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## Greens Bring Standing Room Crowd for Candidates Forum

by Mary Moien

The Greenbelt Greens sponsored a standing-room-only candidates forum on October 16 in the city council chambers. All candidates participated in the forum, with introductory presentations followed by audience questions. Diane McDaniel, recording secretary of the Greenbelt Greens, set the tone by mentioning the four vital goals of the organization - non-violence, social justice, the environment, and grass roots advocacy.

She was followed by Bob Auerbach, who came to the podium and described himself as "raising Cain in the City of Greenbelt for 40 years." He characterized each candidate as he introduced them in the order in which their names will appear on the ballot. Mayor Judith Davis, he said, is a "good speaker and a good listener." He added that many people are good speakers but she is both. Tom White, Auerbach said, "is the veteran here. He's never given up on Greenbelt. He's as enthusiastic as anyone here."



PHOTO BY MARIA DEL MAR LOPEZ

Candidates for city council respond to questions from the audience at the Greenbelt Greens' Candidates Night held in the council chambers. From left: Thomas X. White, Judith Davis, Alan Turnbull, Ed Putens, Rodney Roberts, Sylvia Lewis and Kelby Brick.

Auerbach stated that Alan Turnbull is the newest council member but already mayor pro tem. He is a founding member of the New Deal Café and the Greenbelt Bicycle Coalition and has worked on environmental issues "more than some." Rodney Roberts, he said, does more for ecology than anyone else on the council - especially trees. He works hard on many environmental issues and on bicycle patrols.

Sylvia Lewis, noted Auerbach, has a degree from the London

School of Economics, has worked for the Red Cross, been an elementary school tutor, and has worked for many liberal and progressive causes. This is Kelby Brick's second run for city council, said Auerbach. So far, no deaf person has been elected to office in Maryland. "We can agree that he has a lot of courage in running for office."

### Presentations

Judith Davis, completing sec-

See GREENS' NIGHT, page 5

## Stakeholders/Council Consider Solutions to School Problems

by Barbara Hopkins

The Greenbelt City Council was sure to hear about overcrowded schools and late buses when they held a worksession with stakeholders on education issues Monday night, October 15, and the echo of those two subjects reverberated throughout the meeting. There turned out to be additional problems as well, although the news was not all bad.

Eleanor Roosevelt High, Magnolia and Springhill Lake elementary schools, Robert Goddard and Greenbelt middle schools, and St. Hugh's School all sent representatives. Greenbelt Elementary School was the only area school without representation at the table. Concerned citizens, city council candidates Sylvia Lewis and Kelby Brick, and seven members of the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) also attended. School Board representative James Henderson was invited, but did not appear. He had indicated a scheduling conflict with the selected date early on in the planning of the meeting.

While Loretta White of Robert Goddard Middle School considered transportation their major problem, Linda Sherwood, principal of Springhill Lake Elementary School, expressed a serious problem with over-crowding, but few problems with transportation. She saw no relief from the high numbers of students at the school, since Berwyn Heights School has not re-opened. She had hoped to send several lower grades to that school, while keeping the older children at Springhill Lake.

### Springhill Lake

When asked about the facility by City Councilmember Edward Putens, Sherwood indicated a need for more classrooms. Also, while a few classrooms have private-bathrooms, the school has nine toilets available for general use by the entire population of over 1000. She added there are problems in the cafeteria getting breakfast to 500 children each morning.

Although the school is strained by its high enrollment, Sherwood

See SCHOOLS, page 7

## Theater Purchase Agreement Reached

At its Monday meeting on Oct. 22, the Greenbelt City Council approved a Memorandum of Understanding with George Christacos and authorized the city staff to finalize details for acquisition of the Greenbelt Theater at an estimated total cost of \$389,226. This sum includes an amount of \$204,000 in debt forgiveness to Christacos and a reduction in his monthly payments over the next ten years valued at \$185,226. No direct out-of-pocket expense will be paid by the city in this acquisition. Whoever is the next mayor of Greenbelt is also authorized to sign any appropriate documents.

### What Goes On

**Friday, October 26,**  
6 to 8 p.m., Electronic Recycling, Buddy Attick Park  
**Saturday, October 27,**  
9 a.m. to noon, Electronic Recycling, Buddy Attick Park  
11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Open House at the Fire Department  
**Sunday, October 28,**  
4 p.m., City's Mediation Open House  
**Wednesday, October 31,**  
10 a.m., MDOT public hearing, SHA Bldg., Kenilworth Ave.  
6 to 8 p.m., Trick or Treating in Greenbelt

## Candidates Forum: How Should City Use Its State Open Space Funds?

The fourth and final question asked of each of the seven candidates for the office of member of the Greenbelt City Council dealt with their views on the use of state program open space funds by the city. Each year the city receives an annual allocation from the state. These funds can be accumulated. All of the funds can be used to buy land for open space and parks. Half of the monies can be used to undertake improvements to such land.

The current city council has made the following policy decisions relating to the use of these funds: a) use some funds for the purchase of the Sunrise property at the end of Hanover Drive in Greenbelt East; b) make available \$100,000 to help purchase the Jaeger property located outside the city limits on the south side of the entrance to Westchester Park on Kenilworth Avenue for the National Park Service so that the land can be added to Greenbelt Park (which is within the city limits); and c) use only for land acquisition and not for any park improvements such as playground safety improvements or comfort stations at Buddy Attick (Greenbelt Lake) Park. The candidates were asked: For what purpose do you feel open space funds should be used?

Here are their responses, in a randomly selected order and limited to 300 words each.

### Rodney M. Roberts

My priority for the use of our portion of state open-space funds is to first meet our acquisition goals. The quality of life of future generations depends on how wisely we use our resources today. Construction projects can always be done, but once our open space is gone, it is gone forever. The old saying is, "Buy land - they're not making any more."



### Sylvia Lewis

We have lost much of the original greenbelt and we should do all that we can to protect and add to that which remains. Maryland's Program Open Space funding makes it possible for us to purchase land which might otherwise be developed.



Greenbelt needs to aggressively determine what potential property lies in or adjacent to our city, negotiate a reasonable price, and purchase the land. Land is not going to get cheaper and to delay allows developers to jump in and buy before we can act. In addition to the Sunrise property and the Jaeger tract that were mentioned in the question, there are other holdings of undeveloped land, such as the surplus State Highway property next to Capital Cadillac.

We should completely exhaust the possibilities of land purchase before we use POS funds for other purposes. Playgrounds are important, but we should use the Capital Projects fund, or seek community block grants for that purpose.

I am interested in the city acquiring the NASA buffer zone, but I think that we should be able to negotiate a "no cost" transfer with the Federal Government for that land. The land is of no use to NASA and by acquiring it we would relieve the government of having to maintain it.

Our Program Open Space funds are held by the state until the city uses them. An economic downturn could put the program in jeopardy. Since our current balance is over a million dollars we should be more proactive in searching for and acquiring land. This will help to maintain Greenbelt as an attractive, livable community. By limiting the green space available for further development we limit the additional burdens that could be placed on our schools, roads and city services.

### Judith F. Davis

For each of the last few years, Greenbelt has received from the State approximately \$175,000 in Program Open Space funds determined by our population and the amount of transfer tax derived from home sales within the state. Though this appears to be a large amount, there is no guarantee the city will receive similar funds in the future. Since land values in our area are increasing, I have supported accu-



See CANDIDATES FORUM, page 6

## TRICK or TREAT?!

Trick-or-Treat in Greenbelt will be held on Wednesday, October 31 from 6 to 8 p.m. Residents who wish to participate are asked to turn porch lights on and apartment dwellers should tie a piece of white cloth on the door. Parents should remember to check all children's candy for safety. See pages 16-17 for local activities.

## Letters to the Editor

### Not the Greenbelt Way Open Letter to Greenbelt Residents

I was present on the morning of Saturday October 21 at the forum at the New Deal Café on the Middle East and Terrorism in America. Also present were a Middle East couple who have been U.S. residents for 40 years. The husband spoke, and his main point was that killing people is not condoned or advocated by the Koran.

For awhile I sat in disbelief as an apparently quite learned individual, who identified himself as an attorney, in a loud and hostile manner initiated and maintained eye contact with the Middle Eastern man and attempted to reduce his assertion to mere nonsense. Only when I complained about this verbal attack to the moderator did the attorney move his eyes to the general audience, and proceed to also ridicule the contributions of another speaker.

This attorney owes an apology at least to the persons who were present, and I think it should appear in the Greenbelt News Review.

Bill Norwood

Daniel, Misha, and Christopher Grunberg and Aamna Ahmad would like to thank you for donating to the Red Cross. You helped us raise \$284.78 for the Afghani children. We were the people selling lemonade on Lastner Lane. Thank you for your generous support. We

would also like to thank our parents, Anne Marie, Michael, Rosie, and Mahboob, who encouraged us and donated their time and materials.

Daniel, Misha and Christopher Grunberg and Aamna Ahmad



The Lastner Lane lemonade stand was a great success. The children raised money to help children in Afghanistan.

### The Old Curmudgeon



"I'm gonna pick up the mail, dear!"

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## Responding to Anthrax: Tips for the Public

The Maryland Emergency Management Agency has made available to the public the following guidelines for responding to the anthrax threat.

### Anthrax Threat

The recent incidents of anthrax in Florida, New York and Washington have resulted in a flood of telephone calls about suspicious packages and substances to Maryland's state and local emergency services that are taxing their ability to respond to the calls. The following facts are provided to answer the public's questions:

*How do I identify a suspicious package and what are the general characteristics?*

The package contains excessive postage. The address is poorly handwritten or poorly typed, possibly with no return address. The title is incorrect or there is only a title and no name. Misspelling of common words. Oily stains, discoloration or odor. Excessive weight. Lopsided or uneven envelope. Protruding wires or aluminum foil. Ticking sound. Excessive amounts of packing materials, such as masking tape, string, etc. Marked with restrictive endorsements, such as "Personal" or "Confidential." The postmark does not agree with the return address. The package was not expected.

*How do you mix common sense with caution?*

Junk mail that is typically received should not be considered "suspicious" and simply should be discarded. If you have seen the mail before and consider it normal, discard it as usual. If your intuition alerts you based on the previously described characteristics, treat it as suspicious.

*What do I do if I find a suspicious package?*

Do not panic. Biological agents can cause infection in the skin, gastrointestinal system or the lungs. In order for this to occur, the organism must be rubbed into scraped skin, swallowed or inhaled as a finely aerosolized mist. If the patient has been exposed to anthrax spores, the disease can be prevented by early treatment with appropriate

antibiotics. Anthrax is not contagious and is not spread from person to person. The following is a list of recommended actions:

- Do not shake, open or empty the contents of any suspicious envelope or packages. Place the envelope or package in a clear, plastic zip-lock bag, then place it in a second bag. If a zip-lock bag is not available, any clear container may be used provided it is leak-proof. If a container is not available, cover the package with an article of clothing, paper, trash can, etc. Once covered, do not remove the cover.
- Report the incident. Dial 9-1-1.
- Do not bring the item to the fire station, police department or hospital; exposure should be limited.
- Leave the room, close the door and section off or isolate the area where the suspicious package or letter was discovered to prevent others from entering.
- Wash your hands with soap and water and take care not to contaminate your face.
- Make a list of anyone (including their phone number) who was in the room or area when the suspicious letter or package was discovered. Be prepared to provide the list to police or fire service officers.

*What if the envelope or package contains a powder and the powder spills out?*

- Do not try to clean up the powder. Cover the spill immediately but slowly with plastic, paper, an article of clothing or a trash can; do not remove the cover.
- If a cover is not available, leave the room and slowly close the door. Section off the area to prevent others from entering.

*What should I do if I believe I have been exposed?*

- Wash your hands with soap and water taking care not to spread the contamination to your face.
- Remove heavily contaminated clothing as soon as possible and place it in a plastic bag or some other container that can be sealed. Shower with soap and water as soon as possible. Do

not use bleach or other disinfectants on your skin.

- Officials will collect and dispose of the clothing.
- Make a list of anyone (including their phone numbers) who was in the room or area when the suspicious letter or package was discovered. Be prepared to provide this list to police or fire officials. This will assist with the investigation.

### Other Tips:

Do not take antibiotics unless they are prescribed by a physician. If you take antibiotics and you are not fighting an infection, your body will build a resistance to the antibiotic and it will not be as effective in fighting a future infection if you have to take it again.

### OLD GREENBELT THEATRE Week of Oct. 26

#### Alfred Hitchcock Festival

**Friday**  
The Birds (5:00 @ \$4.00)  
Saboteur 7:30  
Man Who Knew Too Much 9:40

**Saturday**  
Saboteur (2:45 @ \$4.00) 9:45  
Man Who Knew Too Much (5:00 @ \$4.00)  
The Birds 7:30

**Sunday**  
The Birds (2:30 @ \$4.00)  
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Man Who Knew Too Much 7:30

**Monday**  
Saboteur 7:30

**Tuesday**  
The Birds 7:30

**Wednesday**  
Man Who Knew Too Much 7:30

**Thursday**  
Saboteur 7:30

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## Advertising Fees To Be Increased

The costs of producing this newspaper have increased substantially. The Board of Directors of the Greenbelt News Review reluctantly is increasing our advertising rates effective November 2. There will also be some charges imposed for artwork, for the set up of new ads and for making changes on ads over three column inches.

The basic charge for display ads will be increased to \$8.10 per column inch with a minimum charge of \$12.15 for the smallest size ad. Discounts are offered for volume advertising.

Classified ads will now cost \$3 for the first 10 words, and the charge per word of 15 cents will remain the same.

It is the policy of the Greenbelt News Review to keep our advertising rates low, but sufficient to cover the costs of producing the newspaper. Although we are legally a profit making cooperative, we do not seek to make a profit, but, instead, just meet our expenses.

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DEADLINES: Letters, articles and ads—10 p.m. Tuesday. Materials for publication may be mailed to address above, deposited in our box in the Co-op grocery store (by 7 p.m. Tuesday) or brought to our office in the Community Center 15 Crescent Road during office hours. Mail subscriptions—\$32/year.

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

**Golden Age Club**

by Ruth Huggins

President Bill Souser presided over the October 17 meeting.

Betty Down, Sunshine chair, sent cards to Harvey Nichols and Irene Owens.

John Taylor, Travel chair, announced seats are still available for the November 13, Frederick, Md. trip and the November 20 Wilmington, De. art exhibit. A few seats are still available for the December 6 to 7 trip to New York City. For more information and fees, contact the Travel Committee.

Announcements: for October 27, a senior seminar will be held at Bowie Senior Center; on November 7, a health fair will be held at the Greenbelt Community Center from 2 to 4 p.m.

Jane Fendley read a poem, "Red, White and Blue" by Joe Rimar. The 50/50 raffle was won by Alberta Tompkins and Rudy Pugliese.

Ernie Varda, Program chair, read the names of October birthday celebrants: Pearl Keeney, Margaret Kivlin, Nick Pergola, John Taylor, Bob Terrell, Alberta Tompkins and Louvian Townsend. After singing happy birthday to the celebrants, there was a delicious luncheon.

The speaker at the October 31 meeting will be Pat McAndrew. His topic will be "Advance Directives."

**"Belongings" Debuts At Arts Center**

"Belongings," a new play by Daniel Fenton, premieres this weekend at the Greenbelt Arts Center, 123 Centerway. There will be a dessert reception following the Friday and Saturday performances, along with an opportunity to meet the play's author and talk with the director and cast about the production. "Belongings" continues through November 17. For reservations, call 301-441-8770.

**Explore the City's Resource Advocate**

Explorations Unlimited welcomes Ann MacKenzie on Friday, November 2, who will be discussing her new job as Greenbelt's Community Resource Advocate. MacKenzie will discuss the information and referral process and how it relates to accessing needed services in the home. MacKenzie is a new Greenbelt resident who has spent 15 years developing and coordinating programs and working with volunteers to provide services to the elderly.

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

**City Notes**

The week of October 15, the special details crew painted yellow curbs on Lakeside and Lakecrest Drives, and on Westway and Parkway and made new signs for the parking lot near the Professional Building in Roosevelt Center.

The horticulture crew back-filled soil in the beds on Southway and around the playground equipment and installed plants in the access area at 3 Court Gardenway.

**Community Events**

**Garden Walking Tour by Phelan**

Anyone interested in gardens is invited to join Greenbelt Home and Garden Club members at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, in front of the Greenbelt theater.

Bill Phelan, the city's horticulturist, will lead a walking tour while discussing fall pruning tips. Questions along the way are encouraged.

**Bargain Basement Used Book Sale**

The annual "bargain-basement" used-book sale is set for Saturday and Monday, Nov. 3 and 5, announces Friends of the Greenbelt Library(FOGL).

Held in the Meeting Room on the library's lower level, the sale of books, magazines, records and other items raises funds for Greenbelt Library programs sponsored by FOGL.

The sale will run from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 7 p.m. on Monday

**Bookstore**

FOGL manages the used-book store on the library's main level. This store is open all hours the library is open.

Earnings from the bookstore enable FOGL to support the children's summer reading program, the Teddy Bear's picnic and other quality events.

For more information on FOGL, call 391-441-8249. For the book sale, call 301-486-1779.

**Youth Hockey Team Holds Fundraiser**

The Tri-City Eagles Pee Wee Hockey Team will be selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts in front of the Co-op on Saturday, October 27 from 9 a.m. until noon. The money raised will be used to fund upcoming tournaments and pay for patches that will be worn on the players' jerseys in memory of the September 11 attack.

**Children's Movie Comes to Theatre**

On Friday, November 2, the St. Hugh's First Friday Movie Club is featuring "Shrek" at 1:30 p.m. in the P & G Old Greenbelt Theatre. This month Greenbelt Elementary School students will get a chance to attend a second showing in the first "After School Special" at 3:20 p.m. The public is invited to either showing.

Shrek is an oddball, vividly rendered computer-animated fairy tale spoof from Dreamworks SKG. It's about loyalty and love and the wrongfulness of judging people by their appearance. The film received a four stars rating from Roger Ebert.

**Walk Azalea Trail For Fall Colors**

Join a park ranger on a one-mile walk to discover the beauty of the fall colors in a beautiful setting on the Azalea Trail in Greenbelt Park. Wear appropriate clothing and footwear.

Meet at the Sweetgum picnic area near the park entrance on Saturday, October 27, at 10 a.m.

For more information, call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944.

**Voting Machines To Be Tested**

The new style voting machines that will be used in the city council election on November 6 will be tested for logic and accuracy on Tuesday, October 30, at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers of the Municipal Building.

Representatives of the company, Electronic Systems and Software will demonstrate that all of the voting machines are functioning properly and that all have the proper Greenbelt ballot on them.

City staff and representatives of the Board of Elections will be present to assure the equipment is working properly. Interested citizens may also witness the testing.

**See Fall Colors At Greenbelt Park**

Discover the beauty of the fall colors in Greenbelt Park. There are no fees to enter this beautiful setting. Greenbelt Park may be experienced by a walk or a drive to see nature's brilliant show of colors. Greenbelt Park is also home to a 178-site campground.

For more directions or to learn more, call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944.

**Dr. Frye to Speak At Comm. Center**

On Monday, October 29, Dr. William Frye will be a guest lecturer to the literature class he formerly taught in Greenbelt Community Center. At 10:30 a.m. Mayor Judith Davis will present him with a letter of thanks for the many classes he taught here.

**Public Meeting**

The Maryland Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting to discuss upcoming and ongoing transportation projects on Wednesday, Oct. 31 at 10 a.m. in the State Highway Administration building, 9300 Kenilworth Avenue.

**Animation Festival Stars Student Films**

An Animation Festival of Student Films will be presented Sunday, November 4, at noon at the Old Greenbelt Theatre in Roosevelt Center. This program is free and suitable for all ages. It will include award-winning GAVA/GATE Animation Program shorts shown at the Third International Student Animation Festival as well as other works by students in the program. Animated works by acclaimed artists will also be shown, including "Father and Daughter," this year's Oscar winner by Michael Dudok DeWit, and "Crac!" by Canadian animator Frederic Back. The festival is produced by ASIFA Washington, Greenbelt Access Television, and the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts. To learn more, call Barbara Simon at 301-474-2192.

**At the Library**

Tuesday, October 30, 7 p.m. Cliffhangers for ages 5 to 8.

Wednesday, October 31, 10:15 a.m. Cuddletime for ages 12 to 24 months, with caregiver.

Thursday, November 1, 10:15 a.m. Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5.

11:15 a.m. Toddler Time for two-year-olds with caregiver.

**Channel B-71 Schedule**  
**Greenbelt Municipal/Public Access**  
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**Tuesday & Thursday, October 30 & November 1**  
 Featuring Greenbelt Peace Month Events  
 5:00pm "Celebration of Eleanor Roosevelt's Birthday"  
 7:00pm "Community Oriented Policing"  
 8:00pm "Drug Abuse and Awareness"

**PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE) -301-507-6581**  
**Wednesday & Friday, October 31 & November 2**  
 7:00pm "Interviews with Candidates for City Council"

**LOOK FOR US NOW ON CHANNEL 71B!**

**OFFICIAL NOTICE**  
**ABSENTEE VOTING**  
**NOVEMBER 6 CITY ELECTION**

If you are a qualified voter who would otherwise be prevented from voting in the municipal election by reason of religious belief, physical condition, or absence from the City on Election Day, you are entitled to vote by absentee ballot. You may acquire an absentee ballot in one of two ways:

- (1) Write a letter of application to the City Clerk, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, stating why an absentee ballot is needed; if more than one ballot is needed, the letter must be signed by all persons wanting ballots; or
- (2) Fill out an application form that you may pick up in the City Clerk's office or print from the City's Web site at <http://www.ci.greenbelt.md.us>, and return the form to the City Clerk.

Applications to receive absentee ballots will be accepted from Wednesday, October 17, until noon on Monday, November 5, 2001. The completed absentee ballot must be received by the City Clerk no later than 6 p.m. the day of the regular election, November 6, 2001. No absentee ballots will be distributed prior to October 17.

If you wish, you may complete your absentee ballot at the City Clerk's office at the time you present your written application.

For additional information, call the City Clerk at 301-474-8000.

Kathleen Gallagher, City Clerk

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# St. Hugh's Students March for Peace

by Leslie Hilliard

Demonstrating their patriotism and praying for peace around the world, St. Hugh's students held a Peace March on October 11. The first grade students carried a banner which led the march. In a symbol of uniting hands across America, they created an American flag using their red handprints, joined finger to palm, to form the red stripes. Other students carried smaller replicas of the flag, which they made on paper plates. Patriotism came in all shapes and sizes.

The final gathering point of the Peace March was at the "Mary's Garden" in front of the school for a small rededication ceremony of the statue of Mary. Destroyed by vandals on Mothers Day, the statue was recently replaced by the parish of St. Hugh's. Father Thomas Crowley



Third graders hold their handmade flags during a Peace Walk at St. Hugh's School.

led the rededication ceremony. It was a simple ceremony. Tina Hague, who teaches the second grade, read several selections from the Bible and was followed by Principal Mary Elizabeth

Whelan, who recited St. Francis DeSales' Peace Prayer. The children ended the ceremony singing "It's a Grand Old Flag." Mary is the patron saint of the United States.

St. Hugh's school teachers Erica Barone (left) and Beth Fendlay escort children around the school building during a Peace Walk. The children carried their own handmade flags and banners and later prayed for peace at the new Mary's statue at the front of the school. First graders Celine Mendoza (left) and Kavshik Vamaraju carry a flag made from their classmates handprints.



## Start Holidays Early At Church Bazaar

Come join the holiday bazaar at St. Gregory Byzantine Catholic Church, 12420 Old Gunpowder Road, Beltsville on Saturday, November 3, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Featured will be Christmas and general crafts, treasures of the attic, new gifts, a raffle and a bake sale. Homemade Eastern European foods - pirohi, halushki, holupki, kolbassi and kolach - will be available for lunch and carryout. Admission and parking are free. The event is not open to vendors.

To learn more, call 301-552-2434.

## Final Speak-up Day Is October 30

The final town meeting sponsored by the Prince George's County Planning Board of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, October 30, at the Prince George's Ballroom, 2411 Pinebrook Avenue, Landover.

This concludes a series of meetings designed to allow residents to speak up on the county's future growth and development policies and is the last chance to speak out on planning issues.

For more information, call 301-952-3680.

## Greenbelt Community Church UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Hillside & Crescent Roads  
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings

**Sunday Worship**  
**10:15 a.m.**

Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

*"A church of the open mind, the warm heart, the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."*

## GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH



101 GREENHILL ROAD  
301-474-4212  
Dr. Mark Johnson, Pastor

Sun. Worship  
Wed. Praise and Prayer  
Wed. Living Proof, Youth Event

8:35 am, 11:00 am, 6:00 pm  
7:00 pm  
7:00 pm

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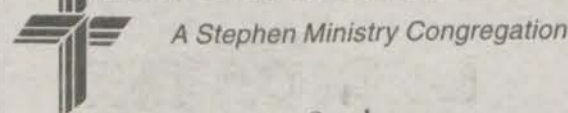
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ond term as mayor and fifth term on council, described herself as "committed to community" with an emphasis on "unity." She commented that she supported environmental issues even before she was on the council, has adopted a whale and belongs to the Sierra Club and World Wildlife Foundation. She has supported using optional fuels for city vehicles and acquisition of the Jaeger tract. "I really really enjoy working for the people of Greenbelt," she said.

White described his history in Greenbelt, all 42 years living in Greenbelt Homes Inc. (GHI). He was elected to the city council 28 years ago and has particularly enjoyed the last two terms when he found the council "focused and energetic." He stressed opportunities and challenges to come: partnering with GHI on the NORC (Naturally Occurring Retirement Community) program to keep seniors in their homes; obtaining matching funds to purchase the Jaeger tract; meeting the challenge of Metro development to keep the vision "one that will benefit Greenbelt"; purchasing the Greenbelt movie theater; and dealing with Bank of America's decision to leave the city core.

Alan Turnbull expressed pleasure at the "excess of good candidates." It is "better to have a chance of losing," he said, "than to have a walk on." He praised the Greens whose ideals match those of Greenbelt. He stressed the schools as an issue, commenting "we're not powerless about schools." He works for the National Park Service helping communities deal with environmental issues, conserve rivers and open space and curb urban sprawl.

Rodney Roberts, referring to Auerbach's introduction as an expert on trees, claimed that instead "I'm becoming an expert on saving trees." He said the council works well together and works for the environment. "We have a much higher standard" than many other cities for what we will accept from developers. Roberts also mentioned the suit with USDA and the Kenilworth Avenue issue. If we lost the battle, he affirmed, we've won the wetlands which are still there today.

Sylvia Lewis expanded the values of the Greens that were highlighted at the beginning of the meeting. She added that feminism is also one of their values. "Don't you think we need another woman on the council?" she asked. She described her Red Cross and working with youth experiences, commenting that they included goal setting and budgeting. Lewis and her family moved from Bethesda to Greenbelt—a better place for their children. "Whatever interest we have, we can find a group... or start a group." She mentioned two major problems: Metroland, which needs the cooperation of all segments of the community and how to expect the best without paying more taxes. "We have to look for more funds. The city needs a full-time grant writer and researchers, so we

won't miss future funding opportunities."

Kelby Brick, signing through an interpreter, congratulated the Greens on their successes in Maryland. He is a lawyer and indicated that his practice working with legislation at the state and national levels would be an asset to the council. He also stated that he has one son and "in a month or so will be catching up with Alan (Turnbull)." When looking for a place to live,

Brick felt that "people cared here in Greenbelt. Greenbelt is not a Utopia --- not yet." It is also "not an island." The council has to work with outsiders and needs to develop relationships. He is already working on these relationships. He expressed concern about education, stating that the schools are overcrowded, the Middle School roof leaks. We can do more. "Education is a lynch pin toward pride." Brick advocates an economic develop-

ment plan to lead toward an expansion of the tax base. He chairs the city's safety committee and has worked with Springhill Lake, Greenbelt East, and the police.

Ed Putens arrived late at the meeting, having been caught in a two-hour back up in getting to Greenbelt from Rockville. As questions had already begun, he briefly introduced himself and thought that traffic was now one of his major concerns.

**Audience Questions**

A young man from Lakeside Drive jumped up for the first question - Is the city going to build a skate park. Davis responded that the city has set aside \$5,000 to look into a skate park, but they need to find a spot and provide supervision. It will still not eliminate "extracurricular" skating in other areas, but it will help. Lewis commented that

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**ON NOVEMBER 6**

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- Community Center
- New elementary school
- Education initiatives
  - Advisory Committee on Education
  - School Resource Officers
- New indoor pool
- Refurbished outdoor pool
- Renovated Youth Center
- Schrom Hills Park
- Lake Park Master Plan
- Dog park
- New police station
- Renovated City Hall
- Roosevelt Center improvements
- Acquiring Parcel 1 and 2
- Defeat of Sunrise proposal
- Two police substations
- Bicycle lanes
- Senior citizen programs
- Arts programs
- New recreation programs
- Numerous public safety innovations
- Expansion of Greenbelt CARES

**And There is More to Come in the Next Council Term**

- Possible expansion of the green belt by
  - Acquisition of the Jaeger Tract
  - Acquisition of the Sunrise property
- Second Post Office on Hanover Parkway
- Bond issue improvements (if you approve):
  - Renovation of Greenbelt Theatre
  - Expansion of Public Works Building
  - Expand Springhill Lake Rec Center
  - Hanover Parkway improvements
  - Traffic calming on Greenbelt East roads
- Greenbelt Road improvements
- New Police retirement system



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mulating Greenbelt's open space funds over the past years in order to amass a sum great enough to acquire the largest tracts of undeveloped land available that will maintain greenspace in all parts of the city, such as the Sunrise property in Greenbelt East. Likewise, I agreed to the use of open space funds to assist in the possible purchase of the Jaeger Tract, but only with the condition that that property would be annexed by Greenbelt when acquired.

There are few remaining large tracts of undeveloped private property for the city to consider purchasing. I have requested an updated inventory of existing undeveloped parcels and lots. If a property would add to existing parkland, increase areas for trail linkages, or provide necessary buffer, I would support using future open space funds to purchase it.

Land acquisition for defining our "green belt" is my top priority. However, I also feel some open space funds could be used for park development, such as new trails or playground safety improvements when warranted or when our budget is revenue-constrained. Use of Program Open Space funds is limited, for its main purpose is to acquire parkland. However, after a city has obtained much of the available undeveloped land, funds should be used to add park amenities that the community feels are needed and that a city parkland management plan and PRAB recommend.

**Kelby Brick**

The open space fund from the state is to enhance the livability of our communities by restoring or enhancing existing parks, playgrounds and other open spaces. It can also be used to create new park and green space systems.



The fund can be used for acquiring outdoor recreation and open space areas before escalating cost of land prevents its purchase for public use and before potential areas are devoted to some other use; and for accelerating development and capital renewal of needed outdoor recreation facilities.

I am supportive of using some of the funds to acquire the Sunrise Property in order to help preserve the buffer space around the city.

I am also supportive of using some of the funds to help purchase the Jaeger property because development of the property will have adverse environmental impact on the Greenbelt Park. However, my support is conditional on having either the city or the Federal Government own the property and have the land be annexed into city limits. Right now the property is outside city limits and I am reluctant to use city funds (even though we receive it through the state) to purchase property outside city limits. This would allow us to have an additional layer of authority in protecting the property from development. After all, we do not want a repeat of the Parkside controversy.

Contrary to the city's views, I do not advocate limiting our spending options. Current spaces within city limits need to be ap-

propriately managed and protected. This includes Buddy Attick Park, Schrom Hills Community Park and the park space on the northwestern corner of Springhill Lake. We must first protect our current open spaces before we spend funds for property outside the city.

**Thomas X. White**

My position is that funds allocated to Greenbelt under the State of Maryland's Program Open Space (POS) should be used primarily for land acquisition. The original purpose of this outstanding Maryland program was to facilitate the acquisition of privately owned undeveloped land for preservation as open (green) space. The state program is a far-sighted model that provides a dedicated source of funding (through the State Real Estate Transfer Tax) that is allocated on an annual basis to the state itself, to counties and to local jurisdictions such as Greenbelt for strategic purchases of available undeveloped property. A significant portion of the green space that we now enjoy in Greenbelt was purchased by the city through POS.

In recent years, mainly through lobbying by "recreation" stakeholders, the program purposes have been modified to allow an increasing percentage of the funds to be used for park development purposes. The rationale being that funds from the program should also be used for park facilities. Currently, up to fifty percent of POS funds may be used by jurisdictions for park development purposes. As a member of council, I have opposed the change in emphasis for the state program. Park development funds should come from other sources or kept to a much lower percentage of POS allocations. As to the specific cases outlined in the News Review question, I strongly support the use of POS funds for the possible acquisition of the Sunrise property and other available undeveloped properties in Greenbelt East. I supported the city's offer of up to \$100,000.00 of our POS allocation to participate in the matching fund requirement for the potential acquisition of the Jaeger property adjacent to the Greenbelt Park; and would consider, only on a case-by-case basis, use of Greenbelt's POS fund allocation for park development uses.

**Alan Turnbull**

"Buy land; they're not making any more of it!" quipped Will Rogers many years ago: great advice then and now. I strongly support open space preservation as a key to environmental protection, fiscal sustainability, and quality of life.

In some cases, land can be protected with strategies other than outright purchase, but we need time and patience to make these efforts work. Therefore, Greenbelt needs to prioritize our remaining open space, so that we can be proactive in considering protection options instead of repeatedly reacting in the face of imminent development and in-



flated prices. One of Greenbelt's continuing challenges is to keep providing high quality services without ever-increasing taxes. Preserving land has been shown by many studies to be the fiscally responsible choice, since it bolsters adjacent property values and lessens public costs for infrastructure and services. Developers and many politicians make big promises about the money new developments bring to public coffers, but actual cases in which new residential development is a net-plus in fiscal terms are the exception. Conserving our remaining open spaces protects our quality of life even as it guards the public purse.

Intended for purchasing land, Maryland's Program Open Space is now more flexible, to accommodate urbanized jurisdictions where all the open space is gone, and where parks budgets are wholly inadequate. Fortunately this is not Greenbelt's situation.

I strongly supported committing \$100,000 of our state allotment toward saving the Jaeger Tract within Greenbelt Park, to prevent another intrusion of sprawl into the largest park within our city. I am proud of this and other efforts I have been able to make on the council on behalf of Greenbelt's next generations, and I will push for Greenbelt's open space funding to be spent for acquisition until no more land is at risk.

**Edward Putens**

All three of the News Review examples are appropriate uses of open space funds. I have personally voted for both the Sunrise purchase and the Jaeger Tract contribution. Extending the greenbelt is a major council priority, established over many years. Green space is of critical importance in preserving Greenbelt's quality of life. Most Greenbelters remember the campaign to buy Parcel 1, and the efforts of the Committee to Save the Green Belt. We have bought other parcels since then. Open space cannot be replaced once gone, so we must acquire it when we can.

Previous owners of property beside the Holiday Inn proposed, with Prince George's County approval, a massive apartment complex. The city was adamantly opposed, citing neighborhood impact and inevitable traffic tie-ups. City opposition and owner mistakes combined to undo the proposal. We shall soon have the opportunity to buy the property, though it's not definite, and should do so promptly.

I equally favor the Jaeger Tract contribution. It was at my suggestion that the city's contribution was raised to \$100,000. Purchase of this 10-acre property by the National Park Service would preserve green space next to Westchester Park which will otherwise be developed. That prospect has caused much concern in Greenbelt. Actual price may be well over \$1,000,000. Congress just agreed to pay up to \$1,000,000; its contribution must be matched equally. The council voted \$100,000 contingent on contributions by others to complete the match. The Westchester Park community needs to be a significant part of



this solution. At this time, land acquisition has top priority and we have limited funds. When more funds are available, I would favor using some of them for park and playground improvements. To the extent that we can use open space funds for these purposes, we can save city taxpayers' money.

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**SCHOOLS** continued from page 1

also noted some positive factors. Assistance they receive through special programs from the city and the University of Maryland has eased their burden some. She also expressed gratitude to Officer Marty Parker and Greenbelt CARES for the assistance they provide.

**Magnolia**

Magnolia Elementary School is having "a wonderful year," according to principal Phyllis Gillens. While they are overcrowded with 720 students and use a number of temporary buildings, they are doing very well with parent and community involvement. Through the PTA, parents are building a storage shed for the school, which will enable the school to clear storage areas for other uses. Parents were also encouraged to apply for bus driver positions to help alleviate the problem of late buses. When the school put out the call for additional substitute teachers, 35 parents signed up to attend training sessions to ease the shortage, even though most of them hold jobs outside the home and will need to take leave when called upon by the school. Magnolia also has less than adequate rest room facilities, with eight classes now using a rest room, up from three classes previously.

**St. Hugh's**

St. Hugh's School has 243 students and busing is not an issue, said principal Liz Whelan, since students either walk or are driven to school by car. She was thankful to Greenbelt CARES for helping students work through grief associated with the death of a school nurse over the summer. Since September 11, Whelan said the students have "risen to the occasion" and that petty bickering seems to have diminished. She thought St. Hugh's could work with other area schools to hold parenting classes. A problem on the school grounds where there was standing water has been turned into an asset by creating a planned wetland environment for the students to study and enjoy.

**Greenbelt Middle**

Late buses are a big problem for Greenbelt Middle School (GMS), said principal Judy Austin. The students are served by 16 buses that come from all over and they are often late. Austin explained that there are no activity buses because the school cannot afford the approximately \$108/bus/day it would cost for this program. Parents are picking students up from after-school ac-

tivities, and Austin noted that they were doing better this year at involving parents in the school.

A serious problem for GMS is the building itself. The heating and air conditioning system is complicated and inefficient, resulting in difficulty maintaining a comfortable temperature throughout the school. When it rains, classes must be relocated because the roof leaks, and it is neither safe nor comfortable for children to stay in classrooms where water is dripping. Repairs have been done to the roof, but so far have not corrected this problem. Mayor Judith Davis noted that the school is up for renovation, but its historical value complicates that process. Wendy Wexler, an ACE member, cited recent information that the renovation will be delayed again while a feasibility study is undertaken. This means the school may not be renovated for at least another two years.

**Eleanor Roosevelt**

Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) representative Sandra Lyles also expressed concerns about busing problems, noting that buses are late both morning and afternoon, resulting in some students not getting home until 6:30 or 7 p.m. Councilmember Thomas X. White pointed out that due to city intervention in preventing the removal of three trailers, the school was not quite as over-crowded as it might have been.

**Council Response**

Davis pointed out difficulties in hiring more school bus drivers, noting the pay is not commensurate with other counties and that the required training and background checks would take time before new applicants would be actually working. But she and council supported a suggestion to hold a job fair to try to hire more school personnel, including bus drivers, and accepted the suggestion of White that ACE look into developing this as a project.

Councilmember Alan Turnbull mentioned a government program encouraging children to walk to school for better fitness, but agreed with others that the route must be safe. Officer Parker has been looking at the routes used by children to walk to school in order to assess safety and, especially, where crossing guards are needed. E. Scott Frison, whose daughter attends GMS, expressed concern about the size and weight of backpacks children wear to and from school these

days, and whether they should be walking with such burdens. He also said his daughter's bus had never shown up that morning, and he had called the superintendent's office. He encouraged council to find a way to get action on improving conditions at that school, especially since it carries "Greenbelt" in its name.

The condition of the Greenbelt Middle School facility brought out expressions of great concern from those assembled. Brick suggested that the building should be condemned, but Davis then raised the issue of where the children would go if it were. She asked City Manager Mike McLaughlin to find out who had jurisdiction to do a code inspection so that one may be performed to assess the safety and condition of the school building. Turnbull remarked that standardized testing is not standardized when one group of students takes the test under such adverse conditions.

Putens pointed out that the school board does not have enough funds to solve these problems, and has no authority to raise its own budget. He said, "We have done this to ourselves" by not voting to increase taxes to raise money for education. Turnbull remarked that the introduction of the TRIM tax relief program earlier in the conversation was very relevant to the topics of the evening, since failure to repeal that initiative restricts the school board's budget. Davis noted that "everyone wants a bigger piece of the pie" while the pie remains the same size. Since solutions to these problems must occur at the county level, Davis expressed regret that there is not much more that the city can do, but indicated council will send a letter to county authorities and delegates addressing the concerns expressed during the meeting and ask for action at the county level.

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**CHALLENGES:**

- Controlling Metro Station Development
- Maintaining economic vitality of Roosevelt Center
- Influencing NASA Goddard Master Plan
- Effective support for Greenbelt schools
- Realistic and prudent Budget planning

**OPPORTUNITIES:**

- NORC Community Resource Advocate Grant
- Acquisition of Jaeger tract (National Park)
- SHA Neighborhood Conservation Program for Greenbelt Road improvements
- Capital Projects, if voters support Bond Referendum (for Springhill Lake Rec Center, Public Works Facility, Theatre and Greenbelt East Infrastructure Improvements)

Tom White is ready to apply his knowledge and experience to the tasks necessary to preserve the unique character of Greenbelt.

**RETURN THOMAS X. WHITE TO COUNCIL VOTE**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2001**

**SELECT Thomas X. White ON THE ELECTRONIC BALLOT**

Auth: Charles Hatcher, Treasurer

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**SYLVIA**

# POLICE BLOTTER

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

### Robbery

Marriott Courtyard, 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive, October 13, 12:11 a.m., two persons were about to enter the Marriott Courtyard from a side entrance when they were approached by a man who sprayed them in the face with a mace-type spray and took a purse from one of the victims. The second victim struck the suspect in the head with a six-pack of water bottles. The robber then fled in a vehicle described as small and dark with the tags JDJ392, state unknown. The suspect is described as a black male, early twenties, 5'9", 160 lbs., thin build, wearing dark pants and a dark tee shirt. The vehicle was driven by another suspect described as a black male, early twenties, 5'9", 160 lbs., thin build.

6800 block Damsel Court, October 12, 11:10 p.m., a man was waiting for a ride in a parking lot when he was approached by another man, who struck him in the face and demanded money. After obtaining the victim's wallet, the robber fled in a vehicle described as a light-colored older model mini-van. The suspect is described as a black male about 16 years old, medium height and build, wearing a red and white jersey-type shirt and dark pants.

### Theft

14 Court Hillside, October 15, 8:24 p.m., someone took a cellular telephone from a residence.

Beltway Plaza, October 18, 9:34 a.m., someone took a wallet from an unattended purse at the Giant food store. A credit card in the purse was later used to make unauthorized purchases out-

side Greenbelt.

7700 block Greenbrook Drive, October 12, 11:40 a.m., jewelry was taken from the hat box of a woman while she was moving out of her residence.

### Vandalism

Valley Stream Park, October 14, 12:32 p.m., unknown person or persons chopped down a tree in the park.

9300 block Edmonston Road, October 13, 11:35 p.m., someone broke out the kitchen window of a residence.

### Disorderly Conduct

T.G.I. Friday restaurant, October 12, 11:23 p.m., officers responded to a report of a fight at the restaurant. A man shouting profanities was being held back by several people. The man refused to stop his actions and was arrested before being released on citation pending trial.

### Drug Arrest

Area of Greenbelt Road and Kenilworth Avenue, October 13, 8:22 p.m., a D.C. 17-year-old young woman was arrested, charged with possession of marijuana and paraphernalia as well as possession of alcohol by a minor and driving under the influence. Officers had responded to a personal injury accident and located alcoholic beverages and a quantity of suspected marijuana in her car. She was released pending action by the juvenile justice system and was transported by ambulance to P.G. General Hospital for treatment of her injuries.

### Trespassing

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, October 12, 1:10 p.m., two young people, 17 and 18,

were arrested after having been stopped by school administrators for being on school property where they are not students. Both were released on citation pending trial.

### Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: A red 1995 Dodge Neon four-door, Va. tags 2FK8073, October 17, from the 7900 block Mandan Road; a champagne 1993 Honda Accord four-door, D.C. tags AW4595, October 17, from the 6000 block Springhill Drive; a white 2001 Chevrolet Cavalier four-door, Md. tags JKR024, October 18, from the 6000 block of Springhill Drive.

Vandalisms to, thefts from, and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 6200 block Springhill Drive; 5800 block Cherrywood Lane; 6900 block Hanover Parkway; 6200 block Greenbelt Road; 7800 block Hanover Parkway; 9100 block Edmonston Road.

Eight stolen vehicles were recovered; no arrests were made.

In Buddy Attick Park on October 13, a young man, 18, and a young woman, 16, were arrested after an officer saw an occupied vehicle parked in the parking lot of the park after closing time. A computer check revealed the car's tags were stolen. The young man was charged with theft, and the young woman with possession of marijuana. The young man was released on citation pending trial, and the young woman was released to a guardian pending action by the juvenile justice system.



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## A Greenbelt Gardener



by Rosie Rhubarb

There's just something magical about this time of the autumn. The leaves are now falling down in numbers. Since we haven't experienced this in almost a year, we can still feel a child-like awe as the leaves cascade off a tree and float groundward on a breeze. All too soon so many leaves fall down that all we think about is the work of raking and bagging them.

The last half of October is the peak season for color so that a walk or drive around the city reveals many a beautiful tree or shrub. Even in one's garden the difference can be seen. The scattered frosts have killed some plants. Many of the flowering plants are turning yellow or brown. And those that are still green look so beautifully green and a darker green than remembered.

Autumn is an ending to the garden year, but tasks can still be done that get the next year's garden off to a good start. Cleaning up the garden beds now of dead plants and debris means insects and plant diseases do not overwinter in the spot where you want to plant next year. Pulling out stakes, cages and fencing means the wooden ones don't rot in the soil and the metal ones don't rust during the cold, wet months of winter.

There are many spring flowering bulbs and they bloom from

late January through April. Daffodils and tulips are the mainstays.

Daffodils are white and yellow, but what a number of varieties there are. That daffodil smell is wonderful and some of the late blooming varieties can be quite fragrant.

Planting early, mid, and late season varieties can extend the daffodil blooming time to four to six weeks in your garden.

Tulips seem to come in all colors of the rainbow and some also are more than one color. The different shapes and bloom times add variety to the tulip bed.

The queen of fragrance in the spring bulb bed is the hyacinth. Its delicious smell can drift on a good breeze for several feet. It comes in a number of colors.

Snowdrops are one of the earliest blooming plants. Though rather plain, oh how wonderful it is to see any flower in January and February. Crocus is also an early bloomer with some varieties starting in February.

Two good ways to see what bulbs are like are to look in gardening books (for many have good photos and planting ideas) and visit a well-stocked garden store. Some garden stores sell bulbs in bins with photos and growing information on the bin. This way you can see what they look like in the spring.

Planting bulbs is not hard work. They need a well-drained site so do not plant where water sits or flows as streams during or

after rainstorms. As a rule of thumb, bulbs are planted at a depth three times their height. Dig a little deeper so as to add bone meal and fertilizer. Like onions, the pointy end is up and the end with the dry looking threads (roots) is down.

Bulbs look good planted in garden beds, in regular shapes, or placed irregularly near shrubs or in the lawn. Daffodils and crocuses look good in the lawn.

Perennial flowers in the garden can be divided and replanted in the spring and the fall. They spend the winter as small clusters of leaves near the ground. So this time of year you can cut down the stalks to several inches above ground level.

Start division by preparing the new planting holes. As a rule of thumb the roots of plants should be exposed to the elements as little as possible during transplanting to prevent drying out.

Dig up the whole plant; then look at it. If the central part is weakest with few roots or top growth then cut off hunks of the outer part and replant them. If the whole plant is vigorous divide it up into sections and replant. Each section creates a new plant and should have a goodly number of roots and top growth so as to create a viable new plant.

Now for reality check time. This sounds easy but it does require arm strength. Be prepared to push and shove and maybe even cut with a knife to get them apart.





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she was glad a young man of his age was making his voice heard. Roberts reminisced about making his own skate board that would "tingle your feet right off." He supports a location between the Community Center and the Youth Center.

Turnbull stated that the infrastructure is almost in place and we have to recognize that kids are not just interested in organized sports like baseball and football. The city must adapt to new tastes. He added that he last used his skateboard to move a freezer into his garage. White supports the skate park and mentioned police input into the project. He commented that Greenbelt prides itself on its activities but doesn't always do enough for those who are not into organized sports or Community Center activities. Brick mentioned that he had talked to senior citizens who feel uncomfortable with people moving around them so swiftly. He told the young man he should follow the city council activities to see if this plan develops.

### City Pay

Alex Barnes of Parkway asked about compensation of city staff. White referred to the comprehensive compensation study that showed that there was a pay gap. The council is discussing ways to partially close the gap. However, the study also showed that city benefits are far superior to other jurisdictions. Turnbull indicated that he was in favor of undertaking the study even though it took time. He did not want to make any "seat of the pants decisions." The new package has some failings. Entry level positions have been helped most. Roberts commented that he is a small business owner. He described a time when Greenbelt hired temporary employees who were paid less than others and received no benefits. He was vehemently opposed to that way of working.

Davis indicated that many city employees love working here. But, for a while we were unable to retain dispatchers, then police indicated problems and then public works staff. During tight times, the city froze pay so as not to lay off people. She indicated that with the new plan, pay will be equitable by next year and benefits will still be better than many other locales. Brick commented that the staff does not represent the demographics of Greenbelt and that issue needs to be addressed. He followed by saying that the city staff is great however, but that private security forces pay more than the police make.

### Theater Purchase

Ron Ott of Rosewood Drive had a question about the bond is-



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Members of the audience pose questions for city council candidates at Greenbelt Greens' Candidates Night.

sue. He felt that the city should not buy the theater. It is a dangerous precedent of government supporting private business. Roberts responded first, saying, we are staying out of private business as we are purchasing the building only and someone would lease it from the city at regular rates. The theater is an integral part of our city. He mentioned other nearby towns that used to have theaters, now closed, and often the areas become rundown. "This is investing in the future of our city in a way that's fair." The owner owes the city a lot of back taxes so we could get the building with little out-of-pocket money. Roberts, however, did not want to add the theater renovation funds to the bond issue; in fact, he does not favor the bond issue.

Turnbull agreed with Robert's statements about buying the theater, "if we choose to do so." (The city has not made a final decision on the purchase.) Owning the theater would ensure that the oldest part of town, the most vulnerable, is not at the mercy of the landlord. Davis reiterated that the city would be purchasing the building only. The recreation department will look at ways to use the building for meetings and seminars also. Lewis indicated that she also feels it is important to protect the theater and the Center.

Brick commented that this is the reason why he emphasized an economic development plan. The city must be pro-active. Many of his neighbors in Greenbelt East are unaware of the amenities of Roosevelt Center. The Center must depend on customers from other parts of Greenbelt and outside the city. White commented that the theater has been dark before and we were very fortunate that Paul Sanchez has tried to make a go of it. The Friends of the Greenbelt Theater helped turn the theater around. The city already owns the marquee. "It's astonishing what it (the marquee) does for the Center." The alternative of not purchasing the theater is too risky.

Putens agreed with the other candidates. He indicated that the

city has already put a lot of money in the area and reminded people that the owner once proposed putting an arcade in the building. The bank is leaving. If the New Deal Café and the theater leave, we will have a big void to fill. Perhaps, the theater could have some activities of interest to teens.

### Joyful Resident

Maria Miller stood up to say that she had spent a year looking for a place to live after moving to this area and decided on Greenbelt. She is willing to do anything she can to encourage the city council to buy the theater. "You have a jewel among jewels." Miller indicated she and her husband are willing to spend money, time or whatever is needed, wondering whether Greenbelters don't understand what they have here.

Putens jumped in and said the city needs to make a commercial featuring her. Roberts commented that if that's how she feels after one year, think how he feels having lived his whole life here. Turnbull stated that Greenbelt is a place people seek out. His parents have moved to the house next door to his.

### Challengers

A man from the audience commented that this is a time when we need people with contacts. How can a new council member replace that? Lewis mentioned that she has many contacts and skills from being in charge of the Prince George's County Red Cross. She also grew up in London during the Blitz and that has given her many skills. Brick indicated that Greenbelt needs to increase its outside contacts. He feels that he has state and national contacts to add to the council. He said that Tip O'Neil said "all politics is local" and that could not be truer than in Greenbelt.

### Car Sharing

Hopi Auerbach had comments about traffic and then asked about the status of car sharing. Turnbull commented that he alienated a lot of people at Green Ridge House by the plan for

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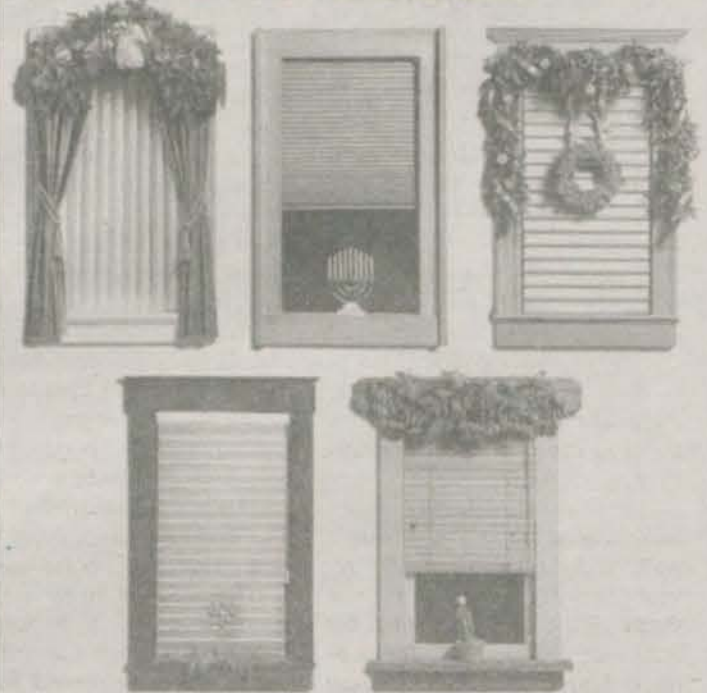
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sharing. He feels the plan was at "our fingertips" but hasn't happened. White stated that the plan for alleviating parking problems at Green Ridge mentioned car sharing. He feels city staff is not enthusiastic about it but he will continue to push the issue. Roberts stated that he had made his support of increased parking at Green Ridge contingent on car sharing. The city is still working on it. Davis said the city has to promote it and educate the citizens. Greenbelt may have to be the first city to do it before we can get some state support. Lewis added that car sharing would help all residents with parking and the economic drain of owning two or three cars. Putens stated that in defense of city staff, they have had many lawsuits which have taken priority over some other issues. Brick commented that parking is one issue related to traffic. Residents need better advertisement of current bus schedules. The Greenbelt Connection bus is a possibility to reduce car use. Maybe the fare should be reduced.

### Historic Status

Julia Eichhorst, president of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) stated that GHI members had voted on historic status in May 1999. Where does it stand now at the city level? White indicated that the report is being evaluated by the city and park and planning staff. The next step would be for the city council to consider it and hold public meetings. He has not made up his mind where he stands on historic district status; there are tax benefits, liabilities, owner's issues, etc. Roberts commented that what with Metroland and other issues, the historic status "has gone into limbo somewhere." He's in favor as a way

of protecting the community. Others though wonder if they will be able to build a deck or addition if historic status is received. Roberts wants to protect the community from possible development.

Lewis stated that the concerned homeowners are in GHI and they voted overwhelmingly in favor of historic status. She felt that there may be a city staff reluctance to move forward because there could be a loss of control. She is for historic status unless some negative information is found. Turnbull recognized

GHI's frustration. He's still in favor of historic status although he feels the document has some flaws, but it has not come up for discussion yet. He stated that Metroland is a convenient excuse. Putens commented that he was 90 percent in favor of historic status as it stands now.

White jumped back in to state that he knows that GHI voted in favor, but there are homes, apartments, and the Center itself that would also be part of the historic district. Davis commented that she thinks the planning and community development department

has been overworked. There are questions of borders that present challenges, but the department is continuing to work on it. Turnbull disagreed with the last statement and said that the project is languishing as even county staff in Upper Marlboro are asking about it.

Although time was up, the council and the audience decided to accept a few more questions.

### The Green Belt

Paul Downs raised a question about saving the green belt. It was thought by some that a Maryland Land Trust was the

best way to go but only Roberts clearly supported the highest level of protection for the green space (applause from the audience). Where do candidates stand now? White indicated that he generally supported Roberts on this issue but feels that there are unresolved issues. The Federal government already has some easements on parcels 1 and 2. He commented that the current council has been looking into what to do but feels a current council cannot bind a future council's responsibility.

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- ◆ Continue to meet with police, merchants, youth, other Greenbelters regarding Roosevelt Center
- ◆ Institute Youth Forum similar to annual Senior Forum
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- ◆ Consider feasibility of skate board park
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**"Why should we vote for you?"**

In addition to my reasons for running, I am also an attorney with public policy experience at the state and federal levels.

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**"What are the top issues facing Greenbelt?"**

Greenbelt is not an island, and we must work with other communities to improve the region as a whole. Strategic planning and total community involvement are necessary to ensure that Greenbelt continues to play a role in the areas of **education, safety, and the environment**. This also includes strengthening our relationship with policy makers outside of Greenbelt, whether it is the Prince George's County School Board, the County Council and/or the County Executive or state public officials in Annapolis. We must also develop an **economic development plan** to protect our shrinking tax base.

**"You say Greenbelt needs to increase its influence outside the city. What kind of experience do you have that would help Greenbelt in this area?"**

My law practice brings me into a lot of contact with public policy makers at every level. I have personally written a number of legislation that was passed into law at both the state and federal levels. Passage of those legislation required me to successfully persuade legislators to support programs and ideas that I have pushed for. Those extensive contacts in both the legislative and executive branches at each level would prove invaluable for Greenbelt because as a council member, I would be able to have the ears of those decision-makers and therefore educate them on the needs and concerns of Greenbelt.

**"Where can we go to get more information about you and your positions on many of those issues that you talk about?"**

You can find more information on my website, [www.kelbybrick.com](http://www.kelbybrick.com). You can also contact me via email at [Kelby@kelbybrick.com](mailto:Kelby@kelbybrick.com), by fax at (301)

345-0990, or via phone through voice relay, (800) 735-2258, (301) 345-0990. If you have any questions, ideas or concerns, please do contact me!

**"When is expected due date of your second child?"**

November 15.



Kelby Brick

# for City Council

[www.kelbybrick.com](http://www.kelbybrick.com)

Authority: Michael Moore, Treasurer

# GREENS' NIGHT continued from page 12

Turnbull hears that cities typically create parks and not easements. Parks are respected as open space. He asked management to come back with a plan, but the process has not gone anywhere. At this stage, he cannot say he is absolutely in favor of a land trust easement. Roberts disagrees with White's issue of taking away control of the land from a future generation. He stated that we would be giving more control to the future generation by protecting the green space with an easement. "If we build a building, that will inhibit future use as a forest." He did add that if the land could be protected by an ordinance that would require a super-majority to overturn, he could be in favor of that method.

Davis indicated that all council members are in favor of limiting future encroachment but it's the method used that's in question. What limits or restrictions should be placed on future councils on the use of the woods? She wants the responsibility to remain within Greenbelt. Putens agreed with the goal of protecting the green space, but was not certain of the right mechanism. Brick commented that it is easy for candidates to say they're in favor. But who will make a decision or decide how to reach a decision. He feels that his legal experience would help provide with strategies. He mentioned one possible method to look at, "the right of reverter," a legal method whereby the land is given away, but if the land is not used correctly, it would revert to its original owner. Roberts disagreed. He felt the city is not giving away its rights but maintaining its rights. Turnbull looked at a different aspect of the issue, the names parcel 1 and 2. Parcel sounds like something to be subdivided. He suggested that we give these areas a name that people could rally around.

### Campaign Literature

Bonnie Brant of Northway had the last question. She noted that candidates are elected at-large and do not represent a geographic area. She inferred that certain candidate(s) had implied in their literature that they could represent an area better because they lived there. All indicated that they did not promise any particular area preference and that they used the same literature in all areas of the city. Lewis indicated that she was currently on the GHI board, but that she would resign that position if elected.

Turnbull referred to the "incredible advantage of incumbency" that at-large systems provide. He indicated that the council should investigate the use of proportional representation. Putens agreed that proportional representation may need to be discussed in the future, although he likes representing a general population.

Brick commented that city code is already written to protect

incumbents. Greenbelt's laws regarding the distance a campaigner must remain from a polling place is three times the distance required by state law. Thus, incumbents have less chance to meet people at the polls. There had been an effort to change the Greenbelt law, but it did not pass. Roberts indicated that he thought the problem wasn't the distance but the enforcement of the distance. He feels the current at-large system with a council-manager is the best system. He stated that the city is diverse, but anyone can win with a lot of hard work. Lewis commented that she is against councilmanic districts and feels the current system keeps the citizens united. She stated that in her opinion an incumbent had a slanted advertisement in Greenbriar's paper, but she did not mention a name.

## Counties Growth Shown by Census

In a report prepared from the 2000 Census, the Metropolitan Council of Governments is highlighting what it calls "major demographic changes," including a 14 percent population growth for the metropolitan region since 1990.

Prince George's County experienced a 9.9% (72,247) increase in population, while surrounding jurisdictions grew as follows:

- Population change, 1990-2000
- Montgomery Co. - 15.4%
- Arlington Co. - 10.8%
- Fairfax Co. - 18.5%
- Prince William Co. - 30.2%
- Loudoun Co. - 96.9%

On the other hand, Greenbelt's population has been quite stable, growing at only 1.7% during the decade of the '90s. Other cities with little or no growth were Rockville, 5.7%; Takoma Park, 3.6% and the District of Columbia, which lost 5.7%.


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# VOTE! VOTE!



## Greenbelt GIRLS Basketball Registration

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&

**Thursday, November 8 from 6:30 to 8 pm**

AT

**Greenbelt Recreation Center  
(other registration dates will follow)**

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Basketball Commissioner on the  
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## Maryland Transit Administration

### Notice of Public Hearing

The Maryland Transit Administration will hold public hearings on November 7 and 8, 2001, on its proposal to reduce certain MARC senior/disability fares by 25 cents to bring them in line with the MARC senior/disability fare structure. This change would become effective December 1, 2001.

The proposed MARC senior/disability fare changes are as follows:

Current Senior/ Disability Fare	Proposed Lower Senior/ Disability Fare
\$1.75	\$1.50
\$3.00	\$2.75
\$3.75	\$3.50
\$5.00	\$4.75
\$5.50	\$5.25

Public hearings will be held as follows:

**Wednesday, November 7, 2001, 12 Noon to 2:00 p.m.**  
Maryland Transit Administration  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
6 St. Paul Street  
Baltimore MD 21202

**Thursday, November 8, 2001, 12 Noon to 2:00 p.m.**  
Union Station  
Starlight Room (inside Gate C)  
50 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E.  
Washington DC 20001

At the scheduled public hearing, MTA representatives will be available to answer questions regarding the proposal. Once the formal proceedings begin, testimony relevant to the proposal will be accepted from any interested citizen, elected official or representative of a civic or community group or public agency. At these hearings, the MTA will provide a qualified interpreter to assist people who are hearing impaired. The hearing sites are fully accessible to persons with disabilities.



# Ottawa Animation Festival Features GAVA/GATE Kids

by Barbara Simon

Children enrolled in the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts/Greenbelt Access Television (GAVA/GATE) Animation Program were awarded top honors in the Third International Student Animation Festival in Ottawa this past weekend. Gloria So, from Glenwood, won the second place award with "Let's Go Ice Skating." She was 8 years old when she made her film, which combined cutouts with drawing. Anton Fleissner, who recently moved from Cheverly to Chattanooga, won the third place award with "Chain Reaction," which used claymation.

Anton attended the festival, as did two other GAVA/GATE animation students, Joel Mason-Gaines, a sixth-grader at Greenbelt Elementary School, and Casey Sullivan, who recently moved from Bowie to Rhode Island. Their animated shorts were included in the festival and were shown there over the weekend. Two other GAVA/GATE students, Conor Real from Odenton and David McKinley-Ward from Mount Rainier, also had their works included in the festival's showing. The six shorts by GAVA/GATE students were among the 65 that were selected to be included in the festival, from over 800 entries submitted by students from elementary through graduate school around the world. They were the only selected entries made by children under age 12 from the U.S.

George Kochell, the instructor for the GAVA/GATE Animation Program, and Barbara Simon, the manager of the program and director of GAVA, who also attended the festival, were delighted by the reception their students' films received. Before announcing the awards in the children's category, the judge thanked the producers of the festival for including children's works and said the judges had been delighted with their entries. Later, in conversation with Simon, he remarked that it was important to include children in the animation festival not only to encourage young people, but because adult artists could learn from children just as children learn from adults.

### Animation Program

There will be a free animation program on Sunday, November 4, at noon at the Old Greenbelt Theatre in Roosevelt Center which will include the festival entries by GAVA/GATE students. Other student works, as well as animated features by acclaimed animators, including Michael



PHOTO BY BARBARA SIMON

Joel Mason-Gaines, Casey Sullivan, and Anton Fleissner, whose animated shorts were shown at the Third International Student Animation Festival. On the left is their instructor, George Kochell. Paula Fleissner, Anton's mother, is on the right. Anton's film was awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in the Children's Category at the festival.

Dudok DeWit's Oscar-winning "Father and Daughter," will be shown at this program, which is suitable for all ages.

The Ottawa International Student Animation Festival is one of the few opportunities anywhere for children to show their animation creations. In the past 10 years, interest in animation among educators of children has been growing, but few schools teach children younger than

middle school age.

The GAVA/GATE program is one of only a handful world wide that produces a year-round program that permits children to develop their skills at their own pace on a continual basis. Students in the program have the opportunity to try out a variety of techniques while creating their own original films. They also get to work on group projects which simulate adult animation studio work situations. Last year seniors attending Eleanor Roosevelt High School

began interning with the program working four afternoons a week with instructor Kochell.

The GAVA/GATE Animation Program is the joint production of two Greenbelt non-profit organizations, the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA) and Greenbelt Access Television (GATE), and is produced at the GATE studios at the Greenbelt Community Center. To learn more, call 301-474-2192.

## VOTE • VOTE • VOTE • VOTE

### Hallowe'en Cakewalk

Saturday, October 27, 3-5:30 pm  
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Friday, 10/26, following Octoberfest in the Community Center, from 3-4

Saturdays (10/27 & 11/3) in the Community Center from 10-1

Thursday, 11/1, and Monday, 11/5, in the Community Center from 10-12

If you'd like to have the voting machine available at an event, or if you'd like a presentation for a group, please let us know.

If you don't have a chance to try out the voting machine in advance, don't worry about it! The new machine is not hard to use . . . there will be plenty of help available at your polling place if you need it . . . and, besides, it's FUN!

For more information, call the City Clerk at 301-474-8000.

## Re-Elect Turnbull For City Council

Alan will continue pushing for innovation and improvement.

- Keep the Youth Center and all of our recreation programs fresh and exciting by encouraging more user input and community oversight.
- Create a "teen court" to let peers intervene in minor offenses by Greenbelt youths. We can keep our kids in the hands of their community rather than the judicial system.
- Try out innovative, green transportation programs used successfully elsewhere, such as car-sharing and free-bus zones.
- Bring behind-the-scenes Council worksessions into focus by airing them on the City's cable channel.



"I don't mind raising tough questions and calling for changes; we owe it to our citizens and taxpayers to improve all the time. Greenbelt is great, but it can always be better!"

By authority of Barbara Havekost, Treasurer

# RE-ELECT ED

# PUTENS

AUTHORITY: E. SCOTT FRISON, TREASURER

# HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

## Ice Rink Alternative To Trick-or-Treat

Participate in a fun, safe alternative to door-to-door trick or treating this Halloween at the Herbert Wells Ice Rink, 5211 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, with "Costumes on Ice" on Wednesday, October 31 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Activities will feature a D.J. spinning the latest tunes, costume contest, costume parade on ice, trivia question, free give-aways, crafts, and more. Admission is free for those in costume; a fee for all others (costumes are optional).

To learn more call 301-277-3717; TTY 301-454-1493; pgparks.com.



Pumpkin carving night at the New Deal Café.

PHOTO BY TERRI RUTLEDGE

## Police Give Tips For Safe Halloween

Greenbelt Police remind everyone to remove tripping hazards from their property before trick-or-treaters arrive—to remove support wires, tree limbs and garden hoses, for example, that may be on or near porches and walkways. Police stress that motorists may have a hard time seeing trick-or-treaters and provide these Halloween safety tips for parents:

- Apply reflective tape to costumes and trick-or-treat bags for greater visibility;
- See that children remain on well-lit streets, always using the sidewalk or the farthest edge of the road facing traffic;
- Provide children with lightweight flashlights so they can see where they're going, when out trick-or-treating;
- Make sure young children go with an adult or in a supervised group;
- Use Halloween masks with large eye holes to ensure good vision, or better yet, use face paint in place of masks;
- Consider having the child's costume be one size too large, so that he or she can wear warm clothing underneath, if the night is chilly, and check the costume's fire safety rating;
- Put some identification (name, address, phone) on a bracelet or within the costume;
- Teach children to walk, not run, and not to wander from the neighborhood or group;
- Teach children never to eat anything before an adult checks it, and never to pick up candy or anything else from the street;
- Ensure the child knows never to enter a stranger's house or car.



Young witch Ursula Tooley works on her pumpkin.

PHOTO BY TERRI RUTLEDGE

## Watkins Center Hosts Fun Program

Visit the newly renovated Watkins Nature Center, 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro for a howling good time on Saturday, October 27 from 1 to 3 p.m.

This fun-filled program is for ages 3 to 10 years old, and participants must be accompanied by a parent. Hay rides, a puppet show and costume contest are just a few of the activities planned. The event will be held rain or shine. There is a fee.

To learn more, call 301-218-6702; TTY 301-699-2544; pgparks.com.

## Children Invited to Spooky Graveyard on Halloween

by Christian Stone

This is Halloween . . . and it will not be stopped this year at 7023 Mathew Street. All children are welcome to explore our spooky graveyard, with a boiling cauldron, ghouls, ghosts, spiders, and skeletal goblins. We are certain that there will be fun for everyone! This year we hope to expand the haunted yard with a better "Tunnel of Terror" for the younger kids, and add a new haunted maze that should appeal to children of all ages. The "Tunnel of Terror" is designed specifically for the young, and offers blacklit tunnels, and a large chamber at the end where a fortune teller just might see candy in their future. Older children can brave the haunted maze, which is under construction, and whose secrets will only be revealed on Halloween.

Trick-or-Treaters older than 10 are encouraged to walk through the candlelit eerie graveyard to the front door where we give out some serious candy, and they absolutely must wear a costume to get the really good stuff! The path won't be easy though, they have to dare the ghouls walking in the shadows, and brave the foggy depths of the graveyard itself. But don't worry, for the faint of heart there should be at least a few guardian angels to help escort them to the door. Our garage is covered with a large spider web and has a large terrifying spider armed with



A graveyard covered the Stone home's front yard last year.

PHOTO BY CHRISTIAN STONE


silly string. Do not get so amused by the spider that you forget about the coffins in the driveway though, as more than one child has been seen running away in terror, forgetting all about their candy bag. We've had to follow a few kids for a block or more to give their dropped candy bag back.

Finding the yard should be easy, just follow the fog bank down Mathew Street until you hear the haunted house noises. We do ask that you not park directly in front of the house though, as the fog has been known to obscure the road, and we wouldn't want to see anyone get stuck.

This event is produced by many people, but hosted primarily by myself, David Oarr and his adorably ghoulish wife Kim. All are invited to share in the holiday fun!



Kim and Dave Henley-Oarr



### Trick-or-Treat in Greenbelt will be held on Wednesday, October 31 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Residents who wish to participate are asked to turn porch lights on and apartment dwellers should tie a piece of white cloth on the door. Parents should remember to check all children's candy for safety.

## Costume Contest, Parade Tuesday

On Tuesday, October 30, the Greenbelt Recreation Department's Annual Costume Contest and Parade will take place outside the Youth Center if the weather is nice—in the gym if inclement.

To be entered in the judging, parents must preregister children in the proper age category: 1-1/2 to 2 years, 3 to 4 years, kindergarten, grades 1 to 2, grades 3 to 4, or grades 5 to 6. Registration will begin at 3:45 p.m. and will end promptly at 4 p.m. Children are encouraged to show off their frightful or funny costumes.

This is a free event followed by a performance of Blue Sky Puppet Theater's "The Three Not So Little Pigs." Treats for all are guaranteed.

## Take a Ghost Tour

Take a ghost tour of spooky, historic Upper Marlboro, replete with colonial spirits, mischief-makers and costumed guides.

Tours at Darnall's Chance, 14800 Gov. Oden Bowie Drive, Upper Marlboro, begin at 7 p.m. and run every 20 minutes until 9:30 p.m. on October 26 and 27. There will be Halloween refreshments and music after the tours. There is a fee. For information call 301-952-8010; TTY 301-699-2544; pgparks.com.



## Halloween Cakewalk Will Be Saturday

The Greenbelt Mamas and Papas, the New Deal Café, and the Greenbelt Community Center will hold a Halloween cakewalk and entertainment extravaganza for community children ages 18 months to 10 years old on Saturday, October 27 in the Greenbelt Community Center in the gymnasium from 3 to 5:30 p.m.

In the cakewalk, whoever lands on the spot with the pumpkin wins a cake. There will also be a child-friendly spooky story and musical entertainment. Treats will be available for all whoooo attend.

This is a fundraiser for the New Deal Café. Donations are requested.

## Marietta House Hosts Campfire

What better way to celebrate fall and the October season than with a roaring campfire. Come listen to tall tales and stories of strange happenings, enjoy a scavenger hunt, eat cookies, drink cider and roast marshmallows. All of this takes place on the grounds of historic Marietta House Museum, Saturday, October 27 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

There is a fee. The event is suitable for young children.

Marietta House Museum is located at 5626 Bell Station Road, Glenn Dale, off Rte. 193 just north of Rte. 450/Annapolis Road. To learn more call 301-464-5291 or TTY 301-699-2544. Marietta is an historic property of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.



Last year's fog created quite a ruckus!

PHOTO BY CHRISTIAN STONE

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## Goddard Center Installs New Security Measures

by Virginia Beauchamp

Like other federal facilities, the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt has instituted heightened security procedures since the September 11 terrorist attacks. The once-popular Visitor's Center building in the west campus is now closed to the public and official visitors are escorted at all times by Center personnel who wear picture badges.

Deliveries are also more carefully screened, according to Kim Toufexis, facilities manager, and the gates from Soil Conservation Road and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway are more tightly monitored. For example, entering vehicles may be subject to random searches. Internet security has been increased as well.

### Road Relocation

Security issues had always been cited as one reason in Goddard's Facilities Master Plan for relocating Soil Conservation Road and closing off its present right-of-way through the campus. Nevertheless, Toufexis said, the current national emphasis on security had not yet altered the range of possibilities under consideration for community review of the Master Plan. A previously scheduled community workshop on October 18 was, however, moved off-campus to Duval High School.

What had become clear from community reaction in earlier workshop sessions was that planners for the agency had been moving "too quickly," Toufexis said. In particular, residents east of Soil Conservation Road were strongly opposed to the suggested alignment along the western boundary of the present campus. The road has been used for years by commuters as a shortcut to the east from Powder Mill Road.

Thus, since earlier community hearings, planners have been conducting in-depth studies concerning a possible rerouting of Soil Conservation Road somewhere to the east of the Goddard east boundary. The date for submission of the Master Plan to the National Planning Commission has also been pushed further into the future, Toufexis said. It is now projected to be ready sometime in late winter 2002 or in early spring. Until that time, he said, all options remain open.

### Public Information

Greater public access to various planning documents will be available. The Greenbelt Public Library will have on reserve both hard copies and versions in CD-ROM format. They may also be accessed by web site at <http://gsfc-facilities.gsfc.nasa.gov/plans.html>. Members of the public may send comments electronically to [fmplan@gsfc.nasa.gov](mailto:fmplan@gsfc.nasa.gov).



## Greenbelt City Council Election November 6



# Re-elect Roberts

### Some of Roberts' Goals:

- Work for equitable distribution of recreational facilities and city services throughout Greenbelt.
- Complete on-going projects: Springhill Lake Recreation Center expansion, postal facility, acquisition of Sunrise Property, Greenbelt Theatre acquisition, Public Works facility upgrade, skateboard park, Attic Park restrooms.
- Work for appropriate development at Greenbelt Metro Station.
- Increase dedicated bike/foot patrols for each section of Greenbelt.
- Implement recommendations to help seniors improve the quality of independent living in Greenbelt.

To volunteer or for information, suggestions and contributions: Phone: 301-474-4863, Fax: 301-474-0299, or write to: Citizens to Re-elect Roberts, P.O. Box 61, Greenbelt, MD 20768-0061, Email: [RMR38M@aol.com](mailto:RMR38M@aol.com)  
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