohio. When he was 9 years old, his mother died and he was raised by his stepmother. He graduated from Kent State University in Ohio.

He also attended graduate school at the University of Maryland. He worked for the Internal Revenue Service.

His future mother-in-law introduced him to his wife Louise M. Craig. They were married for 54 years.

He especially liked Greenbelt because of the many activities for children. He felt driven to a Lakeside house, which they bought because of a view of the lake and woods and a large backyard. They also bought a small farm in West Virginia.

He worked for the Montgomery County Public Schools as a system analyst where he handled, for example, the cafeteria supplies program. His wife worked for the Prince George's County Schools.

Although they did not join any political party, they voted in every election.

Mr. Craig was very active in Mowatt United Methodist Church, especially the choir, of which he was a member. He belonged to the Gideon Society which distributes Bibles to hotels and other places.

Noted as an unselfish, caring, kind man who frequently smiled, he was popular with young people. Friends of his son David, who died at age 23 after an accident, established a memorial for David.

Mr. Craig died at home. His family helped him see the lake, the woods and his backyard as

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In Memoriam

Old Greenbelt Waves Goodbye One Last Time

by Rick Ransom

Old Greenbelters (and younger ones, too) were saddened to learn of the death of Donald Dorsey last week about a month before his 75th birthday. He was born in Savage, Md., and did odd tasks on farms until his family moved to town when he was in junior high school. He remained here for the remainder of his life, except the four years he served in the Air Force. He worked at the Beltsville farms for the U.S. Agriculture Department with his brother-in-law Donald Davis. Later he transferred to the Government Printing Office, from which he retired. He spent several years after retirement helping at the Greenbelt Mobil (now Sunoco). Many people remember seeing his cheery face and enjoying his playful disposition in the mornings.

Donnie was married to Mary Jo Fitzmaurice for 51 years. As Mary Jo related to me at the reception following Donnie's funeral on Tuesday, June 5 at the American Legion, their marriage was up and down, like most, but she knew there was a good guy in there at the core. She said they were lucky to have two wonderful children, Donnie Jr. and Frank. (It's funny, but the two boys stated they were the lucky ones.) Frank said he saw his Dad nearly every day and Donnie Jr. checked in regularly as well. My friend Lee said he talked to his brother almost every day and visited him frequently. Donnie's older sister Shirlee Wolfe said she talked to Donnie regularly, often for an hour or more at a time. That was the thing about Donnie. He had some wild times and loved a party but he was a very reasonable and calm person to talk to . . . realistic and down-to-earth. Frank's wife Linda said she misses that already. Donnie's brother Charles (we all called him Bobby) preceded Donnie in death two years ago.

Frank attended a prep school in Virginia in his older youth and played football and baseball for the school. Frank noted with much love that his Dad attended all the games and then attended games when Frank later played for the University of Maryland under coach Bobby Ross.

Donnie Jr. told a story about how he had moved to Boulder, Col., to be with a girl who was attending school there. He chuckled that his money ran out after a few months and he had to come home, in December. His dad flew out to Boulder to drive home with him. It was an eventful trip with two different snowstorms

Mowatt Holds Picnic For Virginia Hunt

On Sunday, June 10 at 11:15 a.m. Mowatt United Methodist Church will host the first annual Virginia Hunt Memorial Picnic.

The picnic memorializes the life and work of longtime resident and Mowatt member Virginia Hunt, 90, who died March 27, 2011. Hunt worked tirelessly for the church, its choir and for the Boy Scouts.

All are invited to join Mowatt for the picnic, provided by the church. There is no fee.

Mowatt is at 40 Ridge Road.

in mountainous terrain. Donnie Jr. said that you couldn't see the road and they spent one night at a gas station with fellow travelers whose own trips had been interrupted. He shook his head when he remembered, saying, "I can't imagine anyone else riding that trip with me but my Dad."

Donnie had many friends from his earliest days in Greenbelt, quite a few of whom have blazed a trail to the hereafter, including Don Olverson, Jimmy Eddins and Donnie's co-shadow Jim "Shorty" Magrum. (Forgive me if I've left someone out.) He and Shorty spent many days of many years together until Shorty's death in February 2010. Donnie was a friend of mine despite his 10 years of seniority. I met him when his brother Lee and I were in high school. Lee played guitar and I played electric piano in two

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he died.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years; his children Deborah Rhodes, Vicki Grant, Beth Gemmell; grandchildren Kyle, Joe, Rich, Mary Catherine, Chris, Matt and Ben. He was predeceased by son David M. Craig.

A funeral was held at Mowatt United Methodist Church on May 30, with interment at Baker United Methodist Cemetery in Baker, W. Va. Arrangements were made by Borgwardt Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to: David Craig Memorial Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 761, Greenbelt, MD 20768.

Lael Carriere Service

A memorial service will be held for longtime Greenbelt resident Lael Carriere at 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 9 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Mrs. Carriere died Sunday, June 3, 2012, at Hillhaven Nursing Center.

First Whittaker Scholarship Presented to Meghan Costello

On June 3 Holy Cross Lutheran Church and the Whittaker family announced the first recipient of the Jean T. Whittaker annual memorial scholarship. The \$3,000 award goes to church member Meghan Costello, a senior at High Point High School who will attend Towson University in the fall. The scholarship is in memory of longtime church member Jean Whittaker, who died in July 2011 and had a passion for helping young people.

The presentation was made to Costello at the Sunday morning service by Cindy Graunke, the Whittakers' eldest daughter, and Jean's husband Peter. Former Greenbelt residents, the Whittakers moved to Lanham for more space for a growing family but have remained regular members and participants at Holy Cross over many years.

The annual award goes to a high school senior applicant who



Award recipient Meghan Costello, Holy Cross Pastor Stephen Mentz, Peter Whittaker and Cindy Graunke at the first annual Jean S. Whittaker Memorial Scholarship presentation.

is a member of the church and attending a two- or four-year college, university or accredited vocational school.

Costello, of Beltsville, who has attended Holy Cross since 2004, plans to become a social worker and was selected for her grades as well as for her commitment and service to Holy Cross.



City Information

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 11-15

Monday, June 11 at 8:00 p.m. **PUBLIC HEARING ON GREENBELT MIDDLE SCHOOL**, at Municipal Building 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov

Wednesday, June 13 at 8:00 p.m., **COUNCIL WORK SESSION** with Greenbelt Homes Inc (Stakeholder) at GHI, Hamilton Place.

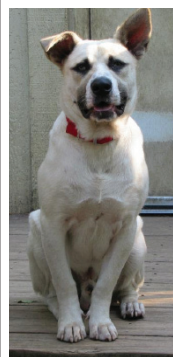
This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Employee Relations Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability and Public Safety Advisory Committee
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Arts Assistant with the Recreation Department. Help coordinate the Festival of Lights Art and Craft Fair. Help publicize City arts events year round through print and electronic communications and community outreach. \$12/hr, 15 hrs/wk. Open until filled. For details, contact Nicole DeWald at ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov

Recreation assistants needed at busy community center. Customer service, facility monitoring & event set up. Weekday evening/nights. \$7.25/hr. City of Greenbelt. 301-397-2208. EOE

NOTICE OF ROADWORK

CHERRYWOOD LANE ROUNDABOUT

Construction on the Cherrywood Lane Roundabout is scheduled to begin on or about June 18, 2012, and will take approximately 90 days to complete. The Cherrywood Lane roundabout is intended to improve traffic operations at the intersection of Cherrywood Lane and Metro Access Drive. For questions/information contact Celia Craze, Planning and Community Development Director, at 301-345-5417 or ccraze@greenbeltmd.gov.

Public Hearing on Greenbelt Middle School

Monday, June 11, 2012 at 8:00 p.m.

Greenbelt Municipal Building
25 Crescent Road

The Greenbelt City Council will conduct a public hearing on the possible future use of the Greenbelt Middle School facility by the City.

Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov

DONATION DROP-OFF

American Rescue Workers

Saturday, June 9, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.

Parking lot between City Office and the Community Center

City of Greenbelt Recycling Office: 301-474-8308.

CPR COURSE

Hosted by the Public Safety Advisory Committee

Saturday, June 9 at 8 a.m.

Greenbelt Fire Dept.

This course will be taught by an American Heart Association certified instructor.



Cost for this course is \$20 per person. Put your name on the list by contacting Laura Kressler at GreenbeltPSAC@yahoo.com. Fee collected on the day of the course. Cash or Check only. Walk-ins are accepted if spaces remain.



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NEWS IN REVIEW

June 7, 2012

Annual Meeting Turnout is Low but Elections Not Dull

By Andy Carruthers



The meeting is called to order just after 7:30 p.m.

On May 17, an intrepid 13 percent of the membership convened for the cooperative's annual meeting, and to (re-) elect leadership. With voters from the following day, 204 voters cast an average of 4.2 votes (of 5 permitted for the board), in a "bullet voting" pattern common to Greenbelt elections, albeit with lower-than-municipal turnout.

Challengers Sue Ready and Frank DeBernardo out-paced all incumbents as vote-getters #1 and #2, respectively. Ready is a prior board member who left the community to care for her mother but returned 'with an electoral vengeance' (of 158 votes). The avuncular DeBernardo (146 votes) was not reached for comment by press time. In descending order of votes, incumbents **Ed James, Diana McFadden** and **David Morse** were returned to office, and **Irv Wattell** and **Ken Blue** will need to try again next year.

To the unglamorous but mission-crucial Audit Com-



Tom Jones waits to receive his voting card from Robin Everly.

mittee were re-elected long-time board watcher **Dianne Wilkerson** and **Debbie Cooley**, a U.S. Senate accountant. Also elected was newcomer **Ben Fischler**, attracted to GHI in 2011 by the long, storied success of Maryland's largest housing cooperative (yes, us). Each received more votes than any board candidate, understandable given that the seats were uncontested.

The Nominations & Elections Committee ballot was supplemented at the last minute by the spontaneous conscription of **Sylvia Lewis**, who graciously assented to the buttonholing by the *ad hoc* Button Holers Task Force.

In addition to elections, members (and kin) joined staff and board to consider and vote on other cooperative topics. Among them: a (no-)smoking policy, a new legal form of membership, bylaws amendments and various rules and parliamentary minutia. Master emcee **Tokey Boswell** was on a leave of absence, so the meeting was diligently chaired, with a single microphone, by the jocular and faintly mischievous **Bill Jones**, our VP-acting-as-P in Tokey's absence.

Smoking seemed to invite most interest (though door prizes included neither cartons nor nicotine patches). A petition signed by 52 members, most from a court cohort on Ridge Road, directed the board to explore and implement a policy allowing members on each row to vote (unanimously) to prohibit future smoking inside the row. Several amendments later, the motion directed the board to research and develop (but not implement) such a smoking policy for consideration at the 2013 membership powwow (*sans* peace pipes), and it passed handily.

Free plants, door prizes and a spirit of community self-determination made the tedious procedures and lawyerly talk worthwhile. Said one wry commenter on the Greenbelters e-mail list: "On a more humorous note, I'd especially like to thank those members who shared the 'torment of the by-laws' the other night and still did their duty by voting for our leaders. GHI is a very special place - almost looking forward to next year's meeting!"

Me, too.



Henry Haslinger, a member of the Nominations and Elections Committee, counts votes.

**Editor's note: Bullet voting is commonly understood as a voting tactic in which a voter does not cast the full number of votes permissible in a multi-seat election. The object of such a tactic is thought to be to ensure that a favored candidate is elected by denying votes to other candidates in the election.*

All photos by Eric Zhang. To see more photos, check out Zhang's Greenbelt 75th Anniversary Photo Blog: <http://greenbelt2012.wordpress.com>.

GHI ANNUAL MEETING ELECTION RESULTS		
Board of Directors (5 vacancies - 4 two-year terms; 1 one-year term)		
Sue Ready		158
Frank DeBernardo		146
Ed James		141
Diana McFadden		134
David Morse		131
Irv Wartell		106
Ken Blue		37
New slate of officers:		Audit Committee (3 vacancies - one year term)
President: Sue Ready	Dianne Wilkerson	187
Vice President: Frank DeBernardo	Debbie Cooley	184
Treasurer: Chuck Hess	Ben Fischler	171
Secretary: Ed James		
Votes Cast		204

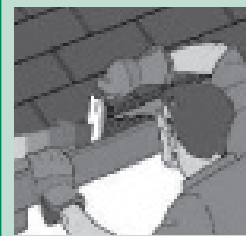
GHI Disaster Preparedness Survey

The GHI Companion Animal Committee is asking GHI members to complete a survey to gather information about GHI members' preparedness in the event of a disaster. For those members with companion animals, additional questions are asked to determine if members are planning for their companion animals as well. Members with companion animals also are asked to indicate the types of companion animals they have and the number of each type of companion animal. This information will be used to identify resources and to develop educational events and materials for GHI members.



Admiral Horatio Nelson, a twelve-year Greenbelt resident rescued by Dianne and Bill Wilkerson, will make sure he is included in the survey.

The survey will be available through June 30, 2012. Members without access to the Internet may contact GHI Member Services at **301-474-4161 x140** to request a hardcopy version of the questionnaire.



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**2012 Spring Gutter Cleaning
May 21- July 22**

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WHAT'S HAPPENING!

JUNE			
Fri	8	--	OFFICES CLOSED
Wed	13	8:00 p.m.	Stakeholders Meeting with City Council
Thur	14	7:30 p.m.	Board Meeting
Mon	18	7:15 p.m.	Pre-Purchase Orientation
Tue	19	8:30 a.m.	Yard Line Committee
Tue	19	7:30 p.m.	Companion Animal Committee
Wed	20	7:00 p.m.	Woodlands Committee
Wed	20	7:30 p.m.	Architectural Review Committee
Thu	21	7:15 p.m.	Special Board Meeting
Thu	21	6:45 p.m.	Investment Committee
Thu	21	7:30 p.m.	Finance Committee
Fri	22	--	OFFICES CLOSED
Sat	23	9:00 a.m.	Woodlands Committee Hike
Mon	25	7:00 p.m.	Communications Committee
Wed	27	7:00 p.m.	Buildings Committee

JULY			
Wed	4	--	OFFICES CLOSED-Independence Day
Fri	6	--	OFFICES CLOSED
Tue	10	8:30 a.m.	Yard Line Committee
Wed	11	7:30 p.m.	Architectural Review Committee

(Dates are subject to change)
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Greenbelt Soccer Teams Take 1st & 2nd Honors



The Greenbelt Soccer Alliance girls' high school teams took first and second in their divisions at the 2012 annual Takoma Park Soccer Fest 4 vs. 4 tournament. The girls, who play together in league, were divided into two teams for the tournament, with both teams facing Montgomery Soccer Inc. teams in the final games. From left to right (sitting) Clare Alexander, Mairead Alexander, Teresa Smith and Elizabeth Mehalick. Standing are Coach John Pedersoli, Emma Thrift, Hope Micallef, Julia Pedersoli, Makayla Czan and Jasmine Goggins.

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of my first bands in our late teens, the second of which was "Donnie and The Diablos." Donnie sang lead for a repertoire that consisted mostly of the songs of Otis Redding, James Brown and other soul artists.

Donnie was helpful to anyone when he could be. Susie Kellaher Hartwick said, "He was my second Dad from the time I was 14. He doted on Frank and Linda's children Daniel and Amanda. Amanda exclaimed, "He was my favorite person in the world."

Donnie coached youth sports with Lee in the Boys and Girls Club when Donnie Jr. and Frank were teens. Frank said sometimes Donnie would bring in some of his African-American friends from work to help with coaching.

That was Donnie. Never played favorites and befriended all, even in the early years when so-called "social mixing" was not as prevalent. Frank noted that Donnie also boxed in the Air Force, and was a welterweight champion, with trophies to show for it. He related that Donnie told him he only lost one fight when he was asked to move up in class to fill a spot, fighting twice in one day.

I see him now in his old white El Camino pickup truck he drove for many years, cowboy hat on his head, smile on his face, hands on the wheel, riding off into the sunset. As Mary Jo and I agreed, so many of his friends have passed on that he is not so much leaving us as he is rejoining them. Save us a seat and a beer, Donnie!

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employees and do not raise the tax rate.

Council also expressed appreciation for the active participation of the few Greenbelt residents who attended and who had provided comments during the budget worksessions.

For Greenbelt homeowners the city tax rate on real property remains the same, \$0.79 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2012.

City Notes

Animal Control staff picked up two dogs involved in an automobile accident on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway in which one dog died and the other was returned to the owner's next of kin.

Recreation staff reported that over 400 students attended the ERHS Grad Night program held at the Youth Center and the Aquatic and Fitness Center.

A Park Ranger was stopped by an individual at Roosevelt Center who was concerned about three birds that had fallen from a tree. Animal Control was notified and the surviving birds were taken away for treatment.

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Fresh Value Pack 80% Lean Ground Beef \$2.88 lb.	Fresh Picked Sweet Corn each 30¢	Dannon Oikos Greek Yogurt Assorted 5.3 oz. \$1.00	Hanover Classic Vegetables Select Varieties 16 oz. \$1.25	Frozen Swai Fillets \$3.49 lb.
Oscar Mayer Wieners Assorted 1 lb. BUY ONE GET ONE FREE	New Crop Eastern Peaches \$1.49 lb.	Shurfine Cottage Cheese Assorted 24 oz. \$2.89	Green's Premium Ice Cream Assorted 1.5 qt. \$3.00	Sea Best Frozen Sea Scallops 1 lb. \$11.99
Grocery Bargains			Grocery Bargains	
Red Pack Assorted Tomatoes 28-29 oz. \$1.00	Bumble Bee Chunk Light Tuna 5 oz. \$1.00		Hunt's Assorted Manwich Sauces 15-16 oz. \$1.00	Chef Boy Ar Dee Canned Pasta Assorted 14-15 oz. \$1.00
Wisk 2X Liquid Laundry Detergent 50 oz. \$3.99	Folger's Ground Coffee Select Varieties 10-11.3 oz. \$3.69	Wish Bone Salad Dressings Asst. 16 oz. \$2.00	Shurfine Spring Water 24 pk. - 16.9 oz. \$2.99	
Deli	Bakery	Natural & Gourmet	Health & Beauty	Beer & Wine
Willow Brook Chicken Breast Roll \$4.49 lb.	Fresh Store Baked Club Rolls 6 pk. \$1.75	Finn Crisp Thin Crackers 7 oz. \$1.99	Right Guard Sport Deodorant Antiperspirant 2-3 oz. \$1.99	Milwaukee's Best Beer 6 pk.-12 oz. cans \$3.99
Deli Gourmet American Cheese \$4.29 lb.	Fresh Store Baked Original Cherry Pie 8 inch \$4.99	Old Cape Cod Barbecue Sauces Asst. 20-22 oz. \$1.99	Pharmacy Helper Assorted Pill Boxes each 99¢	Cupcake Wines 750 ML. \$8.99

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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/DUI

May 26, 1:18 a.m., 5500 block Cherrywood Lane. A 20-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol-related violations, among other charges, after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

May 29, 2:05 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. A 24-year-old Silver Spring woman was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol-related violations and other charges after a traffic stop. She was released on citations pending trial.

May 29, 5:38 p.m., Breezewood Drive at Springhill Lane. A 35-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol-related violations, among other charges, after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

Three people from Laurel were arrested and charged with multiple alcohol-related viola-

tions and other charges after traffic stops on main roads passing through Greenbelt. They include two men ages 24 and 23 years old and a 45-year-old woman. All were released on citations pending trial.

Burglary

May 25, 5:39 a.m., Roosevelt Center. Currency was among the items taken.

May 28, 4:12 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. Jewelry was taken.

Vandalism

May 25, 4:25 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Court. A window was broken.

May 26, 9:31 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. Windows were broken.

May 29, 11:44p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road. A sliding glass door was broken.

Vehicle Crime

A windshield was damaged on May 27 in the 7800 block Hanover Parkway

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.

Call 1-866-411-TIPS.

People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 240-542-2145.

WSSC

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are removed. He also explained that some of the work must be performed at times when sewage flow is very low, either in the late evening or early morning.

Project work may result in the contractor's noise and lights disturbing residents though efforts will be made to limit the disruption. Similarly, construction equipment and excavation may temporarily make travel on some local streets difficult.

Those with concerns or questions may call WSSC on-site Inspector Collins Njoku at 301-206-4225. If the inspector is not available, call Dinnis' office directly at 301-369-7772 weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For problems at other hours, call the WSSC radio room at 301-206-4002 and refer to the "sewer lining" project.

Dinnis concluded by asking residents for understanding and patience during the project, which is being done to replace aging, worn out sewers.

Register on July 3 For GED Classes

Greenbelt CARES will hold its Summer four-week GED course from Tuesday, July 3 through Thursday, July 26. Registration will be on July 3 from 1 to 4 p.m. and the first class that day.

In this inclusion class, both GED I and GED II instruction is provided every Tuesday and Thursday for four weeks in the Springhill Lake Recreation Center's Clubhouse, 6101 Cherrywood Lane.

Students must 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 have to pay a \$75 registration fee. All students must buy a copy of the GED textbook and calculator, which can be bought from Greenbelt CARES.

Students, who must be at least 16 years old to take the course, can take a free GED pre-test. The actual GED test is given by the State of Maryland, with application forms available from Greenbelt CARES.

Contact Judge Hering, course instructor, at 301-345-6660 ext. 2016 or email jhering@ci.greenbeltmd.gov for details..



Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the unexpected death of Donald J. Dorsey, Sr., 74, on May 28, 2012. Don and his wife of 51 years, Mary Jo (Fitzmaurice) grew up here and raised their two sons here; everyone is still in Greenbelt. After the funeral service at St. Hugh's on June 5, family and friends who knew Don in many different ways, such as from his employment at USDA, his helpfulness later at the Mobile/Sunoco station or through his sons' activities, gathered in mutual sympathy at the Greenbelt American Legion hall.

Our sympathy to the family and friends of longtime resident Lael Carriere, who died Sunday, June 3, 2012. A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 9 at 5 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

We are sorry to learn of the death of Crescent Road resident Toni R. Durantine, 93, on June 4, 2012 and extend sympathy to son Anthony and other family members and friends.

Condolences to the family and friends of former Greenbelter George F. Farrell of Glenn Dale, who died May 30, 2012. Mr. Farrell, a lifelong gardener, could be found in recent years at his stand in the College Park Farmers Market which featured his own home-grown vegetables, herbs and honey.

Congratulations to:

— Kathryn O'Sullivan, now of Reston, who was awarded the St. Martin's Press Minotaur/Malice Domestic Best Traditional Mystery Novel \$10,000 prize for her new book, Foal Play, set on North Carolina's Outer Banks, to be published next spring. O'Sullivan, who grew up here, is a 1983 ERHS graduate who ran track. She now chairs the Northern Virginia Community College Manassas campus drama department. O'Sullivan's web-based Western series Thurston, distributed by SFL Online Television, was an official honoree of the 16th Annual Webby Awards.

Meta Lagerwerff sends greetings to her Greenbelt friends and former News Review colleagues. She is now in rehab at Hillhaven Nursing Center and welcomes cards and phone calls. The address is 3210 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi, MD 20783; phone, 240-965-0148.

We hope everyone saw the excellent article about Greenbelt in the Real Estate section of the Washington Post Saturday, June 2. It was titled "New Deal experiment still works."

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@verizon.net or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

— Kathleen McFarland



The first tomato of Greenbelt's summer, grown by John Henry Jones in the community gardens across from Greenbelt Homes' office on Hamilton Place. Gardeners are all proud and excited about this year's healthy, plentiful growing season.

— photo by Melissa Mackey



Greenbelt News Review

75th Anniversary Dinner

6 p.m. Sunday, November 18, 2012

Greenbelt Marriott

6400 Ivy Lane, Greenbelt, MD

MENU Selection

(choose 1 entrée per person)

___Chicken with Mushrooms

___Grilled Salmon with Soy & Ginger Sauce

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Greenbelt Community Center
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To receive your tickets by mail, send your check and this form with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the above address. Tickets may also be purchased at the News Review office in the Community Center on Tuesdays, 2-4 p.m. The Marriott Hotel is reserving a small number of rooms at a discounted rate for those who wish to spend Sunday night at the hotel. Contact the Marriott Hotel at 301-441-3700 to make your own reservations.

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Friday, May 25 senior Wii bowlers, 15 of them, showed up at city council chambers to compete in the Third Annual Wii Bowling Tournament between the Green Ridge House Strikers and the Community Center Mighty Miis. After two intense hours of bowling, competition, food and fun, Gary Blackstock from Green Ridge House won the individual tournament with a final game of 193. Bernard Robbs, a new Community Center member, came in second with a score of 190.

The Community Center Mighty Miis took home the team trophy for the first time with an average score of 179. The team had a total of four games during the tournament that went over 200. Robbs had the all time high score of the day with 235, bowling eight strikes in a row. The average for the Green Ridge House Strikers was 172 with Blackstock having the highest Green Ridge House score of 195.

Shown above, Green Ridge House Strikers: Front: Elaine Pearson, Herb Elliott, Evelyn Williams; Back: Carolyn Kepler, Linda Rixon, Gary Blackstock and Barbara Hardisty.

The winning Community Center Mighty Miis are Rosalie Teutsch, Barbara Payne, Sandra Lee, Richard Bennof, Frank Pearlman, Theresa Cyrus, Bernard Robbs and Thelma Loret de Mola.

Kids Fishing Day

On Saturday morning, June 9 the Patuxent Research Refuge in Laurel will host a Kids Fishing Day. Novice anglers can learn how to cast a rod, identify types of fish and enjoy the experience of fishing. All fishing equipment will be provided and there will be staff available to assist. Call the Refuge at 301-497-5887 to register for an 8:30 or 9:30 a.m. time slot.

More experienced anglers with personal equipment can take advantage of Maryland Free Fishing Day (no license required) at the Refuge's North Tract location (off Rt. 198) from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. State and refuge regulations and fishing policies apply.

The National Wildlife Visitor Center is located on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 197.

National Gallery Hosts Free Vocal Concert

On Sunday, June 10 at 6:30 p.m. the National Gallery of Art presents a free concert by Rosa Lamoreaux, soprano, and William Sharp, baritone. Music includes works by Barber, Boulanger and other composers. This event will take place in the West Garden Court.

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Dr. David McCarl, Dr. Clayton McCarl, Dr. Monica Mattson, Dr. Jay McCarl
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If you've thought about improving your smile, this guide can help you learn about the latest techniques in dentistry and cosmetic dental procedures.

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Indians	10- 6	Tigers	12- 6
Cardinals	10- 5	Athletics	10- 6
Yankees	0-18	Orioles	2-12

Major League Schedule June 11 through 16

Date	Time	Games
Monday, June 11	6 p.m.	Yankees vs. Tigers
Tuesday, June 12	6 p.m.	Giants vs. Cardinals
Wednesday, June 13	6 p.m.	Cubs vs. Indians
Thursday, June 14	6 p.m.	Athletics vs. Orioles
Friday, June 15	6 p.m.	Giants vs. Tigers
*Friday, June 15	7 p.m.	Cardinals vs. Indians
Saturday, June 16	10 a.m.	Athletics vs. Cubs
Saturday, June 16	1 p.m.	Orioles vs. Yankees

Playoffs begin Monday, June 18 at 6 p.m.

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From right, Marjory Donn of Prince George's Peace & Justice Coalition shows Marie-Cecile Groelsema and her twin daughters Dora-Marie and Athalia (both 9) how to make an origami peace crane.

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Jim Cassels Award Committee Begins Search for 2012 Awardee

by Leta Mach

The Greenbelt Consumer Co-operative is looking for applicants for the Jim Cassels Community Service Award to be presented at the Co-op's 2012 annual meeting. The award provides \$1,000 to carry out a project in the next year that will positively impact the lives and the environment of the people who live in Greenbelt.

The most recent Jim Cassels Community Service Award is funding a Three Sisters Demonstration Gardens project of the Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS). It will purchase equipment to provide outdoor classrooms and raised handicapped gardening tables at the Center Gardens outside the Greenbelt Community Center as well as offer intergenerational workshops.

CHEARS has already gotten a start on its project. On Friday, April 13 CHEARS and community volunteers and staff gathered for a work day to install and set up the garden plots, a raised planting bed with storage area for ergonomic garden tools and more and a convertible bench-to-table at the garden, located outside the Greenbelt Community Center. Intergenerational educational strategies include pairing younger people with those who are more experienced so that all can take advantage of each other's strengths and build up their skills.

Greenbelt Nursery School students, staff and parents attended such an event at the Center Garden on May 3, hosted by CHEARS, to learn gardening, partake in eco-art projects and learn about the environment. CHEARS is currently scheduling more intergenerational workshop events with the Greenbelt Nursery School, Adult Daycare Center and other community members and organizations in Greenbelt. CHEARS leaders in this project include Executive Director Kim Walsh and Concetta Laskey, Communications, Outreach, and Education Coordinator. For more information about the Three Sisters Demonstration Gardens project or CHEARS or to find out how to participate, visit their website at www.chears.org and contact Walsh (kim@chears.org) or Laskey (conchetta@chears.org).

Since its creation in 2006 the Jim Cassels Community Service Award has funded a variety of projects, all of them fitting tributes to the memory of Jim Cassels and his legacy of community involvement. In previous years, the Co-op has made the \$1,000 Jim Cassels Community Service Award to several organizations including the Beaver Dam Watershed Watch Group, the Greenbelt Climate Action Network, the Greenbelt Tennis Association, the



From left to right: Kim Walsh, Fred Cassels (son of Jim Cassels) and Maggie Cahalan at the annual Co-op meeting where the award was given. Walsh is executive director of CHEARS and Cahalan one of its founders.



Greenbelt Nursery School student Calista Ausema plants a flower with the assistance of an unnamed adult. Amil Anderson is in the background.

Friends of the New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA) and the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA).

Previous Grants

FONDCA used its grant to fund the first year of the Eileen Peterson Youth Music Series, which offers young musicians from local schools the opportunity to perform in Roosevelt Center. The program has continued and the founders have cited the Jim Cassels Award as one reason. Barbara Simon explains, "the Jim Cassels award was very helpful to us: we were able to get grants for last year's concerts from the Prince George's Arts Council and Prince George's County – it is always easier to get a grant from a county organization if you can show that a local group has supported your program."

Similarly, the 2010 Jim Cassels Community Service Award funded a Greenbelt Association

for the Visual Arts/Greenbelt Access Television (GAVA/GATE) art and animation project, which later received grants from the county and the Greenbelt Community Foundation. In the project, young people ages 10 to 15 are creating an animated video to be screened as part of the city's 75th Anniversary celebration this year.

Organizations are encouraged to begin thinking of a project to benefit Greenbelt and fill out an application. Applications are available at the Co-op customer service office or online at http://fd10.formdesk.com/coop/cassels_award. Applications need to be returned to the customer service office by October 15.

For more information call Steve Kane at 301-441-3809 or email him at srkane@gmail.com.

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are met by the school's programs.

GNS was, in fact, among the first nursery schools in the nation to achieve accreditation under NAEYC's updated accreditation process, designed to help families identify high-quality childcare and early-education programs.

Many Activities

The staff organizes daily activities in art, music, literacy, math, science and social skills – all presented in the context of play. Parent Jennifer Thorson says of the school's guiding principle: "They don't just talk about play-based learning – they actually do it."

A further benefit to having parent aides in the classroom is an ability to enhance planned activities with the talents of parents. Parents have painted a sea-themed mural in the "Ocean Room" classroom, presented information about paleontology and dinosaurs (including showing fossils and tools), brought in animals and talked about pet care and about being a vet. Others brought instruments (including violin, guitar and lute) for the children to hear and play, as well as a spinning wheel and wool to make thread.

Diversity is another compelling facet of the school, borne out in the rotating involvement of parents in the classroom. Co-op parents commonly share cultural traditions surrounding holidays they may celebrate at home. For example, an Iranian family shared traditions about the holiday of Naw-Rúz and another parent told the children about Africa for Black History Month.

Balanced Ratio

A further advantage of a co-operative school is a more balanced child-to-adult ratio, meaning more direct attention and more opportunities for stimulation.

James L. Hymes, Jr., former president of the NAEYC, notes that "A co-op child is apt to be surrounded by a common point of view 24 hours a day and seven

days a week. The child is apt to get more consistency in guidance and more richness in stimulation, home and school."

Working in the classroom provides a valuable learning experience for parents. Co-op parents have the opportunity to witness firsthand how their child behaves in a group setting, how other children in the same age group behave and how a school program works.

Teacher Hamlin says, "I feel that [the co-op parents] are more supportive, since they see what is going on and can reinforce ideas at home." Many parents who do not have background in child education find the experience greatly enriches their abilities as parents.

In the words of parent Jamie Casey, "[Co-oping] makes me a better parent by giving me ideas for activities and what to do about behavioral problems."

Outside Families

While a large proportion of the students live in Greenbelt, many within walking or biking distance, the school's distinctive atmosphere draws families from outside the city, including College Park, Bowie, even Washington, D.C.

Parent Jennifer Thorson gives the bottom line for why she chose the school for her sons: "Because it's not just a school; it's a community."

GNS offers half-day nursery school programs for children aged two to five, with two-, three-, four- and five-day options, as well as extended care. The school is located in the Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Road. In late February it holds an annual open house, inviting families to visit the school, observe and talk with the director at any time. For more information, visit www.greenbeltnurseryschool.org.

Chris McComb and Christine Doran are parents of former and current students at Greenbelt Nursery School.

Fathers Day Menu

Fresh Omelet Station Cooked to Order

Waffles made to Order

With Your Choice of Toppings: Fresh Berries, Whipped Cream, Butter & Maple Syrup

Breakfast Potatoes

Crispy Bacon, Pork Sausage Links, and Turkey Sausage Cheese Grits

Fresh Breakfast Pastries with Butter and Preserves

Fresh Fruit with Seasonal Berries

Fresh Garden Greens with Assorted Garnishes and Dressings
Gourmet Bread Selection

Golden Southern Fried Chicken

Teriyaki Glazed Salmon

with a Pineapple Salsa

Barbecued Short Ribs

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Seasonal Vegetables

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