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Candidates' Forum Opens Discussion of City Issues

by Mary Moien

The Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC) sponsored a candidate's night on October 2. All candidates were present. In order of their placement on the ballot, they are Leta Mach, James Inzeo, Edward Putens, Konrad Herling, Richard Santos, Rodney Roberts and Judith Davis. Sheldon Goldberg, GEAC chair, moderated the meeting. Each candidate gave a brief introduction, responded to three questions and then had a chance to summarize why citizens should vote for them. Candidates responded to each question in varying order.

Questions

Even though Greenbelt has a large, effective police force, several recent incidents have made citizens feel somewhat unsafe. What do you think can be done to improve this situation?

Konrad Herling: As the first respondent, Herling indicated that there is no easy answer to this question. He indicated that police are at full force. He suggested perhaps the Roosevelt

Center merchants might work together with the city to fund more security there. He also mentioned neighborhood watch groups and concluded that for males and females alike it might make sense to use a buddy system when out at night.

Richard Santos: Santos described the crime issue as related to the city's success and to its proximity to large roads. Greenbelt East accounted for about one-quarter of the crimes reported last year; about half of the criminals were nonresidents. He stated that police presence on the street is the key, and the community must work with the police.

Rodney Roberts: Roberts indicated that crime has been an issue ever since he has been on the city council and it is one of the "most frustrating" issues he deals with. He said the "bottom line" is police presence. The city must "take a real look at how we're utilizing the force."

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Council Studies Response To PATRIOT ACT Petition

by Diane Oberg

The Greenbelt City Council is expected to take two actions in response to a petition regarding the USA PATRIOT Act at its October 27 regular meeting. The details of this response are to be fleshed out by city staff, but likely will include a letter to the city's federal representatives raising concerns about the law. The outline of this response was provided by council at an October 8 worksession.

The petition was presented to council on September 8 by the Greenbelt Bill of Rights Defense Coalition.

The law, formally known as Public Law 107-56 (short title - "Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (USA PATRIOT ACT) Act of 2001") was passed on October 26, 2001, less than two months after the terrorist attacks on the Pentagon and the World Trade Center.

Petition

The coalition asked council to pass a resolution affirming the civil rights of all city residents regardless of citizenship and calling upon Maryland's Congressional delegation to actively work for repeal of "those portions of the Act and those orders and rules that violate the rights and liberties guaranteed by the United States Constitution." The proposed resolution also directs city officials and employees to refrain from participating in vari-

ous activities under the act such as participating in the enforcement of federal immigration laws, engaging in surveillance based upon religious or political affiliations, racial and religious profiling and encouraging people to spy on their neighbors, colleagues or customers without particularized suspicion of criminal activity. The resolution would also require city staff to report to council any request by federal officials that would cause staff to cooperate in the exercise of powers in violation of city laws or the state or federal constitution.

Untenable Position

It quickly became clear that council would not direct staff to disobey or impede any actions taken under the act. Police Chief James Craze, City Solicitor Robert Manzi and the Community Relations Advisory Board all opposed any action of this type. The primary concern was that directing city employees not to comply with a federal law would put them in an untenable position.

Mayor Judith Davis mentioned a memo council received from David Haberman, a retired attorney, who pointed out that while individuals are free to engage in civil disobedience, the councilmembers are sworn to uphold the state and federal constitution and laws. Davis agreed

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Brainstorm Session On Theater Changes

The first step in an on-going process to renovate the Old Greenbelt Theatre in the Roosevelt Center will take place as a public forum on Wednesday, October 22. The forum will draw together Greenbelt City Councilmembers, city staff, an architect, an architectural historian and interested citizens to exchange ideas and brainstorm together about what can be accomplished and in what order.

The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. as an open house with refreshments in the theater building. The forum will follow at 8 p.m.

The Greenbelt theater is an operating full screen theater constructed in the 1930s as part of the original shopping center in historic Greenbelt. It is one of the largest single screen movie theaters in operation in the Washington, D.C. area.

The City of Greenbelt acquired the theater in May 2003 as one step in maintaining the economic viability of the Roosevelt Center. The theater had operated successfully during its first 40 years but was not able to compete with the advent of multiplex theaters. After being closed for many years it was used briefly as a performing arts center. Since 1991 it has once again been operated as a movie theater, showing second-run and more recently first-run movies.

The Greenbelt theater is integral to one of the two original Roosevelt Center commercial buildings. The renovation project itself must respect the historic and architectural integrity of the original structure. Part of the

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What Goes On

Saturday, October 18

3 to 7 p.m., Concert to Benefit Skate Park, Youth Center

Monday, October 20

8 p.m., Council Worksession on Arts Mission Statement/Contribution Groups Application Process/Form, Municipal Building

Wednesday, October 22

7:30 p.m., Open House, Greenbelt Theater

8 p.m., Public Forum - Plans for Greenbelt Theater Building, Greenbelt Theater

Thursday, October 23

1:30 to 5:30 p.m., Senior Health Fair, Community Center

2 to 4 p.m., City of Greenbelt Health/Wellness Fair, Community Center

Saturday, October 25

9 a.m. to noon, Electronic Recycling, Schrom Hills Park

9 a.m. to noon (or Thursday, October 30 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.), ACE Reading Partners Program for Volunteer Tutors, Community Center.

11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Fire Prevention Open House, Fire House

The Candidates Identify Issues for City Sectors

Are the issues the same for each of the three sections of Greenbelt - East, West, Center? Or are there special issues to be addressed by the next city council that are particular to only one of the areas and not the others? To find out how the candidates for Greenbelt City Council felt about this, we asked them for their response.

This is the second of the three questions we posed to the candidates. Their answers are being printed in three consecutive issues of the paper. Because this question is more complicated to answer, the candidates were allowed 400 words in which to answer instead of the usual 300. The answers for each candidate are printed in a random order determined by lot. This week's question as posed to the candidates was:

What is the most important issue to be addressed in Greenbelt East? Greenbelt West (Springhill Lake and Beltway Plaza)? Greenbelt Center (GHI and newer developments adjacent to it)? How would you address each issue?

Ed Putens

Key points: First, though we live in different areas, we all have a stake in all three areas.



Second, accomplishments in any one area are funded by tax revenues from all three areas. Third, each area has different needs and must be treated differently, which does not imply special treatment. Fourth, some problems are shared, even though in different places. One example: the many unsafe crossings of Greenbelt Road: at the high school, Southway, Lakecrest Drive, Middle School, Beltway Plaza.

In Greenbelt East, traffic and related neighborhood issues are most important. Conceding residents have to live with the traffic, we can limit the impact. Hanover Parkway beautification and the Greenbelt Lake Village roundabout are part of our response. Construction of the Hunting Ridge roundabout has started. Pending purchase of the former Sunrise Towers property avoids a potentially awful traffic impact. Other traffic issues deserving attention include the timing of the "Triple Whammy" of lights faced by drivers on Hanover at Ora Glen, then at Greenbelt Road, then around the corner at the Parkway.

Greenbelt Center raises quality-of-life issues that affect everyone. We need to preserve GHI: its history, its neighborhoods, and its housing stock; preserve and share our Greenbelt history; and never lose sight of the "greenbelt" concept. We must preserve the Lake Park and complete the planned improvements. Of immediate importance, let's complete the renovation of Roosevelt Center.

The vitality of the Center depends also on communities which grew up around GHI:

Northway, Boxwood, Lake-wood, Lakeside, Charlestowne Village, University Square, and recently Belle Pointe. These have their own neighborhood issues, for example, lack of a playground at Belle Pointe.

As for Greenbelt West, I concede that few Springhill Lake residents vote in City elections, but we all have a stake there. The owners now seem ready to do what I have long favored: reconstruct the entire aging property. I support an urban village concept in which residents walk or cycle to work, stores, parks, entertainment, and Metro, not rely on cars. My vision includes owned housing (condos, townhouses) and home ownership opportunities for current renters. More long-term residents mean a more stable community with less crime and less police attention diverted from other areas.

Beltway Plaza has a stake too: a better surrounding neighborhood with more long-term customers and higher average income. Metroland development has to be upscale, not just competing with Beltway Plaza. Let's all work together.

Leta Mach

While most issues - education, development, services, public safety - impact the whole city,



some issues do affect particular areas of our town disproportionately. We hear about them when talking with our friends or reading the News Review.

In Greenbelt East, people are particularly concerned about traffic. The question of pedestrian safety and speeding on Greenbelt Road has been of concern since before I worked on it as PTSA president at ERHS. Still, traffic problems are not limited to

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A Quick Visit to Historic Downtown Greendale, Wis.

by James Giese

We were on the start of our way home from Milwaukee with a little extra time before we were to arrive at my cousin's home south of Chicago, so my wife, Bernie, and I decided to make a quick stop at Greendale to see



Colorful flowers decorate downtown Greendale.

how it looked. We had been to Greendale's sister city on the south side of Milwaukee before on our trips to Wisconsin. However, my cousin Elaine had just sent us a brochure on Historic Downtown Greendale, the Best Downtown Around, and we thought we would see what was new and different. The brochure said that Greendale was a "Quaint Village," an "Historic Village" with "Unique Shops" and "Food and Drink."

Like Greendale, the commercial center in Greendale had struggled for most of its lifetime. Located in the heart of the planned community just off of Northway to the north and Southway to the south, the center was too small for modern standards and the community itself was not big enough to make it viable. New and larger commercial centers including a whopping big mall had left the town's merchants struggling. Located along one side of Broad Street, there had been room for more stores on the other side but they were never built. The one big addition to the downtown had been a beautiful new library.

Then Rieman Publications located its home offices in Greendale. Rieman produces folksy magazines and books about house and gardens such as Taste of Home, Birds and Blooms and Reminisce. The good folks who buy these magazines and other publications began to come to Greendale to say "hi" to the folks at Rieman's and to see their beautiful offices and grounds. Rieman's offices were not equipped to entertain its many subscribers. So Rieman decided to build a visitor center in downtown Greendale.

Not only did they build across the street but they also bought the entire commercial center and gussied it up. The changes to downtown Greendale were dramatic.

For a city block, both sides of Broad Street are lined with quaint shops selling gourmet caramel apples, spices, specialty coffee, stained glass, baked goods, angelic jewelry, imported Italian foods, lotions and potions, Norman Rockwell reproductions, children's books, fabrics for quilting, home accessories, home accents and custom jewelry. At the beginning of the street, on one side just across from city hall is the visitor center. On the other side is the restaurant.

Most of the businesses were closed on Sunday, a disappointment for Bernie who loves to shop. So was the visitor center. Still, the parking lots, a row on each side of Broad Street, were well filled with cars. Why, I don't know. Ricardo's pizza,

ranked one of the top 100 independents in the nation by trade publication Pizza Today - 2001, 2002, was open as was Ferch's Malt Shoppe and Creamery. Neither was doing much business. Both have outside tables to sit at. While next to the parking lot, the view is still spectacular because of all the flowers. Unlike Roosevelt Center, which now has little in the way of blooms, Historic Downtown Greendale is a mass of blooms. Flowerbeds line the sidewalks and the street curbs. Blooms spill over from baskets, two to a pole, hanging from each light fixture in the area. Most of the flowers are of patriotic colors - red, white and blue.

We decided to have lunch at the restaurant. On our first visit to Greendale, the restaurant was called Eleanor's for Eleanor Roosevelt. A plaque at a fountain nearby commemorates a visit she made to Greendale in the '30s. We learned that Eleanor's had been replaced by the A Taste of Home which featured recipes from the magazine by the same name. However, that restaurant was no longer there. Instead it was now a Heinaman's. Heinaman's Restaurant and Bakery is an old Milwaukee restaurant chain featuring good food at moderate prices, good desserts and baked goods. The restaurant was well occupied when we arrived. A sign on the table explained that while Heinaman's had replaced A Taste of Home it would still feature some Taste of Home recipes on the menu. Our lunch was enjoyable although not memorable. The vegetable soup might have been from the magazine's recipe collection.

Bernie felt she had to talk to an old time Greendale resident to see what they thought of all the changes to their commercial center. She approached two elderly women. One was from a nearby suburb and the other was visiting from Canada.

The fact is that Historic Downtown Greendale no longer is a place for Greendaleers to gather and shop. It is a place for tourists to stop and shop, with the usual aggregation of tourist shoppes you find in other tourist towns. In this respect our Roosevelt Center with its cooperatives, movie theater and small eateries better serves its community. It was fun to see all the neat, clean shops with fresh white paint on the canopy-covered doorways, but Roosevelt Center feels more like home. Still, it would be nice if Roosevelt Center just had a bit of the flowers that beautify Historic Downtown Greendale.

Letters

THANKS!

On behalf of the students, staff and parents of Greenbelt Elementary School I want to thank everyone for making this year's Labor Day PTA Used Book Sale such a grand success. I thank the community for donating all those fabulous books - thousands of books! I thank the Co-op Grocery Store for allowing us to use the store as our drop-off center and for having such helpful employees. I thank all of the parents, teachers and other volunteers who so graciously gave their time and energy to haul, sort and sell all of those books. What a terrific cooperative effort! Proceeds from the sale will be used to provide resources to enrich the learning experiences of our children. Thank you!

Theresa Henderson
President,
Greenbelt Elementary
School PTA

Great SchromFest

We would like to thank all those responsible for the SchromFest celebration on Saturday, October 11. We took our great niece who was visiting from California and we had a wonderful time. The caricature artist was outstanding. Building the beautiful peace design with yarn made us think. Shauna rode in the basket of the cherry picker truck twice, transformed recycled wood into a beautiful cutting board, played in the moon bounce and enjoyed the recycling and other games. We all had fun on the hay ride with Jim Hossick leading the singing. The doughnuts were tasty and 2-4U made our feet tap to their beat. Thank you!

Cheryl and Jon Peckenpaugh

Run/Walk for Wildlife

The Eighth Annual Jug Bay 10K Run For Wildlife and 3K Fun Walk is scheduled for Saturday, November 1 at 9 a.m. at Patuxent River Park, Upper Marlboro. The 3K fun walk begins at 9:30 a.m. This run/walk gives people a special opportunity to race through one of the most scenic areas in Maryland, the Patuxent River Park and Merkle Wildlife Sanctuary. This race is a 10K USATF-certified race course. There is a registration fee which increases after October 28. For information, call 301-627-7755; TTY 301-699-2544 or visit www.pgparcs.com or by touch-tone phone at 301-583-BOOK.

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Sunday
*3:00, *5:15, 7:30

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
*5:10, 7:30

Wednesday
*5:15

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funds to accomplish the renovation were received as a grant from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's Community Legacy Program.

An architectural firm, GTM Architects, has been hired by the city to survey existing conditions. They will be present at the forum to make presentations and to hear citizen ideas and concerns regarding the renovation.

For further information call Kristen Ward in the city's Department of Planning and Community Development at 301-345-5417.

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Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club was pleased to welcome Dolores Capotosto to the meeting. She is visiting from Florida and will attend a school reunion.

John Henry Jones was welcomed back after quite a bout with a mysterious illness.

The greeter for the day was Ed Birner. Solange Hess and Paul Sabol won the 50/50 raffle.

On October 22 there will be Show and Tell and on October 29 there will be bingo.

Come to the rummage sale on Saturday, October 18 at the Roosevelt Center. Bill Souser and helpers have priced lots of treasures. There is something for everyone.

Join Museum's Tour Of Historic Housing

The Greenbelt Museum is sponsoring a tour of a New Deal-era public housing site in Northwest Washington, D.C. on Saturday, October 25. The Langston Terrace Dwellings were constructed in 1937 by the federal government for African American families. The development was designed by a group of black architects. The vans leave Greenbelt Community Center at 10 a.m. There is a fee and reservations can be made by calling the museum at 301-507-6582.

Hispanic Heritage Celebrated at SHL

Springhill Lake Elementary School will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a potluck dinner on Wednesday, October 22 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. For more information call Sara Rosen at 301-513-5996.

Run and Walk Held in Park

A 5K run and 3K walk to benefit programs doing research and education on high blood pressure will be held at Greenbelt Park on Saturday, October 25. The run will begin at 9 a.m. and the walk at 9:10 a.m. Participants will meet at the Holly Picnic Area near the park entrance. Pre-registration is recommended. For more information call the Health and Motion Foundation at 301-587-3642.

Greenbelt Artist Teaches Art Class

A new Prince George's Community College SAGE class, "The Color of Art" begins on Friday, October 24 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This course is a combination art history and studio art class. The focus of this new course is on color, how it is used and how artists apply and use color principles, color mixing and the phenomenon of simultaneous contrast. The art history segment will study the legend and legacy of Michelangelo, emphasizing the painting of the Sistine Chapel.

This course is being taught by local artist Ted Kliman of Greenbelt. Kliman is a nationally exhibited artist who has shown his work twice in Greenbelt. He has an MFA in painting from the Maryland Institute College of Art. Kliman served as an artist-in-residence at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. from 2002 to 2003. He has also taught at Morgan State University. For more information, call 301-397-2208.

Community Events

Explore Humor

On Friday, October 24, join Explorations Unlimited in welcoming Lori Moran for "Punch Lines with Lori." It is generally known that humor and laughter are good medicine. Moran says that she is a very "punny" person and hopes to tickle the funny bone and cause a giggle or two as she shares some of her favorite jokes.

Moran inherited her sense of humor and ability to remember jokes and punch lines from her mother in Altoona, Pa. She worked as a registered nurse in D.C. for many years and jokingly says she gave up her nursing career to become a "stand-up comedienne." She has performed her comedy routine as a volunteer for a few local nursing homes and also for "Talent Nights" on cruise vacations. She often has a few jokes to share with fellow members at the Greenbelt Golden Age Club meetings.

She and her husband Tom moved to Boxwood Village in Greenbelt in November 1969 and raised their family here.

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

Volunteer to Coach Kids' Basketball

by Coach Doug Mangum
The Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club basketball program is currently forming teams for the 2003-2004 season. The season which runs from November 3 through March 27 is in need of a few good men and women. The club is hoping to provide a team for each age group for which the county has a league. In order to achieve this goal, there must be coaches to head up some of the teams. Currently there are vacancies for the 14-and-under girls team, along with the 13-and-under and 15-and-under boys teams. The club can always utilize other volunteers to help with other teams as well.

This calling comes from within – within the community at large and within the people who believe in developing young people to be the best they can be. Young people need to know adults believe in them and are willing to make time for them, will support their interests and help develop their talents. The call to volunteer one's time and talents is much needed and is an opportunity to serve the community. It is met head-on with a commitment and understanding that the kids' needs be met first to provide guidance and encouragement while learning teamwork in a safe and fun atmosphere.

Anyone who would like to make a difference will be trained and supported. Volunteers may call 301-474-7874 or the club's hotline at 301-794-0100, ext. 1. The children need support in deeds, not words.



Park Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to assist park rangers – and neighbors – to help Greenbelt Park on Saturday, October 18 at 10 a.m. Volunteers will be cleaning up the park boundary, splitting wood for campground bins and other park projects. For more information, call 301-344-3944 or see the web page at www.nps.gov/gree/.

GHI Notes

Meetings for the week of October 20 through October 24 are: October 21 – Companion Animal Committee, 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room; October 21 – Member & Community Relations Committee, 7 p.m. in the Board Room; and October 23 – Finance Committee, 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

The next board of directors meeting will be October 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

At the Library

Children's Programs
Wednesday, October 22, 10:30 a.m. Cuddletime for ages 12 months to 24 months with caregiver.

Thursday, October 23, 10:30 a.m. Drop-in storytime for ages 3 to 5.

Scouts Going Nuts For Clean Water

Greenbelt Girl Scout Cadette Troop 2799 will participate in an important ecological "scavenger hunt" in the third annual Potomac Watershed Partnership, "Growing Native." The main collection day for acorns will be October 18.

As one of the Growing Native volunteer groups, Troop 2799 will help make rivers and streams that flow into the bay a little cleaner for future generations. Acorns plucked from the backyards of Greenbelt will be grown into seedlings to be planted in local stream and riverside reforestation efforts.

The troop learned that trees soak up pollutants and slow runoff to reduce soil erosion. Streamside trees translate into clean water.

The scouts are happy to be part of the full circle of the land-water link. Anyone who has an oak tree in their yard and would be willing to let the scouts collect acorns, contact troop leader Terry Henderson at 301-345-1014.

Lakeside Picnic To Be Sunday


The Lakeside Association will hold a picnic on Sunday, October 19 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Pinecrest Court area. Families are asked to bring a dish to share. Sodas, utensils and picnic tables will be provided. Call Jeannie Smith at 301-442-9019 for additional information.

GREENBELT GREENS
present
CITY COUNCIL
CANDIDATES'
FORUM
Municipal Bldg.,
Thursday, Oct. 23, 2003
7 p.m.

Co-op Meeting At Greenbelt Library

The Greenbelt Consumer Co-operative will hold its annual meeting on October 25 at 10:15 a.m. in the meeting room of the Greenbelt Public Library. Reports on the Co-op's past year will be presented by the store's manager, Bob Davis, and the cooperative's treasurer, Joe Timer. In addition, elections will take place for three positions on the board of directors. All members and any others interested in the workings of the Co-op are encouraged to attend this meeting. Light refreshments will be served and door prizes will be awarded.

RUMMAGE SALE
Benefit for the New Deal Café
in Roosevelt Center
Sat., Oct. 18, 9:00 AM–12:00 noon
Donations: Sat., 8-10:00 AM
If earlier (301) 513-7293
Café will be closed Sun., Oct. 19 for cleaning
Volunteers needed after 10:00AM



ACE Tutor Program

This **FREE** reading training and tutorial program is available to anyone who would like to provide reading support to children in Greenbelt. Participants will receive a certificate upon completion of the workshop and will be asked to make a six-hour commitment to provide reading tutoring. Current tutors, parents, students who need service hours and anyone who would like to share the joy of reading are urged to attend.

WHEN: The workshop will be offered twice:
Saturday, October 25 9:00 a.m. to noon
Thursday, October 30 6:30-9:30 p.m.

WHERE: The Greenbelt Community Center Senior Classroom

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!

Registration Form Must be completed and returned by Wednesday, October 22 to Greenbelt CARES, City of Greenbelt, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770, ATTN: Wendy Wexler. Fax: 301-441-8248 or include the following information in an E-mail: to wwexler@ci.greenbelt.md.us

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____
Child's School or Tutoring Program, if any _____
I plan to attend the following session:
_____ Saturday, October 25 from 9 a.m.-noon _____ Thursday, October 30 from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Tanto Makeul
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At the New Deal Cafe
Friday, October 24 8:00 p.m.

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"HE GOT THE SANTA!"
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SchromFest Events Amuse And Unite Community

by Denny Carter

Food, games and pumpkins were the order of the day on Saturday, October 11 as families from around the area gathered at Schrom Hills Park to celebrate the fifth annual SchromFest. Children ran from one activity to the other as parents and other members of the community enjoyed the ideal fall weather.

"This has always been a great event," said Nancy Wilmot, an employee at the Youth Center in Old Greenbelt. "It's all about the old-fashioned fun you can have here. There's not anything too fancy." Wilmot was in charge of the duck pond game at SchromFest, a game that grew in popularity as the day went on. "The kids like this game — they all win here."

Julie McHale, assistant director of programs for the Greenbelt Recreation Department and coordinator of SchromFest, said she was disappointed last year when the fall festival was canceled because of the Washington area sniper attacks. "We really looked forward to it this year," she said. "Thankfully, the weather usually cooperates and the community is always well represented here."

Several Greenbelt police officers attended the festival, showing children the inside of a large military surplus vehicle acquired by the Greenbelt police in 1999. Up to three children at a time could get inside the vehicle, which responded to the attacks on the Pentagon on September 11, 2001.

Perhaps the most popular activity on Saturday was the cherry picker, which lifted kids more than 60 feet off the ground. Judy Wilson watched as her daughter Jessica was slowly lifted into the air on the machine. "This thing is very cool, I'm very impressed with everything here," said Wilson, a resident of Old Greenbelt.

Flight History

Chris Cherry, a Community Center coordinator, handed out balsa wood hang gliders to children as they entered SchromFest. Cherry thought it was important to incorporate the 100th anniversary of flight into this year's festival. "I think a lot of people don't know the history of this area," said Cherry, who explained that Schrom Hills Park was used until 1944 as an airport for training civilian pilots. The airport's runway was more than 2,000 feet long, ending on what is now the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

The anniversary of flight was also recognized with a moon bounce in the shape of a space shuttle. Cherry said gatherings like SchromFest are important to the Greenbelt community. "It gives all the city departments the chance to show citizens what they do and get them talking with members of the community — it's good for everybody."

Miss Greenbelts

All three Miss Greenbelts attended the festival, wearing their tiaras and helping with activities throughout the park. Jenny Lindvall, Junior Miss Greenbelt, said she always enjoys assisting children at SchromFest. "It's just a lot of fun for me; helping with everything is a good experience." The three girls also helped with the dedication of the Greenbrook Trail at the beginning of the day. "We really like being at events like these; it's fun," said Danyelle Thomas, Miss Greenbelt.

Konrad Herling, a candidate for Greenbelt City Council this November, chatted with members of the community and recognized the importance of area gatherings like SchromFest. "[SchromFest] brings out the same great qualities that you find at the Labor Day Festival," said Herling, a lifelong resident of Greenbelt.

Herling said SchromFest has become a highlight of autumn in Greenbelt, making the community stronger every year. "If we can create a positive interaction between people like this, we should always take the opportunity."

Greenbelt Sisters Appear on Broadway

Banu Sarigol, a lifelong resident of Greenbelt, is pictured with her sister Leyla who also has lifelong ties to Greenbelt and is a graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

The sisters will appear in lights on Broadway on Sunday, October 19 as part of the National Down Syndrome Society's awareness campaign to demonstrate that people with Down syndrome can be successfully included in community activities, education and employment.

Banu, 24, who has Down syndrome, was selected from almost 1,000 entries in the nationwide call for photos. Banu graduated from Bowie High School. She enjoys music and volunteering at the New Deal Café. Leyla is state policy analyst for the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services.



ties Services.

Their parents, Greenbelters Linda and Kursat Sarigol are long-time disability rights advocates in Prince George's County.



Congratulations to Jesse Goldberg-Strassler, senior at Ithaca College. Jesse was invited to join Sigma Tau Delta, the International English Honor Society. Jesse was also named outstanding sportscaster for WICB, the college radio station and was named "Voice of Ithaca College" football broadcaster for 2003-04.

Congratulations also to Zemi Herring-Escoto, the only Greenbelt resident who will travel to Ottawa this week with other students from the GAVA/GATE Animation. He will present his animation, "Timeguy" in the International Student Animation Festival.

Kenneth Silberman, computer engineer at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, was featured in the Washington Post's magazine section on Sunday. As part of the Post's Minority Report, Silberman reported his feelings about being a member of a minority, the blind.

Auditions Held For Christmas Play

The Prince George's Little Theatre announces auditions for its December production of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" by Barbara Robinson. Auditions will be held October 20 and 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 5016 Princess Garden Parkway, New Carrollton. Director Pamela Gill is casting six women, four men, eight boys and nine girls.

Performance dates are December 11, 12, 13 and 14 at the Prince George's Publick Playhouse in Cheverly.

For information call 301-322-4533.

Volunteers Needed For Patient Care

Hospice of the Chesapeake seeks patient care volunteers to provide support and companionship to patients with life-limiting illnesses and their loved ones throughout Prince George's County. For information on training classes, which begin on November 5, call Julie Medlin, Prince Georges Volunteer Coordinator, at 301-499-4500 or email jmedlin@hospicechesapeake.org.

Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels of College Park is now accepting new customers. Meals are delivered to the enrollee's door Monday through Friday, hot meal included. Meals are delivered between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. To get more information call Meals on Wheels of College Park at 301-474-1002 Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to noon.

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Saturday 5 p.m.

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Worship Service	11:00 am

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www.gbmg-UMC.org/mowatt

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

Rev. DaeHwa Park, Pastor
October 19, Laity Sunday
"All to Join Praising God" Praise Service

White Cane Safety Day Celebrated

by Barbara Hopkins



Kenneth Silberman

The City of Greenbelt joined the rest of the country in celebrating White Cane Safety Day. Mayor Judith F. Davis presented the proclamation to resident Kenneth Silberman of the National Federation of the Blind (NFB) officially designating October 15 as White Cane Safety Day. Davis read the proclamation at the October 13 meeting of the Greenbelt City Council. The purpose of the celebration is to raise public awareness that blind people are full participants in the life of their communities and to teach people to recognize the white cane as a "symbol of independence and freedom, not of dependence and helplessness," in the words of Silberman's request to the mayor for the proclamation.

Silberman described the NFB as "the largest and oldest consumer organization of blind people in the United States" and "not an organization speaking for the blind; it is the blind speaking for themselves."

Big Band Showcase

An autumn Big Band Showcase will be presented on Wednesday, October 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Dekelbom Concert Hall, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, University of Maryland (UM). Performing will be the UM Jazz Ensemble and the UM "Monster" Jazz Lab Band, Chris Vadala music director. The program will feature favorites from all eras.

The concert is presented by the UM School of Music and is free and open to the public.

U. of Md. Presents Albee Production

"Zoo Story" by Edward Albee will be presented at the Laboratory Theatre of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center on Saturday, October 25 at 8 p.m.; Sunday, October 26 at 2 and 7:30 p.m. and Monday, October 27 at 7 p.m. The play is presented by the UM Department of Theater and is produced by students and directed by Dominic D'Andrea. Admission is free, but seating is limited and available on a first-come basis.



City Information

MEETINGS FOR OCTOBER 20-25

Monday, October 20, 8:00pm, WORK SESSION, re: Arts Mission Statement/Contribution Groups Application Process/Form, Municipal Building.

Wednesday, October 22, 7:30pm, OPEN HOUSE; 8:00pm, PUBLIC FORUM-Plans for Greenbelt Theater Building, Old Greenbelt Theatre.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING

Monday, October 27, 2003 at 8:00 p.m.
Municipal Building-City Council Room
CONCERNING THE PROPOSED USE OF RECENTLY AWARDED LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT (LLEBG).

The City was recently awarded a combined total of \$25,406 in LLEBG funding. This amount includes a required 10% matching contribution from the City. The purpose of this hearing is to present to Council the recommendation of the LLEBG Advisory Board, as well as to seek public input into the recommended use of the money.

The LLEBG Program was designed to provide funds to units of local government to underwrite projects which reduce crime and improve public safety. The recommendation of the Police Department and the LLEBG Advisory Board will be taken into consideration before Council makes its final decision regarding the use of the funds.

Public attendance and participation are encouraged. Greenbelt residents shall have reasonable opportunities to present comments and questions.

For special accommodations, please call 301-474-8000 or 301-474-2046 (TDD) before 10:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Saturday, October 25 from 9am-12noon
Schrom Hills Park

City residents, businesses and organizations can recycle old and/or unwanted computers and other electronic items. Bring your items to the collection truck located in the lower parking lot of Schrom Hills Park

Accepted Items Include: central processing units, hard drives, monitors, keyboards, printers and copiers, laptop computers, computer speakers, scanners, computer mice, software, recording equipment, cameras, telephones, radios, other small electronic equipment.

NO TELEVISIONS OR LARGE STEREO UNITS.

For more info call: 301-474-8308.

Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education presents:

ACE READING PARTNERS PROGRAM FOR VOLUNTEER TUTORS

Saturday, October 25th from 9am-12noon
or Thursday, October 30th from 6:30-9:30pm
GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER

Free workshop for anyone wishing to be trained to provide reading support to children in Greenbelt. Pre-Registration required. Contact Wendy Wexler at 301-345-6660.

CITY OF GREENBELT HEALTH/WELLNESS FAIR

Thursday, October 23rd
 2-4pm

Senior Health Fair 1:30-5:30pm
 Greenbelt Community Center

☺ Flu Shots ☺ Massages ☺ Blood Pressure Check ☺ Various Screenings For: Bone Density, Vision Hearing, Cholesterol (some fees may apply) ☺ American Cancer Society ☺ Hospice and much more.
 For more information call 301-345-7203 or Seniors call 301-474-8000 ext. 2012.

OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups. Vacancies exist on the:

Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee

Park and Recreation Advisory Board

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

CONCERT TO BENEFIT THE SKATE PARK

Saturday, October 18th from 3-7pm
 Greenbelt Youth Center

\$5.00 Admission

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GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS 301-474-8000: Monday, October 20 at 8pm "Council Work Session" live **Tuesday, October 21 6:00pm** "Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen" **7:00pm** "Happy Birthday Eleanor Roosevelt" **8:30pm** "Replay of Work Session" **Thursday, October 23rd at 7:30pm,** Greenbelt Greens present a Candidates Forum "live"

PUBLIC ACCESS 301-507-6581 Wednesday & Friday, October 22 & 24: 7:00pm "Greenbelt Access Television interviews with Council Candidates"

Greenbelt Community Pledge

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate people of many cultures, faiths, and races living together. By sharing together, all are enriched.

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CITY OF GREENBELT ELECTION INFORMATION

ABSENTEE VOTING FOR THE NOVEMBER 4 CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

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

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

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

Applications to receive absentee ballots will be accepted from Wednesday, October 15, until noon on Monday, November 3, 2003. The completed absentee ballot must be received by the City Clerk no later than 6 p.m. the day of the regular election, November 4, 2003. No absentee ballots will be distributed prior to October 15.

If you wish, you may complete and vote your absentee ballot at the City Clerk's office at the time you present your written application. For additional information, call the City Clerk at 301-474-8000.

A COMMUNITY HAPPENING IN ROOSEVELT CENTER

NEW DEAL CAFÉ FALL MUSIC FESTIVAL OCTOBER 11



PHOTO BY LINDA SIADYS

Boy listens – with two friends held tightly – to the music as his dad checks out the bike.



PHOTO BY LINDA SIADYS

This Great Dane puppy listens intently as music fills Roosevelt Center.



PHOTO BY EILEEN PETERSON

7-year-old Zhaoxiàng dances with his father, Fujian Ding, to the Rolling Stones' "Let Us Lead" as played by the five-man band Global Warming.



Also performing were: Stan Brown – The original Folk Juke box; Doug Allen Wilcox – Singer/songwriter; Melissa Sites – a cappella mountain songs; Michelle Murray – Folk and Blues; Wynne Paris – World Beat; The Lucky Ones – Traditional/Urban Country; and TinnSmith – Celtic and folk with a rock influence.



PHOTO BY EILEEN PETERSON

County councilmember Douglas J.J. Peters (Dist. 4) prepares to hand Ray Stevens, New Deal Café president, a check for Friends of New Deal Café Arts. The \$500 is from a Special Appropriations Grants fund allotted to a nonprofit group of the councilmember's choice. Looking on is Richard McMullin (left), music coordinator at the café, Stevens, and one of the musicians.



PHOTO BY LINDA SIADYS

Louis Jahoda flies through the air, thanks to mom Clara Kuehne.



PHOTO BY LINDA SIADYS

A boy drums on the ground with sticks and a girl dances as Paul Downs, John Bull, Trevor Siegel and Drake Allen perform in a drummers' circle which opened the 10-hour open-air concert in Roosevelt Center last Saturday.

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Get into the Arts

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with Haberman's conclusion that it is not appropriate for council, in effect, to direct staff to disobey or obstruct a federal law. Similar points were raised by the Community Relations Advisory Board, City Solicitor Robert Manzi and Police Chief James Craze, as summarized by David Moran, assistant to City Manager Michael McLaughlin.

Not an Option

One of the difficulties is that the law is complex—the act itself is 131 pages, the Congressional Research Service Analysis is 78 pages long and much of the impact depends upon how the broad provisions of the act are interpreted and implemented. Thus, a common refrain in the reports and discussion were statements to the effect that the writer or speaker was not an expert on the act. For example, the Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB) wrote "There was a general sense among board members that neither the board, nor the city staff, were able to determine what the Patriot Act did or did not do." CRAB concluded "The board recommends that the city not rush the study, dialog and/or consideration of this issue. Since one of the major criticisms of the Patriot Act is that its passage was rushed, the board recommends the city carefully consider this issue and allow ample opportunity for public input before taking a position."

What Format?

However, the issue of whether or not to respond at this time was not discussed at the worksession. Instead, the first issue raised by Mayor Judith Davis was in what format council should raise its concerns — by resolution, as suggested by the Coalition or by letter, as is council's normal practice. While Councilmember Alan Turnbull thought that a resolution would have more weight, he got no support from his colleagues. Councilmember Thomas White stated that the content, not the format, is what's important.

Davis wrapped up this issue saying that council would hopefully go forward with a letter and asked the councilmembers present (Edward Putens arrived shortly before the end of the meeting) whether they had any thoughts as to the content. Davis suggested a very strong letter calling for Congress to monitor actions taken under the act, repeal sections where necessary, not expand and sunset some provisions early.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts said that "what really scares me is that our own government can lock us up with no due process and doesn't have to tell anyone." The result, he said, is that the people are no longer in control of the government.

Meredith Curtis, of the American Civil Liberties Union of

Maryland, suggested that council ask its representatives to support the current efforts underway in Congress to repeal the most egregious provisions of the law, particularly those that she said would allow law enforcement officials to obtain personal records such as library, medical or credit records and that encourage citizens to spy upon groups based solely upon their religious affiliation.

Davis summarized council's guidance to McLaughlin to prepare a letter to the city's federal representatives calling upon them to actively work for repeal, early sunset of those provisions that expire in 2005 and oppose any expansion of the act's powers. The letter should also reference the concerns specific to Greenbelt, such as access to library records and surveillance based upon religious profiling, she said.

Directions to Staff

Most councilmembers also wanted to provide some guidance to staff regarding how to respond to requests under the act. White suggested simply affirming the city's commitment to uphold the rights of its residents. Roberts argued that council does not need to tell staff to uphold laws that they are already upholding. All council should do, he felt, was to make it clear in the first letter that the city will not tolerate laws that violate people's rights.

Davis agreed with a suggestion from Barry Schlesinger that the city establish a policy for handling requests received from external agencies to ensure that they are directed to the appropriate person. So long as references to racial profiling were not included, she also agreed with another speaker's suggestion that staff be directed not to initiate the activities listed in the resolution proposed by the petitioners.

Curtis suggested that some form of reporting be established so that council is aware of what is happening. It is unclear exactly what McLaughlin will propose for this. Council debated but did not resolve the issue of who within the city government should be notified. One example raised was if the police are asked for information and told that the request must be kept secret, what are they to do. While Turnbull suggested simply replying that the requesting agency must allow the involvement of the city manager in order to obtain cooperation, the issue was not discussed further.

White took the discussion in a different direction. Since one of the major concerns raised about the act was providing fewer legal protections to non-citizens than to citizens, he renewed his past calls for permitting all residents, including non-citizens, to vote in city elections.

Dig Archaeology? Grab a Shovel

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Department, Prince George's County, is looking for volunteers to assist archaeologists in archaeological excavations and help in the laboratory.

Volunteers 14 years of age and older are welcome to volunteer on Saturdays, year round

from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. No prior archaeological experience is necessary; volunteers will be trained.

For more information, call the Archaeology Laboratory at 301-627-1286 or the Volunteer Services Office, 301-249-7208; TTY 301-699-2544.

Gorgeous Prince George's Day

Prince George's County Executive Jack Johnson and Citizens Concerned for a Cleaner County, Inc. have announced the first annual Gorgeous Prince George's Day, scheduled for Saturday, October 18. Planting of trees in public spaces, stream beds, school grounds and parks will take place throughout the county. Also planned is a boat ride on the Patuxent River and a rally at an historic Parks and Planning site to celebrate the day's hard work. Individuals, including children and youth are needed to assist. Contact Joyce Beck at 301-882-5842.

Help with Reptiles And Birds of Prey

Watkins Park Nature Center, 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro is seeking adventurous adults to volunteer as handlers of reptiles and birds of prey and to help maintain animal dwellings. Volunteers will occasionally assist with school groups and special events. Training is available at the center and the schedule varies with program need. For more information contact the staff at the nature center at 301-218-6702 or the Volunteer Services Office at 301-249-7208.

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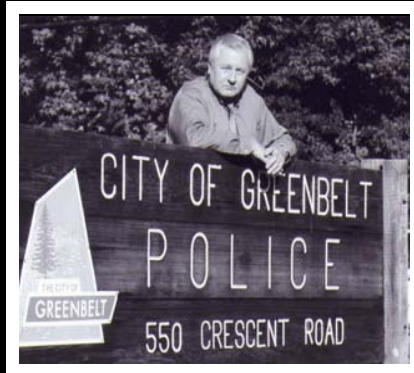
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POLICE BLOTTER

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

Shooting

9100 block Springhill Lane, October 8, 5:38 p.m., while on routine patrol, police stopped when a man exited his vehicle and reported that he had just been shot at after getting into his parked vehicle. He said that the shooter approached his vehicle, produced a handgun, fired one shot at him and then ran from the parking lot. The victim could not provide a motive for the shooting. The suspect was described as a light-skinned black male approximately 19 years old, 5'9", slim build, mustache, wearing a blue hooded sweatshirt, blue jeans with his hair in long cornrows.

Carjacking

6300 block Golden Triangle Drive, October 4, 1:10 p.m., a man reported that he had just parked at the Residence Inn and had exited his vehicle when another vehicle pulled up beside him. A passenger exited the vehicle, approached the man, produced a handgun and demanded the victim's keys, wallet and cellular telephone. The suspect got into the man's vehicle and drove away. On October 7 Prince George's County Police located the carjacked vehicle. One non-resident man and one nonresident male juvenile were arrested and charged with auto theft and carjacking.

Edmonston Road and the Kenilworth Avenue ramp, October 5, 2:24 a.m., a man reported that he had pulled off the road to use his cellular telephone when an unknown man approached his driver's side door and began asking questions. He then ordered the victim out of the vehicle, got into the car and drove away. No weapon was displayed. The suspect is described as a man wearing dark clothing and possibly a hooded jacket or sweatshirt. The vehicle taken is described as a green 1996 Jaguar X15 4-door, D.C. tags BH2376.

Robbery

9000 block Breezewood Terrace, October 2, 5:40 a.m., a woman reported that she was walking to the bus stop when a vehicle described as a black, newer model Jeep circled around her. As she crossed the street a man exited the vehicle. He grabbed the woman from behind, demanded money and took her shoulder bag and purse. He then fled the area on foot. The suspect is described as a black male in his 20s, 5'11" with a thin build, wearing a shiny red jacket over

a black hooded sweatshirt and blue jeans.

Cherrywood Lane and Greenbelt Metro Drive, October 8, 9:46 a.m., a woman reported that she was standing at the bus stop when a man approached her, grabbed her shoulder and fled. He is described as an Hispanic man in his 20s, about 5'4", heavyset, wearing a white T-shirt and a dark jacket.

Unattended Child

7400 block Greenbelt Road, October 5, 1:42 p.m., a nonresident woman was arrested and charged with leaving a child unattended in a motor vehicle. Police observed a vehicle parked in a fire lane. Located alone in the vehicle was a five-year-old child. The driver was arrested when she returned to the vehicle, charged and released on citation pending trial.

6100 block Springhill Terrace, October 6, 5:04 p.m., a resident woman was arrested and charged with leaving a child unattended in a motor vehicle. An officer on foot patrol observed a two-year-old child alone in a parked vehicle. The mother was arrested when she returned to her vehicle and was released on citation pending trial.

Beltway Plaza Mall, October 7, 10:06 a.m., a resident woman was arrested and charged with leaving a child unattended in a motor vehicle. Police observed a parked vehicle with a four-year-old child and a four-month-old infant inside with no one else around. The vehicle was unlocked and the engine was running. The driver was arrested when she returned to the vehicle and was released on citation pending trial.

Theft

T.G.I. Friday Restaurant, October 3, 11:30 p.m., a nonresident man and nonresident juvenile were arrested for theft when police responded to a report of two people attempting to leave the restaurant without paying their bill. While speaking to the two suspects, a third nonresident man attempted to intervene, shouting profanities at the police. The two men again attempted to leave without paying and were arrested. The third man continued to be disorderly and was also arrested. All were released on citation.

Burglary

200 block Lastner Lane, October 5, 8:30 p.m., a resident man was arrested and charged with attempted burglary and ma-

licious destruction. Police responded to a report of a burglary in progress. The suspect, who is known to the victim, was attempting to kick in the victim's front door. He was located walking away from the scene and was arrested. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

9000 block Breezewood Terrace, October 9, 11:09 p.m., entry unknown, a .40 caliber pistol, ammunition, jewelry, a DVD writer, laptop computers and a digital camera were reported taken.

Hit and Run

8100 block Mandan Terrace, October 3, 1:01 p.m., a juvenile was involved in a hit and run accident with a parked vehicle after taking her mother's car without authorization. She was arrested, charged and released to her mother.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were stolen: a 1987 Chevrolet Celebrity 4-door, October 4, from the 7400 block Hanover Parkway, recovered the same day by the Prince George's County Police, no arrests; a Dodge Intrepid 4-door, October 6, from the 7700 block Mandan Road, recovered the same day, no arrests; a 1996 Ford Crown Victoria 4-door, October 6, from the 8300 block Canning Terrace, recovered the same day by Prince George's County police, no arrests.

Eight vehicles were recovered; no arrests were made.

Vandalism to, theft from and attempted theft of vehicles were reported in the following locations: 6800 block Megan Lane, 7200 block Mandan Road, 7700 block Mandan Road, 8200 block Mandan Court, 7700 block Hanover Parkway, 7800 block Hanover Parkway, 6600 block Lake Park Drive, unit block Crescent Road, 500 block Crescent Road, Hamilton Place, Southway, Kenilworth Avenue, Kenilworth Avenue and Crescent Road, Beltway Plaza Mall, 7700 block Greenbelt Road, 9100 block Springhill Lane (three incidents), 5900 block Springhill Drive, 6000 block Springhill Drive, 6100 block Breezewood Drive.

Other incidents, not included above, that required police response were: assault (4), drugs, shoplifting (3), emergency psychiatric commitment, disorderly conduct and trespass.

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.

Beltsville Garden Club Meets on Wed.

Beltsville Garden Club will hold a general meeting on Wednesday, October 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the James Duckworth School, 112011133 Evans Trail, Beltsville. Ann Brooks of Hollywalk in Brookville will share her 40 years of gardening and floral design expertise in her






slide show, "From Garden to Vase." Brooks' presentation will feature favorite blooms and foliage for the cutting garden and offer tips on conditioning, harvesting and making creative floral arrangements. Refreshments and door prizes will follow the meeting. Admission is free and the public is welcome.

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City Approves 30-Day On-Street Parking Limit

by Barbara Hopkins

In an effort to ease parking problems in the City of Greenbelt, the city council has passed an ordinance to limit parking on city streets to 30 days, unless a long-term parking permit is obtained from the city. The ordinance was unanimously approved at council's meeting on October 13 with a few minor changes to its accompanying policy since the introduction and first reading of the ordinance on August 25. The second reading was delayed to permit Celia Craze from the city's planning department to be present to answer questions when the ordinance came before council again. The ordinance was passed by council by unanimous vote and will take effect ten days after the meeting.

Changes

At the request of Councilmember Edward Putens, changes were made to the policy to allow consideration to be given to the number of applications for long-term parking from an applicant's address. The original version had prohibited more than one car from a given address to have a long-term parking permit at any one time. Putens thought this would unfairly impact families with three or more cars when two family members, each with a car, would be away together for an extended time period. Putens also had concerns about the time

period for the long-term permits. After discussion, council agreed to follow the suggestion from Craze to eliminate the time period from the policy and have the applicant justify a time period in the request.

Long-term Parking

The policy accompanying the ordinance outlines the conditions and factors that staff will consider in granting a requested long-term parking permit. The policy describes consideration that will be given to applications from resident owners of operable vehicles which must have a title and current registration allowed by the State of Maryland and local code. There must be no outstanding parking citations issued to the subject vehicle. Commercial vehicles and oversized vehicles are not eligible for long-term parking permits, nor are vehicles "owned for the purpose of collecting, remodeling or resale."

City staff will consider the amount of off-street or alternate parking available to an applicant and impacts to the neighborhood vis-a-vis parking for other residents, weather, complaints and street maintenance schedules in approving long-term permits. They will also consider the number of other requests previously granted to the applicant's address and the length of time a vehicle has been parked in one place prior to the application.

Local Animation Students Again Selected for Ottawa

by Barbara Simon

Six young students from the GAVA/GATE Animation will travel to Ottawa this week accompanied by their parents and their instructor, George Kochell. Their animated shorts have been selected for screening from a record 1,200 entries from 50 countries for the International Student Animation Festival (SAFO 03) to be held at the National Archives of Canada, October 16 to 19. First held in 1997 and running in alternate years, SAFO was created to provide a venue for university and high school students and emerging animators to showcase their work. A children's film category that highlights original works by younger students 12 years and under was added to the competition in 1999. Two years later GAVA/GATE students entered and came away with a second and third place award. SAFO has now grown into North America's largest and most important animation festival and the second largest in the world.

Six GAVA/GATE shorts are among the 70 films included in this year's competition. The GAVA/GATE students and their accepted films are Pallas Bane, age 12, "The Big Cheese;" Tucker Bank, age 9, "Roffle's First Flight;" Jonathan Brown, age 7, "Robot Explosion;" Imani Stewart, age 10, "The Angry Chair;" Peter Enns, age 13, "Downhome Cookin';" and Zemi Herring-Escoto, age 11, "Timeguy." Bane, Bank, Brown and Stewart all live in Bowie. Enns is from Hyattsville and Herring-Escoto is from Greenbelt.

Now in its fifth year, the GAVA/GATE Animation Program produces classes taught by George Kochell for children and teens in which students create their own original animated

shorts using traditional cut paper, drawings and clay – or digitally, within Mac-based applications like Adobe Photoshop and Macromedia Flash. The classes are a joint production of two Greenbelt non-profit arts groups,

the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA) and Greenbelt Access Television (GATE) and take place at GATE's studios in the Greenbelt Community Center.

Elect Leta Mach November 4



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However, one key area — the Greenbelt Metro Station — is poised for future development. The proposed development is a wonderful opportunity. It can expand our tax base and offer the Greenbelt way of life to new citizens. It is possible to have development that is good for the city. We must insist that the stores are "upscale" as outlined in County Bill 35 a few years ago. Good development must also address appropriate scale, the environment and traffic. Located at a Metro Station, the development should be pedestrian friendly. In short, we must hold the developers accountable to the standards and traditions of Greenbelt.

As a city council member, I intend to work with all interested parties to see that development is good for Greenbelt.

Call me at 301-345-8105 or e-mail leta.mach@verizon.net with your ideas, concerns or questions.

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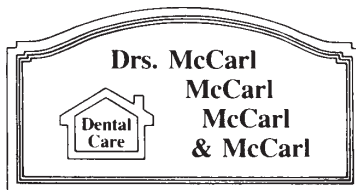
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Greenbelt Road or even Greenbelt East. Recognizing that this is where we live and work; together we must make a commitment to drive safely and protect ourselves. The city can help with strong enforcement and installation of traffic calming devices, which I support.

In Greenbelt West, we have a concern about the deterioration of Springhill Lake Apartments. The management of Springhill Lake has proposed rebuilding the apartments and creating smaller communities in the process. This has the potential to instill more pride in the Springhill Lake community, something a community focus group suggested could decrease crime in Springhill Lake, which is another key issue here. I support this proposed redevelopment.

Greenbelt Center is a concern in the center of Greenbelt. Roosevelt Center should be the jewel of Greenbelt. It should attract people through its businesses and services. Unfortunately, many people find it difficult to locate Roosevelt Center. A marketing study of the Center identified a number of opportunities. A key one is the theater. With one of the few big screens left in the metropolitan area and a great sound system, it should be drawing more people. What the center needs most of all, and I support finding ways to do so, is marketing.

Finally, a related issue that this question brings to mind is the disconnected feeling that some people continue to have. At the Candidates Forum in Greenbelt East, a sense of not sharing in city services was expressed, yet a long list of shared services was then generated. In a Springhill Lake focus group, a feeling of being excluded was also expressed. While door knocking, I met people who did not know they were citizens of Greenbelt. The spirit of Greenbelt requires that we all share our concerns and together work on solutions such as better marketing of our programs. And, this must include the message that we are all Citizens of Greenbelt, not a subset of the city.

Ric Santos



The most-important Greenbelt East issue is "Police Services." Greenbelt 2002 major crimes totaled 1,920. 509, or 27%, occurred in Greenbelt East. Street patrols are imperative to reduce major crimes. Sufficiently staffed street patrols are pro-active policing and prevention. Under-staffed patrol units are re-active policing and prevention. The Greenbelt Police Department's Patrol Unit has twenty-six officers. Three Bike Unit and three K-9 Unit officers provide limited support to patrol services. The patrol unit is our front line troops. I recommend the development of a comprehensive public safety plan to evaluate the operation of the police department with an emphasis on the effectiveness of current police personnel allocation. I am committed to focusing and re-directing police services to areas hardest hit by crime trends. To further crime prevention, patrols must interact with the community through programs such as the Neighborhood Crime Watch.

Public/private partnerships may be developed to fund more patrol officers.

The most-important Greenbelt West issue is Springhill Lake (SHL) with approximately 9,000 residents. There are 2,899 units in the complex. Initial construction dates back to 1962. Members of the city council have participated in discussions pertaining to upgrading the complex. Upgrading and/or retrofitting could cost hundreds of millions of dollars. Improvements are mandatory to make SHL a more-livable community. It is my belief that rehabilitation of SHL will have a direct positive impact on the reduction of crime, improved pedestrian use of walkways to/from Metro, and to the Cherrywood Lane corridor. The city council, the surrounding business community, and the owners of SHL must continue their dialogue toward the rehabilitation of SHL.

The most-important issue in Greenbelt Center is the Roosevelt Center, the 1937 cornerstone of the community. Its historical significance must be preserved. Its economic vitality must be increased. I support revitalization of Roosevelt Center through designation as a CARE area (Commercial Area Revitalization Effort). This project consists of the county providing staff and expertise to the merchants to upgrade and market the center to increase its economic vitality and position it for a successful future. The city council must pursue funding through the Livable Communities Initiative and Grant Program and state and federal grants that may become available. Many consider the Greenbelt Theater as the Center's anchor. Renovations to the theater must continue through the 2001 Bond Fund. This will assist in the preservation and improvement of Roosevelt Center, one of the community's most-treasured assets.

Judith Davis



Although Greenbelt's three areas appear to be different, one issue unifies our citizens, no matter where they reside. It is public safety. Everyone wants their children, property and themselves safe from attack – be it at home, at work, at school, or at play. I support continued deployment of our two school resource officers, the bike patrol, park rangers, and crisis intervention personnel. Our police department is fully staffed at 53, which our citizens demanded. However, recent events, and the urban pressures of crime and traffic, have made some feel unsafe. More must now be done, but with less funding available. We must re-energize our existing bike patrol and park ranger programs. Our code and parking enforcement personnel should continue to augment our police. Political pressure must be placed on our federal, state, and county officials to reinstate and increase public safety funds, especially in the area of Homeland Security. Police educational programs on crime prevention, home security, and personal safety can be better publicized. Grants for strategically placed call boxes need to be found. Greenbelt West's Neighborhood Improvement Team could be expanded by

meeting at more convenient hours. The management of Springhill Lake must improve lighting, maintenance, and security. Management should vigorously enforce its rules and remove residents who repeatedly refuse to abide by them. Though redevelopment of Springhill Lake will help the situation, that is a long way off. More immediate solutions are necessary. During the design stage of redevelopment, the City Council must monitor the plans to ensure that what is put in place creates a sense of community, offers adequate recreation, and promotes security. In Greenbelt East, auto theft and break-ins are frustrating problems. Homeowner associations must be encouraged to re-establish their crime watch programs. Police and code enforcement need to work with the homeowners associations to make sure contact numbers and services are well known and readily available. Police presence should be addressed to compare citizens' perceptions with reality. In Greenbelt Center pedestrian safety, speeding, and break-ins of businesses are serious issues. Surveillance of Roosevelt Center must be increased. Full usage of the Center by the City and other groups should continue, such as concerts, farmers' market days and craft fairs. Trees and plantings along walkways should be cut back for better visibility. Promoting public safety is vitally important to all of Greenbelt's residents, with equitable attention paid to every neighborhood.

Rodney Roberts

Crime! Crime! Crime! It's everywhere, and it affects everyone, no matter where it happens.



In 1991, I published a letter in my campaign brochure describing what I believed to be some of the major issues facing our city, and my belief that "What affects one really affects all." Those issues included crime, over-development, traffic, deforestation, pollution, and a lack of equitable distribution of recreational facilities and other services. If re-elected, I will continue to pursue the same policies and actions that I have advocated and supported over the past 12 years. Some examples are:

Crime: Increased police force from 42 to 53 officers; initiated community policing and bicycle patrols to increase police presence and visibility. Initiated then expanded the school resource officer program; established substations in Greenbelt East and Beltway Plaza; equipped School Resource Officers with equipment for bike patrols; improved police benefits and equipment and initiated the master patrol officer program to improve hiring and retention of quality officers; and added crisis intervention councilor for Greenbelt CARES.

Over-development, traffic, deforestation: Successfully lobbied the State to acquire 75 acres of forested wetlands in Greenbelt West; purchase of 10-acre Sunrise Property in Greenbelt East; initiated traffic control and calming measures throughout the city; initiated the Greenbelt Wildlands Program to protect the remaining

green belt (first reading on October 13).

Distribution of recreational facilities and other services: Funding for expansion of Springhill Lake Recreation Center; funding for improvements to Northway Fields; implementation of city-wide trails plan; and review of playground agreement to include all sections of the city.

And the issues and list goes on and on and on! And they are important issues that affect all of Greenbelt.

Jim Inzeo

Crime is the most important issue to be addressed in Greenbelt East. In last week's Greenbelt News Review, the Police blotter



stated "an arrest warrant was obtained charging a man with attempted murder on the 7800 block of Hanover Parkway." A couple of months ago a woman was murdered in her home on Mathew Street. In addition, many cars were stolen in Greenbelt East last week. There are no simple answers. In addressing the issue, I would work closely with State's Attorney Glenn Ivey to prosecute those that commit crimes to the fullest extent of the law. At our malls I would work with businesses to install better lighting in parking lots and surveillance cameras, hopefully to deter crime. I would encourage the use of anti-theft devices to make stealing cars too much trouble for a car thief. The use of home security alarms would protect us from criminals when we are away or even while we are in our homes.

As for Greenbelt West, the most important issue is whether or not Springhill Lake will be torn down in order to build higher quality apartment rentals. I understand why some believe this would be a possible method to address crime. I disagree. To tear down a portion or all of Springhill Lake would leave thousands homeless. Instead of tearing down, we need to lift up. Springhill Lake serves a purpose by allowing many citizens to live in Greenbelt at a rent they can afford. We need to work at reducing crime. We cannot just throw these residents away.

Greenbelt Center's most important issue is our environment. I will support the proposed Greenland Ordinance. The ordinance would protect land owned by the city so it can remain green and wooded. Parcels one, two and the school board property would be protected from future councils who may not be as concerned about green space as we are today. In addition, I will work to oppose the widening of Kenilworth Avenue, which leads us to the Inter-County Connector. I will work to see that the ICC will not be built as well. The ICC would hurt our environment and would be devastating to our city.

Konrad Herling

Three Sectors, Three Priorities
Greenbelt East: Pedestrian and bicycle safety require greater attention



Problem spots:

(1) The crosswalk at Hanover Parkway and Greenbelt Road

(2) The bus stop located at Greenbelt Road opposite the Greenway Center

(3) The Eleanor Roosevelt High School crossing of Greenbelt Road at Frankfort Drive.

A thorough safety assessment should be conducted with an emphasis on pedestrian and bicycle crossings, as well as bus stops throughout town with the goal of making walking and bicycling for recreation and shopping as easy and safe as it is in Greenbelt Center. The City needs to explore providing bus access to Greenway Center. The City also should continue its efforts to move the bus stop on Greenbelt Road opposite the Greenway Center to a safer site east of the BW Parkway entrance.

Greenbelt Center: Roosevelt Center needs to be revitalized – now. Roosevelt Center could be the crown jewel of Greenbelt. What needs to happen? A more active merchants' association, including City representation, coordinated marketing and programming, and providing for greater security.

The City, working with the merchants' association, needs to develop an action plan to realize the goals identified by Urban Information Associates in its marketing study conducted last year. I envision the City taking a more assertive role in implementing these changes.

Greenbelt West: For the first time in a good while, Springhill Lake's (hereafter "SHL") management group, AIMCO, is interested in making a long term investment in changing the design and tenor of the community.

AIMCO proposes relocating its recreational facilities and creating a town center to a more central site. In redesigning SHL, it's critical that the Greenbelt planning principles apply: easy and safe accessibility for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Council suggests a mix of renters and buyers, a concept I support.

This challenge also offers an opportunity for the Beltway Plaza Ownership to be involved with Springhill Lake, linking the two more effectively. It should play an important role in working with the City, County ("The Bus"), and Metro's buses, and Metro itself to enhance accessibility throughout Greenbelt West, and the balance of Greenbelt.

Improved intra-city transportation has the potential of helping build a link between SHL residents, Metro, and the Beltway Plaza as well as the balance of the city. It will also help our young people more easily access the recreational and cultural offerings in our center and eastern sectors.

The answers to question 3 will be published in the October 23 issue of the News Review.

City Notes

The week of October 6 the facilities maintenance crew met with a Prince George's County fire inspector for inspection of the Adult Day Care and the Nursery School; conducted the annual fire sprinkler system test at the Police Station and the Aquatic & Fitness Center and the fire alarm test at the Community Center; replaced the transformer in the Greenbelt Theatre marquee; met with a contractor and a distributor at the City Office to arrange for additional work on the window replacement project; painted the restrooms, exterior doors and the bulletin board and installed new soap dispensers at Schrom Hills Park; provided a staff person to work SchromFest; changed air filters in the Aquatic & Fitness Center and the Police Station, and repaired the emergency generator at the Police Station.

The crew also met vendors at the Community Center to obtain prices to repaint the Gallery and to replace the picture-hanging molding around the room, met with the contractor in the Public Works yard to discuss the layout of the new natural gas fueling site, trimmed trees along the fence at Public Works which have grown over the fueling site and repaired a door and replaced the door sills as part of the concrete replacement project at the Aquatic & Fitness Center.

The streets crew completed construction of the new bridge at Schrom Hills Park and put gravel and riprap stone around the bridge, picked up the trailer for SchromFest recycling, worked on the new path at Schrom Hills Park and swept Schrom Hills parking lot with the street sweeper.

The parks crew completed work on the bridge for the walking trail at Schrom Hills Park, prepared the Little League Field for fall games, spread wood chips at Schrom Hills playground, marked the football field at Braden, repaired the fence at Braden tennis court and cut grass throughout the city.

October Programs At Patuxent Refuge

Patuxent Research Refuge has announced its public programs for October. The following programs are free but require advance reservations. For a reservation, call 301-497-5887. Advise of any special needs so that they may be accommodated. Visit the web site at patuxent.fws.gov.

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

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Al-Andalus Dance At Clarice Smith

"Dance Inspired by Al-Andalus" is a free program presented by the University of Maryland Department of Dance at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center on Tuesday, October 21 at 5:30 p.m. Alaine Wiltz, Alvin Mayes and other faculty illustrate the choreographic process in new works inspired by the legacy of the Al-Andalus region of Spain. In this historic area Christian, Jewish and Muslim communities flourished in relative harmony for 700 years, until the 13th century.

Transit & Livable Communities Day

On Saturday, October 18, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. community members will find a wealth of information on the benefits of using the county's public transportation services at Prince George's County Transit & Livable Communities Day at Prince George's Plaza. Through a partnership with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, the Prince George's County Office of Community Relations and Prince George's Plaza, the event will showcase the benefits of public transit and livable communities, and will commemorate the nationwide American Public Transportation Association's Communities in Motion day (October 16).

Topic Is "Diabetes"

The Doctors Community Hospital diabetes support group will present "Diabetes," a program on diabetes and obesity on Tuesday, October 21 at 7 p.m. The speaker is Michelle Thomas, M.D. The program will be held in the hospital's fifth floor classroom in the ambulatory surgery building. It is free and open to the public. Call 301-552-5134 to confirm attendance.

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- More regularly maintained ballfields, particularly in Springhill Lake
- Restore Greenbelt Lake so it can be used for recreational purposes again
- Complete design and build Skate Park as soon as possible
- Develop curriculum which fosters an appreciation of Greenbelt's nature and a greater awareness of the environment through our lakes, woodlands, trails and open space
- Continued support of video and theater camps for our children and teens
- Increased coordinated effort to co-produce teen concerts with the Greenbelt Arts Center and New Deal Café, Recreation and Police Departments, and most important, our teens.

By authority of Treasurer, Jack Maffay

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James H. Inzeo



Greenbelt City Council

Where I Stand

- Work to gain zoning authority
- Support Community Policing
- Develop in an environmentally sensitive manner
- Cleanup Greenbelt Lake
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Related issues to decreasing crime, he continued, involve what the city has done regarding recreation – the skate park, arts programs and crisis intervention.

Judith “J” Davis: Davis informed the audience that 40 percent of the city’s budget is for police. She also reminded the audience that Prince George’s County is No. 1 in the state for auto thefts. She mentioned several steps that could be taken: bike patrols should be re-established; officers can address local groups on protection; residents can purchase car anti-theft ‘clubs’ from the police.

Leta Mach: Mach indicated that Greenbelt is six square miles in size and all sections need to be covered. The recent murder in Greenbelt East has “put us all on edge,” she said, but it seems to be an isolated incident. But overall crime is up. Mach emphasized the need to support the school resource officer program, the bike patrol and foot patrol.

James Inzeo: Inzeo stated that there is no simple answer to crime reduction. He commented that he had gone to the Mobil station the other night and found the front door locked to prevent crime. In his recollection, there have only been three murders in the past decade, one in each segment of the city. He stated that he will do everything possible to decrease crime.

Ed Putens: Putens stated that crime is on the increase because “we have things other people want.” Now, after the murder in Greenbelt East, a watch program has begun. Why does it take something like murder to start the program? He is in favor of more use of security cameras, which may not prevent crime but can be used by judge and jury to convict criminals. He indicated that he had made the original suggestion that led to instituting the school resource officer program and has suggested hiring retired officers to assist with security as a reduced cost to the city.

With all the federal, state and county funding cuts, will you support retention of all city services and employees in the next budget cycle?

Roberts: All city services must be kept; however, the city must be patient on some of the projects and budget money more wisely. Greenbelt had a chance to get out of debt several years ago, he said, but took on extra projects. He wants to minimize debt and finance projects more gradually.

Davis: Stated that citizens of Greenbelt expect quality services and, in most cases, are willing to pay for them. Citizens supported bond issues to improve the city. Greenbelt employees are very loyal workers; she would not terminate jobs. She would look to grants and money-saving ideas, but also mentioned the possibility of raising taxes.

Mach: “Taxes is not a dirty word.” Citizens have supported taxes to enhance quality of life, she added. She favors raising the property assessment cap to obtain needed funds.

Inzeo: Indicated that although he will try to keep all employees and all services, he won’t guarantee it. He stated, “Everything is on the table,” depending on circumstances.

Putens: Stated that budget problems are “not new, but a little more drastic.” The city manager

has always done whatever is needed to keep all employees, he said. If need be, taxes may be raised. If there are services that citizens do not want, they should let the council know. If taxes are to be raised, they should be raised for the right reasons.

Herling: “We have to retain all of our employees.” He favored pursuing grants and agreed with Roberts that some projects could possibly be postponed. He felt that a tax increase might be needed to improve the police presence.

Santos: Answered by comparing the city budget to a household budget. “City finances must be put under the same microscope.” He indicated that the city must review each project, try to identify grant possibilities and work with county and state officials to generate new funds. Although he indicated he wants to keep all employees and services, he said “the last choice is to raise taxes.”

With the gradual use of most of the remaining developable land (except Metroland and Capital Office Park), what is your view of development and/or redevelopment in Greenbelt’s future?

Putens: As the first respondent Putens indicated that he does not want to see land developed; he would rather the city acquire land. But the budget does not always permit this. He mentioned the Springhill Lake owners, who were considering a \$100 million renovation, but may now be looking “out of the box” and renovating the whole area. Council would be a “major force,” he said, in what that development would look like. But whenever it can the city should acquire more land.

Herling: Commented that there is not much undeveloped open land left. He pointed to the Sunrise property in Greenbelt East where the city has been able to retain open space. He discussed the idea of redevelopment near Roosevelt Center; i.e., the red brick apartments. He stated that the Center needs a critical mass of people to support services and see redevelopment in the form of a larger art-deco building(s), perhaps including senior apartments.

Santos: Spoke in favor of continuing to try to obtain municipal zoning approval from the county as a first step. He would still favor dedicated woodlands and open space. He indicated that the various sections of the city have varying concerns over development, but “we’re all part of the same city.”

Roberts: Stated that when he was first on the council, it was said that the city was almost fully developed. But there continued to be more and more development, development at the Metro has been ongoing for 14 years – so far. The city needs to fight so that new development or redevelopment meets Greenbelt requirements, he said, as the city standards are much higher than those of the county.

Davis: Added that there needs to be a “reality check.” Greenbelt does not have planning authority and has been working on obtaining it for years, thus far unsuccessfully. The city needs to attract good stores and restaurants and needs to emphasize code enforcement to keep current housing stock up to standards.

Mach stated that leaving out

Metroland and Capital Office Park, most change will be in the areas of redevelopment and preservation. She pointed to the study of Roosevelt Center and the need for more restaurants, a farmers’ market, etc. She stated that the Co-op grocery store is going to undertake a major renovation. She mentioned the possibility of major changes at Springhill Lake. She indicated her three priorities – the need to preserve woodlands, the lake park and the purple line light rail.

Inzeo: Stated that we should do everything we can to preserve and protect green space. Any development in the city should be for the city’s benefit and not for others in the county. In regard to Springhill Lake, he would not support demolition of the apartments only to build upscale residences. He stated that Springhill Lake “serves a purpose” for its residents.

Is Greenbelt Station (Metroland) plan a good plan?

Mach: Commented that the current plan appears to be an evolving plan and the current council appears to be on top of issues.

Inzeo: Stated that he was not in favor of the current plan. He would continue to negotiate for lower buildings and more wetlands.

Putens: Indicated that a major issue is the wetlands. He is convinced that the upscale shops are not going to come. He stated that there is some clout as the city has control over a small portion of the project that is within city boundaries.

Herling: Is in favor of a stronger negotiating plan. The city needs to have a firm list of

what it wants. If the city clarifies its ideas, it would strengthen the city’s position. He also mentioned the need for safe access to Metro for pedestrians and a lower density of buildings.

Santos: Commented that the city must be a true stakeholder in the development. The street rights of way must meet city standards. He agreed with pedestrian access to Metro indicating that Cherrywood Lane is already difficult to cross. The project must be supported by those using mass transit, not cars.

Roberts: Indicated that CB-35 once set the standards for “upscale” stores. He wasn’t in favor of the bill, but it passed. Now the city must hold the developers to their own rules. The last plan he saw showed 95 percent of shoppers coming by car to a regional mall. The developers want taxpayers to pay for ramp access to the Beltway. He is definitely against that.

Davis: Stated that the plan was a “horrible plan,” which has improved somewhat only because Greenbelt keeps pushing them. The developers have a different understanding of “mixed use” with buildings spread throughout the tract, not clustered to encourage walking, biking and taking the Metro. There also needs to be more mixed-income housing.

Why doesn’t Greenbelt East get more attention? Why should we vote?

Davis: Stated that Greenbelt East residents wrongly feel that city money is spent elsewhere. She read off a litany of projects that Greenbelt East enjoys including flowers being planted, snow being plowed, Schrom Hills Park, police protection, the dog park

and the new recycling facility. “We are very responsive to Greenbelt East.”

Roberts: Indicated that the bike patrol was his idea and was based in Greenbelt East. The city was also able to negotiate and obtain the Sunrise property near the dog park to keep it from being developed into a large apartment complex.

Santos: Emphasized police protection, noting that the number of patrol units has not increased in a number of years. This should be changed. He noted that although the various sections of the city have differing needs, it is “our” city.

Herling: Echoed many of the accomplishments already mentioned. He added an issue of public safety, that of moving the bus stop across from Greenway Center to a safer location.

Putens: States that “you (Greenbelt East) have been well served.” To the list already mentioned, he added increased police presence, a ball field, bus shelters and the first city roundabout to calm traffic.

Inzeo: Noted that when he was on city committees and boards a decade ago, there were few, if any, participants from Greenbelt East. He noted that now, some committees have a majority of members from Greenbelt East. People are becoming involved and need to be even more involved.

Mach: As the last speaker she added to the growing list of services to Greenbelt East. She mentioned Greenbelt CARES and senior services which are available to all residents. She mentioned GEAC’s issue of equity with playgrounds throughout the city and that the issue will be coming up for discussion at city council soon.



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