

Davis and Jordan Lead in Votes; Total Voter Turn Out Is Down

by James Giese

There were no surprises at the November 8 Greenbelt City Council Election. All incumbent councilmembers were reelected. Judith Davis once again received the greatest number of votes and can be expected to be reelected by the council as mayor at the November 14 Charter Council Meeting. Emmett Jordan again placed second and can be expected to be named mayor pro-tem by the council. The ranking of all other candidates in votes received also remained the same except that Konrad Herling slipped ahead of Edward Putens by 23 votes to place fourth, behind Rodney Roberts.

While total votes cast was not available from the city this year at press time, this year’s turnout was about 80 percent of the number voting in 2009. That would indicate voter turnout at about 16 percent of the total number of registered voters, down about 4 percent from 2009. The city shares voter registration with the county and the total registration number reflects all those who register and who may turn out only for state, federal and/or presidential elections.

While Davis maintained her lead over all others, her margin

of victory percentage was somewhat less. Jordan, behind her by less than 2 percent of the votes, picked up a percentage point from the 2009 election. Roberts, while still placing third, gained nearly 6 percentage points on Davis. All other incumbents gained in relation to Davis with last place candidate elected, Silke Pope, gaining over 12 percentage points.

With 412 votes, William Orleans, this year’s only challenger, achieved 30 percent of Davis’ vote. In comparison, the 2009 candidate with the least votes, Che Sayles, achieved 33 percent of Davis’ vote. That Orleans did almost as well as Sayles is of interest considering the huge sums of money spent by Sayles on his campaign and the extremely minimal expense paid for campaigning by Orleans.

By Precinct

In this election, Davis carried two of the five city precincts, two less, Greenbelt Center and Greenbelt West, than in the last election. Roberts, who usually places first in the North End precinct also placed first this time in Greenbelt Center. Putens beat out Davis and Roberts in Greenbelt West, but his vote total there was only 35.

This year Davis beat out Jordan by only one vote at the Turning Point Academy precinct where the southern part of Greenbelt East votes.

Mayor

In Greenbelt, voters only elect the members of the city council. By charter, the newly elected city council will take their oath of office at a special charter meeting on Monday, November 14 at 7:30 p.m., 30 minutes earlier than regularly held council meetings. They will then select one of their number to be the mayor for the ensuing two-year term. By tradition, not by law, the council elects as mayor the person receiving the most votes at the election, in this case Davis. The council then elects a mayor pro tem, again by tradition the second highest vote getter; this time once again, Jordan.

The former mayor, Davis, administers the oath of office to the newly elected council. The new mayor, however, is required to take an oath administered by the Clerk of the Circuit Court. That person, currently Marilyn Bland, is usually present at the Charter meeting to administer the oath there and then.

GHI Has Complete Victory In Anti-smoking Lawsuit

by Mary Willis Clarke

After an interlocutory (before trial) appeal to the Maryland Court of Special Appeals, six days of trial testimony resulting in a 1,000 page trial transcript and 156 pages of proposed summary of testimony/findings of fact/conclusions of law submitted by the plaintiff, the anti-smoking lawsuit against Greenbelt Homes, Inc., (GHI) concluded on the seventh day in court for the parties. On November 3 Prince George’s County Circuit Court Judge Albert Northrop heard closing arguments and issued his decision, finding in favor of GHI on all counts of the lawsuit. By consent of the smoking next-door neighbor, also a defendant in the lawsuit, Judge Northrop issued

a permanent injunction against smoking in the neighboring unit but declined to forbid outdoor smoking on the neighbor’s outdoor patio. On all other counts, Judge Northrop found for the smoking next-door neighbor.

As previously reported in the News Review (April 7, August 25, September 15) GHI member David Schuman sued the cooperative and his next-door neighbor seeking a ban on smoking both inside and on the patio of the neighbor’s unit and for money damages because of alleged infiltration of dangerous second-hand tobacco smoke into Schuman’s townhouse unit from

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Council Looks at Proposed Changes for Firefighters

by Barbara Hopkins

Changes to the Prince George’s County Fire Commission are afoot and the Greenbelt City Council stepped up at its regular meeting on October 10 to join governments of New Carrollton and Berwyn Heights in supporting volunteer firefighters in their quest to defeat two bills that would transfer much of the current responsibilities and authority of the Fire Commission to the Fire Chief. The proposed changes would leave the Fire Commission with the role of advising the Fire Chief on matters the commission now oversees.

Since 1970 the commission has been composed of nine members elected by the volunteer fire companies from among the volunteers. The Fire Commission formulates and oversees a budget

of over \$11 million from county and state funds. It has responsibility to establish and certify minimum qualifications for volunteers and make determinations in disputes; it also has authority to audit records.

Proposed Changes

In September County Executive Rushern Baker proposed a bill (CB-060-2011) to reorganize the Fire Commission to consist of nine citizens of the county (i.e., members must live in the county while they serve). They would be appointed for three-year terms by the county executive and confirmed by the county council.

Three commission members would be active members of a county volunteer department or

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Schools Everywhere Celebrate American Education Week

by Mary Moien

Next week, November 13 through 19, is American Education Week. Schools in Greenbelt and throughout the country use this week to remind people of the importance of public education, what is called “Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility.”

Ninety years ago, the National Education Association (NEA) and the American Legion sought an annual celebration to spotlight the importance of providing every child in America with a quality public education and for everyone to do his or her part in making public schools great. American Education Week thus was born. It is always celebrated during the week prior to Thanksgiving week.

Because the Greenbelt News Review recognizes the interest of the entire community in the success of its schools and students, this paper will highlight profiles of a number of Greenbelt teachers and other school staff members in issues over the next several weeks. Over forthcoming issues the News Review will highlight teachers from the five schools within the city (Greenbelt and Springhill Lake Element-

tary Schools, Greenbelt Middle School, Eleanor Roosevelt High School and Turning Point Academy, a public charter school), as well as nearby Magnolia Elementary School, which serves a number of Greenbelt students.

This newspaper is dedicated to providing information throughout the year on local schools, teachers, students and activities to ensure the community is involved in local education.

Greenbelt is the home of two U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon Schools – Greenbelt Elementary School and Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Parent and teacher associations are active in many of the local schools. Greenbelt’s Advisory Committee on Education (ACE), a volunteer organization, is a testament to the importance of education to the city. The committee has affirmed that “Greenbelt is a community committed to the education of our children.”

Politicians’ Support

At the start of last year’s celebration, President Barack Obama proclaimed: “Education has always been central to ensuring opportunity and to instilling in all

our citizens the defining American values of freedom, equality and respect for one another.

“Our Nation’s schools can give students the tools, skills and knowledge to participate fully in our democracy and to succeed in college, career and life. This week, let us reaffirm the importance of education and recognize that we all share in the responsibility to educate our students.”

Maryland Governor Martin O’Malley received the 2010 America’s Greatest Education Governor Award from the NEA during the Association’s annual

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Veterans Day Service Friday

American Legion Post 136 will hold a memorial service for veterans on Friday, November 11 at 10 a.m. at the memorial at Roosevelt Center. All are welcome. After the service, refreshments will be served at the Legion Post Home on Greenbelt Road.

What Goes On

Friday, November 11 – City Offices Closed in Observance of Veterans Day

Saturday, November 12

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

Monday, November 14 – GHI Office Closed in Observance of Veterans Day

7 p.m., Council Worksession – Organization of 39th Council, Municipal Building Library

7:30 p.m., Special Charter Meeting and Administering of Oath to 39th Council, Municipal Building

Tuesday, November 15 – National Memory Screening Day

10 a.m. to noon and 6 to 8 p.m., Memory Tested Free. An appointment is necessary.

Wednesday, November 16

7:30 p.m., Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Community Center

Thursday, November 17

8 p.m., Council Worksession, City Manager Update/Organizational Study, Community Center

7:30 p.m., Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Board Meeting, GHI Administration Building

Letters

THANKS!

The Mamas and Papas “clothing and such swap” was a big success – thanks to all who participated!

Special thanks to everyone who volunteered at Sunday’s fall swap and to the Greenbelt Farmers Market for hosting the event. There wasn’t much left over to take to donation centers.

L’il Dan Celdran

We Are Shocked

Some of us on Forestway heard that our longtime mail carrier Tony had been let go by the Post Office. We are shocked that someone as reliable, personable and efficient might be found lacking in some way. He has served our area so long and taken such a personal interest in each family that we take for granted that he is part of our community. Without complaining, Tony delivers catalogues by the pound to our house daily and is friendly to our dog who has barked at him every day for 14 years. I suppose Tony is just doing his job but not everyone does that and certainly not as efficiently as he.

He has been part of our daily lives for over 20 years and we will miss him. We would be glad to circulate a petition or do whatever might help support his cause.

Linda Edwards

Windsor Green HOA To Discuss Safety

A meeting of the Windsor Green Homeowners Association is scheduled for Monday, November 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of Eleanor Roosevelt High School. With the increase in crime in the Greenbelt East area, Capt. Carl Schinner, Greenbelt Police Department, will present a picture of current activities and discuss how homeowners can assist police in these efforts.

Also attending will be representatives of the county police department, the States Attorney’s office and Atlas Security, which also patrols much of Greenbelt East.

7th Annual Utopia Film Fest Gives Eight Awards

by Eli Flam



Greenbelt’s 7th annual Utopia Film Festival, held last weekend in Greenbelt Arts Center and the Municipal Building, has made eight awards in a number of categories to independent film-makers from across the U.S. and abroad.

The seven-member executive committee chose “Breaking Through the Clouds: The First Women’s National Air Derby” for the Utopian Vision Award while honorable mention was shared by “Project Happiness” and “Revealed.” The Ellie Award for Originality

Project Happiness won honorable mention in the Utopian Vision Award.

(in honor of Eleanor Roosevelt) was won by “Molossia: Nation in the Desert” and the Best Short Film Award went to “The Encounter,” with an honorable mention going to “Colt Jackson: Enforcer.” The Best Animation Award went to “Worlds Apart” and honorable mention to “The Girl and the Fox.”

“Looking ahead to next year,” said Greenbelt’s Susan Gervasi, publicity chair person, “we hope that many more film-lovers will help us plan for 2012 by joining the committee or volunteering.”

Beltsville Workshop Updates Rail Project

CSX Corporation and its affiliates and the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) will host a second round of public workshops on Monday, November 21 to provide updates on development of the Baltimore-Washington Rail Intermodal Facility project and to receive questions and comments from the public.

The workshop will be at 7 to 9 p.m. at Beltsville Academy, 4300 Wicomico Avenue, Beltsville.

CSX and MDOT have worked with local, state and federal agencies to identify potential environmental impacts at the four candidate sites under consideration. Additional studies and public input are required before a preferred site – or “No Build” alternative may be identified.

Participants in the workshop may arrive at any time and walk through at their own pace. Display areas and poster boards will provide project information.

Dems Club to Meet On November 18

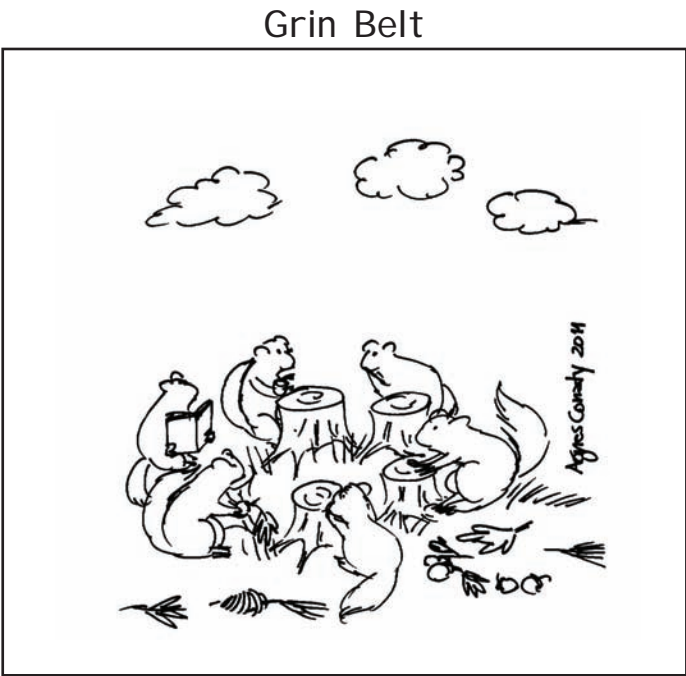
The monthly meeting of the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, November 18. It will be held in the Terrace Room of the Greenbriar Center at 7600 Hanover Parkway. All are welcome; light refreshments will be served.

The guest speaker will be David Sloane, Maryland Democratic Party executive director, with an overview of state and national Democratic actions. A question and answer period will follow.

Club Election

This meeting is also the election of Roosevelt Club officers for 2012. It is the time for joining/renewing membership in the club for the 2010 season. All are invited to join and make a difference in 2012.

The guest for the December 16 meeting will be U.S. Senator Ben Cardin, who is running for re-election in 2012.



"We can't play musical chairs to select our next council!"

On Screen

The Man Who Made the FBI

Opening at the Old Greenbelt Theatre and nation-wide on Friday, November 11 “J. Edgar” tracks the long-time, often controversial director of the FBI from childhood to his death in 1972 – still in charge, with questions that remain to this day about secret files to buttress his position, illegal evidentiary methods and whether he was gay. Hoover is played by Leonardo DiCaprio with jutting jaw and furrowed brow. Judi Dench takes on his watchful mother and Arnie Hammer portrays Clyde Tolson, J. Edgar’s up-close deputy. Clint Eastwood directs the film – “based on a true story” – with a sure hand, dramatic touches and a feel for this febrile period from the 1920s.

Rated R for brief strong language. Running time is 137 minutes.

– Eli Flam

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NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GDC & GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Thursday, November 17th, 2011

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 PM

GDC Key Agenda Items:

- Proposed 2012 Operating Budget

GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Community Beautification Program Final Report

Regular Board meetings are open to Members
For more information, visit our website - www.ghi.coop

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF NOV 11

J. Edgar

(R)

Friday
*4:30, 7:20, 9:50

Saturday
*1:45, *4:30, 7:20, 9:50

Sunday
*1:45, *4:30, 7:20

Monday – Thursday
*4:45, 7:30

*These shows at \$6.50

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Community Events

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for November 14 through 18:

Monday – Apple juice, roast turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, diced pears.

Tuesday – Orange juice, beef rib with barbecue sauce, northern beans, seasoned carrots, diced peaches.

Wednesday – Training day – all sites closed.

Thursday – Cranberry juice, baked ham with pineapple sauce, baked beans, seasoned zucchini, ambrosia.

Friday – Apple juice, beef/broccoli stir fry, steamed brown rice, stir fry vegetables, pineapple.

GMS Construction Status Report


The most recent update from the Board of Education on the construction of Greenbelt Middle School indicates the overall project is now 50 percent complete. For those interested in following construction progress, a webcam has been up and running since late September at <http://www1.pgcp.org/cip/index.aspx?id=146076>.

Site work on the storm drain/sewer system is nearing completion though water line installation is 40 percent and sewer line 30 percent complete. The roof is at the 70 percent completion point, with the green roof work at 30 percent.

Work is currently underway on the gymnasium, stage and locker room areas; exterior door and window framing is at 39 percent, exterior wall at 70 percent, plumbing 30 percent. Second floor work is 53 percent complete; heating and cooling ductwork has reached 20 percent.

More Community Events
can be found on
pages 2, 6 and 10

On Nov. 19, 2011 please
Come join the GVFD Ladies
Auxiliary at their Bake Sale
From 9am to 1pm
At the Greenbelt Co-op



Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club

Invites you to its meeting on Friday, Nov. 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Greenbriar Terrace Room, 7600 Hanover Parkway


Special Speaker will be David Sloane, MD Democratic Party Executive Director


Also


Election of the 20912 Officers of the Roosevelt Democratic Club

All are welcome, light refreshments.

For information, please call 301-577-8907 for Karl Ships, President or visit <http://Roosevelt.pgdem.com>







GHI Notes

Thursday, November 10, 7 p.m. – Finance Committee Meeting – Board Room

Friday, November 11, Office Closed. Maintenance emergency service available at 301-474-6011

Monday, November 14, Office Closed. Maintenance emergency service available at 301-474-6011

Tuesday, November 15, 7:30 p.m. – Companion Animal Committee Meeting – Lobby

Wednesday, November 16, 7 p.m. – Woodlands Committee Meeting – Board Room

Thursday, November 17, 7:30 p.m. – Board of Directors Meeting – Board Room

Saturday, November 19, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Leaf Bags Distribution – Garage 42, 2 Court Gardenway

Wednesday, November 23, 7 p.m. – Buildings Committee Meeting – Board Room

Thursday, November 24, Office Closed for Thanksgiving Day. Maintenance emergency service available at 301-474-6011

Friday, November 25, Office Closed. Maintenance emergency service available at 301-474-6011

Monday, November 28, 7 p.m. – Communicator Task Force – GHI Lobby

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

Scouting for Food Is this Saturday

On Saturday, November 12 the Boy Scouts will be again “Scouting for Food” in Greenbelt. Last Saturday they distributed plastic bags soliciting non-perishable packaged food in non-glass containers. Donors are asked to put canned or plastic containers of food outside their front doors by 9 a.m. this Saturday.

Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts will pick up the bags to deliver to an area food bank. The annual “Good Turn” campaign is a joint program of the National Capital Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Capital Area Food Bank, the Washington Examiner, WUSA Channel 9 and Safeway. The Scouts ask that if food donations are missed they be taken to a nearby food pantry or place of worship.

Eleanor Science Café Focus Is Coral Reefs

The next Eleanor Science Café event will be held on Tuesday, November 15 in the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) cafeteria conference room. From 3:30 to 5 p.m. there is a lecture for students, followed by live music and refreshments before the community lecture, to which all are invited, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The presenter will be Dr. Andrew W. Bruckner, chief scientist of the Khaled bin Sultan Living Oceans Foundation (KSLOF), who will discuss the Global Reef Expedition: Science without Borders, a five-year research program to map, characterize and assess the resilience of coral reef ecosystems and develop tools for conservation and management.

Coral reefs are a rare but critically important resource though they occupy less than 1.2 percent of the world’s continental shelf area and only 0.09 percent of the total area of the world’s oceans. At least 109 countries, territories and states are directly dependent on the resources and services provided by coral reefs, the most complex ecosystem in the marine environment. A third of all marine fishes spend at least some portion of their lives in coral reef habitats. Over the past decade, reefs worldwide have seen a rapid decline in health and are under immediate risk of collapse or longer-term threats.

KSLOF works to fill critical information gaps about the reefs and develop tools needed to protect their ecosystems to ensure they continue to exist, providing benefits to future generations.

ASG Meeting Focus On Light Pollution

The next meeting of the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 17 at the H.B. Owens Science Center, 9601 Greenbelt Road in Lanham (adjacent to DuVal High School). It will feature a presentation by Montgomery County 18th District Delegate Alfred C. Carr with an update on the current status of light pollution legislation in Maryland.

Del. Carr received a B.S. with honors in electrical engineering from the University of Rochester. He serves on the Environmental Matters Committee and the Joint Committee on the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area. He is also a member of the Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments.

All are welcome.

Holy Cross Thrift Store


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Third Saturday every month, 10am–1pm
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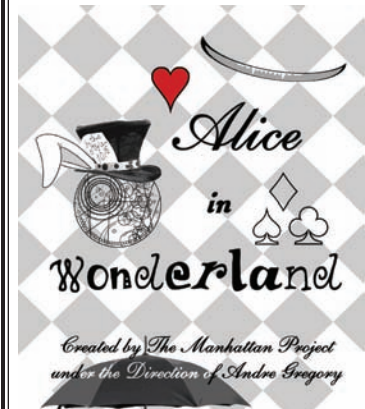
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GHI Homes, Inc. Fall Gutter Cleaning

Petria Inc. and Royal Gutter Cleaning are scheduled to clean and inspect the gutters on GHI homes from **November 21, through December 30, 2011** (weather permitting.) During this time, workers may appear at your building; at doors and windows. Please close your window blinds/shades to preserve privacy while the cleaning is in progress. Contact Peter Joseph at 301-474-4161 ext. 141 for further information. Thank you.



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December 15 & 16: A (Comic) Christmas Carol - Production from Christopher Davis
December 17 & 18: - The Chromatics – Holiday Concert

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Mowatt Offers Free Movie Sat.

On Saturday, November 12 at 3 p.m. Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church, 40 Ridge Road will show a recently released family movie. The free show also will include free popcorn and treats.

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5:00 pm - until closing

\$9.00 Adults,

\$8.25 Students/Military

\$6.50 for Seniors/Children

R = ID Required

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Week of NOV 11

FRI. – SAT.

Paranormal Activity, R

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Puss in Boots in 2D, PG

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6:15, 7:10, 8:35, 9:20

Puss in Boots in 3D, PG

No fees at this location

12:05, 2:10

Immortals in 3D, R

No fees at this location

4:30, 7:05, 9:35

Jack and Jill, PG (!)

12:30, 2:40, 5:10, 7:25, 9:40

Tower Heist, PG-13

11:55, 2:40, 5:15, 7:40, 10

Immortals in 2D, R (!)

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Obituaries

Mabel M. Munson

Longtime Greenbelter Mabel M. Munson, 64, died on November 3, 2011.

A resident of Greenbelt for over 20 years, she lived on Lakecrest Drive. She was a member of Grace Presbyterian Church in Lanham.

She was preceded in death by her parents Sam and Gladys Munson and her brother Robert Munson.

Her survivors include her brother Bill Munson and his wife Cherie; nieces Emily and Ann Munson and sister-in-law Catherine Munson.

Friends may call at Gasch's Funeral Home, 4739 Baltimore Avenue, Hyattsville on Sunday, November 13 from 6 to 8 p.m.

A service will be held Monday, November 14 at 10:30 a.m. at Grace Presbyterian Church. Interment will be at Fort Lincoln Cemetery, Brentwood, Md.



In Memoriam

Dorothy Lauber

A few years after we moved to old Greenbelt with our young daughter, I noticed a young mother on a bike pulling a wagon with a little girl on board. The child was waist deep in a cast. Day after day I watched this mission wondering how many other mothers, including me, would take the time and effort to bring joy into an ill child's life in such a creative way. Soon I met this mother and the young daughter, Alexa, who in time became my daughter, Paula's, lifelong friend.

Of all the things Dorothy Lauber did in her lifetime, this act was the hallmark of who she was . . . a very caring and creative person. How much her family and community will miss her!

— Shelve J. Angle
Hanover, Pa.

Chesapeake Hospice Has Hope Full Holidays

The Life Center at Hospice of the Chesapeake will hold a Hope Full Holiday seminar in upcoming weeks intended to offer support for individuals experiencing grief during the holidays. Counselors will address self-care, survival strategies and how to honor the grief process as well as the memory of a loved one.

A hospice bereavement counselor will present the Hope Full Holidays seminar for adults, ages 18 and older, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 12 at 8724 Jericho City Drive in Landover. There is a nominal fee, with pre-registration requested. For more information or to register call 301-499-4500.



We were sorry to hear of the death of Mabel Munson, 64, a 20-year resident of Lakecrest Drive, on November 3, 2011. She was a faithful member of Grace Presbyterian Church in Lanham.

Congratulations to:
— Greenbelt Police Chief James Craze, who was been named vice president at large for the International Association of Chiefs of Police at its Chicago annual conference last week.

— Recreation Coordinator Janet Goldberg, who has retired after 33 years with the City of Greenbelt. She now plans to do volunteer work to give back to the community.

— 2008 ERHS graduate, now Navy Seaman Apprentice Mercedes Stakem, on her graduation from recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

— Greenbelter Mary Lou Fisher, director of the excellent production of "Show Boat" now playing at Goddard's MAD Theatre. The musical, based on Edna Ferber's 1926 novel, with music of Jerome Kern and lyrics and music

by Oscar Hammerstein II, was greatly enjoyed by the audience at last Sunday's matinee. Many Greenbelters are in the cast or behind the scenes. At Sunday's performance, Mary Lou's daughter Laura Fisher had a major role as Ellie and Jon Gardner played Windy, while his daughters Elizabeth and Rebecca also had acting parts and Anne Gardner played violin in the live orchestra. The show has five more performances, the next two weekends. A few tickets are still available.

Best wishes to Walter Hanley, who has just moved to Room 221A at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home. He would love to hear from his Greenbelt friends. The address is 29449 Charlotte Hall Road, Charlotte Hall MD 20622, phone 1-301-884-8171.

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 or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

— Kathleen McFarland

Medicare Benefits Phone-A-Thon

On Thursday, November 17 from noon to 4 p.m. Maryland Department of Aging Secretary Gloria Lawlah will host the third annual live televised Phone-A-Thon for Medicare beneficiaries on WUSA-9. Callers will be able to speak with trained Senior Health Insurance Assistance Program counselors who will provide Medicare counseling by phone.

The Annual Open Enrollment for Medicare, which began October 15 and runs through December 7, is the season to review Medicare Part D prescription drug

options and make changes.

Each year Medicare beneficiaries have the opportunity to look at newly-introduced plans, determine if their prescription drug needs are different and make changes in their existing plan choices. They can also discuss Medicare fraud concerns and changes resulting from health care reform including new Medicare preventive services, special programs designed to help low income and donut hole coverage gap expenses for prescription drug costs.

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Rabbi Jonathan Cohen Cantor Phil Greenfield

Friday evening services 8:00 PM except first Friday of the month, when children's service begins at 7:30 PM

Saturday morning services - 9:30 AM
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Annual Public Education Sunday featuring students from Suitland High School's Center for the Performing and Visual Arts. Rev. Diane Teichert with
Worship Associate Marilyn Pearl



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135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
301-474-4322




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Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd



O Son of Man!

Be thou content with Me and seek no other helper. For none but Me can ever suffice thee.
(Baha'u'llah)

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Welcome!

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

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ALL ARE WELCOME.




City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL
Municipal Building, November 14, 2011
Organizational Meeting - 39th City Council
Library - 7:00 p.m.

Charter Meeting: Council Room - 7:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order - Outgoing Mayor Davis
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Certification of Election Count – City Clerk
5. Oath of Office - Council Elect – by Mayor Davis
6. Election of Temporary Chair
7. Election of Mayor
8. Administration of Oath of Office to Newly Elected Mayor by Marilyn Bland, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Prince George’s County
9. Statement by Mayor
10. Election of Mayor Pro Tem
11. Statement by Mayor Pro Tem
12. Statements by Members of Council
13. Other Business
14. Adjournment

GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER
550-A Crescent Road (behind Police Station)
COME OUT AND VISIT ALL THE ADORABLE PETS.
Congratulations to Mazda on her adoption.
Much happiness in her new home.


Tucker is a sweet boy who is only about 10 months old. Sadly, his owner could not afford to take care of him anymore. He is a gentle giant who loves to play and snuggle. THE SHELTER IS NOW UP TO CAPACITY WITH KITTENS AND CATS THAT NEED HOMES. PLEASE
COME OUT TO SEE THEM, AND MAYBE EVEN SHARE YOUR HOME!
The shelter is open on Wednesdays from 4-7pm and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm or by appointment. INFO: 301.474.6124. Donations welcome any time! We especially need kitty litter! Follow us on Facebook!

Baltimore-Washington Parkway Widening Feasibility Study. Please join us for our second public meeting to be held on:

Thursday, November 17, 2011
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Greenbelt Community Center
15 Crescent Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770

During this meeting the project team will provide an update from the first public meeting, present the existing conditions summary, traffic analysis summary, and alternatives development.

If you have questions or require additional information, please contact Mr. Lewis Grimm, Project Manager at lewis.grimm@dot.gov or 703.404.6289 or Ms. Greer Gillis, Consultant Team Project Manager at gillis@pbworld.com or 202.661.5301.


THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE
Please help everyone have a happy Thanksgiving. Donate food, cash or grocery store gift cards to this year’s drive.
Donation boxes are located at all city facilities. Please bring your donations by November 17th.


For cash and gift card donations, please contact Sharon Johnson at 301-412-2480.

Thank you for your help!

BLOOD DRIVE
Friday, November 18
from 12:30pm-6:00pm
at the Greenbelt
Municipal Building,
25 Crescent Road. To
make an appointment,
call 1-800-GIVE LIFE.

WELCOME PACKETS
The City of Greenbelt will be assembling 300 new Welcome Packets during the last week of November. Community Groups, Businesses and others are invited to provide flyers, pamphlets, coupons, etc to include in these packets. Please bring your materials to the City Office at 25 Crescent Road, by Wednesday, November 23rd. If you have any questions, please call Beverly Palau at 240-542-2026 or bpalau@greenbeltmd.gov

LEAF VACUUM SCHEDULE FALL 2011-2012
The City Public Works Department will again collect loose leaves from the following areas with the leaf vacuum from October 31, 2011 until January 13, 2012. We remind residents to rake the leaves to the curb, but not into the street, and to remove all sticks and stones from the pile as these can damage the machinery. Areas to be collected will be posted as in past years. We also remind residents not to park in front of leaf piles.
November 14 - 18 : Woodland Hills, Greenbrook Village Estates, & Windsor Green
November 21 – 23: Lakewood
(November 24-25 Holiday)
Full schedule posted at www.greenbeltmd.gov

2011 GOBBLE WOBBLE

Thursday, November 24 9:00am
Race Day Registration begins at 8am
Greenbelt Youth Center, 99 Centerway
Spend Thanksgiving morning with the Greenbelt Recreation Department as we host the 5th Annual Gobble Wobble. 5K race and a 1.5 mile fun run/walk around Buddy Attick Park. Join your family, friends and neighbors in this great opportunity to Get Active before your feast. Registration information 240-542-2194 or at www.greenbeltmd.gov. Thank you to Road ID, Greenbelt Co-Op, The Sergeant’s Program.

Mad Hot Ballroom Dance Party!
Saturday, November 12 at the
Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

A community social dance for all levels of dancing skill. Bring your spouse, partner, friends -- or just come by yourself.
7:00pm - 8:00pm: Dance lesson in the featured dance of the month. (This month’s lesson: Cha-Cha.)
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. Students \$7.50 with student ID. Pay at the door.
For more information, call Frank Solomon at 301-439-0723

NOVEMBER IS MEMORY AWARENESS MONTH!
NATIONAL MEMORY SCREENING DAY
Tuesday, November 15th
10am-12pm and from 6-8pm
Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road
Get your memory tested. It will only take 15 minutes
This event is FREE, but you need to make an appointment. Please call 301-345-6660.

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 14-18
Monday, November 14th at 7:00 pm, **CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION** – Organization of 39th Council at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road (Library)

Monday, November 14th at 7:30 pm, **SPECIAL CHARTER MEETING** – Swearing-In of 39th Council at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov


Wednesday, November 16 at 7:30pm, **GREENBELT ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD** at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 114. *On the Agenda: Update on Greenbelt Sector Plan – Chad Williams from M-NCPPC and Pedestrian & Bicycle Master Plan.*

Wednesday, November 16th at 8:00pm **CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION** – City Manager Update/Organizational Study at the Community Center

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.
Vacancies: Advisory Committee on Education, Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park & Recreation Advisory Board, Public Safety Advisory Committee, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, and Youth Advisory Committee (Adult Member)
For information call 301-474-8000.


For city information, news and events, visit Greenbelt CityLink at www.greenbeltmd.gov. Like the City of Greenbelt on Facebook www.facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt


ACE SCIENCE CLUB
Wednesday, November 16th
Schrom Hills Park
6915 Hanover Parkway
or
Thursday, November 17th,
Greenbelt Community Ctr
7:00 PM.

Hands-on experiments and fun facts about science, technology, engineering, math, nature, life, the Universe and everything. The free club is open to children aged 8 to 14

Visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/ACE_Science_Club for more fun activities and information.



Electioneers were out in full force drawing last minute attention to the candidates. Shown from left, Ann Landry-Lombardi, Cynthia Jones, Emmett Jordan and Laura Kressler

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the neighbor’s smoking. The trial was a bench trial meaning the judge, rather than a jury, would decide the case. As the finder of fact, Judge Northrop announced his decision orally with a lengthy exposition of the reasoning he applied in arriving at his decision.

Reasons for Decision

Judge Northrop began by noting that jury instructions in trials by jury admonish jurors to apply their own everyday experiences and common sense in arriving at a decision. He described the background of his own common sense and everyday experiences upon which he would rely as the trier of fact. He grew up an asthmatic child with a father who smoked in the family home. His life-long-smoker older sister died of lung cancer. He himself had banned smoking in his law office while in private law practice before becoming a judge. He noted that the original Prince George’s County courthouse and the current courthouse were built with the profits from tobacco farming but smoking was now banned in the courthouse.

Judge Northrop then turned to his analysis of this case. He noted that he had earlier dismissed punitive damage claims against GHI because he found no bad faith on the part of GHI. In the absence of bad faith, the Business Judgment Rule would have a court defer to the judgment of the board of directors as to how the corporation should address the smoking neighbor dispute. However, the judge found ludicrous and offensive the letter from GHI to plaintiff Schuman sent after the failure of mediation which said that there was nothing more that GHI could do and suggesting that Schuman move if he was not satisfied.

Judge Northrop noted that not all nuisances are actionable in a court of law and that certain discomforts and annoyances are part of living in multi-family housing or otherwise close to neighbors. While the understanding of the dangers of second hand smoke is evolving, at this point regulating smoking is a matter for legislatures not courts. Smoking bans in airplanes and restaurants have been implemented by other branches of government not imposed by courts.

During his lengthy oral description of his decision and the

reasons behind it, Judge Northrop did not seem, to this reporter at least, to address the “nuisance” language in the GHI Mutual Ownership Contract (MOU) which arguably is more stringent than common law nuisance. The relevant MOU provision states “It shall be the duty of Member to respect the comfort and peace of mind of neighbors . . . (n)or do or allow to be done any act or thing that shall or may be a nuisance, annoyance, inconvenience or damage to GHI or its members or tenants or to the occupants of adjoining dwellings.

Schuman’s attorneys had argued that the next door neighbor’s smoking, both inside and on his patio with the smoke drifting into Schuman’s windows, violated this provision of the MOU and that GHI’s non-enforcement of the provision violated Schuman’s rights as a beneficiary of the contract term.

What’s Next

It was not clear at the close of the trial whether the plaintiff would appeal Judge Northrop’s decision. The attorney for plaintiff Schuman told the judge that he was not representing Schuman on a contingency basis but that Schuman was paying attorney’s fees in the matter. Schuman told this reporter that he had already spent \$70,000 on the case and felt his only recourse at this point was to move. Rita Turner, one of Schuman’s attorneys told this reporter that the plaintiff’s legal team had hoped that Judge Northrop would find that the objectionable smoking violated the MOU contract language even if it didn’t meet the common law nuisance standard. Turner, deputy director of the Center for Tobacco Regulation, Litigation & Advocacy at the University of Maryland School of Law, did not indicate whether the Schuman case might be appealed as a pro bono matter by the Center.

As for the prevailing party, GHI soon-to-retire General Manager Gretchen Overdurff told this reporter that she expected that the GHI Board of Directors would consider the issue of tobacco smoking in the cooperative now that the legal matter had been resolved. She said that the cooperative had been advised by its attorneys not to address any changes in policy during the legal proceedings.

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rescue squad, three would be paid employees of the county fire/EMS department and three would be citizens from the general public with no personal, family or business connections with any county fire department, paid or volunteer. The chair and vice chair of the commission would be appointed by the county executive.

Although background information of the bill says it will “expand the duties of the Fire Commission to allow it to play a more active role” in providing fire/EMS services to the county, the bill seems to reduce the commission’s responsibilities and authority.

Baker also introduced Executive Order (#41-2011) CB-045-2011 to amend Section 13 of the Schedule of Legislation of the county charter to agree with provisions of CB-060, bringing membership of the Fire Commission in line with other county commissions. This executive order would take effect on November 16, 2011, unless disapproved before then by a majority vote of the full county council.

Volunteer Reaction

Kenneth Stair, president of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad and a county volunteer for 49 years, told council the current Fire Commission is very strict on spending, conducting three audits per year. He thought the changes would be detrimental with less volunteer involvement. Commissioners who have no affiliation with the fire department would owe allegiance to the office that appoints them, not to the service itself.

Chuck Walker, first vice president of the county firemen’s association and a 37-year volunteer, and Fire Commission Vice Chair Vince Harrison also addressed the city council. Walker said the Fire Commission is the only county commission whose expenses have come in under budget three years in a row. The county council had granted the volunteers a \$160,000 award for doing so, he said. Walker said the commission has been told to cut its budget five times in three years and has done so. He called the county’s volunteer fire fighters “probably one of the best trained forces” in the country and agreed with Stair that the proposed composition of the commission would not work as well as the current one because the commissioners would have less investment in its outcomes.

Harrison said volunteer departments own and operate more than two-thirds of county firefighting equipment and property. He suggested the loss of responsibilities could result in fewer volunteers. He estimated volunteers are saving county taxpayers \$50 million a year.

Purpose of Changes

Executive Order #41-2011 notes that the method for selecting Fire Commissioners was established in 1970. Fire and EMS services have changed substantially since then, as have the method and amount of funding by the state for these services.

Combining the fire/EMS department operating expenses into a single budget would improve “efficiency, accountability and transparency,” the order says. It also says the proposed changes

would result in “better representation of the interest of the general public in the provision of fire and emergency medical services” and that the county executive “has determined that [the proposed changes] would better serve” county residents.

Mayor Judith Davis, after hearing comments from the volunteer firefighters, asked what problem the bills are trying to solve. Harrison attributed the changes to new management that lacked a complete understanding of how volunteers fit into the county fire department.

The representatives expressed disappointment in Baker for not consulting with them first and bringing volunteers to the table to give input before the legislation had been developed. Harrison said he believes the changes would alter the county charter, which he thought should be changed by the vote of county citizens, not by executive order.

The bills had been considered by the county Public Safety and Fiscal Management Committee (PSFM) on October 12 with a large contingent of volunteer firemen in the audience to address their concerns over loss of control over their finances and administration. The PSFM committee referred the bills to the county council with no recommendations.

Because of the concerns of the volunteers, County Fire Chief Marc S. Bashoors asked the county executive to hold CB-060 for the rest of the legislative session to give the department’s leadership time to work with that of volunteers to come to a compromise on the changes deemed necessary by the county executive. Bashoors also requested that Executive Order 41-2011 be revised with a later implementation date.

Baker’s Response

In response, Baker sent a statement to the county council that was read at its October 18 meeting. The statement directed council to withhold CB-060 for the rest of its session in order to gather input from volunteers in recognition of the significant role they play in keeping county residents safe. The statement noted that the system needs changing and will be changed.

Baker said via the statement that in the additional time some agreement should be reached regarding the composition of the Fire Commission; consolidation of the budget within the Fire/EMS department, including insuring the continuation of volunteer funding; and establishing the advisory role of the Fire Commission.

The statement rescinded Executive Order #41 and said a new one will be developed that retains budget responsibilities of the Fire Commission. Residency requirements for commission members and alignment of appointments and confirmations to the Fire Commission with that of other county commissions and boards will remain in the new order. Its implementation date will be set for March 1, 2012.

The statement closed with the expectation that while consensus on needed changes are worked out, the Fire Commission will work closely with the Fire Chief on all matters, especially budgetary issues.

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meeting last year. The prestigious award is presented each year to a governor who has made major statewide efforts to improve public education. Maryland’s public schools are deemed some of the best in the country.

O’Malley later spoke about the importance of investing in public education. “In Maryland, we have worked to protect our investments in education,” O’Malley said –

“even in tough economic times, because we understand its importance to every community and every family. “We’ve worked with our Maryland teachers to create the Number 1 public school system in the nation two years in a row, he added. Public education is the cornerstone of our democracy, and especially in these difficult times, we must remember that it is also the key to moving our economy forward and the key to our future.”

At the Library

Legacy Lecture

As part of the library’s series of African American Legacy Lectures, C.R. Gibbs will present on “The Underground Railroad in D.C., Md. and Va.” on Tuesday, November 15 at 7 p.m. Gibbs lectures, writes and consults on aspects of the African Diaspora.

Storytimes

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

Wednesday, November 16, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years.

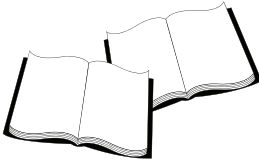
Thursday, November 17, 10:30 a.m., Toddler Time for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver.

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

Read to Rover

Saturday, November 19 at 2 p.m. children age 6 to 11 build reading confidence by reading aloud to specially trained therapy dogs. Each child will read for 15 minutes. Registration is required; call branch at 301-345-5800 for details. Read to Rover is held on the third Saturday of each month.

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



City Notes

Refuse/Recycling/Sustainability crews picked up recycling material from the produce distribution at Springhill Lake Elementary school and packed 186 electronic recycling donations and loaded them for shipping.

Pastoral collages by Greenbelt artist Jan Garland that use repurposed plastic bags remain on view through December at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center.

CARES

The Greenbelt Assistance In Living program kicked off its free produce program at Springhill Lake Elementary School last week.

City Council Election (Unofficial Results)
Top 7 Win

Candidate	Precinct 3 Center	Precinct 6 North End	Precinct 8 Franklin Park	Precinct 13 Greenbriar	Precinct 18 Turning Pt.	Early Voting	Absentee	TOTAL
Judith Davis	386	377	32	205	148	201	34	1,383
Emmett Jordan	384	368	28	197	147	210	33	1,367
Rodney Roberts	394	411	33	164	124	193	35	1,354
Konrad Herling	370	373	23	146	113	206	35	1,266
Edward Putens	347	320	35	174	142	192	33	1,243
Leta Mach	348	351	29	167	120	190	33	1,238
Silke Pope	341	330	26	149	132	193	34	1,205
William Orleans	104	121	21	70	51	40	5	412

Flag Football and American Dreaming?

by Jim Link

Can a proud mom’s story of her little boy’s success accurately capture the theme of the American Dream? Will bootstrapping, effort, self-help almost inevitably bring good results in our land of opportunity (Greenbelt)? Well . . . kind of. Catina Flowers’ story of her son Brad Martin III’s Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club Flag Football Team isn’t the stuff of Horatio Alger or Ralph Waldo Emerson but it sure warms your heart.

Beginning last July, a small number of 5- to 7-year-olds practiced flag football two hours a day, five days a week for six weeks in withering heat, only to discover that league rules compelled the 7-year-olds to play on tackle football teams. For the record, in flag football each play ends when the ball carrier is “tackled” or stopped when an opposing player snatches and waves one of two flags dangling from the runner’s pockets.

If the 7-year-olds had been lost to the brutality of tackle football, the Greenbelt Raiders would not have had enough players to muster a team, thus rendering all their efforts a waste.

To the rescue – Commissioner David Morgan! “Our wonderful Commissioner petitioned and maneuvered and as a result we were allowed to enter the Pop Warner League, keep our 7-year-olds and skip the tackling,” Flowers said.

However, “in our first three games we got slaughtered,” he continued. Morale plummeted, game travel was far, weather was rainy and being beaten miserably gnawed at the players, coaches, team moms and dads – everybody. “But our magnificent Coach Quentin Essex (Coach ‘Que’) never lost heart.

“One of the many great things I can say about our coach is that he taught our boys the fundamentals of football and how to work as a team. He focused on building our boys’ confidence in themselves and each other.”

Consequently the Greenbelt Raiders won their last five games in a row and finished a very successful season with a 5-3 record. The Washington Redskins haven’t been equally successful.

But Catina Flowers deserves the last word: “Our Greenbelt Raiders Flag Football Team are truly champions!”



From left to right, Coach Quinton Essex, Jaden Osborne, Lynn King, Marquise Guthrie, Emmanuel Adgerson, Jaylen Penn, Brad Martin II, Xavier Essex, Jermaine Gulleedge Jr., Darryl Jackson Jr., Kamari Scott, Jayson Penn, Marcus Solorzano and Marcus Ologunia Jr. Not shown are team member Zion Tilman, assistant coaches Jermaine Gullege and Brad Mart and D Team Moms Marguerite Smalls, Charlene Tomlin and Catina Flowers.



Greenbelt’s age 5- to 7-year-old Raiders flag football team at the Pop Warner League Baltimore Flagfest 2011 in Baltimore on October 23. After the game, the players are receiving snacks.



Bret Goldstein and Darelynn Fung

First Young Leader Award Goes to Goldstein and Fung

by Carol Griffith

On September 17 Bret Goldstein and Darelynn Fung were honored in an enthusiastic ceremony at Mishkan Torah by receiving the synagogue’s first ever Young Leadership Award. The award recognizes Goldstein and Fung’s selfless, enthusiastic work in reinvigorating Mishkan Torah’s Karp Family School, of which Goldstein is the education director, and the synagogue’s youth program. The couple have been married for 18 years, and are full-time teachers in the Prince George’s County Public School System.

The program honoring Goldstein and Fung was held at the conclusion of the regular Sabbath service in which both participated by reading Torah, with Goldstein prefacing the reading with a lively tale he told while interacting with the children. The ceremony began with two selections by the Mishkan Torah Choir under the direction of Rachel White. The choir sang a setting of the Barekhu, the Hebrew call to communal prayer and a modern version of the “L’dor v’dor” prayer. Since the term “L’dor v’dor” means “from generation to generation,” the selection fit perfectly into the day’s theme of honoring two distinguished educators.

The children of the Karp Family School then performed several skits honoring their beloved mentors. The highlight was a take-off on the classic holiday film “It’s a Wonderful Life,” called “It’s a Wonderful Synagogue.” Goldstein’s and Fung’s children Sam and Elta, played their parents as deciding to leave Mishkan Torah and go roaming. Eldest son Aaron played the angel Clarence who, with the help of the children of the school, lures them back and earns his

spectacular butterfly-type wings. The skit ended with a rousing chorus of “Hava Nagilah” and a dance in which the real Goldstein and Fung, both highly proficient dancers, enthusiastically joined. The skit was directed by Aurenna Komisar, with the help and aid of her daughter Amelia Komisar-Bury.

Rabbi Jonathan Cohen paid tribute to the honorees, remarking that on several occasions he had been loudly cheered by Mishkan Torah students on announcing the religious school was going to be held the next day.

The next two tributes came from religious school parents Mark Loewenstein and Nicole Burton. Loewenstein read a letter sent from Israel by Udi Farber, a former University of Maryland student from Israel who had taught for five years under Goldstein’s tutelage before returning to his native country. Both parents spoke movingly of their personal experiences with the honorees.

Mishkan Torah President Jackie King then presented the award itself, which features a beautiful painting of Mishkan Torah by the synagogue’s Marcia Goldfine and a plaque engraved with Goldstein’s and Fung’s names which will hang in the synagogue’s entrance hall. They also received a scrapbook made by the students with mementos of their tenure at the Karp Family School.

The final word belonged to the honorees. Goldstein said he and Fung had brought their particular ability to teach and nurture children to the synagogue and that there was plenty of opportunity for others to offer their own unique abilities. The morning ended with a luncheon catered by the synagogue’s sisterhood.



PHOTO BY HELEN SYDAVAR

Bench Is Dedicated in Goldberg’s Memory

by Judith Thompson

On September 25 at the memorial garden in Schrom Hills Park, the Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition (GEAC) honored the memory of Sheldon A. Goldberg (who died on December 27, 2010), GEAC Chairman Emeritus and loyal GEAC member for over 20 years, by dedicating a memorial bench in his honor. The celebration also recognized Sheldon’s many contributions of over two decades to two other Greenbelt organizations of which he had long been a member, the Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board (APB) and the Windsor Green HOA Board of Directors. GEAC and the APB donated the funds to purchase the bench and a plaque to go with it.

Many of Goldberg’s extended Greenbelt “family” from the three volunteer groups and the entire Greenbelt City Council attended the event and shared their memories of Goldberg over the years. After the dedication, attendees enjoyed a picnic lunch at the annual GEAC picnic that followed the dedication.



Close friends Derek Thompson, Ed Putens and Randall Evans unveil the bench. Below, Goldberg’s bench and plaque.



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Attendees at the memorial garden.

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Handgun Arrest

October 29, 4:14 p.m., Greenbelt Road at Kenilworth Avenue, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with transporting a handgun in a vehicle and carrying a concealed deadly weapon, among other charges after a traffic stop. The suspect was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Robberies

October 28, 6:32 a.m., 9100 block Edmonston Court, persons were approached by two men, who displayed a handgun, assaulted one of the victims and took the victims' property. The suspects are described as a black male, 6', thin build, wearing a black coat and dark pants; and a male 5'5", thin build, wearing dark clothes.

October 28, 10:26 a.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road, a man approached another man and attempted to take his money. The victim was able to lock himself in his vehicle. The suspect is described as a male, 5'8", wearing a mask, a gray hooded sweatshirt and black pants.

October 29, 12:17 p.m., 6000 block Breezewood Terrace, a person was approached by three suspects, who took the victim's property.

October 31, 7:38 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road, a man approached a person, implied he had a weapon and demanded the person's property. The suspect is described as a black male, 20 to 25 years old, 5'8" to 5'10", 150 to 175 pounds, wearing all dark clothing.

October 31, 10:41 p.m., Greenbelt Road at Capitol Drive, a man was approached by two young men, who assaulted him and took his property. The suspects are described as black males, both 18 to 21 years old, 5'10" to 6'1" tall, wearing black pants and black jackets.

November 2, 6:21 p.m., 7500 block Hanover Parkway, a man was approached by three young men, who demanded his property. The suspects are described as black males, 17 to 19 years old, 5'5" to 5'11" with medium

builds, wearing dark clothing.

November 2, 8:53 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, two teenage males approached a man, assaulted him and took his property. The suspects are described as Hispanic males, 15 to 19 years old, 5'9" to 5'11", 135 to 145 pounds; one suspect was wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt and the other was wearing a black sweatshirt.

Disorderly Conduct

October 29, 6:31 a.m., 7900 block Mandan Road, a nonresident man and a resident women were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. Both were released on citation pending trial.

Vandalism

October 31, 9:39 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Court, a window was broken.

November 1, 8:02 p.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace, a sliding glass door was broken.

November 2, 1:53 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Court, a window was broken.

Burglary

October 28, 9:08 a.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace, electronics and other items were reported taken.

October 29, 9:11 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. Nothing was reported taken.

October 31, 2:39 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, a set of rims and a laptop were reported taken.

October 28, 9:21 a.m., 7500 block Mandan Road, a vacuum cleaner was reported taken.

Vehicle Crimes

A stolen silver 1999 Toyota with Md. tags was recovered in the 7700 block of Mandan Road; no arrests were made.

Thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 200 block Lakeside Drive (rear Md. tag); 9100 block Edmonston Court (camera, toolbox); Beltway Plaza (catalytic convertor); 6200 block Springhill Court (purse); 9300 block Edmonston Road (rear Md. tag); and 6600 block Lake Park Drive (iPod, speaker system). At 6500 block Lake Park Drive a car window was broken.

Arson Damages Greenbelt Playground



PHOTO BY EDITH BEAUCHAMP

A fire set in the wood chips of the South Ora Court playground last month by two young children caused substantial damage to the recently installed playground equipment. A climbing wall was burned to the ground and a nearby slide was also damaged. Two children, age 8, were identified during the investigation by the county fire department arson unit. The Greenbelt Police Department assisted in the investigation. The Greenbelt Public Works Department has placed snow fencing around the damaged portion of the playground, but expects to have the playground completely open as soon as possible.

Craze Appointed VP of Association

Greenbelt Police Chief James R. Craze was sworn in as vice president at large of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) at the association's annual conference in Chicago on October 26. The IACP is the world's oldest, largest nonprofit membership organization of police executives, with over 20,000 members in over 100 different countries.

IACP leadership includes operating executives of international, federal, state and local agencies of all sizes. Craze is a life member of the organization, having been a member over 20 years and has served on the Executive Committee for Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey, the Financial Review Committee that oversees a \$22 million budget and is a member of the IACP Foundation Board of Directors.

Craze is also a past president of the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association and the Police Chiefs Association of Prince George's County and was president of Fraternal Order of Police Greenbelt Lodge #32.

Craze commented, "I am indebted and thankful for the encouragement and support that I have received from the city council, city manager and co-workers. Little did I know when I first donned the uniform of a Greenbelt police officer that it would one day lead to the privilege of holding an office in the most prestigious international law enforcement organization of police executives in the world. It is truly a humbling experience for which I will be eternally grateful."

He is a 40-year member of the Greenbelt Police Department and chief for the past 25 years, making him the longest serving chief of police in Maryland.

Historical Society Book Event Here on Nov. 12

by Virginia Beauchamp

A major book and author event sponsored by the Prince George's County Historical Society will take place at the Greenbelt Library between 1 and 4 p.m. on Saturday, November 12. The second such program in this city since the Society's specialized library moved here several years ago, the event will be the occasion to introduce its own collaborative volume, "Historic Prince George's: Confluence of Cultures." Copies of the book will be available for sale.

Other offerings are some 16 works by many local authors, most dealing with events or places in the surrounding area. Among these are two similar historical volumes, "Lakeland: African Americans in College Park" by authors Maxine Gross and Diane Ligon and "Riverdale Park" by Mellisa Avery and Don Lynch.

Acclaimed historian Ira Berlin of the University of Maryland will be introducing his new work, "Making of African-America: The Four Great Migrations," as will English Professor Michael Olmert, whose latest book, "Kitchens, Smokehouses and Privies," deals with these important backyard structures.

And speaking of the University, a work presenting that institution in a collection of photographs will also be on display, Jason Speck's "University of Maryland."

One work – by a Greenbelter, though not about this city – is Amy Hansen's not quite new book for children, "Bugs and

Bugsicles: Insects in the Winter." **Riversdale Connection**

Another work on display connects with the nearby Riversdale Mansion, though it perhaps seems far afield – Aneta Shine's "Rubens and the Archaeology of Myth 1612-1620: Visual and Poetic Memory." Rubens was an ancestor of the Stier family who built that early 19th-century historic house. Some of Ruben's works were kept safe there during Napoleon's European rampages, then opened in a special display by their daughter, Rosalie Stier Calvert, before she sent them back to her parents following their return to Belgium.

Other local history deals with a county church, "Bring Your Friends: A Brief History of St. Thomas Parish" by Franklin Robinson, Jr. The church is in Upper Marlboro.

Some works offer valuable inventories for researchers, such as Patricia Sluby's "Entrepreneurial Spirit of African American Inventors" and Paul Sluby's "Bury Me Deep," a documentation of some 250 burial sites since 1790 in the District of Columbia.

Works of another kind to be featured are two novels – Lynda Hill Sasscer's "Full Mortality" and Richard Morris' thriller "Well Considered," while Civil War buffs will find three volumes on that historical conflict among the collection of works on display.

Those who have not yet seen the newly-decorated main meeting room on the Greenbelt Library's lower level, where this event will take place, will find it a special treat. The same should be said of this program on books and authors of our local area. The event is free.

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“The Heart Gallery” Helps Locate Adoption Homes

by Paula Clinedinst

Anyone who walked through the Community Center from mid-August through early September probably saw the display of faces along the hallway. Called “the Heart Gallery,” these photographs showed just a handful among the thousands of children in the D.C. metropolitan area in need of adoption.

What is unique about this group of young people, however, is their age. Many are teenagers who, if they do not find adoptive families, will “age out” of foster care without family support.

Others are in sibling groups or have special needs, making finding them a permanent home more challenging. By aging out, the children leave the system and are on their own, often finding themselves homeless.

In 1997, the Adoption and Safe Families Act was passed by Congress, mandating that children could not stay endlessly in foster care. It has meant that agencies have had to work hard to find families for children in foster care, some of which have not been healthy situations. Since these agencies have often been overwhelmed, the Heart Gallery provides an additional resource for the adoption recruitment process.

The Heart Gallery is sponsored by the Freddie Mac Foundation. Many Heart Gallery children are part of the “Wednesday’s Child” weekly televised segment featuring foster children in need of adoption. Also sponsored by the Freddie Mac Foundation, it airs in five major metropolitan areas around the country. In the D.C. region Wednesday’s Child airs on NBC4 during Wednesday’s 5 p.m. news, Thursday’s 11 a.m. news, and Sunday’s 9 a.m. news.

Heart Gallery

The idea for the Heart Gallery belongs to a woman in New Mexico who enlisted professional photographers to take pictures of children in need of permanent homes and to put them on display in public locations. Now Heart Galleries can be found all across the country.

The Freddie Mac Foundation Heart Gallery was launched in 2004 at Union Station. Since then it has travelled to dozens of locations throughout the D.C. metropolitan area. Since its launch, 70 children featured on the Heart Gallery have been adopted.

Says Renette Oklewicz, director of Freddie Mac Foundation Programs. “This is just one more way to help find adoptive homes for foster children. Every child needs and deserves a stable, loving home and a family that will be there for them no matter what the future holds.” Youths in the photographs come from all over the region, including the District of Columbia and nine counties in Maryland and Virginia.

First and foremost, the Freddie Mac Foundation is investing in diverse efforts to find permanent homes for foster youth. When that is not possible, the Foundation is supporting effective ways for these children who age-out to succeed on their own. The Foundation also funds programs that help young people

leaving the foster system to find housing and become self-sufficient adults.

The Freddie Mac Foundation’s belief is that aging out should not be acceptable as an alternative to permanency; thus its support of the Heart Gallery as a tool for increasing the odds that children in foster care can find safe and stable homes through adoption.

The online gallery is available at www.freddiemacfoundation.org. More information about adoption and foster care can be obtained by calling 202-671-LOVE or 800-669-HOPE. The Freddie Mac Foundation Adoption Expo will be held on November 12 at the Grand Hyatt Washington. Information on the Expo can also be found in the Foundation’s website.

NAMI Presents November Workshop

The local chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) will hold its monthly workshop on Thursday, November 17 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Hanco Building at Beckett Field, 8511 Legation Road, New Carrollton. This month’s topic will be the Maryland Parity Project presented by Adrienne Ellis, project director.

It is a new initiative of the Mental Health Association of Maryland which aims to ensure that eligible persons know of their new rights in accessing mental health and addiction treatment under the new Federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act. This law requires equity in mental health/addiction and medical/surgical benefits offered by insurance companies. Come to learn about the effect on coverage and how to access new rights under the law.

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The Rigorous Selection Process: First Residents Arrive in October

by Sandra A. Lange

The original Greenbelt homes were constructed by the federal government in 1937 as part of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's New Deal project primarily to provide employment to relief workers and housing for low and moderate income people. But another important aspect to the formation of Greenbelt was the social experiment woven into the selection process.

The federal government hired psychologists and social workers to screen carefully the prospective residents. Those selected had to demonstrate ability to provide leadership and to show interest in forming new, progressive, co-operative institutions. Families were also rated on the conditions of their present housing and on personal habits and attitudes.

Joseph Arnold in his book "The New Deal in the Suburbs" states that applicants were evaluated on whether they belonged to "socially acceptable organizations," whether they possessed "questionable family life and social attitudes," whether they were "normal, home loving and self-respecting." There was also a religious ratio: 63 percent Protestant, 30 percent Roman Catholic, seven percent Jewish. This ratio reflected the 1930 census data for Washington, D.C.

One disqualifying factor was that wives of employed husbands were discouraged from working outside the home. Some employed widows with children, however, were accepted for residency. And once the families moved in, as well, a number of women worked in local businesses like the Co-op Food Store and the rental office.

Improved Conditions

According to Cathy Knepper's book "Greenbelt, MD: A Living Legacy of the New Deal": "The original selection plan stated, 'The family should desire to meet the objectives of the community, namely to raise the standard of living by taking advantage of the improved living conditions offered. . . .'"

The government interviewer questioned applicants as well on their willingness to cooperate and participate in activities of the town, on whether or not they understood the purpose of the Greenbelt project, on whether they had hobbies or talents and on whether they showed family solidarity. "Who was actually responsible for selecting tenant families and the process used, is not known," Knepper comments.

When town planner Wallace Richards was asked if residents would be "undesirable slum dwellers," he was said to reply that "the Resettlement Administration (RA) will take no chances on the experiment failing because



Mr. and Mrs. Irving Machiz, with their son, Edward, moving into their new quarters at Greenbelt, October 2, 1937, attributed to the Resettlement Administration archives.

of being peopled by shiftless people."

Family incomes ranged from \$800 to \$2,000 per year. There were rules about how many people could live in a house or in an apartment. A couple would be assigned a one-bedroom apartment or "honeymoon" cottage. Families with two or more children rented a two- or three-bedroom house. If the children were of opposite sexes, a three-bedroom house was selected for them. Rents ranged from \$31 to \$42 per month.

No Blacks

"The most inflexible rule excluded Negro applicants," Arnold reported. In the early planning of Greenbelt, the government had proposed to build a development for African Americans on 800 acres of the Greenbelt tract. The Rossville Rural Development was to be rented to African American families.

However, strong political opposition developed to inclusion of African American residents in the Greenbelt project. Few federal projects were integrated during the 1930s. Had the government insisted the Rossville project be built, many people felt the Greenbelt project would have been killed. "The boldness of the RA's physical planning is hardly matched by the boldness or even the basic equity of the social planning," Arnold wrote.

On the other hand, a number of African Americans were employed in the construction of Greenbelt. And in 1938 the federal government went on to build the first public housing project (the second in the nation) [for African American working class families]. This was Langston Terrace in Washington, D.C. which provided homes for a population of 274.

First Families

Fourteen people – 10 adults and four children – moved to Greenbelt in October 1937. One year later, there were 885 families, a total of 3,000 residents.

In November 1937 the Greenbelt Citizens Association, the first community organization, was formed. The first town council was also elected November of that year.

These specially chosen pioneers – as they were called – successfully formed a new community, creating the framework for the diverse city that Greenbelt has since become. So from the beginning and by design, Greenbelt residents have been "cooperative, energetic and, in a way, constructively competitive. They knew the responsibility for this dream was theirs. They hungered to show the cynics and skeptics . . . that this was a better way." So wrote Barbara Likowski and Jay McCarl in that later volume "Greenbelt: History of a New Town."

Two Events Highlight Importance of Oral History

by Virginia Beauchamp

When Greenbelt was celebrating its 50th anniversary in 1987, the late former city clerk Dorothy Lauber conducted a series of oral interviews of long-time residents then published in a mimeographed volume, "A Collection of Recollections of Greenbelt Residents and Others." Only a few years earlier Marlene Mayo, a professor of Japanese history at the University of Maryland, had also begun collecting personal memories in taped interviews. Recorded between 1978 and 1992, her tapes dealt with former participants in the American Occupation of Japan.

In those early days, tapes like these had to be typed laboriously and then saved for future use; and for that reason Mayo's tapes were unfortunately set aside. Finding typists and paying to transcribe a major collection of this kind was at that time impossible. The tapes remained in limbo, unlistened to.

In the meantime, with the beginning of what came to be known as Women's History, the importance of oral history had been gaining momentum. Most of women's experiences, it became clear, had been excluded from the standard academic curriculum in every field – all of them essentially men's studies. But trying to recover the lost material about women and their life concerns depended often on interviews with those who had lived it.

Still more recently new technologies, including recording on discs, have created a way to recover long-ago tapes, such as the Mayo collection, which had not been forgotten. Thus, over a period of time discs were made of Mayo's tapes. (Among them, I must confess, are some three and a half hours of interviews with me on my service in the Philippines and Japan at the end of World War II.)

Special Tribute

On Thursday, November 3 in a special program, the donation of the Mayo collection was celebrated in a commemorative tribute to her work. These discs of some 100 Americans engaged officially and unofficially in Japan during the Allied Occupation now reside as part of the Gordon W. Prange Collection in the university's Hornbake Library.

That collection includes a copy of every item published in Japan during the Occupation,

when Prange was engaged by the U.S. Army in censoring them – from picture books for children, works of scholarship by university professors, daily works of journalism or any other kind of publication. When Prange himself returned to the University of Maryland, where he had been a professor of history, he was allowed to send back with him the entire collection of these censored works.

Nowhere else in the world – including Japan – does such a collection exist. And for that reason it draws scholars from around the world to this nearby institution. Now the Mayo interviews augment these earlier, printed works.

Veterans' Memoirs

Three days later on Sunday, November 5 an analogous program of oral history, Remembering Our Veterans, took place in the Greenbelt Library. Moderated by Greenbelt resident Jacqueline Miller Byrd, daughter of a World War II veteran, the program featured 12 veterans of military engagements in which Americans have served. It began with the Presentation of Colors by the AF-JROTC Color Guard of Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Besides World War II, veterans participating in the program had served in the Korean War, the engagement in Vietnam, the Cold War, Desert Storm and Afghanistan. Three were women – retired Marine Colonel Adele Hodges, first female commanding officer at Marine Corps base Camp Lejeune, Lieutenant Colonel Margaret Stanfield of the Army Nurse Corps and retired Captain Monika Stoy.

The latter amused the audience with an account of her first parachute jump near Pisa, where she landed on top of a cornstalk and disappeared from view. And World War II Army veteran Leonidas Williams had an equally compelling, though sadder story about a group of men who returned to shelter following combat and were killed by poisonous snakes, undetected, that had gathered there.

The program began with a welcome to the Greenbelt Branch library by Branch Manager Ellen F. Utley and by a formal procession into the auditorium by the honored guests. It closed with refreshments provided by Friends of the Greenbelt Library.

MVA Is Closed On Veterans Day

All full service and express offices of the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) and all Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program stations will be closed on Friday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day.

MVA advises that the days before and after holidays are especially busy. Another time saver is the convenience of completing MVA transactions online – registration renewals and other eMVA options are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at www.mva.maryland.gov.

MVA's Customer Service Center is also available by calling 1-800-950-1682.

Children's Program At Publick Playhouse

Tiny Tots Thursday at the Publick Playhouse in Cheverly introduces new show times of 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. for all programs in the monthly series to accommodate pre-school schedules. Presented on Thursday, November 10 is Mr. Derby's Nursery Jam with a toddler sing fest. There is a nominal fee for all Tiny Tots Thursday programs.

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Alumni of the Greenbelt High School Class of 1948 meet on the first Sunday every other month for brunch at the American Legion Post #136.

Greenbelt High Class of '48 Shares Memories

by Kathleen McFarland

A group of Greenbelt High School alumni gets together for brunch the first Sunday of every other month (in the “even” months) at American Legion Post #136. They are mostly sports guys who played basketball or baseball for the Grizzlies, as the high school sports teams were then known and their wives. The Class of 1948, one of the largest and most active of all the GHS classes, has had regular reunions through the years.

At the brunch on August 7, members of the class showed up in large numbers, both to plan the upcoming annual Old Grizzlies picnic and to remember the late Richard (Bobo) Hause, one of their own, who died recently in Florida.

Richard (Bobo) Hause

Bobo, a man of many talents, had lived in many places. He was a Marine during the Korean War, a Prince George’s County policeman, a businessman, a hobbyist who created ships in bottles and a lover of animals who raised champion sheepdogs. He was also an amateur author, working on a book at the end of his life; a sentimental guy who wrote touching details about growing up in the Depression and fond accounts of the years at GHS. Two of his children, Melanie from Hopewell, Va., and David from Palm Coast, Fla., attended the August 7 gathering, hoping to learn more about their dad’s early life.

Patsy Miller Martone, a childhood classmate at Berwyn Elementary School, read a letter Bobo had written her and her husband, John Martone, on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. There were both tears and chuckles as he recounted their pranks and dates, the places they’d gone and the songs they’d sung.



This large photo was one of the pieces of memorabilia on hand shared on August 7.

When the letter ended with the hope they’d always be “looking over a 4-leaf clover,” there was hardly a dry eye in the house.

Other classmates had brought scrapbooks and photos and even one of Bobo’s ships-in-a-bottle, filling a large table with memorabilia. One large photo was titled “The Best Baseball Team in Prince George’s County,” with “Bud, John, Bo, Richie and Harry” below each player’s photo. Someone had written in: “Together Again. May They Rest in Peace.” I knew those five names to be Bud Bauer, whose father was an early mayor of Greenbelt, John Martone, Bo Hause, Richie Lewis and Harry Randolph, all now deceased.

In another large photo, it was easy to spot Father Victor Dowgiallo, founding pastor of St. Hugh’s church, at some big sports banquet, with Mayor Bauer and Danny Jones sitting next to him. Other faces easily recognizable were those of John Martone, Harry Benefiel, Ted Fox, George Neumann, Bill Goodall and Werner Steinle. . . . Memories, memories.

Old Grizzlies Picnic

The annual Old Grizzlies Pic-

nic was started in 1995 by John Martone at his place on Golden Beach in St. Mary’s County. He invited all his sports pals, including those from earlier years, such as Leroy Clark, Bob Egli and Lynn Buck, who led our GHS basketball teams against our arch-rival, Bladensburg. Vince Holochwest and Ben Goldfaden, from the Recreation Department of early Greenbelt, attended too.

After Martone’s death in 2001, Bill Goodall from the Class of ’48 took over the job of organizing the picnic, moving it to Greenbelt, to the lawn of American Legion Post #136. And wives were then invited too! The picnic since continued every year.

Sadly Goodall died earlier this year and now Gloria Shelton Drake, GHS class of 1951 (the last graduating class), has agreed to lead a committee to ensure the tradition continues. This year’s picnic was held on October 1 at the Legion. Its official name was the 17th Annual John Martone Memorial Old Grizzlies Reunion.

Upcoming Events at New Deal Café

Friday, November 11 pianist John Guernsey plays lively jazz and blues from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and the U-Liners bring roots-rock to the Café from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Saturday, November 12 Bruce Kritt plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m., pianist John Guernsey plays jazz and blues from 6:30 to 8 p.m., with The Badger Band singing Grateful Dead and original tunes from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Sunday, November 13 James Benson and his jazz guitar entertain from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The back room is reserved for a private party from 5 to 8 p.m.

Next Week

Open microphone Poetry Night returns Tuesday, November 15 from 7 to 9 p.m. Lucky Punches folk duo plays Wednes-

day, November 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. On Thursday, November 17 from noon to 2 p.m. pianist Amy C. Kraft plays mid-day melodies and the monthly Songwriter’s Association open microphone session is held from 7 to 9 p.m.

Friday, November 18 John Guernsey plays jazz and blues piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Kevin Robinson and his electric guitar returns with KERQ from 8 to 11 p.m. Saturday, November 19 Bruce Kritt plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. John Guernsey plays jazz and blues piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. with Buck and the Bucktones bringing bluegrass and honky-tonk to the Café from 8 to 11 p.m.

An Artists’ Reception will be held on Sunday, November 20 from 7 to 9 p.m.

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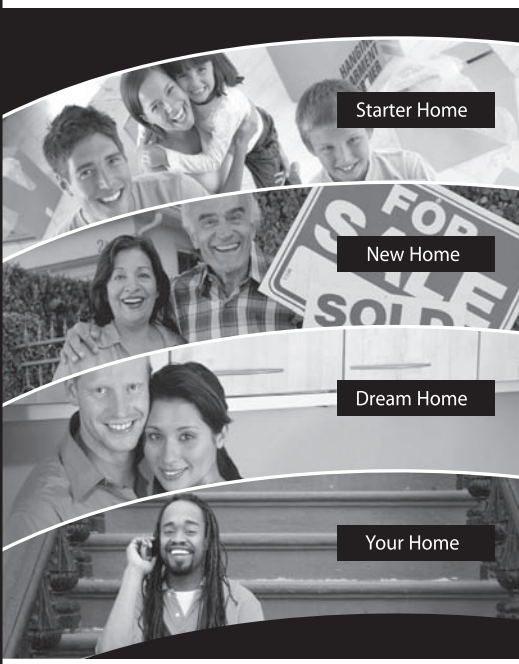
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GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Residency:
_____ Apartment _____ Townhouse
_____ GHI _____ Condominium
_____ Detached Single Family Home

2. Do you? _____ Own _____ Rent

3. Age: _____ 18-29 _____ 61-74
_____ 30-44 _____ 75+
_____ 45-60

4. How many years have you lived in Greenbelt?
_____ Less than 1 year _____ 1-5 yrs.
_____ 6-10 yrs _____ 11-20 yrs.
_____ 21-30 yrs. _____ More than 30 yrs.

5. Employment Status (Please check all that apply.)
_____ Full-Time _____ Part-Time
_____ Unemployed _____ Retired
_____ Stay at home parent
_____ Work from home

6. Where do you work?
_____ Greenbelt
_____ Prince George’s County
_____ Baltimore
_____ Washington, D.C.
_____ Montgomery County
_____ Other

7. Please prioritize (1-3 your top three modes of transportation
_____ Personal Automobile
_____ MetroBus
_____ Carpool/Vanpool
_____ TheBus
_____ Metrorail
_____ Taxi
_____ Bicycling/Walking
_____ Other

PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Please rate your satisfaction over the last 2 years with the following services. (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)
_____ Police Presence
_____ Police Responsiveness
_____ Dispatcher Responsiveness
_____ Overall Police Performance
_____ Overall Police Employee Competence
_____ Police Attitude & Behavior Towards Citizens
_____ Traffic Control
_____ Animal Control
_____ Fire & Rescue
_____ Parking Enforcement

2. Do you have any concern about safety and security within Greenbelt? If so, please list:

3. If you have contacted Police Dept. in the last 2 years, was the employee polite and courteous? ____ Yes ____ No

4. Did the police employee assist you satisfactorily?
_____ Yes _____ No
_____ Don’t Know

5. If you have any suggestions for improving police services, please list them under General Comments #3.

PUBLIC WORKS

1. Please rate your satisfaction over the last 2 years with the following services. (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)
_____ Streets/Sidewalks
_____ Street Cleaning
_____ Street Lighting
_____ Snow Removal
_____ Park Maintenance

_____ Horticulture/Planting
_____ Trash/Recycle Pick-up
_____ Fireworks Display
_____ Drop-off Recycling
_____ Building Maintenance
_____ Greenbelt Connection
_____ Crosswalks

2. If you have contacted Public Works in the last 2 years, was the employee polite and courteous? ____ Yes ____ No

RECYCLING

1. Do you routinely recycle?
_____ Yes _____ No
If no, why? _____

2. If you had a larger recycling bin, would you recycle more? _____ Yes
_____ No _____ Not Sure

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1. Have you or any of your family utilized any of the following services in the last 2 years?
_____ Yes _____ No

2. If so, please rate your satisfaction with them. (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)
_____ Counseling (individual, family or group)
_____ Crisis Intervention Counseling
_____ Tutoring
_____ Discussion Groups in School
_____ Job Bank
_____ Babysitting Workshop
_____ GED Program
_____ Assistance in Living (GAIL) Program

3. If you plan to remain in your home as you age, which of the following would you require:
_____ Online Advice & Support
_____ Home Modifications
_____ Activities for Homebound
_____ 1st Floor Bathroom
_____ Other: _____

4. How soon would you need these services?
____ Now ____ 1-3 Years ____ 4-7 Years
____ 8+ Years

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ CODE ENFORCEMENT

Have you had personal contact with Community Development/Code Enforcement Dept. in the last 2 years?
_____ Yes _____ No

2. Was the Community Development/ Code Enforcement employee polite and courteous?
_____ Yes _____ No

3. Did the Community Development/ Code Enforcement employee assist you satisfactorily? _____ Yes _____ No

EDUCATION

1. If you have school age children, please rate the schools currently attended. (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)
_____ Greenbelt Elementary
_____ Springhill Lake Elementary
_____ Magnolia Elementary
_____ Turning Point Academy
_____ Greenbelt Middle School
_____ Eleanor Roosevelt High School
_____ Home Schooling
_____ Other _____

2. Using the same scale, please rate the Prince George’s School System overall.

3. Please rank the following questions. (5=Strongly Agree, 4=Agree, 3=Neutral, 2=Disagree, 1=Strongly Disagree)
_____ The City should continue to provide Science & Reading Clubs
_____ The City should continue to provide grants to Greenbelt schools
_____ County taxes should be increased to fund education.

4. Given limited funding, which should be emphasized (Please select only one.)
_____ Charter Schools
_____ Magnet Schools
_____ Neighborhood Schools

RECREATION

1. Please rate your satisfaction with any facilities which you or your family have attended: (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)
_____ Aquatic & Fitness Center
_____ Community Center
_____ Springhill Lake Rec. Center
_____ Youth Center
_____ Athletic Fields
_____ Dog Park
_____ Skate Park
_____ Parks/trails

2. Please rate your satisfaction with any activities which you or your family have attended: (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)
_____ Fitness classes
_____ Pre-School classes
_____ Youth/Adult classes
_____ Camp programs
_____ Visual Art programs
_____ Senior programs
_____ Performing Art programs
_____ Aquatics programs
_____ Special Events (Fall Fest, Festival of Lights, Celebration of Spring, etc.)
_____ Other (Please Specify): _____

3. Please check any programs which you or a member of your household are likely to attend within the next 2 years. (Check all that apply)
_____ Pre-school activities
_____ Children’s afterschool activities
_____ Children’s weekend activities
_____ Children’s drop-in activities
_____ Home school/school enrichment activities
_____ Family recreation activities – weekends
_____ Drop-in activities
_____ Adult classes or leagues
_____ Senior activities
_____ Special events (Artful Afternoons, Fall Fest, Celebration of Spring, etc.)

ELECTION OUTREACH

Which of the following methods provided useful information about the City Election? (Please check all that apply)
_____ City Newsletter
_____ Sample Ballots
_____ Candidate Forums
_____ City Website
_____ News Review Ads
_____ Posters & fliers
_____ Cable TV Channel
_____ Signs
_____ Greenbelt Patch
_____ Other _____

GREENBELT MUSEUM

1. Have you or a member of your household attended a museum activity in the past 2 years?
_____ Yes _____ No

PUBLIC INFORMATION

1. Please rate your satisfaction with Greenbelt’s efforts to publicize and broadcast official information and City events? _____ (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)

2. Have you visited the City’s website at www.greenbeltmd.gov?
_____ Yes _____ No

3. Is the information on the website useful? _____ Yes _____ No

4. Have you used the video streaming/ on-demand section of the City website _____ Yes _____ No

5. Are you able to tune in to Greenbelt Municipal Access Comcast Channel 71 or Verizon Channel 21?
_____ Yes _____ No

6. Have you watched any of the programming, including Council meetings, offered on this channel over the past 2 years? _____ Yes _____ No

7. How would you prefer to receive information about City programs and services? (Please rank in priority order 1-8; 1=top preference)
_____ Cable TV
_____ Direct mail
_____ City Newsletter
_____ City Website
_____ Greenbelt News Review
_____ Posters & fliers
_____ E-mail notifications
_____ Facebook
_____ Other _____

CITY SERVICES & TAXES

1. How do you rate the value of City services and programs for your tax dollars? (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)

2. The City has limited ability to raise revenues other than through property taxes or fees. In light of this fact, would you support a tax rate increase in order to:
Maintain current City services/programs
____ Yes ____ No
Increase City services/programs
____ Yes ____ No
Provide fair compensation to employees
____ Yes ____ No

3. In general, should City services be (choose one):
_____ Kept at the same level
_____ Reduced _____ Increased

4. If the City had to reduce services/programs, which ones would you suggest and why? _____

GENERAL COMMENTS

1. Describe what you like most about the Greenbelt Community.

2. Describe what you like least about the Greenbelt Community.

3. Are there any improvements you would suggest for the City’s services?

