

Celebrants Crowd Holy Cross To Honor Pastor Ed Birner

by James Giese

Parishioners, family, clergymen, Greenbelters and friends filled the Holy Cross Lutheran Church sanctuary on Sunday morning, August 31 for a service of thanksgiving to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the ordination of Reverend Edward Birner. Birner became pastor of Holy Cross immediately following his ordination in 1953 and served the church for 40 years until he retired in 1993. He has since served from time to time as interim minister to other churches.

A highlight of the service was the singing of the Handel anthem "Forever Blest Is He" in four-part harmony by Birner's four sons, Andrew, Paul, Jonathan and Joel. The sons and other family members also joined in the offertory. Holy Cross Pastor Stephen H. Mentz's message dealt with Pastor Birner's walk with the Lord.

Following the service, a reception was held for Birner and his wife Nancy. The couple greeted the long line of well-wishers.

Dinner

That afternoon about 280 invited guests attended a dinner in



Birner's four sons Joel, Jonathan, Paul and Andrew sang a Handel hymn in four-part harmony during the service of celebration.

honor of Birner. The meal was prepared and served by members of the church in two buffet lines. Every available room except the sanctuary was used to serve the guests. Following the dinner the guests moved to the sanctuary to hear remarks and presentations.

Mayor Judith Davis presented Birner with a letter from all members of the city council extending their warm greetings and heartfelt congratulations. While Birner was recognized for his 50 years as a minister, the council

said that more significant to them was that the occasion marked the 50th year of his leadership and service to the entire community. "It is no exaggeration to say that Greenbelt would not have been the same without you and all that you have accomplished," the letter read by Davis concluded.

Former City Manager James Giese reminisced about his 40-year association with Birner, both

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Greenbriar Electric Grid Is Self-Owned and Needs Update

by Virginia Beauchamp

Something like the entire nation's recent shocked focus on the infrastructure of America's aging electrical system and responsibility for its maintenance was anticipated for residents of the Greenbriar condominium community in Greenbelt only a few weeks before this summer's Northeast blackout. The subject was called to the attention of the Greenbriar owners in a letter dated July 18 and addressed to Phase I, Phase II and Phase III residents. Its author was Stephen R. Bupp, president of Condominium Venture, Inc. (CVI), agent for the Greenbriar Community Association (GCA).

In his letter Bupp makes clear that association members are themselves owners of the electrical system upon which they all depend and which recently has been dogged with electrical outages. Bupp's letter traces the history of this anomalous situation to a program introduced in the 1970s by Pepco, the Washington area's electrical supplier.

In this program developers could "hire their own contractors and install the high voltage underground electric distribution system if they agreed to maintain it," Bupp wrote. In return the

community received a 5 percent discount on part of the monthly electric bill.

The offer was attractive to Kay & Kay Construction, builders of the Greenbriar/Glen Oaks developments, since it allowed them to complete their project at a faster pace without having to depend upon Pepco workers to install the service.

Kay & Kay had already bypassed another major utility, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC), which had earlier imposed a sewer moratorium effectively closing off further development in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties until the

new Seneca sanitary sewer plant was completed beside the Potomac River in Montgomery County.

After much controversy, the developers obtained approval to construct a private sewage treatment plant within Greenbriar itself, enabling development to proceed despite the moratorium. After the Seneca plant began operation, the private Greenbriar sewage facility was closed down and subsequently removed.

Electrical Ownership

When the Greenbriar owners took over the condominiums from

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What Goes On

Saturday, September 13

1 to 3 p.m., Senior Citizen Open Forum, Community Center

Monday, September 15

8 p.m., Council worksession on Proposed Greenlands Ordinance

Wednesday, September 17

8 p.m., Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) Meeting, Community Center

Thursday, September 18

6:30 p.m., Advisory Committee on Trees, Greenbelt Public Works Building

7 p.m., GHI Member Input Session with Board of Directors and Finance Committee, GHI Board Room

Saturday, September 20

9 a.m. to noon, Lake Park Clean-up, Buddy Attick Park

K. Herling, J. Davis Seek Election to City Council

Konrad Herling and Judith F. Davis have filed as candidates for Greenbelt City Council in the November 4 city election. Herling, the second person to file for this office, has sought election to council in prior years. Davis is currently serving as mayor.



Konrad Herling

In Greenbelt the mayor is elected by the council from among its members. Traditionally, the mayor has been that person receiving the most votes at the previous election.

Konrad Herling

Konrad Herling, Greenbelt Arts Center founder and former Community Relations Advisory Board chairman, filed for candidacy for the Greenbelt City Council. Active in community life for 26 years, Herling has served Greenbelt in a variety of capacities - from co-producing plays, dance recitals and concerts at the Greenbelt Arts Center or co-producing community-oriented programming for Greenbelt Access Televi-

sion, Herling's volunteerism has been motivated by two key driving forces: first, to bring the community he grew up in closer together and second, to improve the quality of life in the process. These lessons were learned at an early

age through the example of his parents, Albert and Frances.

Herling was 10 months old when the family arrived from New York in December, 1953. He and his sisters Karene and Erica learned that working together was an important principle. The Herling family motto was, as corny as it may sound, "Cooperation is our motto." This concept was reinforced by a community where it was critical that people be involved, be it as members of the local business co-op, nursery, as participants in Greenbelt Homes Incorporated or as good neighbors.

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City Explores Differential Policies on Playgrounds

by Peter H. Curtis

A recent study by David Moran, assistant to the city manager, concludes that the long-standing playground maintenance agreement between the city and Greenbelt Homes, Inc., (GHI) "does not represent an equitable arrangement." Under the 1987 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) the city is responsible for most maintenance and repair of playgrounds in and around GHI, while GHI provides grounds maintenance, primarily grass cutting. Some of these 27 playgrounds are on GHI property, some on public land.

All, however, are open to the public. Over the past few years doubts have grown over the way this agreement has turned out. Moran's study determined that the city was ending up paying far more in maintenance and upgrade costs (average \$13,421 per year) than it was costing GHI to do the grounds work (about \$3,894 per year). In late 2000 the Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition (GEAC) complained that while public money was being spent to repair and upgrade playgrounds for GHI residents, other private housing facilities were forced to do all of this work at their own expense.

At a city council worksession on July 9 that focused on this

issue, Sheldon Goldberg of GEAC pointed out that Greenbelt East residents had gradually come to realize they were "paying twice" for playgrounds: once when they paid taxes used to fix up the GHI playgrounds and once when they paid their rent or condominium fees including maintenance of playgrounds in their facilities.

At the July 9 worksession, councilmembers, GHI and GEAC representatives, city staff and area residents all discussed this complex problem. Mayor Judith Davis pointed out that the costs of maintaining and upgrading playgrounds had grown dramatically in the last 15 years. Moran's study points out that this increase is largely due to safety and liability concerns connected with obtaining insurance. Hence, the city's costs have risen far more quickly than GHI's.

Public Uses

On the issue of differential treatment of GHI and apartments and condominiums in Greenbelt East, Julia Eichhorst of the GHI Board pointed out that all playgrounds in and around GHI property are open to the public; this is not true of most of the

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Letters to the Editor

Thanks for a Really Great Festival

On behalf of the Labor Day Festival Committee, I would like to thank everyone who attended the festival this year. Mother Nature was good to us, despite what she was doing to the immediate areas around us. That enabled festival-goers to be dry for the most part which hopefully resulted in good times being had by all. It is truly the committee's hope that everyone did have a great time.

A big thanks also goes to the community and school groups and volunteers who had booths and tables – without them there would be no festival. Their hard work and dedication is truly appreciated. Thanks also to Public Works – without their support and work there would, at a minimum, be no booths. And thanks goes to them also for their work prior to, over the weekend itself and afterward. And a big thanks to the recreation department for their support and participation. Thanks also to the police department for their participation and support – which was present during festival hours and after.

Thanks to Tom Gaylin and Rosedale Attractions for top notch rides and game booths – 75 years worth – a better carnival company cannot be found. The entertainers are also to be thanked for their talent and professionalism which made for great shows to be enjoyed by festival attendees. And thanks to the Arts Center for great Shakespeare. Thanks to the members of the Eleanor Roosevelt High School National Honor Society for their invaluable assistance in this year's festival. The parade participants deserve thanks for their participation in this year's parade – either strutting or driving "their stuff."

A big thanks goes to all the businesses and individuals who provided monetary support for the festival – that also includes people who bought raffle tickets and bake sale items. The success of the festival is heavily dependent on the year-round monetary support it receives. A very special thanks goes to the Greenbelt

Co-op – which supported the festival all summer by the use of its ramp for bake sales and raffle ticket sales. It was also directly responsible for the success of the wristband voucher program.

And last, but certainly not least, I would like to thank the wonderful members of the committee whose hard work and dedication is immeasurable. From the bottom of my heart, thank you, thank you, thank you.

See you next year.

*Patti Brothers,
President
Greenbelt Labor Day
Festival Committee*

Great Music

The organizers of the Labor Day Festival deserve recognition for presenting entertainment such as Wayne Brown and Second Conspiracy and Shoe Suede Blues. Listening to these energized and nationally known musicians perform rock and roll, rhythm and blues and blues music was a special part of the festival.

Keith Bare

Thanks

Thanks to the many people who responded to the urgent need and donated their blood at the September 9 blood drive at the Greenbelt Municipal Building. The blood donations will help the American Red Cross continue its worthy service to the nation.

Thanks also to the Red Cross personnel and the volunteers for making the blood drive a success.

The next blood drive in Greenbelt will be on Friday, November 14 from noon to 6 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. Except for those who have been contacted directly by the Red Cross, call Janet Goldberg of the Greenbelt Recreation Department at 301-397-2212 for an appointment.

*Janet Goldberg
Recreation Coordinator*

Leadership Award Presented to Luther

The Community of Caring, a national character education organization sponsored by the Joseph P. Kennedy Foundation, awarded Barbara Luther the "National Leadership Award" at their national conference July 19 to 21. Luther was one of two recipients honored by Eunice Shriver, who presented the awards.

Luther has been a teacher at Eleanor Roosevelt High School for the past 13 years and has been instrumental in leading Eleanor Roosevelt High School in their character education initiative begun five years ago. Luther serves as the chair of the character education program. She has actively worked on the tenets promoted by the Community of Caring which are respect, responsibility, trust, family and caring. She has collaboratively worked with the Greenbelt community as well as Peace Month activities and with the establishment of Eleanor Roosevelt Week.

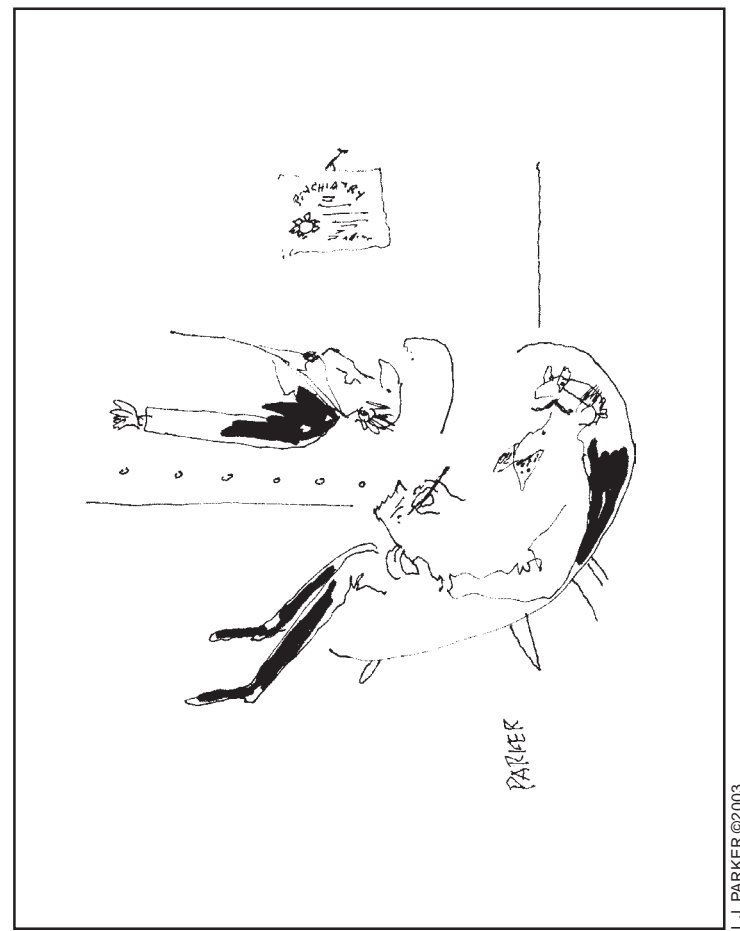
Eleanor Roosevelt High School was honored by the Character Education Partnership in 2002 as a National School of Character, one of nine schools selected in the nation.

Support Group Meets on Tuesdays

Hospice of the Chesapeake's Spiritual and Bereavement Care Center is offering a six-week support group led by a licensed clinical professional counselor for those grieving the loss of a partner. There is a registration fee except for individuals whose loved one was cared for by Hospice of the Chesapeake.

The widow/widower support group will meet Tuesdays September 16 through October 21 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at 8724 Jericho City (formerly Spectrum) Drive in Landover. Call 301-499-4500 to register or for more information.

The Old Curmudgeon



"My President doesn't understand me!"

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Judging will take place the week of September 22 - 26th, and the winning court will participate in the "burning" of the rehab loan papers ceremony at the October 5th party.

So get to know your neighbors and have some fun competing with the other courts.



With a beautiful community -- we are all winners!

Community Events

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The regular business meeting was held on September 3. The greeter for the day was Mayor Judith Davis. Many thanks to all the greeters. It's nice to be greeted at the door with a big smile and a handshake. We appreciate Ima Davis coordinating these helpers.

The 50/50 winners were Lillian Greenbaum and Mary McKinley.

The club was off to Cape May, N.J. on September 10 and looks forward to trips in the future to the National Zoo, Kennedy Center and the Timonium Dinner Theater.

President Ellie Rimar and Joe will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on September 24 at the Golden Age Club. All members are invited to luncheon and maybe Joe will read his anniversary poem.

Congratulations to two great Greenbelters!

At the Library

Children's Programs

Wednesday, September 17, 10:30 a.m. Cuddletime for ages 12 to 24 months with caregiver.

Thursday, September 18, 10:30 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5.

Adult Programs

Wednesday, September 17, 2 p.m. Book Discussion, R.A. McCall's "No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency."

Democrats to Meet

The Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club of Greenbelt will gather for the first meeting of the 2003-2004 season on Friday, September 19, at 8 p.m., in the Terrace Room of the Greenbriar Community Building at the corner of Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway. Prospective members, as well as the general public, are welcome.

After a brief business agenda presided over by President Kurt Walter, there will be a moderated discussion of the "Patriot Act" which is now being debated in the national media. A social hour will follow and current members are reminded to bring a dessert or snack to share. Coffee and soft drinks will be provided.

For more information or transportation, call Bill Hunt, membership chair, 301-982-0111.

The club is supporting three other events in September: on Monday, September 15, 7 p.m., the Maryland Democratic Party's Annual Award Dinner at Martin's West in Baltimore; on Saturday, September 20, at 11 a.m., the United Democratic Women's Club of Maryland's Western Regional Luncheon at the Venice Inn in Hagerstown; and on Sunday, September 21, the Hispanic Festival of Prince George's County at Lane Manor Park in Adelphi from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For information, call Pat Unger, corresponding secretary, 301-474-1052.

Starlight Shimmy At New Deal Café

Come to the New Deal Café Saturday, September 20 from 8 to 10:45 p.m. for an evening of performances by professional and semi-professional belly dancers. Enjoy the food and comfortable atmosphere of the New Deal Café while being regaled by the sights and sounds of the Middle East.

Discolored Water

Residents from various parts of Greenbelt have called the city office to report discolored water in their homes. The discoloration is the result of pipes being replaced around the local area which loosens sediment and is carried through to residential water supplies. WSSC will be flushing fire hydrants in an effort to remove the sediment and assures residents that the water contains no harmful bacteria and is safe to drink. It may stain light colored clothing when washed, however.

For further information contact WSSC at 301-206-8000 or on the web at www.wssc.dst.md.us.

Museum Committee Seeks Suggestions

The Greenbelt Museum's programming committee will meet in late September to plan the museum's public offerings for the coming year and beyond. The museum's current programs include exhibits, lectures, educational activities for children and walking tours.

Last year the programming committee launched a bi-monthly lecture series for the museum. The series began last January with a lecture about American adoration of new food technologies in the 1930s and 1940s during the advent of prepared, pre-packaged foods. In March, cookbook author Joanne Lamb Hayes talked about cooking with limited choices during World War II. May's lecturer discussed the history of political cartooning on the opening night of the Izzy Parker exhibit in the Community Center. In July, graduate student Kelly Quinn presented a slide-show of European architecture that influenced Greenbelt's architects and gave a virtual tour of the New Deal housing project, Langston Terrace in Washington, D.C. These lectures have been increasingly well attended and the audience response has been overwhelmingly positive.

To offer suggestions for future programs email the museum at greenbeltmuseum@ci.greenbelt.md.us or send a letter to Greenbelt Museum, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

Adopt a Cat

The Prince George's County SPCA/Humane Society is sponsoring a cats-only adoption day on Sunday, September 14, noon to 3 p.m. at PetsMart, Beltway Plaza Mall. The pets' foster parents will be present to answer questions and accept adoption applications. To learn more, call 301-262-5625 or visit the website at www.pgspca.org.

GHI Notes

Meetings for the week of September 15 through 19:

September 16 – Companion Animal Committee, 7:30 p.m., Conference Room; Member & Community Relations Committee, 7:30 p.m., Board Room

September 18 – Members Input session with Board of Directors, 7 p.m., Board Room followed by joint Board/Finance Committee meeting

Cherry and Brodd

The Greenbelt Recreation Department/Senior Center presents the return of Chris Cherry and Stefan Brodd on Friday, September 19 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Community Center gym. Together these two resident entertainers will take people down Memory Lane with music from the 1930s and 1940s. Come listen, sing, enjoy and reminisce. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call 301-397-2208.

Caesar's Casino Trip Is Greenbriar Event

Once again the Greenbriar Community Association is seeking 54 individuals to participate in a bus trip to Caesar's Casino in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Metro Tours and Travel will provide the deluxe motor coach that will depart from the Greenbriar Community Building parking lot at 7 a.m. on Saturday, September 27.

The Greenbriar Community Association plans to make the bus trip down entertaining in itself. Movies will be shown, a raffle held and door prizes awarded.

To purchase tickets or for more information, call Sarah at 301-441-1096.

Help Glean Food For the Hungry

Thirty-five members and friends from the Mishkan Torah Synagogue spent a wet and muddy Sunday afternoon August 3 picking potatoes and squash to feed the homeless and hungry. "It was fun!" declared one soggy participant. The activity of picking the produce is called "gleaning" which means to gather produce left behind by reapers.

The gleaning project is sponsored by the Henry Wallace Agricultural Research Center in Beltsville. Volunteer groups are needed through the end of October to assure that as much as possible of the Agriculture Center's produce is harvested to feed the hungry and homeless.

For more information, contact Benton Parks, chair of the Social Action Committee at Mishkan Torah Synagogue by phone at 301-474-8617 or by email at benparks58@yahoo.com.

Senior Open Forum

The annual Senior Open Forum will be held on September 13 at 1 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center Multipurpose Room. The Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and the Public Safety Advisory Committee will host the event. People are asked to come voice their opinions.

Attention: Writers

All Greenbelt writers should mark their calendars for 7:30 p.m. on Friday, September 19 in the Greenbelt Community Center. Greenbelter Marjorie Gray will lead the group in writing poetry. A published poet, she has read her poems at meetings in the past. Now she will be conducting a poetry writing session. Gray expects to get everyone writing, so people should bring paper and pens or pencils. All Greenbelt writers are encouraged to attend this special presentation at the September Greenbelt Writers Group meeting.

A Review

Ancient Trickeries Still Divert a Modern Audience

by Sabine Hentrich

"Scapino," a play by Jim Dale (the multi-talented actor who recorded all of J.K. Rowling's "Harry Potter" books) and Frank Dunlop, opened last weekend at the Greenbelt Arts Center. This clever and silly comedy, based on Moliere's 1671 play, "The Trickeries of Scapin," was written in 1970 and set in Naples, Italy. It concerns the manipulatively charming Scapino, who, among other schemes, helps two young men and women get away with their respective love marriages – unions unapproved of by their conservative families.

Some of this show's humor is intentionally over-the-top. For example, some of its comedy is contrived from the stereotypical differences between men's and women's views on relationship issues. Thus, most of the comedy's appeal lies in its exaggerations. Obviously Dale and Dunlop were mocking many famous writers' universal recipe for a successful comedy. Like many classic comedies, the show is set in Italy, it contains a love story, many mix-ups, mistaken identities, "extraordinary coincidences" and more of such traditional fare.

Not surprisingly, Dale and Dunlop spiced up their story with many new and innovative scenes. This reviewer will not discuss those so as not to take anything away, but (hint) some of it includes an involved audience.

The Greenbelt Art Center's production was magnificently directed by Keith Brown and produced by Norma R. Ozur. The director knew that the production's success depends largely on its title character, Scapino, and cast a versatile actor to play that role. Sam DePriest, recently seen as Sidney Bruhl in "Deathtrap," played Scapino masterfully with confidence and cunning.

DePriest, who has the majority of lines, is present in almost every scene. He absorbed the role and brought it to life with such charming humor that he easily won the admiration of the audience. This difficult role, which requires the actor to wear many hats – including the impersonation of a pirate's parrot – demon-



Scapino (Sam DePriest) in the white hat listens to the complaints of Argente (David Weaver) as Sylvestra (Laura Stroebel) looks on. The play is sponsored by the Greenbelt Arts Center and runs on Friday and Saturday evenings and on Sunday matinees through September 27.

strated that DePriest has established himself as a resourceful actor who can easily carry the lead.

Not only DePriest, but the entire ensemble, had a terrific night. Sylvestra, Scapino's sidekick, played by Laura Stroebel, was hilarious as both Sylvestra and as Sylvestra impersonating the gangster "brother" of one of the brides.

Both "gypsy" brides, Emily Brite as Giacinta and Jennifer Lee as Zerbinetta, were lovingly naïve, chatty and giggly – perfectly exaggerated prototypes of two young women in love. Al Zaghari, as Giacinta's husband Ottavio, and Peyton Johns as Zerbinetta's love Leandro, were playing well alongside their "wives" and "fathers." Both made believable young men willing to sacrifice their fathers' respect (and willing to swindle them out of a lot of money) in order to get the women they adored.

The musical choices for this show were interesting. Whenever one of the grooms' fathers appeared, for instance, the theme song from Spielberg's "Jaws" played. And whenever there was an allusion to southern Italy's notorious crime, the theme from Coppola's "The Godfather" played. Brown, the director, used these well-known themes to emphasize the play's ridicule of an imaginary threat that never materializes.

Whoever is interested in seeing the silliness in Scapino's trickeries, romances containing "extraordinary coincidences" and mock assaults carried out with a pepperoni sausage can do so through September 27 on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. or at Sunday matinees on September 14 and 21 at 2 p.m.

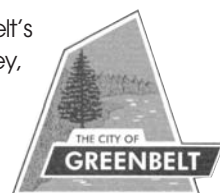
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Obituaries

AnneMarie Crossed

AnneMarie Crossed, 44, died at her home in Greenbelt on September 2, 2003. "Nancy," as she was known to all, is survived by her parents Thomas and Jeanne McArdle of Greenbelt, a brother Michael of Bowie and four children: Emily, 23, Joseph, 19, Julia, 18 and Samuel, 16, all of Greenbelt.



Nancy was a graduate of the University of Maryland and received her masters degree in library science from the Catholic University of America. She had also attended equestrian school at Sheridan College in Sheridan, Wyoming.

At the time of her death Nancy was a faculty member of the Washington School of Law library at American University. She was also employed at the Library of Congress.

An avid traveler and boating enthusiast, she could be found often on weekends on the Bay with her dogs Walter and Moe.

Her parents especially recall her happy childhood days riding her burro "Jimmy" around the Ft. Apache Indian reservation in Arizona during the time her family lived and worked there.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered on Friday, September 12 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Hugh's Church, Greenbelt. Interment is private. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Crossed Education Fund, 6-B Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

Albert A. Ellerin

Former longtime Greenbelter Albert A. Ellerin, 88, died on Sunday, September 7, 2003.

The family received friends Wednesday, September 10 at 6 p.m. followed by evening prayers at the Marriott Hotel on Ivy Lane. The service was private.

Mr. Ellerin is survived by his wife Pearl Q. Ellerin; daughter Susan Ellerin and son Michael Ellerin and his wife Cynthia; brother Charles Ellerin and his wife Shirley; and grandchildren Seth Ellerin and Adam Albert Ellerin Janjigian. His granddaughter Ashley Ellerin preceded him in death.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the University of Maryland - Baltimore School of Pharmacy, 20 N. Pine St., Room 730, Baltimore, MD 21201 or a charity of one's choice.



Our sympathy to Thomas and Jeanne McArdle and Emily, Joseph, Julia and Samuel Crossed on the death of the McArdles daughter and the children's mother AnneMarie Crossed.

Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of former longtime Greenbelter Albert A. Ellerin. Our sympathy to his wife Pearl and family.

Winners of the DARE Essay Contest at Greenbelt Elementary School in June were Lindsey Hood from Mr. Van Tassel's class, BreAnna Ferguson from Ms. Stewart's class and Niroshi Wijeweera from Ms. Walsh's class.

Grand prize winner Toni McCray from Stewart's class won a new computer. Winners, including Stewart, were treated to lunch at Jillian's in Arundel Mills Mall. Congratulations all!

The Greenbelt community extends best wishes to Dave Meadows for his recovery and looks forward to his return to the Greenbelt Citgo.

Coast Guard Reserve Seaman Apprentice Scott C. Slingland, son of Jennifer Slingland of Greenbelt, recently graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, New Jersey. During the eight-week training program, Slingland completed a training curriculum including classroom and practical instruction on water safety and survival, military customs and courtesies, seamanship skills, first aid, fire fighting and marksmanship. A major emphasis is also placed on physical fitness, health and wellness.

Congratulations to ERHS

teacher Barbara Luther on receiving the National Leadership Award from the Joseph P. Kennedy Foundation, presented to two recipients by Eunice Shriver.

Staff Sergeant (SSG) Nathan P. Jones, the son of John Henry and Elaine Jones of 14 Court Ridge Road, has been selected by the Judge Advocate General of the Army to become a warrant officer and legal administrator in the Army Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps. SSG Jones enlisted in the U.S. Army after his graduation from Eleanor Roosevelt High School in 1993. He has served in numerous locations such as Fort Bliss, Tex; Suwon AFB, Korea; Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and Fort Bragg, N.C., where he served with the 82nd Airborne Division. Since July 2001, SSG Jones has been serving in the Pentagon as the law office manager for the Joint Services Pentagon Legal Assistance Office. SSG Jones was also selected for promotion to the rank of Sergeant First Class (SFC). SSG Jones will be attending the Warrant Officer Candidate School at Fort Rucker, Ala., this fall.

Let the News Review know what's happening in your family. Submit news to share with the community to the newspaper by Tuesday night. You can drop the information off at the office in Room 100 of the Community Center or mail it to 15 Crescent Road, Room 100, Greenbelt, MD 20770-1887. Photographs will be returned.



Greek Festival

St. Theodore's Greek Orthodox Church in Lanham will hold its annual Fall Greek Festival on Friday, September 12 through Sunday, September 14. Admission is free and the festival is open all three days from noon to 10 p.m. Greek food specialties, made by members of the parish, will be featured, including gyro and souvlaki sandwiches, grilled lamb, chicken, baklava and other Greek pastries.

The festival also features a live band with traditional Greek folk dancing starting at 5 p.m. There will be a moon bounce and other arts and crafts for children. A Greek store will offer groceries, jewelry and other goods for sale. The church is located at 7101 Cipriano Road in Lanham. Visit the website at www.sttheodores.org for directions or call 301-552-3540.

Greenbelt Park Needs Volunteers

Greenbelt Park is seeking volunteers who enjoy meeting the public. Four-hour shifts are available for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Duties include answering telephones, responding to questions from visitors and greeting people of varied ages and backgrounds from around the world. Good communication skills are needed and knowledge of the Greenbelt area is helpful. High school students can earn service hours by participating. For more information call Park Ranger Kevin Barry at 301-344-3944.

Methodists to Hold Friendship Picnic

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church invites all to a Friendship Picnic on Sunday, September 14 at 12:30 p.m. and a Games' Night on Friday, September 19 at 7:30 p.m. People are invited to join Sunday Service at 11 a.m. Lunch at the Friendship Picnic is free. Come and join the commemoration of 9-11 at the church lawn.

Games' Night is one of the church's service events, opening the church's space to the community. There are several games, such as chess, dominoes, Scrabble and pinocle, and refreshments will be served. The nursery will be open for those who have young children. Children will enjoy crafts and games. The church is located at 40 Ridge Road.

Meals on Wheels Seeks Volunteers

Meals on Wheels of College Park needs volunteers to help pack daily meals for seniors and those who cannot cook for themselves. Also needed are drivers and runners Monday through Friday. Packers work from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Drivers and runners work from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Volunteer to work one day a week, once or twice a month or whenever possible. Call Monday through Friday at 301-474-1002 to help and for more information.

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi (301-937-3666)
Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community
 September 14, 10 a.m.
 "Paint Branch Creative Visions" by Barbara Wells, co-minister with Jennifer Grant, worship associate

Semi-annual Involvement Fair
 Barbara Wells and Jaco B. ten Hove, co-ministers



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Greenbelt Baha'i Community
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 Greenbelt, MD 20770
 301-345-2918 301-220-3160

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 9:15 a.m. Bible Class
 10:30 a.m. Worship
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7010 Glenn Dale Road
 (Lanham-Severn Road and Glenn Dale Road)
 301-262-3285 | stgeogd@aol.com | www.stgeo.org

Sundays: 8:00 am A Simple, Quiet Mass
 9:00 am Christian Education for All Ages
 10:00 am Sung Mass with Organ and Folk Music, ASL Interpreted



Nursery Provided 9:00-11:30 am

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Dr. Mark Johnson, Pastor



Sun. Worship 8:35 am, 11:00 am, 6:00 pm
 Wed. Praise and Prayer 7:00 pm
 Wed. Living Proof, Youth Event 7:00 pm

"Building Bridges to the Family of God thru the Love of Christ"

MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday 8, 9:30, 11 a.m.
 Saturday 5 p.m.

Daily Mass: As announced
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.
 Rev. Thomas F. Crowley, Pastor
 Rev. R. Scott Hurd, Pastoral Associate
 Part Time Ministry

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135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Md.

Greenbelt Community Church

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Hillside & Crescent Roads
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"A church of the open mind, the warm heart, the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."



Catholic Community of Greenbelt

MASS

Sundays 10 A.M. Municipal Building

"Open Door, Open Heart, Open Mind!" September is Open House Month. UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church
 40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
 301-474-9410

SUNDAY
 Sunday School 9:45 am
 Talk & Listen (Coffee Hr.) 10:15 am
 Worship Service 11:00 am

Tues. Lectionary Study 7:00 am
 Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm
 Third Friday, Games Night 7:30 pm

Rev. DaeHwa Park, Pastor
 September 14, 14th Sunday after Pentecost
 Sermon Title: The Least, The Great
 12:25pm, Free Friendship Picnic at Lawn



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ACE Meets with Dr. André Hornsby, Prince George's County Schools CEO

by Mary Moien

Dr. André Hornsby, Prince George's County Schools CEO, met with the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE), education committee members from five other communities, and the public on August 13 in College Park. The other participating communities were Berwyn Heights, College Park, Hyattsville, New Carrollton and University Park.

Hornsby addressed a full auditorium at College Park City Hall. In addition to ACE members, many other Greenbelters were present. City councilmembers Rodney Roberts and Ed Putens attended as did Jose Morales, a school board member who lives in Greenbelt. Sylvester Conyers, principal of Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS), Linda Sherwood, principal of Springhill Lake Elementary School and several PTA members and volunteers from Greenbelt schools also were present.

In an opening statement Hornsby stated that there has to be a vision for the schools, not "his" vision, but the community's vision. He has already visited 27 schools and believes that "spending my time in the schools" is crucial. He wants to see for himself the cultures of the individual schools in each community and the cultures of the community and how it affects the schools.

First and foremost, Hornsby indicated that the biggest educational challenge is reading. He is going to "retrain the entire workforce" and make "great readers and lifelong readers" of the students. He stated that currently there are inconsistent methods of teaching reading. Over the next two years he is going to have teachers learn how to teach reading. Subject matter teachers will learn to establish vocabulary and help the students who are past the primary grades.

Budget limitations, due to forward funding of projects in earlier years, will be a major factor this year. Although reducing class size was promised, it appears that the school system will not be able to reduce class size in grades 4, 5 and 6. Hornsby indicated that 22 to 25 students per class would be good, but the teacher's contract states that more than 30 students can be in a class.

Issues

Following Hornsby's opening statement, each education committee received five minutes to describe one or more serious issues in their community. ACE member Eva Griffin addressed the Greenbelt issues. She emphasized the decaying and rundown situation at Greenbelt Middle School, which she called the oldest school in the county. It has been on the list for repair/replacement since 1988 and in 15 years nothing has been done. She emphasized positive aspects of the school - the students. She referred to special classes, the National Junior Honor Society and a strings music group. Referring to the lack of air conditioning, Griffin stated "which ones of us would voluntarily work under these conditions? Teachers, staff and students do."

The representative from Berwyn Heights described their actions in the re-opening of Berwyn Heights Elementary (which some Greenbelt students in Springhill Lake attend). They had complained before the school reopened that the boundaries were set too widely and the school would be overcrowded. It is. They want "people (in the school offices) to listen to them. Individuals in the communities may know more."

From Hyattsville, Hornsby heard of neglect. The children are still being bused to Seat Pleasant and the date that a local school that was supposed to be built in West Hyattsville is constantly being pushed back. Now, parents are tired and are moving away.

From New Carrollton, the representative described six schools and spoke highly of excellent principals, reading programs and anti-litter campaigns. The downside, he commented, was the large number of students who do not have a supportive family life. At Lamont Elementary School, 40 percent of students speak Spanish at home, so family members cannot help with schoolwork. He said "we must get parents more involved."

University Park is a very small community. There the representative stated that University Park Elementary School (UPES) has many volunteers, but that many students go to private high schools. There is one part-time TAG teacher for 200 talented and gifted students. This community had the biggest issue with the many school time changes. UPES is going from a 9:10 opening to 7:45. The change was made with little notification and no adequate consultation with parents.

In College Park, parents are concerned about class size and the safety of walkers. Parents are pulling their children out of the schools, as they are not being challenged. That representative stated that there is a need to make parents accountable for preparing students to enter kindergarten.

Although each community chose a different emphasis, it was evident from the reaction of the audience that many of the areas touched on were important to most people there.

Response

Hornsby listened attentively but indicated that what he had to say, parents might not want to hear. To save money and to coordinate buses and police presence, school times were consolidated. Although he reiterated that parents groups were consulted, there was disagreement from the audience. He is not sure of the future of the magnet program. It will be decided by the beginning of 2004. It was set in place for desegregation purposes and there may no longer be money for the programs.

In responding to issues of overcrowding, he stated that Berwyn Heights is lucky that it is at capacity, as many schools are over capacity. There are now more students in kindergarten (with full-day programs) and

in the new preschool programs. This adds to the crowding.

Hornsby stated that he had the commitment of the county executive to obtain money to eliminate classrooms without air conditioning over the next two years. They will start with schools which will be the easiest to convert.

More Issues

David Lange, a volunteer who coordinates volunteers at Greenbelt Elementary School was one of the first to ask a question after each community had spoken. Lange described the approach used at Greenbelt Elementary to help those who are behind in reading. It is the "reading recovery" program and involves students in the first grade with the lowest test scores. A part-time specialist works with four students at a time. Lange indicated that the program is succeeding and asked Hornsby if it will be eliminated. Hornsby responded by stating that "reading recovery is an excuse for the classroom teacher not having the skills." He would prefer to use that specialist to teach each teacher the skills for teaching reading to the entire class.

A member of the PTA at University Park Elementary spoke of wanting to start an afterschool program to challenge students. But the program needs transportation. The PTA would even help pay for the buses. Hornsby applauded the PTA for wanting the students to excel, but indicated that it is not fair when some communities can pay to have additional programs and others cannot pay. He went on to say that he wants all students to excel, not just the students who are below grade average. Those who are doing well should be challenged to do even better. He indicated that he feels the county should definitely have more National Merit finalists.

One woman described a very personal issue with her child who attends the Harbor School in Annapolis. She referred to changes in policy that may leave her child without a high school 'certificate.' Hornsby took as much time with her as with the more general questions. He indicated that although there are funding and other problems in

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playgrounds in Greenbelt East. Councilmembers appeared to accept this point; if playgrounds not presently covered by the agreement with GHI were to be added in the future, they would have to be open to the public. How to achieve this result was but one among the numerous and complicated issues needing resolution.

Another issue was raised by Councilmember Rodney Roberts, who inquired whether the current condition of private playgrounds had been surveyed. Moran replied that this had not yet been done.

Councilmember Thomas White summarized additional issues for exploration before council could make decisions on this matter. The current MOU between the city and GHI needs to be revised, criteria need to be developed for additional playgrounds to be included in this program and agreements would need to be negotiated with private housing facilities wishing to place their playgrounds in this program.

City Manager Michael McLaughlin agreed to have staff inventory and evaluate Greenbelt East playgrounds. He will bring the entire issue back to council by the end of this year.

traditionally uses the month of September to finalize the number of students enrolled in any given class or school. Changes are then made based on the final counts of students.

The Best Overall Performing Group at the 2003 Greenbelt Labor Day Festival

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★ Learn How To Jump Rope ★
with the Greenbelt Sity Stars ★
2003 Double Dutch Champions

The Greenbelt Sity Stars, a competitive jump rope team is accepting new members for its Fall Training Session - Jumping Stars School. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY for interested persons 6 years and up. Jump Rope is a great cross-training activity that will help participants in all sports by improving hand/eye/foot coordination, balance, speed, strength, flexibility, focus and endurance. Jumpers are introduced to Double Dutch Turning & Jumping Skills, Single Rope, Tumbling and participate in Jump Rope performances and demonstrations. The team is looking for adults and parents to serve as assistant coaches for the sport. Training is provided. Tryouts will be held throughout the fall for the team's Competitive/Travel team, however, the Jumping Stars School is open to anyone. For more information, please visit the website at www.greenbeltsitystars.com or call Kim Bradshaw at 301-336-0966.

GET IN THE SWIM!

The Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team is starting its fall swim season at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center (GAFC) for kids 6-18 years old. There is also a developmental team for advanced beginners 5-7 years old to work on their strokes and endurance.

Check our website www.greenbelt.com/swim team for dates, fees and practice schedule.

Saturday night waterpolo coming soon!

For more information, call 301-474-7504

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Equally important in the Herling household was the idea that being involved in the community's offerings in a positive way enriched each individually while enhancing the quality of life for the town as a whole.

Herling's recreational and cultural experiences included swimming, tennis and piano lessons as well as Little League baseball (now the Cal Ripken League). He attended Greenbelt Center Elementary (today, the structure serves as Greenbelt's Community Center), Greenbelt Junior High (now Greenbelt Middle School), and Parkdale High. He attended and graduated from Towson University with a B.A. in history and secondary education with a minor in Latin American History. Between semesters he worked for the Greenbelt Department of Public Works mowing lawns, working with the trash crew, planting and pruning trees in Springhill Lake and cleaning up minor oil spills at Greenbelt Lake.

After graduating from Towson University, Herling substitute taught in area schools, worked as a construction laborer for Washington Homes, Inc., and umpired for the Little League. In March of 1977 he began his 26-year career with the Federal Communications Commission. Herling, who received the Catherine Foster Award for Public Service in May of this year, is a broadcast analyst and the Media Bureau's electronic filing expert.

Herling's previous community experiences include serving as vice president of the Springhill Lake Civic Association (1980-1983), as a member of the GHI Nominations and Elections Committee, vice president and secretary of the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club and Greenbelt Arts Center representative to the Roosevelt Center Merchants Association. He helped organize the Roosevelt Center Charrette (1985) to help re-design the town center, was a member of an earlier version of the Crime Prevention Committee (1983-5) and was a member of the task force to support the bond referendum of 1987 (provided funding to convert the former elementary school to a community center and to create Schrom Hills Park).

Herling has also been concerned with Greenbelt's youth. This past year he helped coach six-to-eight year olds in the "machine pitch" baseball program and helped produce two teen concerts. In 1987-88, he served as vice chairman of the Arts Policy Committee, whose report

led to the creation of the Arts Advisory Committee. In 1989, he proposed the creation of a city planning department, which was established shortly afterward. He received the Outstanding Citizen of the Year Award in 2001.

Judith F. Davis

Judith F. Davis, known to one and all as just "J," is in her fifth term on the Greenbelt City Council. Currently she serves as mayor. Prior to her election to the city council in 1993, she was a member of the city's Advisory Planning Board (APB) for 10 years and was elected chair by that board's members for five straight years from 1988 to 1992. Davis is the council liaison to the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum.

Presently Davis is the council's representative to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) Board of Directors. In January 2003, she was elected vice chair of the COG Board. Davis is also an appointee to COG's Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee. In the past she has served on COG's Ad Hoc Digital Divide Task Force, Strategic Planning Committee and Executive Director Search Committee. She is COG's liaison to the Potomac Regional Education Partnership Advisory Board and to the Advisory Board of the Institute of Regional Excellence. Davis has been appointed to the Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee of the National League of Cities. She is a past president of both the Prince George's County Municipal Association and the Prince George's Elected Municipal Women. She is a member of Women in Government Service, Women in Municipal Government and the Maryland Mayors Association.

This past June Davis was re-elected to the Maryland Municipal League's Board of Directors, having previously served four years on the board and two years on its executive committee. In November 2002, Davis became a Graduate Fellow of the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance established by the Institute for Governmental Service. Also in November 2002, Davis was appointed by the governor to the State Commission on Public Safety Technology and Critical Infrastructure. In February 2003 the county executive appointed her once again to the Proposal Advisory Group for the Community Development Block Grant program of the county's Department of Housing and Community Development. Davis is also presently serving on the County's Zoning Ordinance Review Task

Force as one of its two municipal representatives.

Davis retired in 1999 after 30 years as a sixth grade teacher employed by the Prince George's County Board of Education. An educator for 35 years, she holds bachelor's and master's degrees from West Chester State University in West Chester, Pa. She served the Prince George's County Educators Association (PGCEA) as board member and treasurer and chaired host subcommittees of the National Education Association for three national conventions.

A condominium owner in the Greenbriar subdivision, Davis moved to Greenbelt in 1975 and immediately became active in local affairs. She was elected to the board of directors of Greenbriar Phase I from 1979 to 1993. She served as carnival chair for the Labor Day Festival Committee from 1981 to 1997. In 1995, Davis was a member of the Project Design Committee that formed GIVES, the Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service, of which she is a charter member. She was re-elected to the GIVES Board of Directors for a fifth term as vice president in June 2002. Davis also serves on the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Academy Program's Business and Higher Education Executive Advisory Board.

Davis was selected as Woman of the Year 2000-2001 by the Business and Professional Women/USA. She is also a recipient of an award for Outstanding Leadership and Service in Politics by the Minority Affairs Committee of PGCEA.

Davis maintains active membership in civic organizations such as the Greenbelt Arts Center, Friends of the Greenbelt Museum and the Greenbelt Lions Club. She is also a member of the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club, Friends of the Greenbelt Library, Friends of the Greenbelt Theater, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, the Women's Committee for the National Symphony Orchestra, Business and Professional Women/USA, Friends of the National Zoo and the Sierra Club.



Judith Davis

Larry Noel 15K Race Won by Ted Poulos

Forty-five years is a long time for a community to host a road race, but Greenbelt has reached this mark for a 15K held in conjunction with the City's Labor Day Festival since 1957. Mayor Pro Tem Rodney Roberts marked the anniversary by reading a proclamation and cutting a very large cake. The overall winner was Ted Poulos in 54:27 and Cathy Pugsley was first woman in 60:05. They both received \$100 cash awards. The race is named in honor of long-time Greenbelt resident Larry Noel, Jr., who served as a member of the Park & Recreation Advisory Board for 11 years. Three of Larry's sons attended the event this year. By tradition, the race

starts near Larry's former home. The runners cover Northway and Ridge and then take Research Road out through the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. Other runners competed in a 3K race around the Lake. The race is cosponsored by the Greenbelt Co-op and is the Maryland RRCA State Championship 15K. Other Greenbelt finishers this year include: Sharyn Gordon, 45, 1:48:40; Elizabeth Osborne, 43, 1:54:01; Helen Ertter, 42, 1:57:4; Cheric Cannon, 45, 2:04:02; Kirk D. Gordon, 47, 63:24; Thomas Trunk, 20, 67:53; Josh Hamlin, 34, 75:47; Keith Albright, 35, 77:29; Joe Broderick, 65, 1:42:19 and Lawrence Suid, 65, 2:34:06.

Mayor Pro Tem Rodney Roberts (on left) and Race Director Bob Platt mark the 45th running of the Larry Noel Greenbelt 15K. This year's race participants even included three of Noel's sons.



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, upon the United States thrust our nation and our allies into a war we neither sought nor could ever have imagined; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Greenbelt were deeply saddened by the loss of life and injuries close to home at the Pentagon, as well as by the death and destruction at the World Trade Center and by the heroic sacrifice of the passengers and crew on United Flight 93 in Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, we find strength in our vivid memories of the tireless and heroic efforts of our public safety and military personnel on that day and for many days thereafter; and

WHEREAS, we support the efforts of our troops wherever they are stationed and hold in our hearts those who have given their lives or suffered injury in order to safeguard our freedoms and bring hope to thousands abroad; and

WHEREAS, our nation must strive together with other countries to be vigilant in seeing that inhuman acts are no longer tolerated in this world and that respect for one another and acceptance of our differences—not divisiveness and hatred—define relationships among countries, communities, and cultures; and

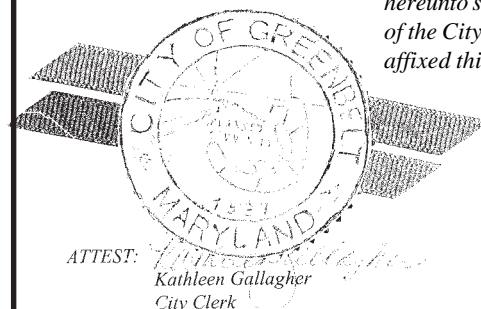
WHEREAS, one way to maintain this vigilance is to continue to remember the innocent victims of these destructive acts and other terrorist assaults around the globe.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Judith F. Davis, by the authority vested in me by the citizens and City Council of Greenbelt, do hereby issue this proclamation declaring

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2003
A DAY TO REMEMBER**

all those whose lives were suddenly and pointlessly taken from them on September 11, 2001. May they forever rest in peace, and may they, as well as their families and friends who continue to mourn them, abide in our memories and in our hearts.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to be affixed this 11th day of September 2003.



ATTEST: Kathleen Gallagher
City Clerk

September Programs at Research Refuge

The Patuxent Research Refuge announces its public programs for September. All programs are free but require advance reservations. Make reservations by calling 301-497-5887. Advise of any special needs so they may be accommodated. For further information visit www.patuxent.fws.gov.

Programs held at the North Tract, located on Rt. 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 32:

Wildflower & Fern

Ramble – Sun, Sept. 21, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Ages 16+. Ramble through the refuge to look for wildflowers and ferns on this guided walk. Water, hats and field guides recommended.

The F.B.I. – Sat., Sept 27, 2 to 3 p.m. Ages 8 to 10. Explore the refuge and find out just who the F.B.I. are. Discover what they do for people and for wildlife.

Programs held at the National Wildlife Visitor Center, located on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 197

in Laurel:

Bird Walk – Tues., Sept. 23 and Sun., Sept. 28, 8:15 to 10:30 a.m. Ages 16+. Hear the early-birds singing their songs and try to identify them on this morning walk. Binoculars, field guides and water recommended.

Nature Tots Series for ages 3 to 4: Silly Goose! – Wed., Sept. 17, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m. Who's that honking? Find out what is so silly about geese and what is so neat about them too.

City Regrets Road Work Problems

City Manager Michael McLaughlin expressed regret for the inconvenience to city residents and visitors caused by road work on Southway last weekend. At the city council meeting on September 8, McLaughlin explained that the road work was done by the state at the city's request. Repairs were made to potholes and surfacing problems on Southway that had gotten beyond the scope of city repair crews.

City staff had requested notice from state employees when the work was scheduled, but for some reason this did not get done. McLaughlin apologized for the traffic tie-up that was created.

City Notes

The week of September 1, the facilities maintenance crew removed and stored electrical equipment from the Labor Day Festival, removed a fallen tree on Greenhill Road and replaced damaged ceiling tiles in the kitchen and Morrison Lounge at the Youth Center.

The streets crew removed and stored booths and equipment after the Labor Day Festival, transported used metal and concrete to recycling facilities and repaired pot holes and cleaned storm drains and underpasses.

The parks crew began installation of a deck on the playground equipment near St. Hugh's and assisted with removal of booths, picnic tables and equipment after Labor Day.

The cleaning crew did routine cleaning in all city buildings.

The horticulture crew assisted with cleaning up after the Labor Day Festival, moving picnic tables and removing bee traps; stored milled lumber in the greenhouse for drying; responded after hours to fallen trees and cut logs and cleaned up after the contractor removed a large tree at the underpass near the library.

The special details crew removed booths and equipment after the Labor Day Festival, dug a grave and set a headstone at the city cemetery and checked and repaired several stop signs and street signs which were damaged in the storms.

Hispanic Festival At Lane Manor Park

The Annual Hispanic Festival is scheduled for Sunday, September 21 from noon to 6 p.m. The festival will be held at Lane Manor Park at University Boulevard and West Park Drive, Adelphi.

Celebrate Hispanic culture with a day of live music, crafts, ethnic foods, carnival games and rides, exhibits and pony rides. Admission is free.

Free parking is available on the festival grounds and the University of Maryland. Take the free shuttle bus from the University and receive free tickets for carnival rides. Shuttle buses will run continuously from noon to 6 p.m. from Langley Park-McCormick Elementary School at 15th Avenue and Merrimac Drive and the University of Maryland, Parking Lot 1 on Campus Drive and Adelphi Road.

For further information, call 301-445-4500; Spanish Line 301-445-4509; TTY 301-445-4512; or visit the website at www.pgparcs.com.



City Information

MEETINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 15-19

Monday, September 15, 8:00pm, CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, Proposed Greenlands Ordinance, Council Room. (Live on Channel 71)

Wednesday, September 17, 8:00pm, Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) Meeting, Greenbelt Community Center.

Thursday, September 18, 6:30pm, Advisory Committee on Trees, Greenbelt Public Works Building. All are welcome, call 301-474-8004 for info.

OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.

Vacancies exist on the:

Advisory Planning Board

Recycling & Environment Advisory Committee

Park and Recreation Advisory Board

For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

FALL GED COURSE

Greenbelt CARES begins the **FALL 10-WEEK-GED COURSE** on Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 16, 2003. Course for Greenbelt residents is free, \$150 for non-Greenbelt residents. Students will be required to purchase calculators and textbooks as well. Classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday, for 10 weeks in the Municipal Building. GED I begins 10:30 - 12:30, GED II begins 1:00 - 3:00. For enrollment information, call CARES, 345-6660, ext. 144 or email: jhering@ci.greenbelt.md.us.

City Council Work Session on:

PROPOSED GREENLANDS ORDINANCE

**Monday, September 15th at 8pm
Greenbelt Municipal Building**

The City Council is seeking to establish regulations to protect the City's green space. A draft ordinance has been reviewed by several City Council advisory groups and will be the topic of this work session.

***This meeting will be cable cast live on
Greenbelt Municipal Access Channel 71.***

Annual Senior Forum

This is your opportunity to speak and be heard about issues relating to senior citizens in our City

Co-sponsored by Greenbelt's

Senior Citizen Advisory Committee & Public Safety Advisory Committee

Saturday, September 13, 2003

1:00 - 3:00pm

**Greenbelt Community Center's
Multi-purpose Room**

Caregivers Needed for Survey

Persons who care for Greenbelt seniors are needed for a City of Greenbelt Needs Assessment Survey. Brief interviews will be conducted via telephone. Please call Gwen Worley at 301-474-8000 to volunteer as a respondent.

DONATION DROP-OFF

Saturday, September 13th

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**Parking lot between the City Office and the
Community Ctr.**

The American Rescue Workers accepts donations of usable Household Goods (clothing, furniture, small appliances, curtains, towels, bedding, books, puzzles and toys.)

For further information contact the City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8303.

Don't set your usable household items out for special trash collection-make a donation to the American Rescue Workers so your items can be REUSED!

LAKE PARK CLEAN-UP

Saturday, September 20th

9am-12 noon

Buddy Attick Park

(Rain Date: Saturday, September 27th)

Volunteers needed! Come out and join the members of the Recycling and Environment Committee in removing litter and other debris from the shoreline and path at Buddy Attick

Park. Students...bring your forms,

Community Service Hours will be given. Dress

comfortably and bring your work boots and gloves!

Info: 301-474-8004

CITY OF GREENBELT ELECTION INFORMATION VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR CITY ELECTION

Greenbelt residents are reminded that to participate in the 2003 City election—whether as a voter, a candidate for City Council, or a signer of a petition for a candidate—you must be registered to vote in Prince George's County.

To register to vote in Prince George's County, you must:

- Be a citizen of the United States of America;
- Be at least 18 years of age as of November 4, 2003;
- Be domiciled within the corporate limits of the City of Greenbelt as of the date of registration;
- Not have been convicted more than once of an infamous crime and not be currently under sentence or on probation pursuant to a conviction of an infamous crime; and
- Not be under guardianship for mental disability.

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For additional information, call Kathleen Gallagher, City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or send e-mail to kgallagher@ci.greenbelt.md.us

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/ PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

Municipal Access: 301-474-8000: Monday, September 15th at 8pm: City Council Work Session "live" **Tuesday & Thursday, September 16 & 18: 6:00pm** "Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen 2003-Emory Harman" **7:00pm** "The Miss Greenbelt Pageant 2003" Includes opening night, evening gown, speaking and crowning. **10:00pm** "Replay of City Council Work Session of 9/15"

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POLICE BLOTTER

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

Shooting

Westway and Ridge Road, August 31, 3:49 a.m., a man advised that he was driving his vehicle from the College Park area when he realized that he was being followed by another vehicle, described as a gray Dodge Neon 4-door with tinted windows, blue corner lights and blue rims. He parked his vehicle on Westway and walked to the area of Westway and Ridge Road, where the other vehicle pulled up and the suspect exited the vehicle. The suspect produced a shotgun and fired one round, striking the victim in the arm. He then got into his vehicle and fled the scene. He is described as a white male wearing a baseball cap. The victim declined treatment for a minor wound to his arm.

Theft

6460 Capitol Drive, August 29, 11:36 p.m., a nonresident man was arrested and charged with theft. He had left the T.G.I. Friday's restaurant without paying his bill. He attempted to flee the area on foot, but was apprehended after a foot chase. A computer check revealed that the man had an open warrant with the Charles County Sheriff's Department. The suspect was released on citation into the custody of the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department for service of the warrant.

Burglary

Beltway Plaza Mall, August 31, 8:05 a.m., commercial burglary.

7600 block Mandan Road, August 31, 9:25 a.m., unknown person(s) forced entry into a resi-

dence and ransacked the home. It is unknown at this time what, if anything, had been taken.

6000 block Springhill Drive, September 1, 5:09 p.m., unknown person(s) entered the residence by breaking out a rear window. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

DWI

6900 block Hanover Parkway, August 29, 9:37 p.m., a resident woman was arrested and charged with driving while impaired and driving under the influence after she was stopped for driving through a police barricade during an accident investigation. She was released on citations pending trial.

Trespass

Beltway Plaza Mall, August 30, 6:39 p.m., a resident man was arrested and charged with trespass. The suspect was arrested after he returned to the mall after having been previously banned by agents of the property. The suspect was released on citation pending trial.

Beltway Plaza Mall, September 2, 3:33 p.m., a nonresident woman was arrested and charged with trespass and disorderly conduct after she refused to leave Party City after having been asked to leave by agents of the property. Once outside, she became disorderly and shouted profanities. The suspect was released on citation pending trial.

Credit Card Fraud

Beltway Plaza Mall, September 4, 4:30 p.m., a nonresident woman was arrested and charged with credit card fraud and attempted theft after she allegedly

attempted to purchase merchandise at the Target department store with a fraudulent credit card. She was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were stolen: a gray 1992 Ford Crown Victoria 4-door, D.C. temporary tags 69514DG, August 29, from Beltway Plaza Mall; a red 2000 Dodge Neon 4-door, Maryland tags KPJ384, August 30, from the 6400 block Ivy Lane; a black 1995 Honda Accord 4-door, Virginia tags YDF8613, September 1, from the 5900 block Cherrywood Lane; a white 1997 Nissan Maxima 4-door, Maryland tags JHJ071, September 2, from the 7700 block Hanover Parkway; a silver 1984 Toyota 4Runner, Maryland tags M890879, September 4, from the 38 court Crescent Road.

Twelve vehicles were recovered as was one vehicle tag. No arrests were made.

Theft from autos were reported in the following areas: Beltway Plaza Mall (3 incidents), 6100 block Breezewood Drive, 6200 block Breezewood Drive, 9100 block Edmonston Road, 23 court Ridge Road and 10 court Plateau Place.

Other offenses reported to Greenbelt police, but not included as narratives include: domestic assault, shoplifting, vandalism, emergency psychiatric commitment, violation of a protective order and possession of marijuana.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Citizens may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522. Victims of the theft of lawn ornaments, tools, lawn mowers, etc., should contact Criminal Investigations at 301-507-6530. Some items have been recovered and police would like to return them to owners.

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the developer in 1978 and 1979, the electrical agreement with Pepco still applied. According to Bupp, the association now owns and maintains 35 green transformers situated at an exterior corner of each building. These are valued at about \$25,000 each.

Six large gray panels placed at Greenbriar's central heating plant and, for Glen Oaks, at 7907 Mandan Road hold the switchgear for the system. Each panel is worth \$100,000, according to Bupp. In addition, high voltage electric lines carrying 15,000 volts of electricity sweep from one transformer to the next as part of the system. Bupp estimates their value at between \$650,000 and \$1 million.

Recent Failures

Unfortunately the system is now 30 years old, the outer limit of life expectancy for the wiring and transformers. "Over time," Bupp's letter says, "the electric lines wear, and one small nick or cut" can short out. Thus "the wire burns a hole in itself" and the power shuts down.

This is only the beginning of the difficulties, however. The underground break then has to be "located, excavated and repaired." When the power is turned back on, a new problem may occur, the letter says, since a surge of electricity through the lines further weakens them, creating a potential for further out-

ages. Thus the old electric lines must now be replaced, Bupp says.

And indeed the first steps toward this end began some two years ago when the GCA Board contracted with Diamond Electric to run new cable from the central plant switchgear to the Greenbriar community building. At that time the new feed line was reconfigured from a straight-line to a loop-feed system, with the result that fewer buildings need to be shut down when repairs are being made, Bupp says.

As "sections of cable with multiple faults" are identified, in Bupp's words, the old cable will be replaced. In his mid-July letter he attributed the three most recent outages on Hanover Parkway to this problem. CVI is carrying out preventive maintenance in order to keep outages to a minimum.

Inconveniences

Mayor Judith Davis, who lives in Phase I of the development, related how surprised she had been to return home after two weeks away and discover no messages on her answering machine. With her many mayoral duties, this seemed like a miracle. But then she realized that electrical power must have been cut off at some point because, when that happens, all messages on the tape are erased.

Phase III resident Dorothy

Pyles recalled that on one of the hottest days a seven-hour outage left her and her neighbors miserable. She noted that that evening obviously "a lot of people went out to dinner."

The management office of the association has taken steps to keep residents informed. One telephone extension has been set aside for inquiries. When this reporter tried it, the message read: "There are no power outages or utility interruptions" - obviously a good-news day.

Take-over?

Apparently CVI has explored the possibility of having Pepco take over the system, primarily because working with 15,000-volt cables, as Bupp notes, "is very dangerous." Few electrical contractors besides Pepco can handle this work.

But Pepco will not take over a 30-year-old system until it has been completely tested and repaired, which undoubtedly means replacement of large parts of the system, Bupp adds.

Since the recent great blackout in Ontario and the northeastern United States, a new national urgency to study and repair the country's electrical grid system is apparent. How Greenbriar will fit into this picture is unknown. On its very small scale, it is obviously a symptom of the whole.

Purple Line Back on Track, Per MTA

In a letter addressed to Mayor Judith Davis, Robert Smith, administrator with the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) announced plans by the state's Department of Transportation to reinstate the federal planning and environmental study process for the 14-mile Bi-County Transitway.

The Bi-County Transitway project incorporates the former Georgetown Branch Purple Line western segment (Bethesda to Silver Spring) and the Purple Line eastern segment (Silver Spring to New Carrollton) into one comprehensive study.

The kick-off of the study process is known as Public Scoping, which will involve a series of public meetings where preliminary alternatives, alignment options and possible station locations are introduced to the public for input.

A Public Scoping meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 24 from 4 to 8 p.m. at

College Park City Hall, 4500 Knox Road, College Park.

In March 2003, Governor Robert Ehrlich announced his intention to seek federal funds to support the planning, design and construction of the Bi-County Transitway.

Greenbelt Lake Loses Resident

Greenbelt's Animal Control Officer Susie Hall reports that a popular resident of Greenbelt Lake has passed away. A Great Blue Heron that has frequented the lake environs for some time was reported "acting sick" by several visitors to the lake about a week ago. The bird was found dead in the lake on Monday, September 8. Hall says the cause of the bird's demise is unknown, but judging from the number of calls to her office regarding its whereabouts, it will be missed.

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Council Briefed on Crime Prevention and Response

by Diane Oberg

In the wake of several high-profile crimes this summer, including a shooting in Springhill Lake, a murder in Greenbelt East and a violent carjacking, Lt. Thomas Kemp of the Greenbelt Police Department briefed the Greenbelt City Council at its August 25 regular meeting on recent criminal activity in the city and the department's response. In other action, council took another step toward renovating the theater in Roosevelt Center and received two reports on city election issues.

City Crime

Kemp assured citizens that they are "in no greater danger now than before July 27," when the Springhill Lake and Greenbelt East shootings occurred. (The carjacking, in which a person was shot in the leg, happened on August 15.) Kemp reported that the department "has been quite successful in follow-up investigation to major crimes occurring in the city."

Recounting the four most recent homicides, he said that a suspect was captured at the scene of a 2002 murder; a suspect was arrested within weeks of a 2003 domestic assault (with the help of U.S. Marshals and Virginia State Police) and, relating to a murder earlier this year of a Springhill Lake resident, two suspects were captured near the scene and a warrant has been issued for a third suspect.

In the July murder in Greenbelt East, Kemp said that a suspect has been identified and although he has not yet been arrested, he is believed to have fled the area and not to pose a danger to Greenbelters at this time. City police are working

with other agencies to effect the arrest of this suspect.

The department is also working to prevent crime, Kemp said, although it can be difficult to identify what crimes did not happen because of prior police action. For example, on the previous Friday city police arrested four individuals and discovered a rifle in their vehicle with the serial number removed. What crimes might they have committed if not arrested?

Kemp said much of the violent crime in Greenbelt appears to be connected to illegal drugs. To combat it, the department is planning targeted patrol and interdiction operations that have been effective in the past. The command staff is considering possible structural changes to the department allowing them more flexibility in responding to specific crime problems.

Springhill Lake Apartments management has agreed to a joint public-private partnership that would increase police presence in that complex. The city is now waiting to learn whether a federal grant covering the city's initial costs will be approved.

Kemp said the police are also working to address the high level of auto theft in Greenbelt by exploring the "bait cars" program that has been successful in Virginia and ways to make anti-theft devices more readily available to Greenbelters.

Boxwood Village resident Keith Chernikoff asked about the drug trade in the city core.

Kemp confirmed the problem. He said the tactical unit recently conducted a drug raid on Plateau Place and that, working with residents, police have made a number of arrests in Boxwood.

Council awarded a contract

for up to \$40,000 plus reimbursable expenses to GTM Architects for renovation of the theater in Roosevelt Center. The firm had worked on the restoration of the Avalon Theater in Washington, D.C. Under the contract one of the first tasks the firm will perform is a feasibility study, after which the firm will work with council, staff and citizens to set priorities for what can be done with the \$300,000 available (less the cost of this contract). The exact fee the firm will receive will not be determined until the scope of the work is determined.

Hilton Garden Inn

Council unanimously recommended county approval of the site plan for a Hilton Garden Inn to be developed next to the Marriott Residence Inn in the Golden Triangle, the development along Greenbelt Road between Kenilworth Avenue and the Beltway overpass. The plan calls for a six-story, 155-unit hotel, with a conference room that can hold 250 people.

Attorney Richard "Chip" Reed, representing the Shamin Hotels, described extensive landscaping on the site and agreed to the conditions recommended by city staff. Anticipating concern by council regarding the proposed 149-space parking lot, Reed acknowledged that county code requires only 78 spaces. However, he questioned the reasonableness of that requirement.

This would amount to only one-half space per room with no provision for parking for staff or for the large conference room. While council did not impose additional restrictions, Mayor Judith Davis told Reed "it would be nice" if the hotel could do with 10 or 20 fewer parking spaces.

During construction, all trees on the site other than those along the roadways will be removed. The plan calls for planting 126 trees on the site after construction, (county code requires 60). In addition, 381 shrubs are planned.

Elections

Council received a report from the Board of Elections noting the increasing costs of conducting city elections in a high-tech world. Until 2001, the city used lever voting machines owned by Prince George's County. These machines, however, are no longer available for use. For the 2001 election the city was able to take advantage of companies' desire for demonstration elections while competing for a new state contract to obtain electronic machines for just \$1,000, which the board notes "was recognized to be well below a market rate."

Contracts signed by the county and state for voting machines do not include provisions for use of the machines by municipalities. Thus, the city has had to negotiate its own contract for the November election. Greenbelt's Board of Elections obtained two estimates. One, from the company used for the 2001 election, came in unexpectedly high at \$16,295. The other company, McAfee Election Services, proposed to provide the needed machines for \$6,350.

The major drawback to this bid is that, unlike the high bidder, no audio capability is available for the visually impaired, although a Braille option is available. The Board has contracted with McAfee and is seeking to add the Braille option.

In a second report the board recommended that a proportional

voting procedure not be implemented. Proportional voting procedures are designed to increase minority representation in election participation and results. While agreeing with the goals, the board was not convinced that the proposed approach would be effective.

Other Actions

Council approved contracting with Christal Batey to serve as the city's Community Resource Advocate from September 1 through June 30 at a cost of \$48,960.

Council unanimously agreed that the city should fund the \$11,870 cost of the Advisory Committee on Education reading program. In past years this program has been funded by a state grant, which was not received this year. Staff will continue to seek other grants for this program.

Council reappointed Robert Shafer and Mark Gitlis to the Arts Advisory Board and accepted the resignations of Eric Lindon, Elisa Craft and Earl Taylor from the Park and Recreation Advisory Board, the Recycling and Environment Advisory committee and the Advisory Planning Board, respectively.

Blood Level Now Critically Low

The American Red Cross reports that blood inventory levels in this region have fallen to a record low. Due to lack of response to previous calls for donors, distribution of blood products is now limited to local hospitals and trauma centers. The Red Cross urgently requests donors to make appointments now by calling 1-800-GIVE LIFE.

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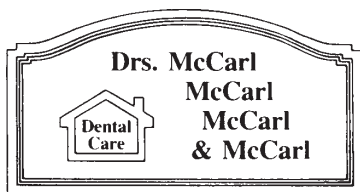
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as city manager and as a co-member of the Outstanding Citizen Committee. He recalled how Birner had gotten the church membership to seek out and acquire from the U.S. government the parcel of land on which the present church building stands. The church had then sold its property on Ridge Road, with a basement temporarily used by Greenbelt CARES. It was later demolished in order to build Green Ridge House, a senior resident apartment building built under the federal Section 8 housing program. Giese complained that the property had once been a barnyard, and that the city had faced extra building costs because building excavation had uncovered a large pile of buried manure.

Other reminiscences of Birner's work in Greenbelt were made by Art Winker, a long-time member of the church and past president; Pamela Brown, who has worked with the church youth for 10 years and Pastor John Defenthaler, president of the SE District of Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. Defenthaler noted how

he felt at home in Greenbelt because he had grown up next door to Greenbelt's sister city, Greendale, Wis. The streets there had names like those in old Greenbelt – Northway, Eastway, etc.

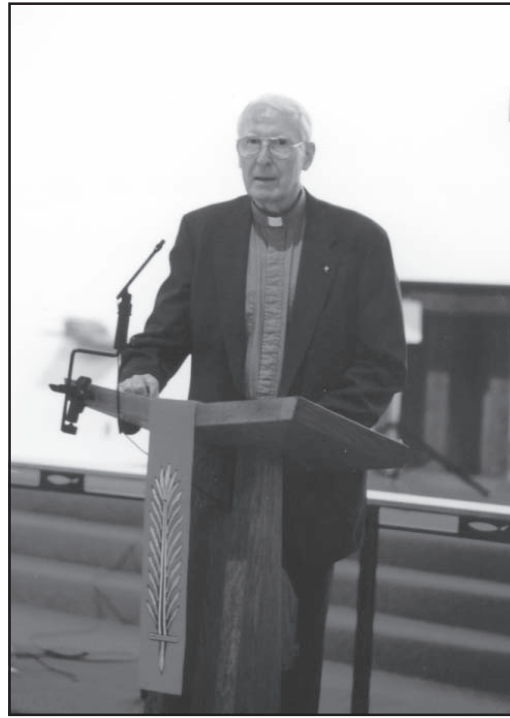
Sons

Birner's four sons provided the most heartwarming salutes: Andrew, the eldest, now in private business; Paul, now a Lutheran minister; Jonathan, a church organist in Florida; and Joel, also in business. Ed and Nancy Birner were married in 1957. Their sons were all raised in Greenbelt. The sons' tributes were followed by a computer-generated presentation prepared by Jim Ittenbach showing pictures of Birner and his family from when he first came to Greenbelt until recent times.

The church membership, represented by Jim Ittenbach and Master-of-Ceremonies Warren Winker presented Birner with a statue of Christ, a replica of a larger statue located in the narthex of the church. The sculptress was Ittenbach's sister Martha,

who came to the celebration from New Orleans to help make the presentation. Gallilee Lutheran Church in Pasadena presented Birner with a painting by Thomas Kincaid of a church. Birner had served as interim pastor of that church after retiring from Holy Cross. The last gift was a Remembrance Book put together by Irene Day with a collection of recollections by church members and others.

Birner then expressed his appreciation to all who had joined him in this celebration. He and Nancy once again greeted all the well-wishers as they filed out of the church.



Pastor Edward Birner, at the lectern of the church he helped to build, thanked the many members of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church and friends, for their participation in the 50-year anniversary celebration.



Mayor Judith Davis gave Reverend Ed Birner a big hug following her presentation of a letter from the City Council.



Herb Lecompte of Galilee Lutheran Church presents a Thomas Kincaid painting to Pastor Birner.



Pastor Edward Birner and his wife Nancy.



Artist Martha Ittenbach holds her sculpture, a replica of the statue of Christ located in the Holy Cross Church narthex, which was presented to Pastor Birner by the congregation.

Should City Expand Cemetery, Build Urn Structure or Both?

by Virginia Beauchamp

Only a few minutes into the Greenbelt City Council work session on August 20, it became clear that whatever action was going to be taken on expanding the city cemetery would not occur any time soon. Indeed, as it was, the issue had obviously been moving very slowly. A background report passed out at the meeting was dated April 3, 2001. It had been prepared by David Moran, assistant to the city manager.

In his previous position as city clerk, Moran had been responsible for overseeing sales and carrying out administrative duties concerning the cemetery. Both he and the present city clerk, Kathleen Gallagher, will be in the midst of their busiest season, Moran pointed out, until after the city council election is over. Any research needing to be carried out concerning the cemetery, he said, will have to wait until after the new council is installed.

All 186 plots of which the cemetery is comprised have now been sold, Gallagher said, and a waiting list of about 10 people who wish to purchase plots has been created. At the time of Moran's report, 70 plots were occupied; that figure is now 82.

Councilmembers had numerous questions and concerns. (All were present except for Edward Putens, whose son had undergone an

emergency appendectomy late that afternoon.)

Council wondered if records are available concerning the present addresses of owners of vacant plots. Is it possible, they asked, that current owners may in the meantime have made other plans and would be interested in selling? Moran said there had been "no organized attempt" to locate owners. The city had no contact information concerning some of them, he added.

Expansion?

Rodney Roberts wondered if any other sites might be available besides expanding the current facility, which he opposed as changing its "beauty."

Immediately the suggestion raised the question of zoning issues, which no one present could answer. Mayor Judith Davis at once cut off that current of thought: "I don't see expansion of the cemetery as a never-ending project. It's a cost problem right now," she added.

Two years ago Bill Phelan, the city's assistant director of public works, had prepared a possible cost estimate of from \$10,000 to \$15,000 to increase the present cemetery an additional 80 to 90 feet toward Kenilworth Avenue. This process would involve tree removal, grading, fertilizing, landscaping and planting. His one-page report was included in the council packet.

Councilmember Thomas White spoke up. "The issue tonight is expansion. There's an apparent need for additional plots," he said, referring to the waiting list. "The issue is viable," he said; "it would be prudent to take a good look at it." He suggested that if the cost of maintenance is a problem, "a larger base would assist with perpetual care."

Structure for Urns

White expressed an interest in a second option suggested in Moran's report – a possible structure for holding urns. Such a structure "could define boundaries," he proposed. "Usually they include a meditative space, with benches provided."

Moran said that the niches in such structures cost between \$205 and \$625, exclusive of the cost of the structure itself. He suggested that they might consider burial plots for urns, each of which would require about one-third the space needed for a full casket burial.

Councilmember Alan Turnbull said he favored a wall structure with niches. He advocated hiring as a consultant an architect who specializes in memorials. Roberts concurred. He felt such a structure could constitute the cemetery's north wall marking the current boundary.

White said they might also look at "some expansion of burial plots."

Future Research

David Lange, one of four citizens attending the meeting, returned to an earlier theme. As he noted, over 100 plots have not been used. He wondered if some of these might not be available, especially since in the early years plots were often sold in groups of four. He speculated that if 10 families were contacted, the city might be able to locate as many as 25 plots that could be put up for sale.

The Social Security Administration, he said, has a website listing everyone who has died and received the death benefit. He knew that the Greenbelt Museum also keeps track of the city's living pioneers. He thought the city might be able to put together plot owners no longer planning to use them with those on the waiting list. He recommended "a well-defined policy" for effecting such transfers.

Mayor Davis agreed that the city should work out such a procedure or policy. Lange added that if the city itself acquired some of the plots, it might be able to subdivide each of them into three urn plots.

The city is limited by the city code, Gallagher said. She felt that price structure was an issue. "The plots are terribly under-priced at this time," she said, while conceding that individual owners could charge any price they wished.

If the city were to subdivide the current plots into three urn plots, Mayor Davis offered, what would have to change in the city code? The city clerk would have to be able to issue three deeds. Gallagher agreed but felt that the city also should seriously consider increasing the price.

Davis said that a waiting list policy also should be worked out. How should we contact current owners, she asked. Moran added that confidentiality is also an issue. Council directed Moran to inquire into architectural possibilities for building an urn structure and Gallagher to explore what may need changing in the city code and how to contact current owners.

Maintenance

Before council turned to the agenda items at the beginning of the meeting, resident Rose Remenick spoke on behalf of a friend now living in Pennsylvania whose late husband is buried in the cemetery. The friend had been appalled, Remenick said, about the poor quality of maintenance when she last visited. She described long, unmown grass and a great deal of mud.

Leonie Penney, whose husband is also buried there and who visits frequently, disagreed. She conceded that mowing has been difficult this summer because of the continuing and frequent rains.

Doggone Fun in the City

by Trixie, Kenilworth, Max and Snookie Celdran

A big woof of thanks to Susie Hall, Greenbelt animal control officer and George Rogala, aquatic director, for hosting the first annual Pooch Plunge Saturday, September 6 at the Greenbelt Pool where our "parents" took us to swim and socialize with many other canines and their humans.

We made a lot of new friends and got to play with all kinds of dogs, both big and small with different personalities. Although the water was a little nippy, the weather was sunny and warm – a gorgeous day to be outside! We enjoyed fetching tennis balls, eating grass and running with our fellow canines.

The humans took pleasure in watching all of us play. The best part was having our humans in the water with us as we chased tennis balls and doggie paddled around. We really had a nice time and were certainly worn out when we got home! We hope they'll have it again next year.

Yip, yip also to the New Deal Café, Kris White and her fellow companion animal lovers who sponsored the first Doggie Night Out at the Café. We hear it was a success, too. Thanks to everyone who made these events possible.



Though some of the participants were a bit hesitant, this black Lab naturally took to the water.



Owner Chet and his companion "Itchy" enjoyed the water activity together.



These greyhounds were on hand to enjoy the New Deal Café's first "Doggie Dining Out." The dogs belong to Kris White who organized the event.

Income Tax Falls Short, Raising the Deficit

by James Giese

City Treasurer Jeff Williams gave city officials bad news last week. In an August 12 memo to City Manager Michael McLaughlin, Williams advised that state income tax revenues for the last fiscal year fell far short of staff estimates and would be less than for the previous year. As a result, the fiscal year 2003 deficit will be approximately \$375,000, some \$327,600 more than the budgeted amount included when the budget was adopted over a year ago and almost \$100,000 more than was forecast at the time the current fiscal year budget was adopted in June. (The city had planned to use some of its unallocated reserves – surplus – to balance the budget at the time of adoption.)

Under the established governmental accounting guidelines and state procedures for distributing income tax, the city never knows until well after the end of the fiscal year on June 30 the total amount of income tax revenues it will receive for the completed year. During the fiscal year the city receives a series of estimated payments. But it is not until August or September that the State Comptroller's Office makes its final determination of income taxes paid for the previous calendar year and makes a final adjusting payment to each of the local jurisdictions. Sometimes the city can be pleasantly surprised with more than was expected. This time the final payment fell well below staff expectations.

Over the last 15 years, the final payment has averaged over

11 percent of the total received. The \$15,555 final payment for this year will be less than one percent.

Williams now estimates that the undesignated unreserved fund balance at the end of the fiscal year will be \$2,625,000. Thus there is no immediate financial crisis for the city.

According to Williams total revenues for the past year did exceed the amount budgeted by \$184,000 or just over one percent, in spite of the shortfall in income tax revenues. That is more than enough to cover the budgeted use of reserve funds made a year ago. However, when the current budget was adopted this June, staff had forecast a much larger overage for revenues as well as significant overages in expenditures for the past year, resulting in a \$278,000 expected deficit. Although expenditures actually appear to be less than was estimated in June, the revenue forecast proved to be even further off, resulting in the reported deficit now being \$375,000.

Recreation and Parks ended the fiscal year below estimates, Williams said, while the Police and Public Works Departments slightly exceeded their budgets. Expenditures for the Planning and Community Development and Greenbelt CARES original budgets were also exceeded. The biggest overage, however, was caused by the amount of funds the state required the city to pay to adequately fund a new retirement plan for police officers – an amount far greater than the state initially estimated. Council's approval of a transfer of funds of \$57,000 into a fire equipment

fund, an amount that was supposed to have been transferred in FY 2001 but was not, also added to the deficit.

Real estate taxes slightly bettered original budget estimates. Personal property taxes levied against businesses in the city exceeded original estimates by over \$200,000. Income tax revenues fell short by \$182,000. The admissions and amusement tax levied primarily upon movie theater admissions yielded a little more than expected while the tax on hotel and motel occupants fell slightly short of budget estimates. Licenses for rental properties and construction exceeded original estimates by about one-third. License fees for cable television cables on city property and most grants were about as budgeted. Greenbelt CARES, however, received an unexpected \$10,000 from the county. Waste collection and recreation fees were close to budget estimates. Parking ticket fines fell a little short of estimates while fines received from red light camera violations were almost \$35,000 above the \$575,000 estimate. With interest rates way down, interest revenues from the investment of city funds was less than half the amount estimated. Miscellaneous fees were also down a little.

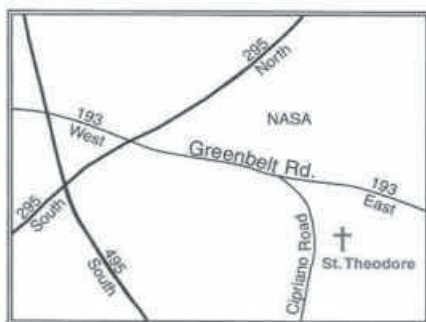
Overall, revenues for the fiscal year ending June 30 were \$17,008,183 as compared to a budget of \$16,823,900. Expenditures are now estimated at \$17,382,644 as compared to an adopted budget of \$16,870,000. These figures are subject to change as a result of the audit now being conducted by an independent accounting firm.

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Art Show Winners Came in All Shapes and Sizes

by Barbara Simon

This year's Labor Day Festival Art shows, which included work by 72 participants, drew over 700 visitors. As usual, some of the artists had exhibited work in previous Labor Day shows but there was also interesting work by newcomers. One striking aspect was the number of families who had at least two members entering works. Twelve families with two or more siblings entered work in the Children's Show, including three families with three or more children in the show and one family in which both mother and daughter entered work.

Adult Winners

In the Adult Show the first place winner in the oil/acrylic painting division was Monica Mische for "The Crow." Second prize went to Jude Brettell for a view of a room entitled "Interior 2." Barbara Stevens received third prize with her landscape, "Formal Garden in the Natural World." "Fantasy" by Milton Kibler was awarded fourth place. Milton Kibler also received first prize in watercolor for his "Fishermen on Outer Banks Pier."

Second prize in watercolor went to Ingrid Cowan Hass for her still life "Spring Posies." Hass also won second prize in the drawing category for her still life "Morning Harvest." Third prize in watercolor went to Marjorie Fugate for her landscape "Days of October." Pauline Grant received the fourth place award for her view of "The Village."

In the drawing category, Tom Baker's work depicting last fall's rummage sale at the New Deal Café, "It's a New Deal at the New Deal Café," was awarded first prize. A drawing by Russell Caudill, "Deer in Snow," was also awarded first prize. Third prize went to Wendy Hagelgans for her portrait of "Will."

In the graphics/mixed media category, Lynn Slater received the first place award for her collage of a carnival scene called "Ride of Your Life." John Norden won first prize in the sculpture category for his "Container for Hate." Second prize went to Paul Downs for his "Living It Up at Tulip House."

Elizabeth Morisette won first prize in the fine crafts category with her tapestry weaving called "Webster." Second prize went to Elaine Forrest for her beaded necklace, "Peacock in India" and Charlene Lagerwerff received third place for her ceramic piece "Fantasia's Servant."

Children's Show

In the Children's Show awards are given in both categories and by age groups. In the pre-school to age six group, first place winner in the painting category was Evan Candey for his painting "Dog," done when he was 2 1/2. Second prize went to Kirin Taylor for her painting "Flower." Second prize also was awarded to Kyle Donn for his "Girl Reaching for the Sky." Third prize in painting went to Suzannah Noyes for "Butterfly." Noyes also won first prize in the sculpture category for her clay sculpture, "Spots."

First prize in drawing in this youngest age group went to Mairead Alexander for her work "I Love You Mom." Second prize went to Mary Commins for her family portrait of "Three Sisters." Third prize went to Charles Fahey for his "Two Bears on a Nature Walk." Fahey also won second prize in the sculpture category for his "Rock Wearing Hat." Third prize in drawing went to Clare Alexander for her "Clare's Blue Picture" and fourth prize was awarded to Patricia Commins for "Fairy Yard."



Winners in the Adult Show who were present at the Labor Day Festival to receive their awards are (left to right) Pauline Grant, Paul Downs, Milton Kibler, Monica Mische, Jude Brettell, Russell Caudill, Elaine Forrest and Charlene Lagerwerff. (Not present were Barbara Stevens, Ingrid Cowan Hass, Marjorie Fugate, Tom Baker, Wendy Hagelgans, Lynn Slater, John Norden and Elizabeth Morisette.)



The 15 to 18 year old award winners are (left to right): Jessica Mealey, Timothy Nutwell, Amali Wijeweera, Caitlin Donahue, Christopher Wolf-Pitts, Jacqueline Tull, Nora Simon and Andrea Wiggins.



The 11 to 14 year old award winners are (left to right): Joey Nutwell, Brandon Peters, Adrienne Peters, Clay Hannon, Mark Nutwell, Maddy Henderson, Marion Donahue, Kara Wolf-Pitts and Sophia Sanborn.



The pre-school to age six award-winners in the Children's Art Show are (left to right) Patricia Commins, Clare Alexander, Charles Fahey, Mary Commins, Mairead Alexander, Suzannah Noyes, Kirin Taylor and Kyle Donn. (Not present was Evan Candey.)

In the seven to ten year old group first prize in painting was awarded to Devin Taylor for "Snake Eye." Taylor also received the Cipriano Award for the children's art work that best depicted Americans at work for his drawing "Dedication to Firefighters." Second prize in painting went to Walter Commins for his "Gumdrops On a Plate." Second prize was also awarded to Beatrice Rudolph for her "Unicorn Power."

First prize in drawing in this age group went to Maddy Noyes for her "Persian Rug Design." Maddy also won first prize in sculpture for her "Room Book Ends." First prize in drawing was also awarded to Rose Commins for her "Blue Bells." Second prize went to Sophia Sanborn for her drawing of a colt taking its "First Steps." Second prize also went to Shanmate Singh for her "Unicorns at Sea."

Third prize in drawing went to Cody Pixley for his view of the "Labor Day Festival." Third prize also went to James Fahey for his "Maiasaur and Babies." Fahey also won third prize in sculpture for his clay "Serpent Bow." Fourth prize in drawing was awarded to Philip Njowusi for his "Motorcross Jump."

First prize in sculpture for this seven to ten year old group went to Natalia Noyes for her clay sculpture/container "Spotted Dog." Second prize went to Eleanor Grammas for her paper sculpture "My Dream Garden." Second prize also went to Genavera Gannon for "The Paradise Bedroom." Fourth prize went to Lisa Donn for her clay sculpture "Birds That Can't Fly."

Teen Awards

In the 11 to 14 year age group, first prize in painting was awarded to Sophia Sanborn for her acrylic painting "Buddy Attick Pond." Sanborn also received second prize in drawing for her "Black Faced Lamb." In drawing, first prize went to Kara Wolf-Pitts for her "First Day of School." She also received first prize in sculpture for her papier-mache mask "Kitty."

First prize also went to Marion Donahue for her "Angel to Peace." Second prize was awarded to Maddy Henderson for her drawing "Amal." Third prize went to Mark Nutwell for "A Glimpse of the Deep" and fourth prize went to Clay Hannon for "Punk Girl." In sculpture, second prize was awarded to Adrienne Peters for her clay bowl and third prize went to her brother Brandon Peters for his "Sculpy Monsters." Fourth prize was awarded to Joey Nutwell for his "Snail on a Leaf."

In the 15 to 18 year age group, Andrea Wiggen was awarded first prize in painting for her watercolor "Pine Warbler." Second prize went to Nora Simon for her acrylic painting "Purple Passion." Simon also received second prize in sculpture for her construction "Insane Apartment."

First prize in drawing in her age group was awarded to Jacqueline Tull for her "Self Portrait." Second prize went to Christopher Wolf-Pitts for "Marionette." Second prize also went to Caitlin Donahue for her calligraphic work "Dragons." Third prize went to Amali Wijeweera for her "Mesmerized Yet?" and fourth prize went to Timothy Nutwell for his "Head in the Clouds." In sculpture, first prize was awarded to Jessica Mealey for her "Expressive Totem Pole."

The Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA), which organizes the shows, wishes to thank the city's Public Works Department and the staff of the Greenbelt Community Center for their assistance and the Arts and Cultural Heritage Division of the M-NCPPC for lending their display boards.



The seven- to 10-year old award winners are (left to right) Genavera Gannon, Natalia Noyes, Philip Njowusi, Maddy Noyes, James Fahey, Eleanor Grammas, Cody Pixley, Shanmate Singh, Sophia Sanborn, Rose Commins, Devin Taylor, Beatrice Rudolph and Lisa Donn. (Not present was Walter Commins.)

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