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Council Acts to Establish "New Forest" Task Force

by Diane Oberg

Two additional forest preserves could be created by the Greenbelt City Council as early as November 24, the first regular meeting of the new council. It will consider a resolution, introduced by the current council at its last meeting on October 27, to establish a task force to recommend policies and guidelines for the city's forest preserves. The task force would also comment on potential sites for additional preserves.

Council will also consider getting a jump on that process by passing ordinances designating two additional preserves, one near Boxwood Village and one near Belle Point.

New Preserves

Councilmembers Thomas White and Rodney Roberts introduced the two ordinances for first reading. City staff had recommended against these introductions, noting that one of the duties of the task force to be established if the resolution is approved is to identify and evaluate other possible preserve areas. Staff was also concerned that, unlike the two preserves established earlier in the meeting, the

possibility of restricting usage of the Boxwood and Belle Point lands has not been publicly discussed.

The Boxwood Preserve would be made up of the 8.8 acres of city-owned land north of Crescent Road, west of Lastner Lane, south of Ivy Lane and east of Ridge Road, excluding the basketball court area at the intersection of Ridge and Ivy and the playground and picnic area near the intersection of Ivy and Lastner.

The Belle Point Preserve would consist of 10 acres of city-owned land south of Greenbelt Lake, northwest of Vanity Fair Drive and east of the Capital Beltway.

In her written comments to council, Director of Planning and Community Development Celia Craze recommended against the introduction of both ordinances. She noted that "All boards and committees that commented on the forest preserve ordinance suggested that there be some study of long-range public recreation and open space

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Council States Concerns On Patriot Act Provisions

by Diane Oberg

Greenbelt's city council has now gone on record against any expansion of the USA PATRIOT Act passed by the U.S. Congress following the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Councilmembers expressed their concerns to Greenbelt's federal representatives in a letter signed by the five city councilmembers in office until November 10. Council unanimously approved the letter at its October 27 regular meeting in response to a request from the Greenbelt Bill of Rights Coalition. (The coalition, however, had preferred that council pass a resolution instead of sending a letter.)

Council also approved a new city policy detailing how requests under the act will be handled.

"The City of Greenbelt has grave concerns about certain provisions," the letter states, including those that expand the government's access to sensitive medical, financial, educational and library records; lower the burden of proof for secret searches and surveillance; subject non-citizens to indefinite detention or deportation without conviction for any crime; and limit disclosure of documents under the Freedom of Information Act. Council also expressed concern over the speed with which the act had been passed by the U.S. Congress.

The letter urges the federal representatives to carefully monitor the act, as well as the executive orders issued to implement it. It also asks that they "aggressively work to repeal those sections of the Patriot Act which violate and threaten the fundamental rights and liberties which are guaranteed by the United States Constitution" and that they not enact any similar legislation without careful, deliberate and open discussion.

City Policy

Council did not accede to the coalition's request to direct city staff not to comply with requests made under the law. As pointed out by City Solicitor Robert Manzi and the Community Relations Advisory Board, council is sworn to uphold federal law and should not tell staff to do otherwise.

Instead council developed a policy instructing staff how to handle any requests made under the act and establishing a process for reporting such requests. If a federal authority makes a request for city assistance under the act, the person receiving the request is to ask for identification from the person making the request; ask for legal documentation (such as a search warrant), if appropriate; and direct the person to the employee's agency

See **PATRIOT ACT**, page 13

Tenants Appeal After Rent Increase

by Kristen Martin

Distressed apartment tenants packed the Greenbelt City Council meeting October 27 pleading for council assistance to block the big increase in apartment rents. "We have an immediate emergency situation," Charlestowne North tenant Mary Ann McAndrew Scott said to councilmembers and the supporting crowd that spilled out the door.

Charlestowne North, located at 8150 Lakecrest Drive, first notified residents of the December rent increase on October 15. Many residents face rent increases of 33 to 50 percent, creating a hardship for many people, tenants at the meeting said.

Scott, a single parent, voiced concerns about the welfare of fellow community members. Some tenants will be forced to move because of the new rates but are left scurrying with the short notice, she said.

"It would suck every spare dollar they have," tenant Paul Butterworth said about the community that can afford to remain.

"With winter coming on, with people on fixed incomes, with handicaps, there has to be room for the city to act at least in terms of health and safety," Councilmember Alan Turnbull said.

Clearly appalled, the councilmembers wanted to help but were unsure what they could do before the increases take effect on December 1. City Solicitor Robert Manzi said that there is no law in Prince George's County limiting rent increases and the Landlord-Tenant Commission that existed in the '70s and '80s has been abolished.

Rent Control?

While council could consider rent control, Manzi advised he doubted that could be done in time to help these tenants. He cautioned council that rent control would have some disadvantages, as well, that council would need to consider.

"The state of Maryland favors property owners to the detriment of tenants," Manzi added.

Council will be taking action by writing a letter to the landlord, looking into rent control, perhaps, and holding a special worksession to discuss the issue further.

See **INCREASE**, page 13

Schools Open Veteran's Day

Public schools in Prince George's County will be open on Veteran's Day, November 11, to make up one of the days missed during the power outage caused by Hurricane Isabel. The County School Calendar has November 11 marked as a holiday, which will not be the case.

City Council Election (Unofficial Results) Top 5 Win

	Center	North End	Springhill Lake	Greenbelt East	Absentee	Total
Judith Davis	563 78.1%	580 79.9%	64 84.2%	434 85.1%	36 90.0%	1677 80.9%
Rodney Roberts	516 71.6%	542 74.7%	45 59.2%	340 66.7%	26 65.0%	1469 70.9%
Edward Putens	480 66.6%	488 67.2%	51 67.1%	403 79.0%	22 55.0%	1444 69.7%
Konrad Herling	490 68.0%	493 67.9%	30 39.5%	248 48.6%	29 72.5%	1290 62.2%
Leta Mach	439 60.9%	420 57.9%	42 55.3%	244 47.8%	26 65.0%	1171 56.5%
Richard Santos	346 48.0%	340 46.8%	42 55.3%	264 51.8%	19 47.5%	1011 48.8%
James Inzeo, Sr.	222 30.8%	238 32.8%	27 35.5%	195 38.2%	12 30.0%	694 33.5%
Number Voting	721	726	76	510	40	2073
Registration Turnout	2589 27.8%	2114 34.3%	2132 3.6%	4024 12.7%		10859 19.1%

Davis, Roberts Get Top Vote Then Putens, Herling, Mach

by James Giese

Konrad Herling and Leta Mach will join the three council incumbents who sought reelection, Judith Davis, Rodney Roberts and Edward V. J. Putens, as members of the new city council. If tradition holds, Davis will be reelected the city's mayor and Rodney Roberts will once again be elected mayor pro tem by the new council at its organizational meeting Monday. Although there were two known vacancies to be filled and seven candidates seeking the five offices, voter turnout was the lowest percentage of the past decade. The actual number voting, however, was greater than at the 2001 city election. The absence of any real issues may have been the reason for the low turnout.

Davis continued to be the leading candidate in all four precincts of the city as she had been in the last election in 2001. She garnered a total of 1,677 votes out of the 2,073 cast, or 81 percent.

Roberts placed second in all precincts except Greenbelt East where Putens placed second. Also, Herling and Mach joined Putens in receiving more absentee votes than Roberts, although only 40 absentee ballots were cast. Roberts received 71 percent of the votes cast and Putens 70 percent. A change of only 26 votes would have put Putens in second place.

Herling and Mach did not do quite as well as the incumbents but still received 62 and 56 percent of the votes cast. Santos fell short of receiving a majority by 26 votes and from winning instead of Mach by 60 votes.

Inzeo trailed with 34 percent.

The third try for the council by Herling proved to be a winner for him. Mach, Santos and Inzeo had not sought the office before.

Statistics

The number voting in this election exceeded the previous election's number by a small amount in each of the precincts except Greenbelt Center. However, because voter registration in the city is over two percent greater than two years ago, the percentage voting was less in every precinct except Springhill Lake where it was a fraction better. With a turnout of 34 percent, the North End precinct again led the city in voter interest. While Greenbelt Center placed second, its voter turnout dropped by two percentage points. Only 13 percent of Greenbelt East registrants voted. In Springhill Lake, of 2,132 registered voters, only 76 voted. Citywide, only one out of every five eligible voters turned out to select Greenbelt's council.

Write-in Ballots

The voting machines used at this election permitted voters to write in a name if they were able to figure out how to do it and could use a keyboard. According to City Clerk Kathleen Gallagher, there were a number of write-in votes for Lola Skolnik and Mark Siegel who are members of the city's Park and Recreation Advisory Board. This apparently reflected dissatisfaction by some to council's enactment of a forest preserve ordinance without taking into consideration concerns expressed by that advisory board.

What Goes On

Saturday, November 8

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-Off, Parking lot between the City offices and Community Center

Monday, November 10

7:30 p.m., Swearing-in of 35th Council, Municipal Building

Tuesday, November 11 – City offices closed in observance of the Veterans' Day Holiday

Thursday, November 13

7 p.m., Advisory Committee on Trees, Community Center

Friday, November 14

Noon to 6 p.m., City Blood Drive, Community Center

*Editorial***A Bitter Taste**

What should have been the successful conclusion to a widely supported effort to further protect the city's woodlands instead left a bitter taste for many Greenbelters when the Greenbelt City Council enacted a forest preserve ordinance while ignoring what we believe were valid concerns. To create the forest preserve the council took away 214 acres of city parkland. Nearly all park and recreational activities are now prohibited in the new forest preserve. Council conducted little public review of these restrictions.

Although the city has owned and controlled all these woodlands since 1990, the same people were on the city council for the past six years and there was no imminent threat to the woodlands, council pushed through at its final meeting a hastily drafted ordinance to establish the forest preserve.

It ignored the advice of the citizens they appointed to advise them. Four boards that did comment recommended better delineation of parkland from forest preserve before enacting the ordinance. One board member complained that the ordinance kept being revised as the board reviewed it.

Council held a 10-acre mostly wooded parcel out of the preserve to meet the need of those citizens who wish to have an observatory on the site. However, council appeared to pay no heed to the needs of other citizens such as those working with our youth who have requested improvements to the ballfields. The chair of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board, another member and a spokesperson for the Youth Advisory Committee were heckled by some in the audience. The response by some councilmembers that we'll fix it later was, at best, disingenuous.

In refusing to defer any part of this proposal to the new council and by trying to impose roadblocks upon future councils, the outgoing council showed its mistrust of the new members just elected and the very democratic process that got them their own jobs.

We believe that a council wishing to impose higher standards upon a future council must abide by those standards as well. If a referendum is required to change an ordinance, then a referendum should be necessary to enact this ordinance. If a supermajority is required to change an ordinance, then a supermajority should be required for passage of this ordinance. If a public hearing is required to amend regulations then a public hearing should be held before imposing them. The council adopting the ordinance imposed none of these restrictions upon itself.

We urge the new city council to defer any further action on establishing, implementing or amending the forest preservation ordinance until such time as the proposed task force has had time to complete its study and until the city's advisory boards and any neighborhood associations that might be impacted and the public as a whole have had ample opportunity to review and comment on all proposals now pending or which may be made for usage, maintenance and expansion.

Letters to the Editor**A Visionary Piece**

Council is to be congratulated for passing the Forest Preserve Ordinance at their October 27 meeting. Many Greenbelt citizens have sought for years to protect the last remaining 225 acres of our original "greenbelt" and it has finally been accomplished. This is a visionary piece of legislation. As described in the October 23 News Review article by Barbara Hopkins, council crafted the legislation in a more than year-long process that duly incorporated input and feedback from the public and from city planning boards.

The remaining latitude in the ordinance concerning the exact rules for maintenance and usage provides an opportunity for those interested to help shape these rules, either by seeking membership on a preserve task force or through offering suggestions to council. I am sure that council will be as open to those suggestions as they were to the many people who urged them to create the preserve.

Ruth Kastner

Can You Hear Me Now?

I was reminded of the cellular phone commercial with the monkeys talking into bananas the other night in the City Council meeting of October 27. At first, you don't really know what they're doing (the monkeys, that is) but after a while you figure

out that they're imitating the lab geek that is always walking around saying "Can you hear me now?" Well, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB), the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC), and the Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee (REAC) all recommended that the Forest Preserve Ordinance was not ready to be enacted before the November 4th elections but the political pressure exerted on the City Council by the ordinance's proponents caused a rush to vote, in my opinion.

In discussing this afterward, it is clear that these city board members understand that this is how things get done politically. The Buddy Attick Lake Park took a long time to get finished but we never lost our resolve and now we are enjoying the benefits of that planning. From the pressure of the then happy mob at the meeting it was clear that a faster process was needed. As an example of the good of this pressure the boards got some of the information we had asked for in our reports. We had asked for this information for months and it came out just before this meeting. We all strained to see the proposed boundaries of Northway Field. It even seemed that a compromise proposal might be considered before the vote, but the hard-line sentiment was to vote that night or suffer the political consequences.

This is not sour grapes. These can, in fact, be very sweet grapes

Lower Leg Care To Be "Explored"

Explorations Unlimited's speaker for Friday, November 14 will be Dr. Alan Rothfeld. This presentation will begin at 3 p.m. instead of the regular 1 p.m. in the Senior Classroom of the Community Center. Rothfeld has been practicing podiatry for 14 years in the Greenbelt-Hyattsville area. His presentation will include tips, exercises and issues about lower leg, ankle and foot care. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged.

Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

if the new council can hear what these city boards were saying and give a multilateral task force a chance to do the planning that should have been done on Northway fields in the first place. The council members that would accept no compromises and could not "hear through the static" from three trusted city boards can now support the task force recommendations and stand up to hardliners who did not get what PRAB, YAC, and REAC were saying (Many people stood up and said that the boards were recommending that we cut down trees). To the new city council I say welcome and remember that the life of Greenbelt is not just its trees, but it's living in a planned community with full public input into the future of our city. Can you hear them now? Good!

Larry Hilliard

THANKS!

I am truly honored by the encouragement and support I have received during the campaign. From the bottom of my heart I thank everyone who believed in me and worked on my behalf. During my travels throughout the community, I frequently encountered the observation, "All seven candidates would make great city council members, the City of Greenbelt simply can't lose, no matter who wins." I humbly echo and underscore that observation. It was indeed a privilege to be part of an election campaign with so many worthy competitors.

I congratulate the new members of the Greenbelt City Council and I pledge my continued support and service to the community. As in the past, I am willing to invest my time and talent whenever and wherever called upon. The citizens of Greenbelt can be assured of my unwavering commitment and dedication to "Keeping Greenbelt Great!"

James H. Inzeo

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

Week of Nov. 7
Winged Migration (G)

Friday
*5:30, 7:30, 9:30

Saturday
*3:30, *5:30, 7:30, 9:30

Finding Nemo (G)
Saturday and Sunday
Matinees: *1:00, *3:15

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

Monday - Thursday
*5:30, 7:30

*These shows at \$5.00

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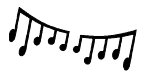
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Free Flu Shots At Laurel Hospital

Laurel Regional Hospital will offer free flu shots on November 13 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the J. Russell Jones Conference Room. The inoculations will only be given to persons who risk serious illness from flu; this includes senior citizens and persons with chronic respiratory conditions. Inoculations will not be given to children.

Nurses will give the shots on a first-come, first-serve basis. The serum supply is sufficient to vaccinate up to 350 people.

For more information, call 301-497-7914.

**FALL INTO WINTER CONCERT**

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Kenny Clark, Kelly
and her violin
The Maplewood
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Nov. 8, 2003
7PM

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Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

On October 29 the Golden Age Club members enjoyed playing bingo for prizes with several winners. The club was also visited by a group from China. They were touring Greenbelt to learn about a planned community and senior activities.

Martha Dann was the greeter for the day and Paul Sabol and Pat Parker won the 50/50.

The speaker for November 12 will be from the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. November 19 will be the birthday pot luck.

The November 26 meeting (the day before Thanksgiving) is cancelled.

The new membership roster is available so come to meetings and pick one up. The committee has worked very hard on this updated member phone number and address list.

We were sorry to learn of the death of Robert Terrell's sister. Our sympathy to him and his family.

Blood Drive Held November 14

The next blood drive in Greenbelt sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department and the American Red Cross will be held at the Greenbelt Community Center on Friday, November 14 from noon to 6 p.m.

The continuing need for blood makes it important that there be a large turnout. Those who have not been contacted by the Red Cross should call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212 to make an appointment. As at the last blood drive, walk-ins will be accepted at the end of each hour to fill in for appointees who fail to show.

Food Drive

Greenbriar Condominiums is collecting nonperishable food for United Communities Against Poverty, Inc. Donations will be accepted in the Greenbriar management office or at any Greenbriar event until November 21. Greenbriar hopes to duplicate the success of last year's food drive, the fruits of which filled an entire pickup truck for the same organization. The food drive will be held in conjunction with a clothing drive begun last month as part of Greenbriar's season of caring and sharing.

Greenbriar Seniors Invited to Luncheon

Greenbriar Condominiums invites senior Greenbelt residents and a guest to celebrate Thanksgiving with a luncheon in the Terrace Room at noon on Tuesday, November 18. Following lunch seniors will make holiday gift baskets for the residents of a local nursing home. Those who plan to attend the luncheon must reserve a seat by Thursday, November 13. Call Sarah Phillips at 301-441-1096 to reserve a seat today.

Chronic Pain Session Nov. 12

The chronic pain group will meet Wednesday, November 12 from 10:15 to 11:45 a.m. at Greenbelt Library, 11 Crescent Road. The topic will be "Dealing with the Emotional World of Chronic Pain." The monthly meeting is sponsored by Pain Connection. Call 301-309-2444 or visit www.pain-connection.org for more information.

Community Events

Celestial Objects, Lunar Eclipse Eyed

Weather permitting, the Greenbelt Astronomy Club will be having a special star party on Saturday, November 8 at the Northway Fields extended. The star party will begin at sunset (5 p.m.) and last until at least 10 p.m. Club members will have telescopes available for viewing celestial objects. Persons wishing to bring their own binoculars or telescopes are welcome to do so, but it is not required.

This star party is being held to observe a relatively rare lunar eclipse. This sort of eclipse occurs when the earth passes directly between the sun and moon on the night of a full moon. During some such eclipses the moon nearly disappears, but during other eclipses it turns a copper, red or orange color. Until the eclipse occurs, what will happen is not certain. The planet Mars, recently closer to Earth than it has been for approximately 60,000 years, will be visible. The ringed planet Saturn will rise during the evening and is certain to be a favorite target for telescopes. In the event of precipitation or hopelessly cloudy skies the star party will be cancelled.

"Sporty Look" At Local Museum

The Greenbelt Museum presents a free lecture on "The Sporty Look: Athletics and Style in the 1930s and '40s" on Tuesday, November 11, 7:30 p.m. in the city council chambers of the Municipal Bldg. The speaker is Ellen Roney Hughes, a cultural historian in the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History, who specializes in American sport and leisure history, popular culture and material culture. Hughes will explore clothing, exercise equipment and diets from the era. New volunteer coordinator Beth Bruns will also be introduced at a reception beginning at 7 p.m.

Cat Adoption Day

The Prince George's County SPCA/Humane Society is sponsoring a cat adoption day on Sunday, November 9, noon to 3 p.m. at PetsMart, Beltway Plaza Mall. The pets' foster parents will be present to answer questions and accept applications. Call 301-262-5625 or visit the website at www.pgspca.org.

Mamas and Papas Meet for Lunch

The Greenbelt Mamas and Papas meet every second and fourth Wednesday for lunch at the Greenbelt Community Center. The next meeting is November 12 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Make friends with other Greenbelt parents while the children play. Bring a simple food item to share pot-luck style. All are welcome to join in refreshing grown-up conversation. Contact Melissa Sites at 301-982-9812 with any questions.

The Mamas and Papas weekly playgroup meets every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon on the playground near the library (bad weather location to be decided). For information call Anne Gardner at 301-220-1721.

Calling All Singers

The Greenbelt Combined Choir will have two rehearsals for the annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Thursday, November 13 and Thursday, November 20 at the Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Roads at 7:30 p.m. All singers are welcome, new and veteran, young and old. Come and join the group for music and fellowship. For further information call Jean Cook at 301-345-2597.

GIAC Free Class

Dreaming of putting a shiny new computer under the Christmas tree but don't know where to start? Then come to the Greenbelt Internet Access Cooperative's (GIAC) free class, "How to Buy a Computer" on Wednesday, November 12 at 7 p.m. in the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Dining Room #2. Mary Camp will discuss what people need to know before buying a computer, what to avoid and current computer trends. For further 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, November 10. The class is open to all.

Arts Foundation Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Greenbelt Foundation for the Arts will be on Wednesday, November 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Senior Art Gallery of the Community Center. Anyone interested in supporting the arts in Greenbelt is welcome.

At the Library

Tuesday, November 11 – Library closed for Veteran's Day.

Children's Programs

Wednesday, November 12, 10:30 a.m. Cuddletime for two-year-olds with caregiver.

4 p.m. BookKids for ages 8 to 12.

Thursday, November 13, 10:30 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5.

Adult Programs

Saturday, November 15, 10 a.m. Writer's Workshop for teens and adults. Author and critic Bennet Pomerantz will lead a panel of published authors in presenting writing strategies and tips on how to market finished works. Call Greenbelt Library to pre-register.

FOGL to Sponsor Annual Book Sale

A bargain used book sale will be held on Saturday, November 8 from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Greenbelt Library. The Friends of the Greenbelt Library (FOGL) sale will continue on Monday, November 10 from 1 to 7:30 p.m. A wide selection of titles will be offered along with magazines, vinyl records, sheet music, holiday books, coffee table books and more. Donations of books in good condition (but no textbooks) will also be accepted.

Legion to Host Rites For Veterans' Day

Greenbelt American Legion Post #136, American Legion Auxiliary Unit #136 and Sons of The American Legion Squadron #136 will host the annual Veterans' Day ceremonies on Tuesday, November 11 commencing at 10 a.m. at the Veterans' Memorial, Roosevelt Center. The program will feature a guest speaker. A buffet luncheon will be served at the Post Home following the completion of the ceremonies. In case of inclement weather, the ceremonies and program will be held at the Post Home at 6900 Greenbelt Road at 10 a.m. For information call 301-345-0136.

Cards for FONCA

Barbara Simon and her sister Kathleen Treat will be selling greeting cards they designed (Barbara McGee Designs and Kathy Kats) on Sunday, November 9, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the New Deal Café in Roosevelt Center. Part of the proceeds will be donated to FONCA, Friends of New Deal Café Arts, which supports the arts at the New Deal Café and Roosevelt Center.

GFA Annual Meeting Set

The annual meeting of the Greenbelt Foundation for the Arts will be on Wednesday November 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Senior Art Gallery of the Community Center. Anyone interested in supporting the arts in Greenbelt is invited to attend.

RUMMAGE SALE

Sun., Nov. 9 9 am - 5 pm
Mon., Nov. 10 Noon - 8 pm

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Greenbelt Community Church

Saturday, November 15, 2003

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

(Auction begins at 1:00 p.m.)

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GIVE BLOOD on November 14

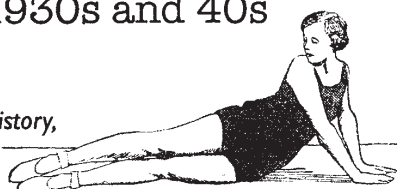
at the Community Center, Noon to 6 p.m.

GREENBELT MUSEUM

Please join us for our next lecture series event

The Sporty Look: Athletics and Fashion in the 1930s and 40s

with Ellen Roney Hughes, Ph.D.,
Division of Cultural History,
National Museum of American History,
Smithsonian Institution



Tuesday, November 11, 2003

7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Greenbelt Municipal Building,
Council Chambers

If you need further information or require special assistance in order to participate in this event, please call the Museum office at 301.507.6582

Obituaries

Mabel O. Croyle

Mabel O. Croyle, 83, a former resident of Greenbelt and Berwyn Heights died on November 3, 2003.



A long-time resident of Greenbelt, Mrs. Croyle had worked in the Co-op office that formerly was located where the Greenbelt Post Office is now. Later she worked for the old Greenbelt Post Office and became an accountant at the facility in Riverdale where she worked until she retired.

She and her late husband, Dean O. Croyle were members of the Elks Lodge in Riverdale and attended Berwyn Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Croyle swam at the Greenbelt Aquatic Center and belonged to the Berwyn Senior Center. She spent the last year of her life in Gambrills, Md.

She is survived by four daughters, Patricia Gonda, Joan Shank, Judy Gonda of Greenbelt and Deborah Coulter; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held on Thursday afternoon, November 6, at Hardesty Funeral Home in Gambrills. Burial was in Cheltenham Cemetery.



Concert at Mowatt

A variety musical, "Fall into Winter," will be held at Mowatt Methodist Church, 40 Ridge Road on Saturday, November 8 at 7 p.m. The concert will feature local talent such as the Good Guys, Kenny Clark, Kelley Jo and her violin, the Maplewood Dream Girls, a group from Eleanor Roosevelt High School and others.

New Play Starts November 14

"Sandcastles" by thunderous productions in conjunction with the Greenbelt Arts Center is a serio-comic play written and directed by Rick Starkweather. The play promotes family solidarity by contrasting two sisters who are as different as night and day. It will held at the Greenbelt Arts Center on Fridays and Saturdays, Nov. 14, 15, 21 and 22 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 16 at 2 p.m.

Baha'i Faith

Greenbelt Baha'i Community
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Greenbelt, MD 20770
301-345-2918 301-220-3160
www.bahai.org/



Catholic Community of Greenbelt

MASS
Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

Sunset Boulevard At Senior Lounge

The Greenbelt Community Center will be presenting "Sunset Boulevard" on Monday, November 10 at 1 p.m. in the senior lounge. This 1950 film starring Gloria Swanson and William Holden is a darkly humorous look at the legacy and loss of fame. It has witty dialogue, stellar performances and some now-classic scenes. It is the tale of Norma Desmond (Swanson), aging silent film queen, who refuses to accept that stardom has ended for her. Desmond hires a young down-on-his-luck screenwriter (Holden) to help engineer her movie comeback. The screenwriter, who becomes the actress' kept man, assumes he can manipulate her, but finds out otherwise. The film is based on the story, "A Can of Beans," by Charles Brackett and Billy Wilder.

GHI Notes

On Tuesday, November 11, GHI offices will be closed in honor of Veterans' Day.

On Wednesday, November 12, a joint Board/Finance Committee meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the Boardroom, the Woodlands Committee will meet at 7 p.m. in the Lunch Room, and the Companion Animal Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.

The Special Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center.

The Architecture and Environment Committee will meet at 2 p.m. on Friday, November 14 in the Board Room.

There will be a Pre-purchase Orientation on Saturday, November 15 at 11 a.m. in the Board Room.

Scouting for Food

Save the bag already delivered. Fill with nonperishable food. Scouts will pick up bags from peoples' doorsteps Saturday November 15. Food goes to local food banks.

Save A Life Tour Comes to ERHS

The American Red Cross Save A Life Tour 2003 is approaching the final leg of its journey across the country. The tour's interactive mobile museum and educational convoy will travel across the Greater Chesapeake and Potomac Region through November 15. In Greenbelt it will be at Eleanor Roosevelt High School on Friday November 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. In addition to touring the museum, participants will have an opportunity to meet and interact with local celebrities and dignitaries, win prizes and receive free gifts from the American Red Cross. Governor Robert Ehrlich will be there at 9 a.m.

The Red Cross regional organization will host a special community event designed to teach every member of the family about how blood is used and why it is important to the community's well-being. A community blood drive will be held in conjunction with the event. Those who wish to donate can make an appointment by calling 1-800-GIVE-LIFE. Further information about the tour is available by visiting www.givelife.org.

Water Polo Nov. 8

The Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center will once again host a water polo clinic from 9 to 11 p.m. on Saturday, November 8. The session stresses individual skills and drills from 9 to 10 p.m. and from 10 to 11 p.m. there will be work on team skills and strategies. Good swimmers from 9 up to 19 years old have played in recent clinics. More players are needed to get two scrimmage games going. There is a small fee. Coaches from the University of Maryland, local water polo club and the Naval Academy's Water Polo Camp will add extra challenge. This is the sport for those who like team sports and swimming. Call Larry Hilliard at 301-474-7504 for more information.

ERHS Night At Chevy's

On November 10, the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) Grad Night Committee will hold a fundraising night at Chevy's in Greenway. A portion of the dinner checks from those dining "who mention ERHS Grad Night" will be donated to the group. Dinner is from 5 to 9 p.m. and Henning, a magician, will perform from 6 to 8 p.m.

Cosmic Origins Topic of Space Chat

Space Chats is a series of free interactive presentations for the public, held monthly at the Goddard Visitor Center and given by Goddard scientists, researchers and program managers. The November topic is "What is Your Cosmic Connection to the Elements?" Dr. James Lochner will explore how the cosmic origins of the chemical elements that make up life reflect a variety of events that take place in the universe and how people's existence is connected to these elements and to cosmic origin. Registration is required. Visit www.gsfc.nasa.gov and click on "Space Chats" to get information or call 301-286-8102.



Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of former longtime Greenbelt Mabel O. Croyle. Our sympathy to her family.

Howard Feng of Lakecrest Drive, a major in the U.S. Army Reserve has returned to Greenbelt after one year of active duty in the Army. He was mobilized in October 2002 and retired last week from the regular army. He was stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas, where he was in homeland security. He is now back in the Reserves.

Send us your news about your family and friends for the neighbors column.

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Welcomes you to our open,
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November 9, 10 a.m.

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Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

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	9:15 a.m.	Bible Class
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	7:30 p.m.	Evening Worship



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

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

Rev. DaeHwa Park, Pastor

November 9 "Giving All Instead of Some"
Stewardship Day Friendship Dinner Noon

GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

Corner of Crescent and Greenhill Roads 301-474-4212
www.greenbeltbaptist.org 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

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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

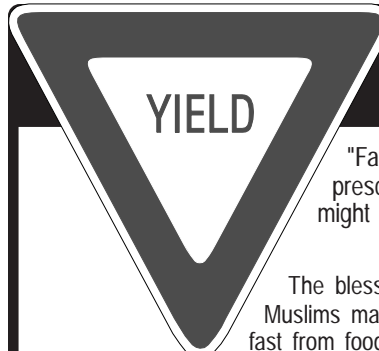
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YIELD to the guidance that has been provided to you.

"Fasting is prescribed for you as it was prescribed for those before you, that you might become pious."
- The Holy Qur'an, 2:183

The blessed month of Ramadhaan is upon us. Muslims make efforts during this 30-day period to fast from food, water, sexual relations and negative influences from dawn to sunset. In addition to being a demonstration of our faith in God, fasting has cleansing effects on the body, encourages unity with the poor who experience thirst and hunger on a routine basis, and teaches patience and self-discipline. This is the guidance sent forth to humankind by the Prophet Muhammed (peace be upon him) nearly 1400 years ago. For more information about fasting or about Islam, contact 301-982-9463 or visit www.islamworld.net.



City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL

Municipal Building - November 10, 2003
Work Session - Organization of the 35th City Council Library - 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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 to reach the City Clerk.

America Recycles Day November 15th

Help celebrate the seventh annual AMERICA RECYCLES DAY. Businesses, industries, government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and individuals are joining together to focus attention on the importance of recycling and closing the loop.

Remember to always... RECYCLE, REDUCE WASTE, PURCHASE RECYCLED PRODUCTS, AND CONTINUE TO SUPPORT RECYCLING



Visit the RECYCLING Display at the Community Center during the month of November and learn more about **Recycling in Greenbelt**.

Be sure to fill out a recycling pledge card. By pledging to recycle and to buy recycled you will be eligible to win national prizes:

- Ford Focus PZEV (Partial Zero Emission Vehicle)
- Five (5) Aluminum TREK 24-Speed Bicycles
- Two (2) "Recycle Yourself Weekend" Spa Vacation Packages

Or to save paper – pledge online at www.americarecyclesday.org.

For more information call the Public Works Office at 301-474-8004.



Congratulations to this year's Greenbelt Recreation Department Costume Contest Winners! 18months – 3 years: Liam Sombar (2 ¾ years) as The Cat in the Hat; 4 years – Grade K: Barbara Turnbull (5 years) as a fairy from the forest; Grades 1 to 2: Shannon Miller (7 years) as a witch; Grades 3 to 4: Allison Thompson (8 years) as Mary Poppins; Grades 5 to 6: Jake Fletcher (11 years) as the boxing champ

MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER 10-14

Monday, November 10, 7:00pm, Organization of 35th Council, Municipal Building Library.

Monday, November 10, 7:30pm, Special Charter Meeting-Swearing-In of 35th Council, Municipal Building. Live on Channel 71

Thursday, November 13, 7:00pm, Advisory Committee on Trees, Community Center. All are welcome to attend.

City of Greenbelt BLOOD DRIVE

**Friday, November 14th
12:00-6:00pm
Greenbelt Community Center**

Please contact Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212 to schedule your life-saving donation!

DONATION DROP-OFF

**Saturday, November 8th
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Parking lot between the City Office and the Community Ctr.**

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

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

Recycle Right Contest "WIN WITH YOUR BIN!"



You can win prizes just by properly preparing your recycling bin during the week of November 17th. Five winners will be selected – one winner from each of the four city collection routes and one winner from a contractual collection route within the city. Just make sure that you have clean, properly prepared recyclables set out on your collection day.

Part of the AMERICA RECYCLES DAY celebration!

Sponsored by the City of Greenbelt and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. For more information call the Public Works Office at 301-474-8004.

FALL LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM

GHI Homes: Leaves must bagged and placed on your service side yard. Call Public Works at 301-474-8004 by 12 noon on Thursday to schedule a Friday collection.

Detached Homes: Place bagged yard debris at the curb by 7am on Friday and it will be collected. You do not need to call for pickup. The City will vacuum loose leaves raked into piles on your curbside in front of your property. Areas to be collected will be posted.

November 10-14: Boxwood; **November 17-21:** Woodland Hills; Greenbrook Village, Greenbrook Estates, Greenspring I & II, Windsor Green, **November 24-26:** Lakewood

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS 301-474-8000: Monday, November 10 at 7:30pm City Council Charter Meeting Tuesday & Thursday, November 11 & 13: 6:00pm "Halloween Parade" 6:15pm "ACE Reading Club presents Greenbelt Elementary 2nd Grade" 7:30pm Replay of Council Charter Meeting

PUBLIC ACCESS 301-507-6581 Wednesday & Friday, November 12 & 13: 7:00pm "Democratic Club Meeting" 9:00pm "Betty the Yeti"

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Tuesday, November 11th in observance of Veterans' Day.

The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE Week of November 10th

- Monday Route – Regular Schedule
- Tuesday Route - Collected Wednesday
- Wednesday Route - Collected Thursday
- Thursday Route - Collected Friday

There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, November 14th.

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.

Notice of Charter Amendment Resolution

At its regular meeting on October 27, 2003, the City Council adopted a resolution to amend the City Charter. As required by state law, this resolution will be posted in its entirety for forty (40) days, until December 6, 2003, at the Municipal Building. It can also be found on the City's Web site at <http://www.ci.greenbelt.md.us>. A copy may also be requested from the City Clerk. The charter amendment resolution will become effective on December 16, 2003, unless a proper petition to submit the amendment to the voters on a referendum is filed as permitted by law. This notice is to provide a fair summary of the resolution, as also required by state law.

Charter Amendment Resolution Number 2003-1

A Resolution of the City of Greenbelt Adopted Pursuant to the Authority of Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland and Section 13 of Article 23a of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (1957 Edition as Amended), Title "Corporation-Municipal," Subtitle "Home Rule, to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt Found, in Whole or in Part, in the Compilation of Municipal Charters of Maryland (1983 Edition as Amended), as Prepared by the Department of Legislative Reference Pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1983, by Repealing and Reenacting with Amendments Section 8, Titled "Same—Quorum, Procedure"

This resolution will amend the Charter to require a vote of at least four members of the five-member City Council to remove lands from the Greenbelt Forest Preserve, as established in Ordinance Number 1243. The purpose of this amendment is to require a stricter standard for removing lands from the Forest Preserve designation than is required by the Charter for most Council actions.

The Forest Preserve Ordinance is also posted on the Web site and in the Municipal Building.

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

Halloween in the City – Still a Treat for All Ages



PHOTO BY LORA TANNER

Steve and Mattie Henderson, Shawnee Hempel and Clay Harman, another teen and Maria Harman line up for a costume prize at the Halloween Dance held at Greenbelt Community Church on October 25.



Above, costumed children line up for the Greenbelt costume parade held at the Youth Center.

At right, firefighters, a bride and even Spiderman were awarded prizes for the best costumers at the Greenbriar Halloween Spooktacular.



PHOTOS BY LINDA SIADYS



PHOTO BY KARL G. PENA

About 20 kids and teens showed up to carve pumpkins provided at no cost to them by "Pumpkin Walk" Paul and the New Deal Café.

Avery Mister Ka, 13 months, shows off his duck costume at the Greenbelt costume parade.



Arts Center Group Offers Plenty for Our Pleasure

by Eli Flam

The 2003-2004 theater season at Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) is halfway home with the close of two long-in-the-title, one-act plays last weekend. "Brainstorm, or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love My Job" spoofed corporate America and "Business Lunch at the Russian Tea Room" did a number on Hollywood agency, about which more anon. But wait, the Arts Center has just extended the plays for one more week!

Upcoming in January is the suspenseful "Dr. Cook's Garden" by Ira Levin, for which auditions will be held at the theater this Sunday and Monday (Nov. 9 and 10) at 7:30 p.m. It will be followed in January by a musical, "Nunsense II: The Second Coming;" Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing;" and Noel Coward's "Private Lives." The varied season opened in August with an evening of one-act plays (a candidate for the Maryland One-Act Festival early in 2004 remains to be chosen).

Meanwhile workshops go forward on Lighting and Sound I, Stage Make Up I and Movement ("learn the art of moving easily"). As well, on the weekends of November 14 and 21, thunderous productions – a local theater group – will perform "Sandcastles," written and directed by Rick Starkweather (last seen at the Arts Center in "The Tempest"). For details on all the above, call 301-441-8770.

The theater itself, now artfully tucked into a former bowling alley/real estate office beside the Greenbelt Post Office and below the Co-op Supermarket in Roosevelt Center, will mark a silver anniversary in a couple of years. Notes the fall issue of "The Marquee:" "Actors, musicians and others banded together to convince the city council that Greenbelt needed an arts center more than a spa ... and on December 8, 1979 GAC held its first performance." This newcomer caught the two one-acters on Halloween and was impressed with the drive that has gone into the latest production as well as the dedication taken to refashion the space, including the complementary Greenbelt Arts Center Gallery. (Its current show, of Chinese brush paintings by

Charlene Fuhrman-Schulz – "Poetry of the Brush" – runs through December 10; the theater also hosts a number of music programs through the year.)

It was a shame, though, that last Friday, Halloween or not, only three people came to see "Brainstorm" and "Business Lunch" – not that this slowed up the well-founded actors, who performed with alacrity throughout the evening. Perhaps some prospective attendees were discouraged by the rough review in the Washington Post the week before, but this column urges maximum turnout whatever critical tocsins may be sounded. The price is right, the locale is handy, and whatever the virtues or drawbacks of play x, think of its staging as a challenge that hard-working, creative-minded fellow citizens are confronting – and voluntarily.

Brainstorm

Take "Brainstorm," area playwright Gloriane Garth's first production at the Greenbelt Arts Center. At the start, a half-dozen execs of Alternax Industries wrestle with unintended consequences when their latest product, a would-be lubricant, turns super-sticky. You can critique some of the play's creaky or even confusing devices, but the pace is up, badinage shifts readily from jesting to jousting – and where else have you seen a bed stood on end, or at least canted at a pretty steep angle? This device, for which director Mike Moran and Bob Thompson as set constructor doubtless deserve credit, helped highlight the GAC debuts of Zoey Siwek and Randy Dunkle, who play a young couple. (In the program notes, both actors thank director and cast for making them feel

welcome. The show goes on.)

For maximum flexibility all the actors in "Brainstorm" except Sheila Crossley-Cox, an earnest scientist, and Steve Cox, a top corporate exec, double up with roles in "Business Lunch." Not to be outdone, though, stage manager Crossley-Cox kept busy in the control room for the latter play while Cox helped move its props. Imagine the Russian Tea Room, a near-legendary site in New York, plopped over a basket of laundry from the lively, conscience-ridden protagonist playwright Chris (Sam DePriest, who also plays a snappy cynic in "Brainstorm"). Triple-threat Bob Thompson, also vice-president for programs, filled in for two roles on an earlier weekend. Versatility is a necessity for volunteer theater groups like GAC; DePriest, for example, is chairman of GAC's membership committee. In "Business Lunch," he and Carolyn Thompson, as an over-the-top agent, tangle oppositely as pivotal figures in this work by award-winning Christopher Durang, well-known on and off Broadway.

So: much of the talent on stage and most of the shoulders-to-the-wheel in the wings are Greenbelters, but a fresh flow brings others to the fore too. Director Mike Moran, a first-time GACer, is a veteran in Baltimore, and Carolyn Thompson, new to Maryland, has worked in community theater elsewhere. It may not be Broadway or even Arena theater, but Greenbelt Arts Center has developed its own place in the sun through the years and deserves both a helping hand and willing audiences.

The plays have been extended to November 14 and 15.

Historian Alan Virta to Speak on Monday

Local historian and author Alan Virta will return to the area to serve as keynote speaker for the Prince George's County Historical Society's 51st annual meeting and dinner. The event will be held on Monday, November 10 at Mama Stella's Pasta House, 7918 Old Branch Avenue, Clinton.

Virta is a former resident of Greenbelt and the author of

Prince George's County: A Pictorial History (1984). He also provided assistance with the production of Greenbelt: History of a New Town, 1937-1987. Currently he is head of special collections and university archivist at Boise State University in Idaho. For more information about the meeting and dinner, call 301-249-9000.



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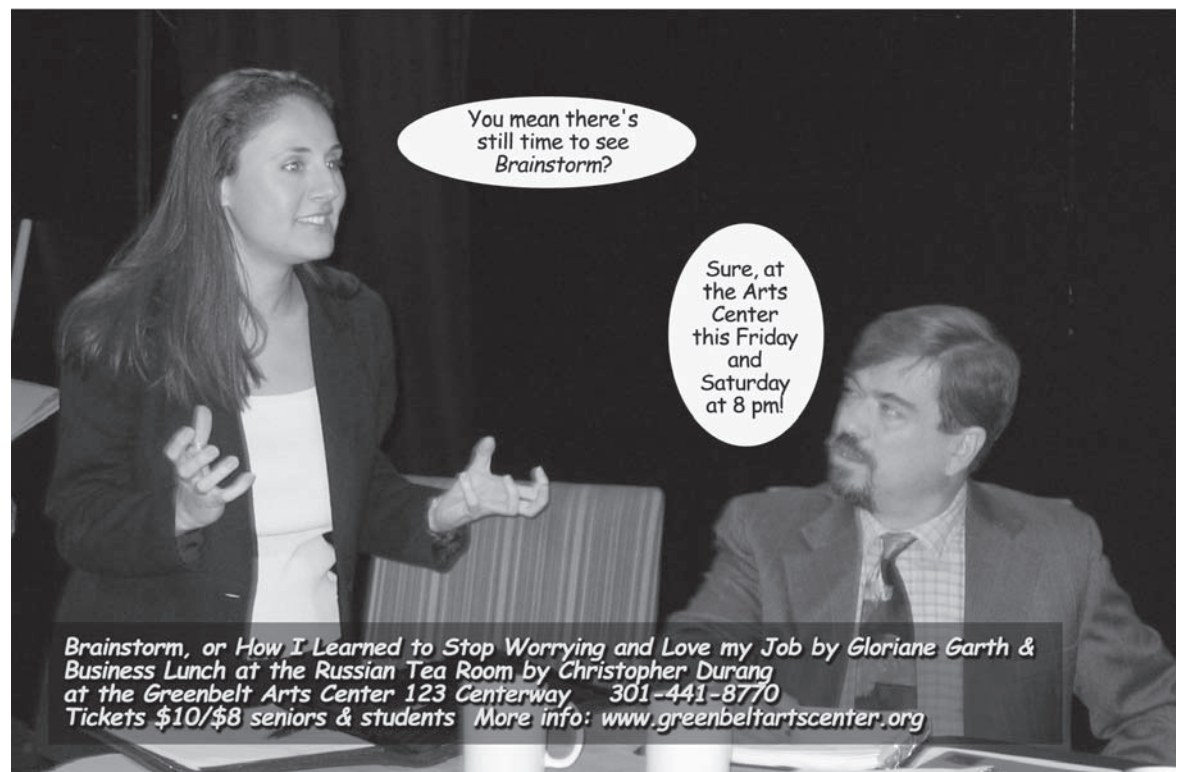
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- Guesthouse sleeps 4

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- November 9 through November 11
- December 1 through December 14
- December 29 through December 31, 2003
- January 1 through January 8, 2004
- January 12 through January 31
- February 1 through February 7
- February 20 through February 29
- March 1 through December 31

To make reservations call: 301-474-4161.



You mean there's still time to see *Brainstorm*?

Sure, at the Arts Center this Friday and Saturday at 8 pm!

Brainstorm, or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love my Job by Gloriane Garth & *Business Lunch at the Russian Tea Room* by Christopher Durang at the Greenbelt Arts Center 123 Centerway 301-441-8770 Tickets \$10/\$8 seniors & students More info: www.greenbeltartscenter.org

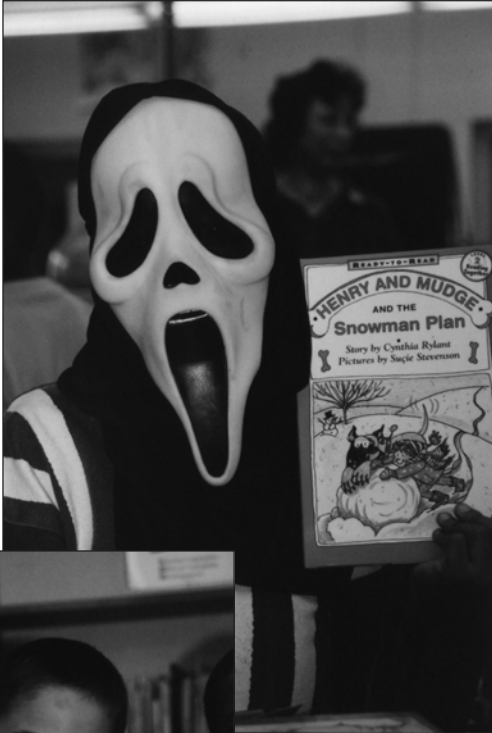
Springhill Lake Celebrates Diversity

Coca-Cola Brings Books And Staff to Read to Kids



Linda Sherwood, left, 12-year principal of Springhill Lake Elementary School, and Sarah Howard, senior program specialist at Reading Is Fundamental (RIF), admire one of hundreds of books donated by the Mid-Atlantic Coca Cola Bottling Co. The chicken came to school to see the children in their costumes.

A ghoulish shows off his free book courtesy of RIF and Coca Cola. Free books were given out to all of the children,



even the superheroes like Spiderman,



a local fire fighter,



PHOTOS BY KARL G. PEÑA

Hispanic Heritage Takes the Spotlight

by Rachel A. Freedenberg

Backstage in the ESOL classroom at Springhill Lake Elementary School, the dancers waited nervously for their big debut after a month of after-school practices.

"I'm just so excited and I just can't help it! My heart is beating so fast," 8-year-old Yetunde Oriola said breathlessly. "I've never been in a dance before!" said 8-year-old Rebecca Martinez, brimming with nervous anticipation.

On October 22, Springhill Lake Elementary hosted a melange of cultures as local families gathered for the fifth annual Hispanic Heritage Month potluck dinner. The purpose of the annual dinner, said Springhill Lake teacher Sarah Rosen, is to help bilingual or English-learning families feel like a part of the local community and get involved with school activities.

The first potluck dinner was held in 1998. The 2002 dinner was cancelled after being delayed twice by the sniper attacks and bad weather.



PHOTOS BY LINDA SJADYS

Students from grades one through five danced a classic Spanish cumbia. Other groups danced to popular Shakira songs.

Dances

For the adults, the highlights of the night were the dance performances by Springhill Lake students in grades one through five. The first group danced a classic Spanish cumbia. The second and third groups danced to popular Shakira songs in Spanish. Each group wore matching costumes which incorporated themes from the songs.

was the handmade piñatas brought out after the flags. Dozens of children lined up to take turns hitting the brightly-colored balls. When the first piñata broke, the room filled with screams as the children clamored to grab at the fallen candy.

The piñatas were a new addition to the program and were a resounding success. Prince George's County Board of Education member Jose Morales got in on the fun, swatting at a piñata alongside a swarm of wide-eyed children.

Judy Hatton, a comprehensive special education teacher at Springhill Lake, was volunteering at the dinner for the fifth time. "I think it's a real need, for parents to feel the school is part of their community," Hatton said. "And it's just the greatest thing in the world for the kids."

"Springhill Lake is like a big family," said Beverly Peele, mother of a Springhill Lake graduate and a current fifth-grader. "I think it's great. We come to all the activities."

After the last piñata was broken and the last plate wiped clean, Rosen reflected on the significance of the increasingly-popular event.

"I thought it was a really nice opportunity for our school to come together, for our Hispanic parents to share their expertise and ... be involved, but at the same time the rest of our non-Hispanic families and staff could participate and enjoy our diversity," Rosen said. "It's just a wonderful opportunity when we get to celebrate our children."



Parents, teachers and other participants were treated to a tasty meal at the fifth annual Hispanic Heritage Month potluck. Foods reflected the cultures of many Central and South American countries as well as Puerto Rico and the United States.

While teachers and parents bustled around the ESOL room, pinning skirts and tying bows, over 150 people gathered in the large auditorium to enjoy fajitas, quesadillas, tamales and other delicacies provided by Springhill Lake families.

Rosen, who organized the event, also served as its emcee, addressing the mostly-Hispanic audience in English and Spanish.

After the last dance performance, the dancers marched on stage with flags from 17 Spanish-speaking countries, including the United States. The flags from El Salvador, Puerto Rico, Mexico and the U.S. garnered the loudest applause.

The reaction to the flags underscored the diversity of the event.

"I could tell the food was from different countries. I think that was really nice," said Alba Henriquez, 28. "They had a little bit of everything." Henriquez' daughter Damaris was one of the dancers.

Piñatas

For the children, the highlight



and even a very tough-looking Zorro.



Before the dance performance, mother and daughter put the finishing touches on a beautiful costume.

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.

Burglaries

9200 block Springhill Lane, October 26, 11:43 p.m., commercial burglary. A possible suspect is described as a black male, 14 to 16 years of age, 5'3" to 5'8", 130 pounds with black hair, wearing blue jeans, a black trench coat, black and white sneakers, a blue and white baseball cap with the logo 'NYC' and gloves.

6200 block of Greenbelt Road, October 28, while patrolling, a police officer observed a youth attempting to hide from him, running behind a building. The youth, whose clothing matched the description given for the suspect wanted in the burglary which occurred two nights earlier in the 9200 block of Springhill Lane, was apprehended when he ran to the parking lot of the Beltway Plaza Mall. As a result of the investigation a 16-year-old Greenbelt youth was arrested for burglary and released to a guardian pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

11 Court Ridge Road, October 28, 7:33 a.m., unknown person(s) broke into a storage shed and removed a lawn mower and a trimmer.

7 Court Ridge Road, October 28, 9:41 a.m., unknown person(s) entered a storage shed and removed a lawn mower.

9000 block Breezewood Terrace, October 28, 7:05 p.m., unknown person(s) entered a leased but unoccupied apartment by breaking the doorknob.

DWI

Kenilworth Avenue and Crescent Road, October 25, 2:50 a.m., a nonresident man was arrested and charged with driving while impaired and driving under the influence as a result of an investigation of a vehicle stopped at the roadway with the engine running and the driver apparently asleep. The driver was released on citations pending trial.

Kenilworth Avenue and Old Calvert Road, October 26, 12:19 a.m., a nonresident woman was arrested and charged with driving while impaired, driving under the influence and reckless driving as a result of an investigation of a single vehicle accident. The woman was released on citations pending trial.

Kenilworth Avenue and Route 95, October 29, 4:45 p.m., a

nonresident man was arrested and charged with driving under the influence as a result of investigation of a traffic accident. The driver was released on citation pending trial.

Vandalism

5800 block Cherrywood Lane, October 27, 11:00 p.m., a resident man was arrested and charged with malicious destruction for allegedly breaking out a window in a residence with a rock during a dispute. He was released on citation pending trial.

5800 block Cherrywood Lane, October 29, 4:42 a.m., a second resident man was arrested and charged with malicious destruction for allegedly breaking out a window in a residence with a rock during a dispute. The suspect was released on citation pending trial.

Disorderly Conduct

Springhill Lane and Springhill Drive, October 29, 8:13 p.m., a Greenbelt youth was arrested for disorderly conduct when police observed several persons loitering. When approached by police the youth jumped to his feet in a fighting stance and began shouting profanities at them. He was arrested and released to a guardian pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

Fireworks

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, October 28, 11:05 a.m., a Greenbelt youth was arrested for possession of fireworks after he was observed by a teacher with firecrackers inside the high school. He was released to school administrators pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

Drugs

Greenbelt Youth Center, October 24, 6:04 p.m., a Greenbelt youth was arrested for possession of paraphernalia. Police responded to the area of the center for a report of a person smoking marijuana. He located the youth in the area and detected the odor of what he believed to be marijuana. The youth was found to

be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana. He was released to a guardian pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

6100 block Breezewood Court, October 28, 4:44 p.m., a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia. Police responded to a report of a possible drug transaction. A person matching the description given of the man was located and found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to ingest crack cocaine. A computer check revealed that the suspect had an open warrant with the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner and for service of the warrant.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were stolen: a white Mazda 929 4-door, Maryland tags HMP257, October 24, from the 400 block Ridge Road; a red 1991 Toyota Camry 4-door, Maryland tags A064828, October 25, from the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace; a black 1987 BMW 635 CSI 2-door, Maryland tags JMD847, October 26, from Beltway Plaza Mall; a white 1998 Ford Ranger truck, Maryland tags 33L409, October 26, from the 6100 block Breezewood Drive; a red 1995 Honda Accord 4-door, Maryland tags CTR078, October 29 from the 8000 block Mandan Road.

Six vehicles were recovered. Three arrests were made in one of the recoveries.

Thefts from and vandalisms to vehicles occurred in the following areas: 6100 block Springhill Terrace, 5800 block Cherrywood Lane (two incidents), Springhill Court and Edmonston Road, 6100 block Breezewood Drive, Beltway Plaza Mall, 6100 block Greenbelt Road, unit block Parkway, 7600 block Hanover Parkway (two incidents), 7900 block Good Luck Road and 7000 block Megan Lane.

The Greenbelt Police 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.

Local Bank of America Robber Is Caught Quickly

The Bank of America, 7595 Ora Glen Drive, was robbed on Monday, November 3 at 1:55 p.m. According to Greenbelt Police Public Information Officer George Mathews, witnesses advised that the suspect entered the bank, approached the teller booth and passed a note announcing the robbery. A weapon was not displayed but was implied, noted Mathews, adding that an undisclosed amount of money was taken. The suspect then fled the bank and entered a waiting car operated by a second person.

Witnesses gave the police a description of the vehicle and tag number. Police investigation revealed that the vehicle was registered to an address in the 10 Court of Plateau. Mathews told the News Review that officers re-

sponded to the residence where a possible suspect, Nathaniel Patrin Bush, 20, was taken into custody, arrested and charged with one count of robbery. He was taken before the District Court Commissioner in Hyattsville for a hearing.

A possible second suspect, the alleged driver of the car, Mathews said, was located at a nearby residence and also taken into custody. Both suspects (who reside at the same address) were transported to the police department for questioning. Mathews explained that following the investigation the second suspect was released after it was determined he was just giving his passenger a ride and was unaware that the first suspect robbed the bank.

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SchromFest Provides Fun with a Purpose

The annual SchromFest took place in Schrom Hills Park on October 11. The celebration of fall was sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department and included a wide variety of games and hands-on activities that showcased the city's public works facilities and its attention to the environment. Live music, free food, collection of electronic recycling, vehicle displays and a beautiful blue sky made for a full day of fun for all who participated.

This collection of photographs was taken by Beverly Palau and Julie McHale. Thanks are due to all of the city workers and volunteers who made the event a tremendous success.



Chris Cherry (in straw hat) works with the children at the airplane table. Free balsa gliders were given to the first 500 kids to make it to the table.



Most of the children spent time at the art table. This young girl took her "work" there very seriously.



At left, Brian Townsend of the Greenbelt Public Works Department gave rides in a cherrypicker lift to those who were not afraid of heights.



At 11 a.m. Mayor Judith Davis (center) leads a team who cut the ribbon to mark the dedication of a new footbridge and trail. Pictured with the mayor are: (from left) Junior Miss Greenbelt Jenny Lindvall, Little Miss Greenbelt Lindsay Hepler, Miss Greenbelt Danyelle Thomas, Councilmember Ed Putens, the mayor, Councilmembers Thomas White and Rodney Roberts.



Participants were also able to get their caricature drawn by local artists.



An old fashioned hayride, though a stark contrast to the luxuries of modern transportation, was another popular place to be on a beautiful afternoon. Driving the tractor is Mike Foxx. Local singer Jim Hossick entertained along the way.



Participants were able to make cutting boards from wood from trees that were felled during Hurricane Isabel. Shown above are John Henry, Eugenia Maynard, Jenette Take-Mims, Councilmember Rodney Roberts and Public Works' Bill Phelan in the background.



A dedication of the Eleanor Roosevelt tree took place on the Community Center front lawn. This commemorative panel (at left) tells the story of the First Lady's interest in Greenbelt.

At right, Taylor Koebler, daughter of the Recreation Department's own Beverly Palau, enjoyed the giant slide head first. The slide resembled the space shuttle and also included a "moon bounce."



Greenbelt's 2nd Bike4Breast Cancer Ride Is in the Pink

by Kristen Martin

The Greenbelt Pink Ribbon Ride met success in its second annual bike ride for breast cancer that was held October 4. This year the event raised over \$11,000 for the local Y-ME National Capital Area hotline service, \$3,500 more in donations than last year.

"[The event] shows people that breast cancer is not a death sentence," said Sylvia Lewis, chairwoman of the Greenbelt Ride.

More than 150 bicyclists came out for the morning-pedal-athon despite a steady light rain throughout the ride. Participants included individuals challenging themselves, business teams, families and breast-cancer survivors.

On the Lawn

Long tables dotted the Community Center lawn for registration and Y-ME information, which included medical personnel who could answer questions. A food table was piled high with free bread and bagels from Atlanta Bread and donuts from Raulins Bakery and water, fruit and trail mix to nourish hungry riders from the Co-op and Costco.

Gwen Vacarro and staff set up a Pleasant Touch tent – giving mini-massages to returning cyclists.

Tech support for bikes was offered by Proteus Bike Shop, College Park. Jill DeMauro performed safety checks and helped riders find more comfortable adjustments of seats and handlebars.

Riders

Among some of the more high-profile cyclists were Mayor Judith Davis and Chairwoman of Volunteers Sharon Bradley, both breast cancer survivors. Also new this year was Beltway Plaza Mall which, in addition to financial support, put together a team of riders.

Cyclists ranging in age from children to seniors were given a choice of completing one of several rides. The 10-mile ride featured the Beltsville farms, the 20-mile ride extended to the Patuxent Wildlife Visitor's Center. The 40-mile ride also took in Old Bowie and the Marietta Mansion. A two-mile family fun ride circled Greenbelt Lake.

Riders were given staggered starts after 9 a.m. beginning at the Greenbelt Community Center lawn on Crescent Road. Some people combined the routes to cycle 100 miles, Lewis said.

Ride committee member Alan Turnbull, busy father of a five- and three-year old, was pleased with the exposure the Pink Ribbon Ride brought to the Greenbelt area and the breast cancer issue.

"You can just tell people are having their eyes opened," Turnbull said. Turnbull's mother Gwen, a survivor, was also a member of the organizational committee.

The ride brought many new as well as returning people from the Baltimore-Washington area and Northern Virginia.

Personal Stories

Returning Greenbelt cyclist Jeri Holloway had participated in last year's ride to get back in shape. She was touched by the emotional element of the fundraiser when she met a woman struggling along the

- In Washington D.C. and the surrounding area, **more than 10,000 women** will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year.

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route who had only been out of treatment for six months. She and the woman pushed one another on until the finish.

"It was a high for me to see how excited she was," Holloway said.

This year Holloway, a retired Prince George's county music teacher, raised \$325 from her community and rode 10 miles along with two of her friends, one of whom is a seven-year breast-cancer survivor.

Another rider, also a survivor, spoke of the warmth of exchanges with other riders who were themselves survivors or who were mothers or daughters or sisters of breast cancer survivors or victims. Participants talked as they rode and hailed those already returning on the other side of the road.

Many participants collected additional money to contribute to the ride's fundraising effort, Lewis said. One woman cyclist raised \$441 alone.

Sponsors

Lewis praised local businesses who gave assistance to the effort. "We received tremendous support from our major sponsors – the City of Greenbelt, Doctors Community Hospital, Potomac Printers and Gold's Gym, who were sponsors last year too," she said. "Comcast and Capitol Cadillac Hummer were new major sponsors this year."

Lewis coordinated the first ride in 2002 with the help of the national Bike 4 Breast Cancer organization that allows local groups to put together community events and decide exactly how the money raised will be used. She and other committee members are excited that the money is going toward the 24-hour hotline, a free service for people who have been touched in some way by breast cancer.

The Y-ME National Capital Area, an affiliate of Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization that was started in 1978 is staffed by volunteer breast-cancer survivors. It is based in Alexandria, VA. The average cost of one phone call, according to Y-ME, is \$37.50.



PHOTO BY ANDY CARRUTHERS

Alvin Brown, director of security for Beltway Plaza, organized a team of "Pink Ribbon" riders: (from left) "Kap" Kapistan of Quantum Companies; Armando Ramirez, bicycle security officer for Beltway Plaza; Derrick Washington, Greenbelt police officer; Mohamed Barrie, asst. director of security for Beltway Plaza; Brown; and Fred Graham, bicycle security officer for Beltway Plaza.



Some participants rode for fun and for the worthy cause. More serious bikers displayed a competitive edge. Off the course, Ken Keeler of Harwood, Md., won the "Hummer for a Day" door prize donated by Capitol Cadillac.



Greenbelt Pink Ribbon Ride Committee Members gather at the conclusion of the 2nd Annual Greenbelt Pink Ribbon Ride. Front row from the left: Elaine Brett, Sylvia Lewis and Julia Eichhorst. Back row from the left: Reneé Landen, Gwen Turnbull, Kathy Alleman from Y-ME, Sharon Bradley and Dorothea Leslie. Their hard work paid off big – more than \$11,000 was raised in donations for Y-ME of the National Capital Area.

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head or the city manager. If the request is received during evenings or weekends, the employee will call his or her department head.

The employee receiving the request is also directed to record the name and agency of the person making the request and record the nature of their documentation. If valid identification is not presented, the employee should refuse to comply and refer the matter to the department head.

Department heads will notify the City Manager Michael McLaughlin as soon as possible. McLaughlin will then notify council. Council, however, may not be privy to all details of the request. As explained by Mayor Judith Davis, council may only learn, for example, that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had contacted the police department. They would likely not be told the details of the request or even who it concerned. These reports to council might not be made public, however, to avoid interfering with law enforcement or other official activities.

The coalition had also raised concerns that residents would be reported to the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service by city police, code enforcement staff or others. The draft resolution they had presented to council directed staff to "refrain from participating in the enforcement of immigration laws which are entirely the responsibility of the United States Department of Homeland Security." While the police department assured council that it does not do any enforcement of immigration laws, officials were concerned that this broad restriction could affect some needed law enforcement activities. Council tried various formulations and finally settled for

a simple "City staff members will not notify the Immigration and Naturalization Service when they come into routine contact with an undocumented person."

Stephen Jascourt asked council to consider adopting Takoma Park's approach of reporting all federal, state or local law enforcement actions under the law, even those by agents not under the city's control. When Davis asked Jascourt how Greenbelt could do that, Jascourt replied, "I don't know." Council then asked McLaughlin to contact Takoma Park for more information. Further discussion was deferred.

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They agreed to work with County Councilmember Douglas Peters who had been in contact with tenants. Peters told council he had phoned the owners, but hadn't gotten through.

Meanwhile, Charlestowne North community members have been walking door-to-door collecting donations toward hiring an attorney.

Staff reporter Diane Oberg also contributed to this story.

Designate Schools For Store Receipts

Giant and Safeway are supporting education again this year. People can sign up to have Giant and Safeway receipts credited to any school of their choosing. Those who designated a school last year must re-designate the school again this year.

Target has a school program, as well. Holders of a Target VISA can designate a school to receive 1% of the customer's purchases.

Unofficial Pumpkin Poll Asks Kids "Who would you vote for?"

by Doug Love

Against my better judgment, I took the Pumpkin Poll again this Halloween. Every one of the 97 kids who came to my door were asked, "If you could vote in the Greenbelt City Council election next Tuesday, who would you vote for?" Only 12 kids didn't answer; I think they didn't know

English. There were fewer "I Don't Know" answers this year and the incumbents did well. I expected Inzeo and Mach to tie for last place, but one big surprise was Herling only getting 1 vote to Sanchez' 5. Maybe it's because Sanchez lives just down the street and Herling lives across town.

My favorite vote was for "Who-

ever helps poor people."

I Don't Know-22, "J" Davis-15, Rodney Roberts-15, no answer-12, Sanchez-5, Ed Putens-3, Homer Simpson-2, Inzeo-2, and Leta Mach-2. Also, Andrew-1, Batman-1, Costumes-1, David Beckham-1, Dr. Phil-1, Emanuella-1, Gary Coleman-1, I Forget-1, King John-1, Konrad Herling-1, Lolly Pops-1, me!-1, People that help the poor-1, Spongebob-1, The Hawk-1, The Vampire-1, Tom & Jerry-1, Witch-1 and you!-1.

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needs before adding City-held open space into the Forest Preserve." She suggested that the task force, once formed, could be directed to pay particular attention to these parcels. Four boards submitted reports on the ordinance including the Advisory Planning Board, the Park and Recreation Advisory Board, the Youth Advisory Committee and the Advisory Committee on Trees.

If the preserves were created, use of the land would be limited to activities that result in the non-destructive use of the land and its essential natural qualities. Among activities that would be banned are bike riding; construction of shelters or other structures; trail creation, widening or maintenance unless approved in a future city trails plan; grading; or development such as playgrounds, ballfields or picnic areas. Once established, the preserve could only be modified if the changes were approved by four of the five city council members and by a majority of voters in a city-wide referendum.

During discussion of the charter amendment establishing the requirement for four votes to approve changes to the preserve, rather than the normal three, White expressed concern about those who were "blithely saying they can do it later" regarding changes that may be needed around the Northway ballfields. He pointed out that it will be

extremely difficult for any council to modify or overturn a forest preserve. Nonetheless, he introduced the ordinance to establish the Boxwood preserve without commenting on the recommendations by city advisory boards that the long-term public recreation and open space needs be studied before creating these preserves.

Task Force

The proposed resolution would create a seven-person task force to draft the required management and maintenance policy for city preserves and make recommendations for the designation of additional preserves.

The task force will consist of two members of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board, one member from the Advisory Planning Board, one member from the Advisory Committee on Trees and three city residents not currently serving on a city board or committee. The committee is to submit a draft management and maintenance policy to council within 18 months after all members are appointed.

The board will also submit a final report, which may contain recommendations for revisions to the Forest Preserve law, new preserve areas and whether a permanent committee should be established. The board will be dissolved after it submits this final report, or after 24 months, whichever comes first.

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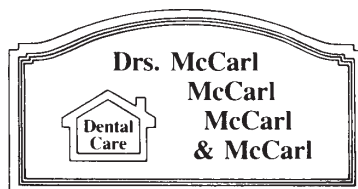
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Townhome With Large Screened Porch
Modern European-styled kitchen with new cabinets and countertops. Large 11'x17' master bedroom. Backs to common area. \$141,900

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Brick Townhome
Unique GHI townhome on the library end of town. Many modifications and improvements. Large yard and close to Center. Coming Soon!

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End Unit GHI Home With GARAGE!
This duplex townhome has an attached garage, large corner lot and more. Walking distance to Roosevelt Center. Nice! \$152,500 SOLD

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Backs to Woods
Two bedroom townhome with wood deck that backs to protected woodlands. Hardwood floors and many improvements. Just \$94,900

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Fort Washington
Nearly 1/2 acre lot is adjacent to parkland. 4-car garage with gravel parking area. 3br, 2.5 ba. and separate living area. Just \$249,900

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Large Corner Lot
This home was completely renovated just 2 years ago. New kitchen, bath, windows, refinished floors, new siding and more! \$94,900 SOLD

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3 Bedrooms With Extra Half-Bath
This home has been remodeled with an enlarged kitchen and extra cabinets and countertops. Bathroom on lower level. \$94,900 SOLD

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End Unit With Large Corner Lot
This home was originally a 3 bedroom townhome that was converted to a 2 bedroom. Fantastic yard that back to woods. \$92,900 SOLD

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2 Bedroom End Unit
Large, fenced yard that backs to garden area and woodlands. Wide floorplan with newer appliances. Close to Roosevelt Center. SOLD

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Greenbriar
This 3 bedroom condominium has a balcony that overlooks flowers and other beautiful plantings. Ceramic tile floors. \$119,900 SOLD

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Brick Townhome
Just a few steps from Roosevelt Center. This brick townhome has modern appliances, cabinets, countertops and more. Coming Soon!

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Corner Lot With 2 Additions
This home has a separate bedroom addition on the main level, and 2 bedrooms upstairs. Includes front storage/laundry area. \$89,900 SOLD

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Townhome with Screened Porch
This 2 bedroom block GHI home is just steps from Roosevelt Center. Large floorplan with 11x17 MBR. Fenced yard & shed. \$134,900 SOLD

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Townhome Near USDA
Enjoy quiet walks and scenic bike rides out the back door of this renovated 3 bedroom townhouse. Modern kitchen and bath \$99,900

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Great Home - Great Price
Don't miss your chance to buy a great home in Greenbelt! This 2-bedroom townhome has a modern kitchen & bath. Just \$84,900 SOLD

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U.C. = Under contract; seller may consider back-up offers





City of Greenbelt Election Questionnaire 2003

As in the past elections, you are asked to take a few minutes to complete the following questionnaire. The information obtained will be useful to the newly elected City Council and City staff. Your confidential responses will be consolidated in a report for general distribution.

Please place completed questionnaires in the box provided at the polling location or send it to the City Office at 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770.

GENERAL INFORMATION (Please Check One)

- Residency
 Apartment Townhouse
 Condominium GHI
 Detached Single Family Home
- Do you? Own Rent
- Age:
 18-29 61-74
 30-44 75+
 45-60
- How many years have you lived in Greenbelt?
 Less than 1 Year
 1-5 years 11-20 years
 6-10 years 21-30 years
 More than 30 Years
- Employment Status (Please check all that apply.)
 Full-Time Part-Time
 Unemployed Retired
 Stay at Home Parent
 At-Home
- Where do you work?
 Greenbelt
 Baltimore
 Montgomery County
 Prince George's County
 Washington, D.C.
 Virginia
 Other
- How do you typically get to and from work? (Please check all that apply.)
 Personal Automobile
 Carpool/Vanpool
 Metrorail
 Bicycling/Walking
 Bus
 MARC
 Telecommute
- Do you have Internet access?
 Yes No
- Have you visited the City's website at www.ci.greenbelt.md.us?
 Yes No
- Have you watched a City Council Meeting or Work Session on Channel 71 over the past year?
 Yes No
- Do you watch any of the other programming on Channel 71?
 Yes No

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Please rate the following services:
4=Excellent, 3=Good, 2=Fair, 1=Poor
 Police Presence
 Police Responsiveness
 Fire & Rescue
 Traffic Control
 Parking Enforcement
 Animal Control
- Have you had personal contact with the City's Police Department in the last 2 years? Yes No
- Was the police employee polite and courteous? Yes No
- Did the police employee assist you satisfactorily? Yes No

PUBLIC WORKS

- Please rate the following services:
4=Excellent, 3=Good, 2=Fair, 1=Poor
 Street/Sidewalk Maintenance
 Street Cleaning
 Street Lighting
 Snow Removal
 Park Maintenance
 Ballfield Maintenance
 Horticulture/Planting
 Trash Collection
 Recycling-Residential Pick-up
 Drop off Recycling Centers
 Building Maintenance
 Greenbelt Connection
- If you have contacted Public Works, was the office staff polite and courteous?
 Yes No
- Do you know what items to recycle?
 Yes No
 Not Sure

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CODE ENFORCEMENT

- Have you had personal contact with the City's Community Development division in the last 2 years?
 Yes No
- Was the Community Development employee polite and courteous?
 Yes No
- Did the Community Development employee assist you satisfactorily?
 Yes No

GREENBELT CARES SOCIAL SERVICE

- Please rate the following services:
4=Excellent, 3=Good, 2=Fair, 1=Poor
 Counseling (individual, family, or group)
 Crisis Intervention Counseling
 Discussion Groups in Schools
 Babysitting Workshop
 GED Program
 Tutoring
- The Community Mediation Board (CMB) mediates non-legal disputes. Were you aware of this free service?
 Yes No

ASSISTANCE IN LIVING PROGRAM

- Are you aware that the City has a program to help seniors remain in their homes?
 Yes No
- Are you or someone else living in your home over age 60?
 Yes No
- If yes, what services do you currently need in order to remain in your home?
- If the City offered counseling programs for seniors would you participate?
 Yes No

RECREATION

- Please rate the following services:
4=Excellent, 3=Good, 2=Fair, 1=Poor
 Aquatic & Fitness Center
 Community Center
 Recreation Centers
 Summer Programming (camps, concerts, etc)
 Senior Programming
 Sport & Athletic Programs
 Special Events (Greenbelt Day, Festival of Lights, etc.)

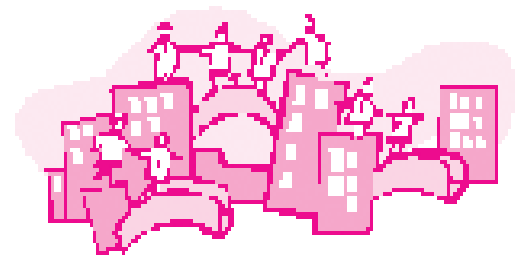
ARTS PROGRAMMING

- What are the arts activities that interest you most?(please select 3)
 Crafts
 Sculpture/Ceramics
 Dance
 Music
 Creative Writing
 Drama
 Film/TV
 Photography
 Painting/Drawing
 Other
- Please rate the following activities.
4=Excellent, 3=Good, 2=Fair, 1=Poor
 Visual Arts Classes
 Performing Arts Classes
 Creative Kids Camp
 Art Exhibitions
 Artful Afternoons
 Performances

EDUCATION

- Do you have any school-age children?
 Yes No
- If yes, please rate the schools currently attended. (4=Excellent, 3=Good, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)
 Greenbelt Elementary
 Springhill Lake Elementary
 Magnolia Elementary
 St. Hugh's School
 Greenbelt Middle School
 Eleanor Roosevelt High School
 Home Schooling
 Other

- What are the most critical needs of your school?
 More Teachers
 Books
 Smaller Classes
 Technology Resources
 Athletic/Playground Resources
 Better Facilities
 After School Activities
 Enrichment Opportunities
 Other



GENERAL COMMENTS

1. Name what you like most about the Greenbelt community.

2. Name what you like least about the Greenbelt community.

3. Are there any improvements you would like to suggest for the City services?

4. General Comments:
