

## City Council Works on Details Of Forest Preserve Ordinance

by Barbara Hopkins

If current momentum holds through October 27, the long-awaited establishment of a forest preserve for some of the city's woodlands will soon become a reality. On that date a new city ordinance comes before the Greenbelt City Council again for second reading and adoption.

At its regular meeting on October 13, council made minor changes to the proposed "Ordinance to Amend Chapter 12, 'Parks and Recreation' by Adding a New Article VIII, 'Forest Preserve' for the Purpose of Creating a Greenbelt Forest Preserve and Establishing Regulations for the Use and Maintenance of Such a Forest Preserve," after hearing its introduction and first reading.

If passed, the ordinance will create forest preserve areas within the city consisting of city-owned lands which are "predominantly undisturbed and wooded." The goals of the ordinance include providing protection and conservation to these areas. Use and

maintenance of the areas will be consistent with those goals.

The ordinance provides that removal of land from forest preserve designation must be done by ordinance of the city council with a public hearing held at least two weeks prior to first reading of the ordinance. After its passage by council, an ordinance to delete or reduce a forest preserve area must be approved by the city's registered voters at a general election before it becomes effective. According to City Solicitor Robert Manzi, voter approval is necessary because it is unlawful for a sitting city council to bind a future council.

### Background

According to material provided by city staff, the ordinance was drafted to "create a process to delineate and manage City-owned open lands as protected natural resources." Three elements of the ordinance require identification of land owned by

the city to be designated as forest preserves, delineation of the process by which lands can be added or removed from the preserves and ways to amend the ordinance itself, and development of rules for use of the designated areas.

Input on the ordinance was obtained previously from the Advisory Planning Board (APB), the Park & Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB), the Advisory Committee on Trees (ACT) and the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC). The ordinance was revised to accommodate comments from these sources and from council worksessions on the subject. It was then resubmitted to these bodies and also given to the city solicitor and the Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT). Additional feedback from this review process was incorporated into the ordinance that was presented to council at the meeting.

### Council's Concerns

At a worksession on the topic on September 15, there was considerable discussion about which properties to include and whether or not the inventory of properties

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## Miss Greenbelt Winners Reflect on Experiences

by Carla Ferris

The Miss Greenbelt, Junior Miss Greenbelt, and Little Miss Greenbelt pageants for the 2003-2004 court took place over Labor Day weekend this year. The girls participated in rehearsals and a cookie sale over the summer. A winner and four runners-up are selected in each age-group, as well as awards for most photogenic, congeniality, most spirited and the "cookie" award, based on the summer-time sale.

Winners of the competition were as follows: Danyelle Thomas - Miss Greenbelt, Jenny Lindvall - Junior Miss Greenbelt and Congeniality, Lindsay Hepler - Little Miss Greenbelt and Cookie Award.

For the Miss Greenbelt competition, Jasmine Pierce won 1st runner-up, Joanna Murray, 2nd runner-up, Emily Ivy, 3rd runner-up, Katerina Herder, 4th runner-up, Jherica Burgess, Congeniality and Most Spirited, Lizzy Sankar, Most Photogenic and Erin McGill, the Cookie Award.

In the Junior Miss Greenbelt competition, Kimberly Wynkoop won 1st runner up and the Cookie Award, Kristina Richards, 2nd runner-up, Tiffany Edwards, 3rd runner-up, Christina McVay, 4th runner-up and Most Spirited and Caprice Miller, Most Photogenic.

Little Miss Greenbelt competition winners were Nathalie Denham, 1st runner-up and Most Photogenic, Samantha Nash, 2nd runner-up, Jazmin Kienas, 3rd runner-up and Most Spirited,



**Danyelle Thomas**  
**Miss Greenbelt 2003**

Kelley Jo Wallace, 4th runner-up and Alexis Thompson, Congeniality.

### Miss Greenbelt

Danyelle Thomas, this year's Miss Greenbelt, is a dynamic and enthusiastic young woman. She speaks with a liveliness seen far too rarely in high school students today and is focused on studies as well as her extracurricular activities. The 16-year-old junior at High Point High School spends a great deal of time singing in the professional choir at her school. Previously she sang country music professionally with her younger sister Courtney and says she grew up listening to the genre.

"Although I grew up on country music, now I listen to  
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PHOTO BY SHARON NATOLI



### TRICK or TREAT?!

Trick-or-Treat in Greenbelt will be held on Friday, October 31 from 6 to 8 p.m. Residents who wish to participate are asked to turn porch lights on and apartment dwellers should tie a piece of white cloth on the door. See a listing of local activities on page 6.

### What Goes On

**Saturday, October 25**  
 9 a.m. to noon, Electronic Recycling, Schrom Hills Park  
 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Fire Prevention Open House, Fire House  
**Monday, October 27**  
 8 p.m., City Council Meeting and Public Hearing Concerning the Use of Recently Awarded Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG), Municipal Building  
**Thursday, October 30**  
 7:30 p.m., GHI Board Meeting, GHI Boardroom

## Last Candidates' Question Deals with City Finances

The third and final question we asked of the seven candidates for the Greenbelt City Council prior to the November 4 election dealt with the city's financial situation. Each year for many years, the city council has been faced with balancing the need for greater and better services with costs of operations that have increased more rapidly than the city's revenues have increased. Each year the council and the city manager have resolved this problem by increasing the city's property tax rate. Often, the council revises the city manager's proposed budget by increasing expenditures above the amounts proposed.

This year, the problem was even greater because the Maryland state government, facing its own budget problems, chose to cut back on financial assistance to local jurisdictions including Greenbelt. Also, the national economy, facing a slow down, impacted Greenbelt wage earners, who reported less income and paid less income tax to the state in 2002. The City of Greenbelt receives a share of the income tax paid by its residents to Maryland.

Their answers, in 300 words or less with minimal editing by our staff, are below. Lot determined the order of candidates' answers. Here is the actual question we posed to the candidates:

**How will you weigh the desire for more services (police, education, etc.) with the city's limited revenue resources and its dependency on property tax increases to balance its budgets? For example, should the city look to reduce services to avoid tax increases or should the city continue to increase services and accept the tax impact?**

### Konrad Herling

Along with public safety concerns, the challenge of Metroland development and our continuing efforts to build



a more united and cohesive Greenbelt community, I believe that the city's budget represents the most difficult challenge facing the new Council. Affecting the city's 2003-04 budget were the national economy, and an arbitrary reduction of \$200,000 in state-shared revenue. These state-shared revenues have been used for essential services such as street maintenance and public safety. To assure that these services were provided, Council approved a .04 cent to the city's property tax rate increase. The next Council will likely face the same or more difficult constraints with next year's city budget. If elected, I will be ready to make the difficult decisions necessary to assure that essential city services are maintained.

I support the current Council's recent action to adjust the cap on real estate assessment increases from the present five percent level to ten percent. This will give future Councils greater flexibility in an area where property assessments done by the state are sometimes crucial in determining Greenbelt's fiscal resources.

Greater efforts by City staff in the pursuit of County, State, Federal, and private level grants could raise needed re-

sources to maintain popular quality of life programs. I would be a strong advocate for Maryland Municipal legislative programs to restore lost state-shared revenues for essential local government services. I also will work hard to assure the completion of the 2001 City Bond Referendum projects: the theater renovation, expansion of the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, and traffic calming improvements in Greenbelt East.

My experience on City advisory boards and local organizations provide me with a keen sense of fiscal management and budget preparation. I am ready to work on your behalf to assure our successful future.

### Ric Santos

My goal is to maintain the current level and quality of city services through sound fiscal management.



Revenues have not risen at the rate of the increase in expenses, requiring a critical decision whether to reduce services or increase taxes. Because a majority of costs are fixed and expense reduction has been maximized, there is little room for further cuts in expenditures. Of the six revenue categories, taxes and fees are the only categories where an increase may be recognized.

Real property taxes are the largest revenue base. FY-

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# A Greenbelt Gardener

by Rosie Rhubarb

I've written this garden column for 10 years now. When I sit down to write I am full of the urge to share what is going on in the garden. But for some time now I've wanted to share some guidelines I've followed in being a gardener. I repeat themes again and again, often without meaning to; it is a matter of how I garden. (Also, I'm sure some wonder at the timing of the articles so I thought I'd clear up some of the mystery.)



photos. I've learned a lot from skimming through library books.

I have always loved to walk around Greenbelt and learn from the plants I find in the woods and in other people's gardens. I'm the woman who stops and stares at plants.

You may think – "What is that woman doing?" But I am thinking, "Gee, that plant has started blooming early this year."

The opportunity to share this love of the land came about spontaneously. One week when there were not enough stories, senior staff members told everyone to write something! The editor, who is a skilled gardener, suggested I write a garden column. I did so but realized if I wrote under my own name, I could be facing a lot of gardening questions. I value my privacy and I want to choose when I talk about gardening. So the editor suggested the pen name I use – a flower name and a vegetable name.

I found I liked to be sharing my love of the land. And the writing was easy, because I was writing about what I loved. (Writing up a city council meeting is another story, despite the fact that I did love writing about park and environmental issues.)

### Timing

The timing of the columns may have seemed haphazard, but it is all about time. If I had a council meeting to write up then I probably wouldn't do a garden column.

The time of year is another factor. I could find something to do in the garden 52 weeks a year, but I realize most of my readers don't have the time or inclination to do so. So there have been fewer columns in winter and mid-summer. The spring planting season, the autumn planting season, early summer maintenance tasks and autumn clean-up are to my mind the key points of the gardening year and I tried to write of them every year. Of course I've written many a column about spring-time flowers and autumn leaves. Such times are a joy and I love to share it. Twice a year we are privileged to see a parade of color that lasts for weeks as each week means different plants color up beautifully.

The biggest factor determining the timing of the column is unknown to most of my readers. As a longtime senior staff member of the News Review, I know I need to time my columns to maximize the possibility of getting them published. If I write it, I want to see it printed in the paper. I have been a make-up editor for

## News Review Annual Meeting on Sunday

Staff members of the Greenbelt News Review are urged to attend the paper's annual meeting this Sunday, October 26 at 4 p.m. The News Review is one of Greenbelt's oldest cooperatives and will soon begin its 67th year of publication. Those who work in the production of the paper become the membership of the cooperative (see masthead).

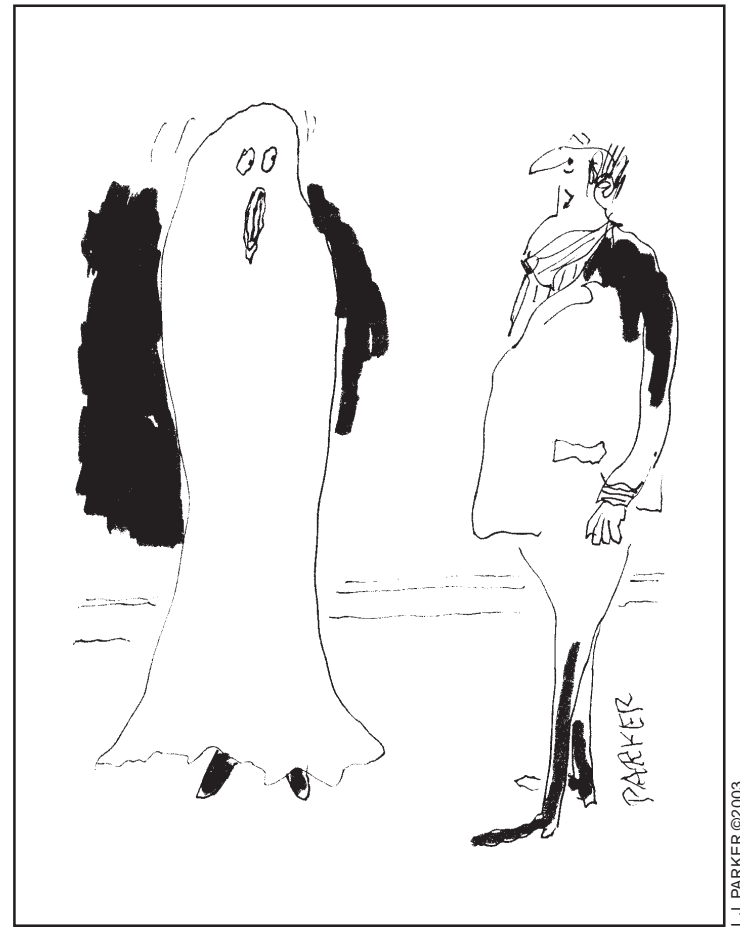
At the meeting members will hear reports on how the paper is doing and its financial situation. The membership of the board of directors will be elected for the coming year. There will also be an opportunity to brainstorm possible solutions to some of the difficulties encountered each week in publishing this paper.

years. It's a job I love more than anything else on the newspaper except writing this column. So I am well aware of the realities of how the newspaper is put together on Wednesday nights. Most weeks the amount of advertisement determines the number of printed pages. And when the paper is small, there are priorities and fewer articles get published. A feature article with no time urgency has low priority and that is the reality of the newspaper business. So if I know from how the ads and news are running that there will be no room for a column, then I won't write one.

While I've written under a pen name for privacy, I have had two advisors. I'd like to publicly acknowledge and thank them, for often they had knowledge I didn't and so it was then a collective effort. Bill Phelan is the expert in plant varieties. He and his fellow public works department employees have made Greenbelt bloom and therefore inspired many a column. Julius Likowski helped gardeners in a quiet, unassuming way. He advised me frequently on my columns. He cleared the brush and the trash off the Greenbelt Garden Club's Hamilton East field. He passed on to his children an intense love of the land. It was fitting that his death came during this past winter as that is the time of rest for the gardener.

As you may have guessed, my name is Betsy Likowski and I have written about nature for 10 years as a garden columnist and 17 years as a reporter. And now I step aside as a reporter, I step aside as a garden columnist and I step aside as being a steward of the land on which I have lived. There are others who love this land intensely and the time of change in my life is upon me.

## The Old Curmudgeon



"Ghosts are passé . . . politicians are scary!"

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## A Reminder and a Welcome

Readers are reminded of News Review policy with respect to printing of campaign and election material. In its last edition preceding an election the newspaper will not publish letters to the editor and similar materials that inject for the first time controversial issues and charges. Last minute introduction of such material without an opportunity for refutation is considered an unfair campaign practice.

The News Review will not print letters of endorsement.

Letters to the editor and other copy on election issues must be submitted by 9 p.m. Tuesday evening so as to give the editorial board sufficient time to review content.

The News Review would like to welcome Carla Ferris, Kristen Martin, Dennis Carter, Rachel Freedenberg, Jill Legato and Jason Woodward who have recently joined the staff as journalism students. We look forward to reading the fruits of your labors.

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## PRELIMINARY AGENDA MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, October 30, 2003  
7:30 p.m.  
GHI Board Room

### Key Agenda Items

- Third Quarter Financial Statements
- Proposed Canine Kennel – 54G Ridge
- Proposed Revision to GHI Rules for Exceptions
- Request for Exceptions to Frame Porch Roof Style

Regular board meetings are open to members.

## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

### Week of Oct. 24

### Winged Migration (G)

Friday  
\*5:20, 7:30, 9:35

Saturday  
\*3:15, \*5:20, 7:30, 9:35

Sunday  
\*3:15, \*5:20, 7:30

Monday – Thursday  
\*5:20, 7:30

\*These shows at \$5.00

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# Community Events

## "Winged Migration" Lands in Greenbelt

The Oscar-nominated documentary "Winged Migration" opens Friday night at Old Greenbelt Theatre, with showings at 5:20, 7:30 and 9:35 p.m. The film, shot during three years on all seven continents, "is awesome to regard," says top critic Roger Ebert. "The film opens and closes," Ebert notes, "with long aerial tracking shots showing birds in long-distance flight into the wind, and we realize how very hard it is to fly a thousand miles or more." To get a dramatic range of footage of birds feeding, courting, mating – and trapped in industrial waste – adds Ebert, "225 feet of film were exposed for every foot that got into the movie. And some of the birds were exposed to the sounds of airplanes and movie cameras while still in the shell and greeted upon their arrival in the world by crew members." Ultralight aircraft and hot air balloons also were used. Running 89 minutes, with a modest narration by Jacques Perrin and an original score "Winged Migration," rated "G," is directed by Jacques Cluzaud and Michel Debats.

For more details and further comments, for those with access to the Internet, go to <http://www.imbd.com>. The film will be shown Saturday at 3:15, 5:20, 7:30 and 9:35 p.m. On Sunday the last show is dropped; then the film runs next Monday through Thursday at 5:20 and 7:30 p.m. Also at the Greenbelt Theatre, on November 1 the featured free film for the first Saturday of the month program (at noon) will be "The Bank Dick," the classic comedy starring W.C. Fields.

– Eli Flam

## At the Library

Wednesday, October 29, 10:30 a.m. Cuddletime for ages 12 to 24 months with caregiver.

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

## Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club birthday luncheon was enjoyed on October 15. The six birthday honorees present were Louvain Townsend, Nick Pergola, Pearl Keeney, Robert Terrell, Gil Weidenfeld and Margaret Kivlin. The raffle winners were Nick Pergola and Robert Terrell.

Joe Rimar read his October birthday poem. The club is so proud of our own Joe Rimar. He has a poem published by an English company in a collection of international poets. Rudy Pugliese honored him by reading the poem from the collection.

Jean Guidas and Charlene Kurth were welcomed as guests by President Ellie Rimar.

The 50/50 winners were Bill Souser and Janet Brown.

The club sends cheerful thoughts to Esther Webb who had a bad fall and is now recuperating.

## Rummage Sale

Beginning Sunday, October 26, Mishkan Torah synagogue will be accepting items for its rummage sale on November 9 and 10. All items must be clean and in good condition. Mishkan Torah is located at 10 Ridge Rd.

## SpyKids 3D Draws Crowd



First Friday Movie Club volunteers Damien Brennan, Suzanne Lomox, Cornelia Kennedy and Judy Hughes (above) help the P&G staff handle the kiddie tray crunch time.

On left, they came to see SpyKids 3D on October 3 and they looked pretty mysterious behind those glasses.

## Water Polo Redux

Water polo will be played again on Saturday, October 25, at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center. There is a steady group of players but newcomers are always welcome. The program is designed for players ages 11 to 19. Water polo is played in deep water so some swimming skills are mandatory. Call Larry Hilliard at 301-474-7504 or Clement Lau at 301-345-6110 for questions.

## Learn to Can Internet Spam

Too much spam getting you down? Then come to the Greenbelt Internet Access Cooperative's (GIAC) discussion and beginner's-level class "How to Can Spam" moderated by Greenbelt.com webmaster Neil McLeod. Included will be an online demonstration of the spam-blocking software Mail-Washer Pro.

This free class is Wednesday, October 29 at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, in the Theater Rehearsal Room (2nd floor, across from the GATE studio) from 7 to 9 p.m. For information call GIAC's voice mail at 301-419-8044. Registration is unnecessary, but to reserve a copy of the handouts call GIAC by Monday, October 27. The class is open to all.

## Sisterhood Topic Is Wild West Jews

Ever wondered about the role of Jews in the Wild Wild West? Were Jews in any famous outlaw gangs? When were synagogues established and where? Were there sisterhoods, farmers, ranchers, saloon keepers? For answers to these questions and more, come and hear Beryl Lief Benderly tell of the dramatic story of Jews of the Wild Wild West.

People are invited to the sisterhood of Mishkan Torah's first program of the year on Sunday, October 26 at 1 p.m.

Benderly will discuss her book and be pleased to sign copies.

Mishkan Torah is located at 10 Ridge Road. Call 301-474-4223 for more information.

## Explorations Hears Animation Artist

"Explorations Unlimited" welcomes George Kochell on Friday, October 31. As Mister Geo, Kochell teaches quarterly animation classes here in Greenbelt for the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts and Greenbelt Access Television. He is also a former illustrator for Starlog magazine.

The "Explorations" presentation on October 31 will be a workshop demonstration on how people can create their own cartoons and animations. Materials will be supplied by the instructor. Mister Geo will also show animation examples from recent classes in Greenbelt.

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

## GHI Notes

GHI meetings for the week of October 27 through 31 are: October 28 – Marketing Committee, 7 p.m.; October 29 – Architecture & Environment Committee, 7:30 p.m.; and October 30 – Board of Directors, 7:30 p.m. All meetings will be in the Board Room.

The next Pre-purchase Orientation will be held Monday, November 3 at 7:15 p.m.

## A Call for Artists

Area artists are being sought for exhibitions in the Greenbelt Arts Center between December 2003 and October 2004. Application deadline is Oct. 29. Five to 10 color slides must be sent, with an information sheet, resume, self-addressed stamped envelope (for return of the slides) and with a non-refundable entry fee to the Greenbelt Arts Center, Attn.: Gallery Committee, P.O. Box 293, Greenbelt, MD 20768-0293.

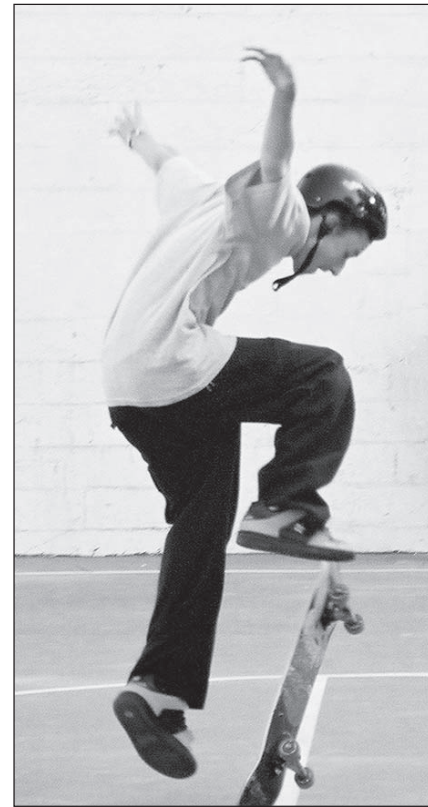
Each show will run about seven weeks, keeping the Arts Center Theater's performance schedule in mind. For more information contact Mary Seng at 301-441-8770 mailbox #5 or e-mail [maryseng@juno.com](mailto:maryseng@juno.com) or [www.greenbeltartscenter.org](http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org).

## Concert Goers Have Fun, Raise Funds for Skate Park

Area young people gathered at the Greenbelt Youth Center on the afternoon of October 18 to hear an array of local bands and to lend support to one of their favorite pastimes. The benefit concert was organized to raise money to support the Greenbelt Skate Park, which is temporarily functioning in the University Square Tennis Courts. Skateboarding has long been a favorite of area teenagers who can find even a park bench a challenging venue for tricks. The notion of a skate park was high on the list of priorities for area youth who have complained that there are limited opportunities for positive and free entertainment.



PHOTOS BY LINDA SIADYS



"Frenamie" was the first of many bands to take the stage. Others included, "Thirty-7," "UPC" and "DayNovo."

At left Tony works on perfecting his technique on a beautiful fall day.



## Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary

# fire prevention open house

Saturday October 25, 2003

from 11:00am to 3:00pm at the fire house

125 Crescent Road, Greenbelt Maryland

Games...Displays About Fire Prevention...Fire Truck Rides...Live Fire Exercises...Fire/Ems Demonstrations And Much More...

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Hope to see you there.



# Obituaries

## Peter V. Dolan

Peter V. Dolan, 85, of 12 Court Ridge Road died in his home on October 13, 2003.



Born in New York, he joined the U.S. Merchant Marines when he was 19. He served from that time right through World War II. He was a chief engineer.

After the war he left the Merchant Marines and became a New York City firefighter from 1948 to 1968. In 1968 he returned to the Merchant Marines, retiring in 1983.

A quiet man, Mr. Dolan was adopted by his granddaughter's friends as their grandfather.

He is survived by his daughter, Theresa and granddaughter, Carla of Greenbelt; son Peter of Durham, N.C.; and son Thomas of Fort Worth, Texas.

He was buried in his home state of New York on October 18, 2003.



Condolences to Theresa Dolan and her daughter Carla on the death of Theresa's father and Carla's grandfather, Peter V. Dolan.

Esther Webb is at Magnolia Nursing Home recuperating from broken ribs. Hope she's up and about shortly!

Congratulations to Mary and Dale Lehman of Laurel on the birth of their daughter on October 14. Caroline Nicole weighed 8 lb. 1 oz. and joins sister Allison and brothers Ryan and Rory. Her grandparents are Pat and Ray Lehman of Newville, Pa. and Irene Hensel of Greenbelt.

Get well wishes to News Review staffer Lucie MacKinnon, laid low by a particularly nasty early season flu that has sidelined her for over three weeks.

## Baha'i Faith

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## Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road,  
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*Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community*  
October 26, 10 a.m.  
Public Education Sunday  
by Barbara Wells, co-minister and Sylvia Lagerquist with Ben Farrow, worship associate (Arts Education)



Barbara Wells and  
Jaco B. ten Hove,  
co-ministers



## Catholic Community of Greenbelt

MASS  
Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building

# Council Reviews Site Plan for Silver Diner

by Barbara Hopkins

At its October 13 meeting the Greenbelt City Council was given a courtesy review of the site plan for a new restaurant and retail pad at Beltway Plaza to replace TJ's Roadhouse. Council also approved replacements for city vehicles and agreed to the mailing of a sample ballot before the November election.

## Silver Diner

Attorney Nancy Slepicka of Fossett & Brugger, representing owners of the Silver Diner restaurant chain, showed council plans for the construction of a Silver Diner restaurant and separate nearby retail pad in the Beltway Plaza shopping mall at the site where TJ's Roadhouse currently stands. Slepicka said Silver Diner is very involved in communities where their restaurants exist. She described the restaurant as known for its "huge portions and family service."

The company strives to make the diner a community gathering place, she said, and participates in programs with schools and community organizations. It will bring employment opportunities to the area, as the company adheres to a policy that employees must live within a five-mile radius of the restaurant. She described Silver Diner as "anxious to be part of Greenbelt."

Slepicka described architectural changes that had been made by her client at the city's request to make the diner blend in with existing nearby structures.

In response to concerns from council about landscaping, David Sullivan of Quantum Development said the company will be adding 10 new trees to those already existing at the site. "Kap" Kapistan, spokesman for Beltway Plaza, said no leases had yet been completed for the four retail stores that will be built, but he intends to upgrade the plaza.

The City of Greenbelt was

given a courtesy review of the plans, which are not subject to detailed site plan review by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. Council unanimously approved the plan. Silver Diner's contract with Beltway Plaza requires that construction begin immediately. The existing TJ's Roadhouse structure will be demolished.

## Vehicle Replacements

Greenbelt's FY 2004 General and Replacement Fund budget included funds for the purchase of several vehicles to expand or replace the city's current fleet. Staff had obtained bids for the purchases, which were presented to council for approval.

The Police Department will purchase five new vehicles for marked cruisers and two for use as unmarked vehicles by the Criminal Investigations Unit.

The Planning and Community Development Department will purchase two vehicles and Public Works will obtain a multi-purpose vehicle chassis and a 4x4 pick-up truck. The department plans under separate bids to obtain additional equipment for use with the chassis and truck.

Although Councilmembers Alan Turnbull and Rodney Roberts had concerns that the city was not purchasing alternative-fuel or hybrid vehicles, council approved the purchase bids as presented. Celia Craze from the planning and community development department explained that more environmentally-favorable vehicles that met the technical and safety needs of the city were not available at this time.

## Sample Ballot

After the 2001 election, Mayor Judith Davis and Councilmember Thomas White requested consideration of a sample ballot postcard mailing prior to the 2003 election. This matter was discussed informally by the Board of Elections, which was enthusiastic about publicizing an election. The board considered that the city should de-

termine if funds should be allocated for this purpose.

Council was presented with a four-by-six-inch postcard with a modified sample ballot that could be sent to the estimated 6,500 voting households in the city. The cost of printing and mailing the card would be approximately \$2,100. Staff recommended that council approve the mailing with a target date of October 27. Turnbull suggested that the card include the city's logo, to designate it as officially from the city and not private election material. Council accepted his change and unanimously approved the mailing.

## Byzantine Bazaar

St. Gregory Byzantine Catholic Church, 12420 Old Gunpowder Road in Beltsville, will hold a holiday bazaar on Saturday, November 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Featured will be Christmas and general crafts, treasures of the attic, new gifts and a raffle and bake sale. Homemade Eastern European foods – pirohi, halushki, holupki, kolbassi and kolachi – will be available for lunch and carry-out. Admission and parking are free; the bazaar is not open to vendors. Call 301-552-2434 for details.

## American Indians Commemorated

Join in a celebration of American Indian Month at Bladensburg Waterfront Park on Saturday, November 1, 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. A traditional powwow and unveiling of an historic marker commemorating an American Indian village will also take place.

For more information visit [www.dhcd.state.md.us/mcia](http://www.dhcd.state.md.us/mcia).

## Domestic Partner Benefits Passed

by Barbara Hopkins

Drawing attention to the City of Greenbelt from beyond the city's borders was an item concerning domestic partner benefits for city employees that appeared on council's agenda for its October 13 meeting. The nature of this wider interest was highlighted in the unusual presence of a Washington Post reporter at the city council meeting. Council had been asked to approve a policy providing the same benefits for an employee's domestic dependents as are given to the spouse of a city employee and the spouse's eligible dependents.

Benefits could accrue to unmarried partners of city employees over age 18 when the partner and employee have shared the same legal residence for at least 12 months and other criteria detailed in the policy are also met. Partners may be of the same or opposite sex as the employee. An Affidavit of Domestic Partnership must be filed with documentation supporting the financial interdependence of the couple.

After limited discussion and a failed motion by Councilmember Alan Turnbull to eliminate some of the eligible documentation for establishing the Affidavit of Domestic Partnership, which Turnbull considered too subject to abuse, council unanimously approved the policy with minor changes in wording. According to information provided from city staff in the background material, enrollment of domestic partners in the benefits program, including health insurance, could begin immediately.

Articles concerning council's action appeared in two regional sections of the Post, as well as in the Greenbelt - Berwyn Heights Gazette and aired on WAMU.

## GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

Corner of Crescent and Greenhill Roads 301-474-4212  
[www.greenbeltbaptist.org](http://www.greenbeltbaptist.org) [greenbelt.baptist@verizon.net](mailto:greenbelt.baptist@verizon.net)  
Dr. Mark Johnson, Pastor



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

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

## MASS SCHEDULE:

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

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

## ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Md.



## St. George's Episcopal/Anglican Church

7010 Glenn Dale Road  
(Lanham-Severn Road and Glenn Dale Road)  
301-262-3285 | [stgeogd@aol.com](mailto:stgeogd@aol.com) | [www.stgeo.org](http://www.stgeo.org)

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



Nursery Provided 9:00-11:30 am

An inclusive congregation!

## Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Hillside & Crescent Roads  
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings  
[www.greenbelt.com/gccucc/](http://www.greenbelt.com/gccucc/)  
Sunday Worship  
10:15 a.m.  
Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

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

## HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

6905 Greenbelt Road • 301-345-5111

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Worship  
8:45 a.m. Fellowship  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
9:15 a.m. Bible Class  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Evening Worship



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## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



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

HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE  
[www.gbmg-UMC.org/mowatt](http://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

Reformation Sunday, U.M. Men's Day  
Disabilities Awareness Sunday  
"Open Our Eyes" Traditional Service

**Greenbelt CARES**

The week of October 13, Wendy Wexler interviewed students at the Eleanor Roosevelt High School guidance office for participation in her eight-week Teen Discussion Group. The group, which begins next week, will address many issues including decision making, stress, school-related issues, family conflict, communication skills and anger management.

**City Notes**

The week of October 13, the facilities maintenance crew met with a National Park Service supervisor, his staff and an NPS contractor at Spellman Overpass to review the work done on re-wiring the lights; worked on the tennis court lights at Braden Field, installing one new light on Court #1, removing four lights from a broken pole on Court #8, and transferring the four lenses to the other pole on the same court; met with a Pepco crew and took them to the Hillside Road underpass and to the Jaycees building for service repairs and painted the scorers' building at Braden Field.

The streets crew repaired the water fountain at the Lake Park, assisted the horticulture crew with removing a tree and large stump, repaired the containment curb around the oil recycling area near the Lake Park and cleared brush along the area of Hanover Parkway for the new traffic calming circle.

The parks crew spread wood chips at Schrom Hills playground and repaired a storm-damaged fence at 10 Greenway.

The horticulture crew planted bulbs on Southway, planted bulbs and pansies on Hanover Parkway (Greenbriar side) and at the Youth Center, and cleaned limbs and trees which came down in storms.

The special details crew removed all the bollards on Hanover Parkway and placed construction barrels, installed five signs for "Road Construction" on Hanover Parkway, replaced an adopt-a-tree plaque at the Lake Park, replaced a "Stop" sign pole after an accident on Metro Drive, installed "Stop" lines in Greenspring II and replaced a pedestrian crossing sign on Breezewood Drive.

**Passageways Hold Open House**

The artists of Passageways Studios announce their annual fall open studios on Sunday, November 2, from 2 to 5 p.m. The studios are located at 6001 66th Avenue, East Pines Center, Riverdale. The center is located one block east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway on Route 410 (East-West Highway).

Passageways is a working artists' cooperative whose members are drawn from Prince George's, Howard and Montgomery counties. Artwork including print-making, painting, sculpture, tapestry and mixed media will be exhibited with most work for sale. The public is invited to meet the artists in their studios.

Light refreshments will be served.



# City Information

**Regular Council Meeting-Monday, October 27, 2003  
Municipal Building Council Room at 8:00 p.m.**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Presentations**

Presentation of Checks by County Councilmember Douglas J.J. Peters for CARES, the Department of Recreation, the Greenbelt Museum, the Advisory Committee on Education, and the Old Greenbelt Theatre

America Recycles Day – Proclamation  
Fire Safety Month – Smoke Detector Program

**Public Hearing**

Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) Funding  
**Petitions and Requests** (*Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.*)

**\*Committee Reports** (*Items on the Consent Agenda marked by an asterisk will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.*)

Arts Advisory Board, Report #04-002  
(Contribution Group Materials)  
Park & Recreation Advisory Board, Recycling & Environment Advisory Committee, Youth Advisory Committee (Revised Forest Preserve Ordinance)

**LEGISLATION**

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 12, "Parks and Recreation" by Adding a New Article VIII, "Forest Preserve" for the Purpose of Creating a Greenbelt Forest Preserve and Establishing Regulations for the Use and Maintenance of Such a Forest Preserve (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Adoption)

A Resolution to Amend the City Charter to Require a Vote of at Least Four Members of the City Council to Adopt Any Ordinance to Remove Lands from the Forest Preserve Designation (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Adoption)

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 12, "Parks And Recreation," Article VIII, "Forest Preserve," for the Purpose of Designating a City-Owned Parcel as Forest Preserve Area (Boxwood Preserve) (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 12, "Parks And Recreation," Article VIII, "Forest Preserve," for the Purpose of Designating a City-Owned Parcel a Forest Preserve Area (Belle Point Preserve) (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

A Resolution to Establish a Forest Preserve Task Force (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- City Response to USA Patriot Act
- Basketball Court at Windsor Green Ballfields
- Approval of City Arts Mission Statement
- Approval of CDBG Submission for PY 30
- Approval of Election Survey
- \* Allocation of Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) Funds
- \* Funding for Youth Services Bureaus – Letter to Governor
- \* Appointment to Advisory Group

**MEETINGS**

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10 a.m. on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail [kgallagher@ci.greenbelt.md.us](mailto:kgallagher@ci.greenbelt.md.us) to reach the City Clerk.

**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.

**Costume Contest & Parade**



**The Youth Center  
October 31st  
3:45pm—5:15pm  
301-397-2200**

Registration begins at 3:45pm

You must register to be eligible to win! Parade begins promptly at 4:00pm.

Everyone is encouraged to attend dressed in their Halloween best! Judges will award a prize pack to the "Best Costume" in each of the following categories: 18month—3 years / 4 years—Kindergarten / Grades 1 & 2 / Grades 3 & 4 / Grades 5 & 6.

**Carnival Style Games • Prizes • Refreshments • Treat Bags**

Sponsored by the Greenbelt Department of Recreation • The Youth Center • 99 Centerway • Greenbelt, Maryland 20770

**TRICK-OR-TREAT-**

**Friday, October 31 from 6-8pm**

Residents wishing to participate are asked to turn on their porch lights. Apartment dwellers should tie a piece of white cloth on their door.

**OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

**Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.**

**Vacancies exist on the:**

**Park and Recreation Advisory Board**

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

**GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71**

MUNICIPAL ACCESS 301-474-8000 Monday, October 27 at 8pm "Regular City Council Meeting" live Tuesday & Thursday, October 28 & 30: 4:00pm "Greenbelt in Motion" 4:30pm "Greenbelt Greens Candidates Forum" 6:00pm "Greenbelt In Motion" 6:30pm "Happy Birthday Eleanor Roosevelt" 8:00pm "Replay of Council Meeting" PUBLIC ACCESS 301-507-6581 Wednesday & Friday, October 29 & 31: 7:00pm "Greenbelt Arts Center-One Act Plays 2000" 8:15pm "Greenbelt Access Television Interviews with Council Candidates"

**A MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP IS FORMING!**

Sponsored by Greenbelt CARES, this support group will provide a forum for men to talk about their day to day experiences. Learn how to cope with daily stressors. Be part of something meaningful!

Group is open to Greenbelt men aged 18 and over. If you are interested, please call Crisis Intervention Counselor, Andre Peri at Greenbelt CARES-301-345-6660.





**Haunted House At Doctors Hospital**

Doctors Community Hospital's WHAT HEART committee will host its third annual Haunted House on Saturday, October 25 from 1 to 5 p.m. in the Annex Building, 4th Floor at 8118 Good Luck Road, Lanham.

The WHAT HEART Haunted House is a free, fun-filled event featuring games and activities for kids of all ages. In addition, a "hair-raising" Haunted House walking tour is available for children ages 8 or older. Trick-or-treaters may also enter a raffle to win "spook"tacular prizes, or purchase Pink Ribbon pins in support of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. All proceeds will benefit the Doctors Community Hospital Women's Health Center.

WHAT HEART is a group of Doctors Community Hospital employees working together to generate funds for Doctors Community Hospital Foundation. The foundation was established to raise money for Doctors Community Hospital to fund renovations and capital projects.

**Hogwarts' Halloween**

Okay, Harry Potter fans! Come celebrate Halloween at the Great Hall of Hogwarts. Take lessons from "Professor Trelawney" (divination) and "Professor Sinistra" (astronomy). Walk through the zodiac constellations and decide what can be learned from the sky. Be prepared for fun, treats and surprises. All this can be found starting at 7 p.m., October 31 at the Howard B. Owens Science Center planetarium, 9601 Greenbelt Road, Lanham. There is an admission fee.

**Halloween Concert For Teens at Center**

A free concert for teens on Halloween night will take place in Roosevelt Center from 9 to 11 p.m. The concert features Adrenaline, a band formed by four teens from Eleanor Roosevelt High School who have been playing classic hard rock together now for about 14 months. The members are Nick Dobson from Greenbelt, Phil Hannam from Laurel, Travis Jolly from Mt. Rainier and Dahni Scally from Bowie. Teens planning to attend are encouraged to come in costume. The concert is produced by Friends of the New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA), a non-profit organization which sponsors the arts at the New Deal Café in Roosevelt Center. In case of rain the concert will be moved into the Café, beginning at about 10 p.m.

**HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS**

**Costume Contest and Parade**  
Friday, October 31  
3:45 to 5:15 p.m.  
Youth Center

**Children's Pumpkin Walk In the Great North Woods**

by Paul Downs

The Committee to Save the Green Belt invites everyone who would enjoy a spooky story, some hot cocoa, some hot cider and a stroll through the Jack-o-lantern forest. Join the walk at the end of Northway extended, at the edge of the woods on Saturday, November 1 just before dark.

But the fun starts at Jack-o-night on Thursday night, October 30 from 7 to 9 p.m. just outside the New Deal Café: That is when we need help carving Jack-o-lanterns for the pumpkin walk. Bring a carving tool, pumpkins will be provided.

So on Saturday, grab a warm drink and sashay off into the great forest where in the far off distance Halloween Jack-o-lanterns will beckon onward. Behind the autumn chant of crickets people might hear a slight wail or cry. Fear not, most all of the goblins are under the spell of the friendly fairies that may be seen flitting about.

Rumor has it Goatman was seen running down Northway extended laughing madly during hurricane Isabel, so it's pretty sure he's in this neck of the woods and might come to see the blazing Jack-o-lanterns himself.



PHOTOS BY KARL PENA

**HAPPY HALLOWEEN**

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



**Ghastly Fun At P.G. Plaza Mall**

Halloween fun will be bubbling and brewing at Prince George's Plaza's Spook-tacular Halloween Celebration on Friday, October 31, from 5 to 7 p.m. Highlights of the event include:

Young mad scientists will encounter fright and delight as they enjoy explosive experiments at the Mad Science Show "Science Spook-tacular," at 5 and 6 pm. in Center Court. Kids will experiment with eyeballs that float in the air, a wicked witch that melts before their eyes, a smoky bubbling witch's caldron and more. In between shows, mini mad scientists make their own take-home Halloween Slime. Don't miss this spook-tacular Halloween adventure!

Trick-or-treaters aged 12 and younger who are accompanied by an adult will receive Halloween treats from candy-bearing merchants at participating stores. Stop by the Customer Service Center for a list of participating stores.

Make no bones about it, kids love to create. Local children will enjoy a special Halloween craft activity from 5 to 7 p.m. in Center Court. Building upon the excitement, they'll also enjoy free Halloween balloon creations and face painting.

**Halloween At Greenbriar**

On Saturday, October 25 the folks of Mad Science will put on a "Spooktacular" party for children from ages 4 to 12. The mad scientists will begin their mayhem at 11 a.m. in the Terrace Room of Greenbriar Condominiums. Crazy chemists will concoct slime, produce potions and much more. Greenbriar Condominiums is excited to sponsor this fun, educational and safe Halloween celebration.

Attendees are encouraged to come in costume. A costume contest will be held and prizes will be awarded for the scariest, the silliest and the most creative costumes!

Worms in dirt and witches brew will be served. Fun and treats are guaranteed for all who attend. No child will leave empty handed!

Contact Sarah Phillips at 301-441-1096 for further information.

**Flight Night Oct. 25**

The College Park Aviation Museum in association with the Smithsonian Institution presents Flight Night on October 25 from 7 to 9 p.m. Halloween crafts, a haunted hayride, face-painting and more will be available to entertain the children and spook the parents. Wear a costume. This is fun for kids of all ages. There is a fee.

**Protect Animals On Halloween**

The GHI Companion Animal Committee offers tips to protect pets on Halloween.

1. Keep pet(s) inside on Halloween. This reduces the chance of their running away or becoming injured or killed.
2. Treats are not for pets! Chocolate is poisonous to dogs – it is lethal. Keep treats in puppy-proof containers.
3. Lit pumpkins can cause fire hazards to pets who are curious.
4. Costumes are best for humans to wear unless they are sure their pet enjoys dressing up as it can put a lot of stress on the pet.
5. Not-so social dogs should have a safe haven that allows them to be in a peaceful environment amidst the excitement.

– Dan Celdran

**JACK O' LANTERN NIGHT AND CHILDREN'S PUMPKIN WALK**

**Jack O' Lantern Night:** Carve a Pumpkin for the Children's Pumpkin Walk. Bring Carving Tool. Pumpkins and Candles will be provided  
**When: Thursday, October 30, 2003 7-9 PM**  
**Where: Outside New Deal Café.**

**Children's Pumpkin Walk:** Come Enjoy a Short Stroll in Jack O' Lantern Lit Forest.

Say Hi to Goatman and Friends!  
**When: Just Before Dark, Sat, Nov 1, 2003**  
**Where: Northway Road Extended**  
Hot Cocoa and Cider Served Up By the One and Only Rodney Roberts  
**Keep It Wooded**

**Forest Preserve Ordinance Meeting:** Join the Committee to Save the Green Belt, October 27<sup>th</sup> to support Council's Protection of the Woods.

**Where: City Council Chambers**  
**When: Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 PM**  
See The Green Belt Become a  
**FOREST PRESERVE**  
For Information: 301 474 7465



**ORDINANCE** continued from page 1

suggested by staff should be completed before adoption of the ordinance. As finally presented, the ordinance designates the area commonly known as the Great North Woods as the first property to be included in the preserve.

This area of approximately 225 acres includes almost all areas owned by the city in the North End. Excluded from the preserve are the parcels where Northway Fields and Observatory Hill are located. Councilmember Thomas White asked that staff be directed to provide additional parcel descriptions by the next meeting.

White asked about the management and maintenance policy guide and a trails plan referred to in the ordinance. Celia Craze of the planning and community development department explained that a trails plan is currently being worked on. She proposed that the management and maintenance policy guide be developed by a yet-to-be-created Forest Preserve Advisory Committee (FPAC) composed of members of other designated committees and staff. Her vision, she said, was that the preserve area be over-seen by an all-new committee of people drawn from among the many in the city who might wish to be involved.

The role of existing committees, such as PRAB, was discussed and Councilmember Alan Turnbull suggested that PRAB be divided into two groups: one for its existing recreation programs and another for land issues. He also suggested leaving out the description of the new committee and start by requiring multiple references to existing committees for developing a management and maintenance plan.

Mayor Judith Davis suggested creation of a task force to deal with immediate concerns. White said he thought PRAB would be the appropriate resource for the job. Councilmember Edward Putens said he preferred having a committee to deal only with this ordinance.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts expressed the hope that

changes to the ordinance would not be needed many times, so a single-focus committee "might be bored." He advocated continued input from those boards and committees that have already played a role in its development.

Manzi suggested removing the section of the ordinance setting up the Forest Advisory Board. Council could, he said, pass a resolution to set up management once it has decided to whom and how the task should be delegated.

**Public Support**

Prompted by Davis to give a show of hands, about 15 people in the audience indicated their presence at the meeting was in support of a "greenlands" ordinance.

Among the several people who addressed council was Mark Siegel of PRAB, who recommended using existing boards to oversee the preserve because "they are a cross-section of Greenbelt." If a task force is used, he thinks it should be partly composed of existing boards.

Paul Downs from the Committee to Save the Green Belt spoke to say he is "greatly encouraged" by the introduction of the ordinance. He thanked council for its hard work on the issue.

**Revisions**

Before moving on to the next agenda item, council agreed to strike out the sections of the ordinance dealing with FPAC and the hours of use and to follow Manzi's suggestion to use a resolution to create the oversight process.

**Charter Amendment**

The next item on council's agenda that night was a resolution to amend Section 8 of the city's charter. Currently Section 8 states that a majority vote of elected councilmembers is generally necessary to adopt an ordinance. The amended version would add that "any votes to delete properties from the Greenbelt Forest Preserve shall require at least four (4) votes."

This change is necessary be-

cause the proposed forest preserve ordinance contains a clause requiring that passage of "any ordinance to remove lands from the forest preserve designation shall be by supermajority vote" of the city council.

The resolution was introduced for first reading and will return to council's agenda on October 27.

**Your VOTE Is Your VOICE!**

**Vote for EXPERIENCE.**

Patrick J. McAndrew, Treasurer

**Elect Leta Mach November 4**



**Building on the Spirit of Greenbelt ...and Expanding the Possibilities**

Dear Citizens of Greenbelt:

I am running for the Greenbelt City Council. In the past few weeks, I have had the chance to talk with many of you in person. I hope to meet more of you in the coming weeks. Here are my thoughts on your issues:

- Education – We must use our influence with the school board to improve our schools. Good schools are essential for a healthy community. A key issue is to rebuild Greenbelt Middle School.
- Development – We deserve an upscale, pedestrian friendly shopping center at the Metro site. We must also work to renovate and promote the Roosevelt Center. Development should adhere to Greenbelt standards.
- Preservation – We need to preserve city parkland as proposed by the Greenbelt Forest Preserve and focus on the health of Greenbelt Lake.
- Services for all – We should look to the needs of all our citizens. In addition to our excellent recreation programs, we need to support the Assistance in Living NORC program.
- Public Safety – We have an effective police department with innovative programs such as the School Resource Officer program. Citizens can support these efforts by taking crime prevention measures and being aware of pedestrian safety.

There are many other issues that can not all be addressed here. Please call me at 301-345-8105 or e-mail [leta.mach@verizon.net](mailto:leta.mach@verizon.net) with your ideas, concerns or questions.

P.S. This Thursday, October 23, is another Candidates' Forum. I am sorry that I will be out of town and unable to attend in person. I am the newly elected secretary of the Cooperative Communicators Association (CCA), which is the national professional association for people working in communications for cooperative organizations. At the same time as the Forum, the CCA board is holding a board meeting that will include a strategic planning session. Although it will be difficult to be in two places at once, I have arranged a telephone hook up to the Candidates' Forum and hope that you will be able to learn about my views in that way.

By authority of Alla Lake, Treasurer



**Elect Richard "Ric" Santos**

**To Greenbelt City Council**

**Proven Leadership-Fiscal Management**  
**Public Service Commitment**

**DEDICATED TO:**

- **Greenbelt Station**  
Environmental/traffic study of interchange  
Design per Greenbelt Metro Sector Plan  
Appropriate business and residential mix  
Development supporting mass transit  
Restoration of mitigation sites
- **Development and Land Use**  
Full City Planning and Zoning Authority  
Forest Preserve Program  
Greenlands Ordinance
- **Improvements**  
Revitalization of Roosevelt Center  
Rehabilitation of Springhill Lake  
Renovation of Greenbelt Theater
- **Public Safety**  
Comprehensive public safety review  
Review of police personnel allocations  
Re-direct services to high crime areas  
Private/public funding for police patrols

**COMMITMENT TO:**

- **Public Services**  
**Adequate Funding for:**  
Greenbelt Cares Youth Services  
Recreation and Parks  
Greenbelt Connection  
Green Ridge House
- **Fiscal Management**  
**Maintain current level and quality of city services**  
**Seek** new and alternative revenue sources  
Budget to avoid tax increase
- **Transportation**  
Greenbelt Road streetscape  
Cherrywood Lane corridor plan  
Traffic calming – Greenbelt East  
Bi-County transit rail system
- **Education**  
Renovation of Greenbelt Middle School  
Funding per Thornton Commission  
Advisory Committee on Education

**Vote for Richard "Ric" Santos on November 4<sup>th</sup>**

By Authority of Citizens for Ric Santos  
Kathleen Linkenhoker, Treasurer  
[RicforCouncil@aol.com](mailto:RicforCouncil@aol.com)

**ELECT**

**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
- Improve traffic and pedestrian safety
- Ensure fairness in community services
- Protect and preserve greenspace
- Seek funds for public safety
- Fight proposed ICC

**Keeping Greenbelt Great**

By Authority of William M. Hunt, Treasurer

***Greenbelt Consumer Co-op Ad***



***Greenbelt Consumer Co-op Ad***

# POLICE BLOTTER

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

## Robberies

6000 block of Cherrywood Terrace, October 11, 8:49 p.m., a nonresident woman reported that while walking in the area of the Springhill Lake Shopping Center she was approached by a man who grabbed her and pulled her in between two parked cars, then choked her and punched her in the face. She gave the man an ATM card and he then fled the area. The suspect is described as a black male, age 12 to 19, 5'6", 160 lbs., with brown hair and eyes, wearing a white T-shirt.

5800 block of Cherrywood Terrace, October 16, 12:02 a.m., a nonresident man was approached in front of an apartment building by two men who first asked for a cigarette and then money. The victim responded that he had neither. One of the men put his hand in the victim's pants pocket and again demanded money. The victim pushed him away and then both men began striking him with their fists. The victim was pushed into a bedroom window. A resident of the victim's apartment heard the fight and went outside to assist the victim. Once outside, one of the suspects pulled a dark-colored handgun from his waistband and pointed it at the resident. The resident yelled for his wife to call the police, at which time the two suspects fled on foot toward Cherrywood Lane. An unknown amount of currency was taken during the incident and a necklace was damaged when one of the suspects attempted to pull it from the victim's neck. The suspects are described as: a black male, 17 to 19 years of age, 5'6", 180 lbs., black hair, brown eyes, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, armed with a dark colored handgun; and a black male, 17 to 19 years of age, 5'10", 150 lbs., black hair, brown eyes, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt.

## Center City Arrests

6500 block Greenbelt Road, October 13, 3:06 a.m., police stopped to assist a disabled vehicle with two males, ages 18 and 20, and a 14-year-old nonresident female standing next to the car. A computer check revealed that the vehicle was reported stolen to the Metropolitan Police Dept. A loaded handgun was found in the pocket of the coat that one of the occupants was wearing. The computer check also revealed that the female driver of the vehicle was reported as a runaway juvenile to the Anne Arundel County Police. She was charged on petition with auto theft and released to a parent. The two nonresident males were charged with possession of a handgun and transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

## Drugs

6200 block of Springhill Court, October 12, 9:15 p.m., a 15-year-old nonresident male and a 17-year-old resident male were arrested after they were found to be in possession of suspected marijuana. Both were charged on citations and released to their parents pending action by the Juvenile Justice system.

9200 block of Springhill Lane,

October 14, 3:50 p.m., a 16-year-old nonresident male was arrested after acting in a disorderly manner and refusing to leave the shopping center when ordered to do so several times. A search incident to arrest revealed a small bag of suspected marijuana. The youth was charged on a citation and released to his mother pending action by the Juvenile Justice system.

## Burglaries

Hamilton Place - Boat and Trailer Storage Lot, October 12, 9:37 a.m., the owner reported that his trailer had been ransacked. No property was stolen.

9300 block of Edmonston Road, October 12, 10:53 p.m., entry was attempted but not gained by prying off the top deadbolt lock.

7700 block of Hanover Parkway, October 14, 2:48 p.m., entry was attempted but not gained by trying to pry open the front door.

400 block of Ridge Road, October 16, 9:05 p.m., suspect(s) gained entry by unknown means and computer and photographic equipment were taken.

9100 block of Edmonston Road, October 16, 10:57 a.m., suspect(s) gained entry via the front door by unknown means. No property was taken.

## Reckless Endangerment

6100 block of Breezewood Drive, October 10, 8:22 p.m., automatic gunfire was reported. Police checked the area, but found no one, though ammunition casings were located along a sidewalk in the reported area.

## Disorderly Conduct

9200 block of Springhill Lane, October 14, 4:38 p.m., a 13-year-old nonresident was arrested after acting in a disorderly manner, using loud profanity. The youth's activity drew a crowd and disrupted the customers within the shopping center. The youth was transported to headquarters, charged on citation and later released to his mother pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

6000 block of Springhill

Drive, October 16, 1:26 a.m., a nonresident, 50-year-old woman was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. She was advised to leave the area twice for yelling and banging loudly on an apartment door, but failed to comply. She was released on citation pending trial.

## Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were stolen: a 1996 Nissan Maxima, October 9, from the 7800 block of Mandan Road was located October 10 on Black Swann Road in Prince George's County by the Maryland State Police who did not advise if arrests had been made; the engine and frame of a 1999 Yamaha motorcycle, October 10, from the 7200 block of Morrison Drive were located by the Los Angeles Police Department. L.A.P.D. did not advise if arrests were made; a 1993 Buick Century, October 14, reported stolen since September 13, 2003 through Prince Georges County Police Department was located, no tags attached, in the 7800 block of Mandan Road. No arrests; a 1992 blue Plymouth van, Maryland tag 120M835, October 14 from the 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace; a 1996 silver Honda Accord 4Door, Maryland tag DJN 878, October 15 from the 9200 block of Edmonston Road; a silver 1993 Plymouth Voyager van, Maryland tags M983879, from the 5800 block of Cherrywood Terrace; a 2000 Dodge Intrepid, October 16, recovered unoccupied in the 6000 block of Greenbelt Road.

Thefts from, vandalism to and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas:

5900 block of Cherrywood Lane, 7700 block of Hanover Parkway, Lakeside Drive, 6000 block of Greenbelt Road (two incidents), 7900 block of Mandan Road, 6200 block of Springhill Drive,

7400 block of Greenbelt Road, 6000 block of Lake Park Drive and 7800 block of Mandan Road.

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.



## ATTENTION GHI MEMBERS

Work in restoring deteriorated bricks of the administration building is underway with considerable dust being generated. A shielded canopy has been erected at the reception area entrance. When entering and exiting the building please take due caution. Your cooperation and understanding is appreciated.

## UM Film Chronicles Women's Music

"Radical Harmonies," a free film about an underground women's music cultural network, will be presented at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 28 in the Laboratory Theatre of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at UM. Featuring such musicians as Ani DeFranco, Kay Gardner, Linda Tillery, Tribe 8 and Cris Williamson, this documentary was directed by Dee Mosbacher and co-produced by UM faculty member, Boden Sandstrom.

## Girl Scouts Need More Volunteers

The Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital needs volunteers to serve as troop leaders and assistant leaders for girls ages 5 to 17, help with cookie sales and special events, present workshops and lead training sessions. Periodic assignments are possible, depending on availability. Volunteers must be at least 18 and do not have to have a daughter in a troop. Call 202-237-1670 or 1-800-523-7898 or visit website <http://www.gscnc.org>.

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State and federal disaster recovery officials are urging homeowners, renters and business owners who suffered damage from Hurricane Isabel, to apply by calling the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) toll-free number at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or TTY 1-800-462-7585 for speech and hearing impaired. Registration lines are answered from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week.

Applicants may qualify for assistance under several federal and state programs such as disaster housing assistance, grants to meet disaster-related needs and U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) disaster loans.

**State to Offer Insurance Help**

Anyone with questions or complaints about insurance coverage may seek help from the Maryland Insurance Administration (MIA). A MIA representative will be at the State Comptroller's branch office at the Multiservice Center in Upper Marlboro, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, October 27. No appointment is necessary.

**UM Will Present Marimba Concert**

Rebecca Kite, marimba soloist, will present a Faculty Spotlight Recital Monday, October 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. This program is presented by the UM School of Music and is free.

**Anacostia Clean-Up On Saturday**

The Anacostia River needs help. The Bladensburg Waterfront Park, 4601 Annapolis Road will have a clean-up on Saturday, October 25, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Show up in old clothes and shoes to help pull trash and tires out of the river. Work gloves, trash bags and boat ride to and from the clean-up locations on the shores of the Bladensburg Waterfront Park will be provided. For more information call 301-779-0371, TTY 301-699-2544.

**ACE Reading Club Seeks Mascot**

The ACE Reading Club is looking for a mascot that can be used on the club website, fliers, T-shirts, bumper stickers and other ACE Reading Club items. Interested children (grades K through 12) should submit a drawing of a mascot, along with an entry form by 4:30 p.m. on October 31, to the ACE Reading Program, City of Greenbelt, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt MD 20770.

**Free Student Concert Saturday**

The Philharmonia Ensemble, a student-run orchestra, will present a concert on Saturday, October 25 at 8 p.m. It will be held at the Dekelboom Concert Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center of the University of Maryland. It is free and open to the public.

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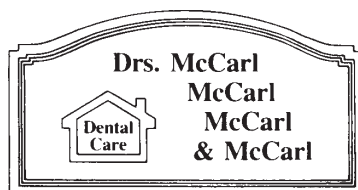
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## QUESTION #3 continued from page 1

2005 will be the first of three years in the State's reassessment period. There may be increases in the real property assessable base and tax revenue. A reduction in the city's real property tax rate may be applied to minimize any increase in real property taxes.

Corporate assets are expected to rise for an increase in business and corporate property tax revenue. The upsurge may not be fully recognized in FY-2005, but will permit council to review funding for multi-year services and projects.

In light of reductions in aid to local governments from federal, state and county sources and with grants expiring in FY-2004, it is essential that the city continue to identify new grant opportunities and alternative revenue sources.

A review of user fees must be completed, so they reflect increases in costs and inflation.

The city must continue to work with its business partners. Invaluable services, job opportunities, and development and rehabilitation of commercial properties will positively affect additional tax revenues, e.g., income, hotel/motel, and admission and amusement taxes.

Vigilant oversight of tax revenues and spending is critical. The recent adoption of an increase from 5% to 10% under the Homestead Property Tax Credit will allow more discretion to fund and maintain the current level and quality of city services.

**Judith F. Davis**

Budget constraints caused by less funding from the state and a slow economy are the most immediate and urgent concerns for the next Council. City facilities and infrastructure are aging and need adequate maintenance or replacement. Costs continue to rise. Our compensation and benefit plans must be competitive in order to attract and retain highly skilled staff and police officers. Our residents expect quality services and programs. Through efficient management and effective use of grants, the City has met these expectations until now. At this time, I will not advocate the reduction of services or staffing levels, as this will directly impact our residents and their quality of life. In fact, additional staff are needed in key areas, such as in our public works and planning departments. Citizen input on what is truly needed is critical and mandatory, so that our residents have a definite say in budget decisions. Work-sessions on the budget, held in the spring of every year, are open to all who wish to comment or make suggestions. Residents can also phone, e-mail, or write letters. Council members need to hear if the budget direction chosen is indeed the direction in which our taxpayers wish their Council to go. Political pressure on federal, state, and county officials, continued fiscal responsibility, and thorough searching for every obtainable grant will be essential. The Council must ally with other municipalities in the county, the state, and the region to create the collective clout necessary to release funds, especially in the areas of local homeland security and Program Open



Space. Ultimately, it will be the Council's decision, by consensus, on how the budget will balance needs with available revenues. Doing so will require even greater creativity, resourcefulness, and efficiency.

**Leta Mach**

People move to Greenbelt because of the services as well as the history, traditions and environment. We must preserve these features.



The citizens of Greenbelt have shown that they support the funding of programs that provide desirable services and enhance our quality of life. Everyone wants to feel safe in their home. And, of course, we want to provide the support, most particularly the police, so that we are safe and secure. We know that good schools are essential for a healthy community and they support efforts to foster these. We know that the needs of our citizens are varied and we want to meet these. In addition to our excellent recreation programs, many focused on our youth, we need to support the Assistance in Living program for our Naturally Occurring Retirement Community.

The question of how we support these services is a good one. First, we must hear from our citizens – and the city does a good job of providing opportunities – about the programs and services that they desire. Next, we must look carefully at our programs to see that they are fulfilling those needs. Then we must look to sources of funding – grants, public/private partnerships and other support. Taxes are part of this.

Let me say that taxes is not a dirty word. Taxes are how citizens combine their money and using the economies of scale get more bang for their buck.

My thoughts on taxes are that they should be used to provide programs that citizens need and want. The question of how much and whether taxes should be raised or lowered really depends on these programs and citizen input about them. It also depends on an expanding tax base, which could come from new development. To provide services for our community, the city must have flexibility.

**Rodney M. Roberts**

I tend to use the same philosophy when considering the city budget as I do when operating my own business. I believe that we should limit debt and carefully prioritize the things we need versus the things we would like to have. I prefer to raise taxes only for critical needs such as public safety or for capital projects that have been approved by citizens through referendum. Otherwise, I think we need to be patient and increase services as new revenue becomes available.

**Edward Putens**

I have nowhere to hide on this question. I have been on Council for 22 years. In that time, successive Councils have sometimes made carefully consid-



ered decisions to increase taxes in order to sustain progress or buy improvements we wanted. These improvements have included major green space purchases, the police station, Community Center, Schrom Hills Park, indoor swimming pool and fitness center, renovated outdoor pool, Roosevelt Center improvements, expanded Springhill Lake Recreation Center, Youth Center addition, and renovated Municipal Building and Public Works Building. These facilities have meant improved services for seniors, youth, nursery schoolers, and others. I have generally supported those increases and have no regrets. During this time, your tax dollars have also funded the best local police department in Maryland, great recreation and arts programs for all ages, road improvements, and one of the nation's best managed local governments. We do run a tight financial ship with your money.

These investments in ourselves have enhanced the quality of life in Greenbelt, and solidified Greenbelt's reputation as the best place to live in Prince George's County. That reputation makes more people want to move here, which increases the value of our homes. Other County municipalities have decided differently over the years, turning down capital improvements in order to keep the same tax rate. How many people would prefer to move to those places? Because we have benefitted so much from these expenditures, our higher tax rate has never been a big political issue, as shown by the consistent re-election of Council incumbents.

Remember, although these public improvements were voted by Council, none of this progress would have been possible without your support. In the end, the people are the strength of the City. Sometimes we need to stop and applaud ourselves for all that we have accomplished together.

**James Inzeo**

As a member of the City Council, I will do whatever I can to avoid raising property taxes. However, not knowing what the future holds, it would be irresponsible of me to preclude the possibility if circumstances change dramatically.

Additional funds from the state and county are not likely. Until we know where we are financially, I would place a hiring freeze on new positions. For now, I will be in favor of hiring staff to replace those employees who leave. If we should later be faced with a severe budget crisis, except for police, I would propose a temporary hiring freeze to help us through the shortfall.

Second, I will look for savings in our budget. We need to prioritize. For example, we can save a net of \$20,000 by eliminating a red light camera that is posted in Greenbelt, which is not generating estimated revenue. You have my commitment to aggressively seek additional savings wherever possible, working with the full council and our city manager during the budget process.

If we face a budget shortfall, I

## New Panel Commemorates Eleanor Roosevelt

by Sandra Lange

The City of Greenbelt and the Greenbelt Museum honored the contributions of former first lady Anna Eleanor Roosevelt on Saturday, October 11 during the unveiling of an outdoor panel near the side entrance of the Greenbelt Community Center. The date also celebrated the 119th anniversary of her birth. Although much of her fame came as the wife of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Mrs. Roosevelt herself earned enormous world-wide respect and acclaim as a humanitarian, reformer and supporter of social causes and civil rights.

Eleanor Roosevelt also had a long and sustained interest in Greenbelt. She reviewed the construction plans in 1936 and visited the new town on several occasions. She was especially interested in the elementary school,

now the Greenbelt Community Center, and would make surprise visits. According to Mildred Parker, one of the first teachers at the school, "Eleanor Roosevelt came to the school a number of times and usually it was a shock when the door would open and she would appear with her secret service escorts."

In addition to visiting Greenbelt residents, Mrs. Roosevelt attended town functions. Town activists were elated when she agreed to attend a large World War II fundraising rally to support their defense efforts to purchase Victory Bonds, food for canteens, first aid supplies and arm bands for officials.

The commemorative panel was designed by Greenbelt Museum's curator Katie Scott-Childress. It was funded and installed by the City of Greenbelt.



PHOTO BY SANDRA LANGE

At the panel dedication: Mayor Davis, Councilmen Roberts, Putens and White, Greenbelt Museum curator's Jill St. John and Katie Scott-Childress, Public Works Asst. Director Bill Phelan and various others in attendance.

## Senior Brown Bag Program

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program (GAIL), effective October 24, 2003, will begin accepting applications for the Senior Brown Bag Program, a program partnership with the Capital Area Food Bank. This food program will offer seniors on a fixed income the ability to supplement their existing food budget through the distribution of nutritious non-perishable food items and toiletries. Participants will receive one bag of supplemental food each month.

Additionally each client will receive a newsletter with information on nutrition and health. Participants will be able to pick up their distributions on the third Tuesday of the month beginning November 18 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, in the community meeting room located on the first floor.

The goal of this program is to offer seniors the opportunity to get out of their homes and socialize in addition to supplementing their diet. There is a fee to enroll in the program. For the fee people will receive 12 bags of groceries over the course of the year at a cost of 83 cents per bag. Check or money order should be made payable to the Capital Area Food Bank. Additionally, to improve the social value of the program a table with coffee and tea will be available to participants.

The maximum income for an individual is \$16,613 and for a couple is \$22,422 per year gross income. The deadline for all applications and payments is Friday, November 7. To receive an application and learn more about the Brown Bag Program, call Christal Parker Batey, community resource advocate at 301-474-8000, ext. 2012.

would support raising fees for the use of services rather than reducing services or hours of operation. If we face a severe budget crisis, I will do everything I can to avoid having to terminate employees. For example, instead of laying off staff, I would suggest that we consider a short-term furlough of staff, reducing their hourly work week from 40 to 32 hours, until the budget shortfall

is closed. Again, police would be exempt from the furlough. However, should we face a catastrophic budget problem, requiring a substantial staff reduction, then I would consider options for raising property taxes.

From my experience, our city employees are excellent. Our police, public works, planning and recreation departments' staff work diligently for our city.

## Miss Greenbelt Contestants Strut Their Stuff in Talent Show

More impressive than the sheer numbers of contestants vying for the Miss Greenbelt titles, was the variety of skills they displayed in the talent part of the competition. The girls represented a wide age range. They sang, danced and played various musical instruments. Here are just a few of the many captured on film by News Review president James Giese.



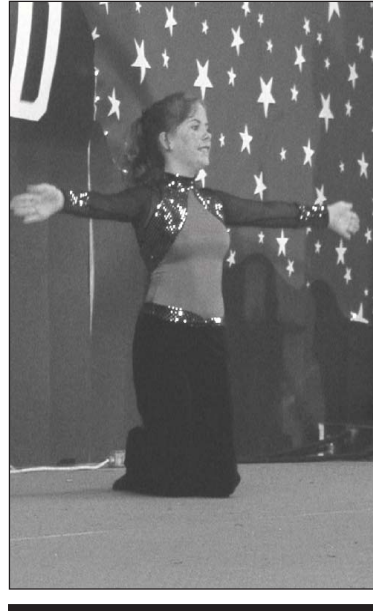
**Kelley Jo Wallace, fourth runner up in the Little Miss Greenbelt competition, played a difficult piece on the violin for the Talent Show. The three-day competition gave the girls many opportunities to demonstrate both their pose and skills.**



**Gabrielle Small showed her talent at dancing in the Little Miss Greenbelt competition.**



**Samantha Nash tapped out her talent as she competed to be crowned Little Miss Greenbelt.**



## Fall Bike Ride Sunday at REI

The College Park Bicycle Coalition Fall Ride/Tour is Sunday, October 26, leaving REI at 9 a.m. The group will continue with the unsupported concept of just meeting and riding. This was done for the Spring 500 and the ride was a success.

After doing this for 15 years, the work for support rides became overwhelming. So show up and enjoy a peaceful ride through this beautiful county. There will be a stop in downtown College Park for coffee, bagels and a chat to see what people have done over the summer.

**Gloria Schaione (on left), a Junior Miss Greenbelt candidate, ended her performance on her knees.**

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## Marietta House Fall Campfire

Join the fun at Marietta House Museum's fall campfire on Saturday, October 25 at 7 p.m. Enjoy an evening of storytelling and roasting marshmallows around the fire. Light refreshments including cookies, apple cider and popcorn will be served. Remember to bring a flashlight for a nighttime scavenger hunt.

There is a fee. Marietta House Museum is located at 5626 Bell Station Road, Glenn Dale. For more information call 301-464-5291 or TTY 301-699-2544.

The Department of Parks and Recreation encourages and supports the participation of individuals with disabilities.



Re-elect **ED  
PUTENS**

**A MESSAGE TO NEW VOTERS  
FROM OLD VOTERS**

**The City election is less than two weeks away. Many registered voters are new in Greenbelt. Others have lived here a while without voting in City elections. I encourage you to vote on November 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**If you wonder why you should care, consider the perspective of old voters. Many long-standing Greenbelt citizens are now old voters, or intend to become old voters (whatever their definition of "old"). People who live here tend to stay here because Greenbelt is a community, not just a city. A good example is how we support our senior citizens.**

**Some years ago for another campaign, I offered a position paper on "The Graying of Greenbelt." The Council created a Senior Citizen Task Force, leading to today's Senior Citizen Advisory Committee. It is inspiring to see the progress we have made. Examples include our popular and successful senior recreation and fitness program, the adult day care program, the Greenbelt Connection bus service, and the ZIPcar auto rental service. We are developing a Senior Assisted Living Program to help seniors stay in their homes in their later years. Green Ridge House will continue to help many other citizens. There are also great senior activities available through the Golden Age Club.**

**When you live in Greenbelt, you never live alone. It means a lot to be able to stay and grow older in Greenbelt. To quote my retiring Council colleague, Tom White, "Greenbelt puts its arms around you."**

**Maybe that's a little incentive to vote on November 4<sup>th</sup>, for new voters and old voters.**

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hip-hop, R & B, Reggae and occasionally country," says Thomas. Fittingly enough, her talent in the Miss Greenbelt competition was singing – she opened the show with a rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner."

Despite her vocal talents, Thomas says that her favorite event of the competition was formal wear. "Everyone getting dressed up in all the gowns was so much fun. My dress was lavender and so pretty!" she said. "The interview was great too. It was so nice to just talk to the judges," she continued.

Fourteen girls competed for the title, and Thomas said that although she has not kept in touch with all of the participants, they were all wonderful to work with.

"It was so much fun. The girls who had been in previous Miss Greenbelt competitions helped out the girls who had not, like me. Everyone was really nice," said Thomas. Young relatives of hers, impressed by the glamour of the competition, have decided to compete next year and Thomas says that she plans to help them along. "My experience was so good, I'm sure they'll have a good time," she said of her aspiring relatives.

Thomas was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship for her outstanding performance in the competition and said she hopes to use the money toward tuition at New York University after she finishes high school.

"I like the arts, but I also like nursing. NYU is a great school for both the arts and academics, so I would love to go there," said Thomas. Her ambitions for the future include singing, acting, modeling and traveling.

Thomas' hobbies are limited by her demanding schedule, which includes school, long choir practices and homework for Advanced Placement (college level) classes. Her favorite subject in school is AP U.S. History.

"My teacher for that class is really great and teachers make all the difference," says Thomas.

Although she is prepared for the coming year as the reigning Miss Greenbelt, Thomas hasn't forgotten about next year's candidates.

"To next year's contestants I would say, 'Keep your head up, and no matter what, try your best at all times,'" said Thomas.

### Junior Miss Greenbelt

Jenny Lindvall, the 2003-2004 Junior Miss Greenbelt, is no stranger to performing duties as Greenbelt Royalty. She was Little Miss Greenbelt in 2001 and she aspires to be Miss Greenbelt some day. "I want to try for all three crowns," said Lindvall, in a gentle, sweet voice. "I make friends with the other girls and it's really fun," she said.

Lindvall's favorite event at this year's competition was the evening gown segment. "My dress was purple and a little poofy," said Lindvall. "I like pretty dresses and it was a fun experience," she added.

Lindvall is 12 years old and attends Glenarden Woods Elementary School, where she is in the 6th grade. Her favorite subjects are language arts and social studies. "I love school. But I especially love reading and writing and history, so language arts and social studies are my favorite subjects," said Lindvall.

For the talent portion of the competition, Lindvall sang "You're the One that I Want"

from the hit musical Grease. She says that songs from musicals are her favorite type of music and that Grease is her favorite musical. "In 2001 I sang 'Summer Nights' for my talent," said Lindvall.

"I really like to sing," she said. "I think that the pageant is a great experience, especially for people who are not used to being on stage. It's a great way to be introduced to it, while having fun," she continued.

Lindvall wants to be a teacher when she grows up and maybe even a college professor some day. "I want to teach all grades and I want to teach all subjects," she said, with a twinge of excitement in her voice.

In the same way that Lindvall is not yet able to commit to any one subject, she is unable to pick a favorite of the friends she made while running for Junior Miss Greenbelt. "I really liked all the girls, they were all really nice," she said.

Lindvall enjoys gymnastics, swimming and performing in plays and musicals. Her favorite television show is "Friends." Her words to the contestants of next year are, "Always work hard and never give up."



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Following their individual performances in the Talent Show these candidates for Little Miss Greenbelt, Junior Miss Greenbelt and Miss Greenbelt returned on stage for another bow and round of applause.

### Little Miss Greenbelt

Lindsay Hepler is this year's Little Miss Greenbelt and it seems as though her reign will be aided by an exceptional understanding of what it means to participate in the Miss Greenbelt selection process. The precocious 10-year-old has a strong concept of what the pageant should mean to girls her age. "It is not a competition. It's there to have fun, not to compete. I make a lot of friends in the pageant," said Hepler.

Although Hepler enjoyed the entire pageant, she said, "My favorite event was the evening gown part, because everyone getting dressed up in all the gowns is so much fun. My grandmother made my dress, so it was really special," Hepler said.

Hepler is in the fourth grade at Greenbelt Elementary School and her favorite subject is math. "I like math because it's really easy and fun," said Hepler, with the matter-of-fact, unself-conscious air that only 10-year-olds can perfect.

"I listen to Hip-Hop and R & B and my favorite TV show is Lizzy McGuire," said Hepler.

This year was Hepler's third year participating in the Little Miss Greenbelt pageant and she plans to try for the Junior Miss Greenbelt crown once she is eligible. This year, Hepler was unable to perform in the talent portion of the pageant as she had been out of town for much of the summer and did not have time to prepare her act.

Despite having missed the talent portion this year, Hepler seemed to have a general idea of what she would do next time.

"I've always wanted to reach out to people and make them laugh," said Hepler. "I want to be an actress when I grow up and maybe do comedies," she added.

Hepler's hobbies include collecting porcelain dolls, cheerleading and spending time with her friends.

Hepler's words of wisdom to next year's competitors show once again her understanding of the pageant. "Good luck and remember to be a good sport. It didn't bother me when I didn't win the two years before, because it's just for fun. Don't be sore sports," said Hepler.

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