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PHOTO BY MARAT MOORE

All creatures – big and small – have had to make adjustments in order to accommodate unusually cold temperatures. At the Lake Park, these geese employ their own coping strategies, keeping a small portion of the water accessible for swimming.

Needs Assessment Survey Offers No Surprises, Some Suggestions

by Judy Bell

According to Christal Parker Batey, Greenbelt's community resource advocate, there were "no surprises" in the recurring themes of the final report on the Needs Assessment Survey for the City of Greenbelt's Assistance in Living Program. The survey was conducted by Sukol Communications, LLC of Bethesda and submitted to the Greenbelt City Council at its January 21 worksession.

The five key issues identified by seniors were transportation, healthcare (particularly in-home care), home safety/home maintenance, information (knowledge of senior services) and finances (especially as related to prescription drugs).

The survey assessment of Greenbelt's senior population was designed to determine services and programs that would enable senior residents to remain safely and comfortably in their own homes as long as they desire; that is, to "age in place." Sukol Communications developed an assessment approach that included a widespread collection of data from three Greenbelt vicinities (historic Greenbelt, Greenbelt East and Springhill Lake) as well as a rounded mix of target audience groups (senior,

"pre-need seniors" and network/support professionals).

During the summer of 2003, 147 Greenbelt senior citizens were surveyed to determine information about themselves and their community that would allow them to "age in place" successfully in the years to come. Respondents ranged in age from 60 to 91 and over, with the largest group of seniors responding to the in-depth survey in the 60 to 70 age range (47 percent). Of those responding, 52 percent reside in historic Greenbelt or Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Caucasian was marked as the ethnic/racial background of 59 percent of the respondents reporting. Females accounted for 78 percent of the respondents. Owners of homes or apartments made up 81 percent of the seniors. Eighty-two percent of seniors responding said they still drive, with 89 percent stating that they have valid driver's licenses.

Arthritis (47 percent), heart disease (30 percent), breathing problems (21 percent) and cancer (18 percent) were the health conditions most reported, with 18 percent also reporting depression.

Overall Trends

Sukol identified overall trends: 1) the majority of seniors

in the 60 and over age group have the desire to remain in their own homes in Greenbelt for as long as possible (67 percent); 2) the majority of seniors in all age groups are financially able to pay for personal care services if and when the need arises, but they're not always sure what services to ask for; 3) the number of seniors needing public and private services in the next five to 10 years will increase as the residents move into the higher age groups.

Concerning medical issues: 4) the majority of seniors in all age groups participate in Medicare parts A and B and have supplemental health care insurance but are concerned about financing their healthcare needs, especially regarding to prescription drugs. 5) The types of illnesses prevalent in all age groups are those that become more disabling with advancing age. These physical limitations require increased services from the community, such as more personalized transportation options, modifications to the living environment, greater social involvement, nutrition monitoring programs and personal care options including assistance with the activities of daily living.

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Thomas White To Be Honored

Former Councilmember Thomas X. White will be honored for his 30 years of service on the Greenbelt City Council on Sunday,



February 8 from 1:30 to 5 p.m. with a buffet luncheon at Martin's Crosswinds. It is sponsored by a committee of friends and colleagues. There will be a program presented at the luncheon where presentations and proclamations will honor his achievements. The Master of Ceremonies will be Konrad Herling and the invocation will be given by Rev. Edward H. Birner. A four-piece quartet from Eleanor Roosevelt High School will provide music during the reception preceding the luncheon. Reservations for the luncheon were closed on January 31; 145 people have confirmed their attendance.

White served as mayor pro tem and represented the city at many government organizations, such as the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, the Maryland Municipal Association and the National League of Cities.

Donations are being accepted in honor of White's service to his community and can be made to the Greenbelt Museum.

"Super Tuesday" Choices For Maryland's Voters

by James Giese

Maryland voters will help to choose the next party candidates for the office of President of the United States on March 2 along with other states on the day called Super Tuesday. As there is no significant opposition to President George W. Bush in any primary election in which delegates to the Republican National Convention will be chosen, the President is already all but officially the Republican nominee. On the Democratic side, the vote on Super Tuesday could finalize the selection of that party's nominee, if elections held before then result in the race being narrowed down to one man (the only woman candidate, Carol Moseley Braun, has already withdrawn her candidacy).

Besides a presidential preference poll and the election of delegates to the two parties'

summer conventions, state voters will choose party candidates for the office of United States Senator, where incumbent Barbara Mikulski, Democrat, is seeking another term. Greenbelters, as part of District 5, will help choose party candidates for United States Congress. Steny Hoyer, Democrat, the current Congressman for District 5 and House Minority Whip, is seeking reelection. Greenbelters will also help select candidates for Judge of the Circuit Court in the Seventh District. While many counties will be holding school board elections, there will not be one held this year in Prince George's County.

On the Ballot

George W. Bush will be the only Republican candidate for

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What Goes On

Monday, February 9

7 p.m., Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee Meeting, Community Center

8 p.m., Regular City Council Meeting, Municipal Building

Thursday, February 12

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

7:30 p.m., GHI Board Meeting, Board Room

Editorial**An Opportunity Worth Pursuing**

Greenbelt and Prince George's County should be proud that a major property owner is considering investing more than a half billion dollars to redevelop the Springhill Lake apartment complex. Apartment Investment and Management Company's (AIMCO) interest in redeveloping one of the area's largest apartment communities recognizes in a practical sense that Greenbelt continues to be suitable for quality housing. We urge the city and county governments to give well-considered but swift responses to AIMCO's development proposals for Springhill Lake.

AIMCO's initial proposal is to tear down in phases and replace the existing nearly 3,000 apartment units with 4,500 new ones. As set forth in a charette conducted by the noted urban planning firm, Duany Platter-Zyberk and Company (DPZ), the new apartment buildings would have a variety of styles – townhouses, sixplexes, four-story elevator apartments, luxury executive suites and twin tower buildings. That plan also calls for a few owner-occupied townhouses, about 260 units. Also proposed are the replacement of Springhill Lake Elementary School with a new school, a large lake where the school now is located and the replacement of the city's Springhill Lake Recreation Center with a new facility.

This proposal is consistent with most objectives of the 1999 Greenbelt Metro Area Study of the Prince George's Planning Department. That plan called for an alternate scenario for Springhill Lake to redevelop the area in whole or in part into a high-quality, medium density residential community linked to the planning strategies for Beltway Plaza and the Metro property. With its orientation toward the Greenbelt Metro Station and the proposed Greenbelt Station development and with Springhill Lake's proximity to major highways, the DPZ proposal for AIMCO is consistent with Smart Growth, a public policy that seeks to concentrate future growth in areas with easy access to public transit and established road networks. However, the DPZ plan differs from the county council adopted Greenbelt Metro Area Sector Plan in that it proposes greater density and little owner-occupied housing.

We would prefer to have more owner-occupied housing, as we believe owners are more concerned with their property and more committed to their community. We also would like to know more about the impact of the added housing units upon traffic, schools and public services. We seek greater assurance that the proposed development maintains a high standard of quality and does not again become a problem requiring excessive police resources. We also believe better answers are needed about what will become of existing tenants and what will be done to assure they obtain suitable housing. These issues should be thoroughly considered and resolved without delay.

Speaking for AIMCO, Joe DeTuno noted the company's four choices relating to its Springhill Lake property: to tear down and replace the existing development, to rehabilitate the existing apartments, to do nothing or to sell the project. AIMCO has ruled out rehabilitation and inaction. We are not aware of any interested buyers with financial resources to undertake either redevelopment or rehabilitation.

We agree with City Councilmember Edward Puten's statement that "Unless Springhill Lake changes, it will change Greenbelt."

Something needs to be done about Springhill Lake. AIMCO has a plan that appears to be good for the city and the county and has the capability to make it work. At present we do not know of a better alternative. The city and county should not let this opportunity get away.

Neighborhood Shoppers Drown Out Muzak

I was in the Co-op the other day. I was at the checkout and there were perhaps two or three people at each lane and some folks milling around. And I noticed something.

You couldn't hear the Muzak for all the talking. There was a buzz of conversation. A hum of friendly chatter that completely drowned out the recorded music retailers use to disguise sterility.

You can go to any other grocery store 10 times the size and not hear any voices joined in community. People stand silently at the checkouts avoiding each other's eyes.

At the Co-op it takes me three times as long to do my shopping because I bump into neighbors and friends and we chat a while. Time well spent.

Cathie Meetre

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Letters to the Editor**Brrrrr! '04 Even Colder Than '03**

So you actually thought January 2003 was cold? Well, it was but I'm sure you'll be delighted to know that January 2004 was even colder. During January 2003 I recorded nine days during which my outdoor thermometer displayed minimum temperatures below 20 degrees F.

In stark contrast to that figure, January 2004 "improved" by treating us to 16 days with minimum temperatures below 20. To add insult to injury, the lowest temperature I recorded in my back yard occurred on January 20 when the temperature dipped to 6.6 degrees, three degrees lower than our low for January 2003.

Remarkably, these 16 days minimum temperatures were compressed between January 7 and 31. Indeed, the final days of January started a run of 11 straight days with minimums below 20 (including the first two days of February).

Here are the gruesome statistics, in chronological order, starting with January 7: 17.4, 18.0, 6.6, 9.3, 12.0, 18.5, 16.3 and the final 11-day run: 14.2, 16.9, 11.5, 14.7, 19.6, 18.5, 16.9, 15.8, 10.9, February: 12.0 and 15.3. (Whew!)

One final dismal thought. February 2003 followed frigid January with some "wonderful" snowstorms. (Remember the 18 inches on February 14?) If February 2004 follows a similar pattern we're in for a gala snowstorm extravaganza. Good luck on your heating bills!

Phil Brandis

THANKS

Please give our heart-felt thanks to the board members of Greenbriar Condominiums Phase II and to the ACE Committee of the Greenbelt City Council for the "Celebration of Life" of Mary Alice Carroll on January 17, 2004. The program was beautifully planned and seemed to go forward perfectly. On the way home we said to our nephews, Tom and Michael Carroll, "Mary Alice would have loved it."

Thank you for presenting us with the Greenbelt Public Service Citation and the pin – such thoughtful touches. We appreciate having the prints of the ACE Committee, the framed photos and, of course, the beautiful flower arrangement. We are left

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Week of Feb. 6

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with few of her possessions: the contents of her purse, items in her car, teaching materials from Cherokee Lane School and boxes of books and phonograph records stored in our basement for a dozen years. Now we have the beginnings of a memory book. With some snapshots from the past and with the letters and loving messages in cards from recent weeks, we have some tangibles to keep.

A copy of a favorite poem accompanies this note: It says it all about our special day, January 17, 2004.

Marian and Jack Carroll

Into my heart's treasury
I slipped a coin
That time cannot alter
Or a thief purloin.
Oh, better than the minting
Of a gold-crowned king
Is the safe-kept memory
Of a lovely thing.
Sara Teasdale

Editor's Note: This letter, from Mary Alice Carroll's parents, was sent to Greenbriar Condominiums with the request that it be shared with the community at large.

**ATTENTION GHI MEMBERS & GDC TENANTS**

Your guests are always welcome to stay at the GHI Guesthouse. Information about rates and availability may be obtained by calling 301-474-4161 or visit our website at www.ghi.coop

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DEADLINE is Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 9 p.m.

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

Community Events

Poetry Lovers Focus On Cupid at Library

Poetry lovers are invited to the monthly Poetry Plus reading group at Greenbelt Library on Saturday, February 14, from 10:30 a.m. to noon. In keeping with the day, the theme is love. All are welcome to bring eight to 10 copies of favorite love poems, self-written or not, published or not.

GHI Notes

Events for the week of February 9 include:

Tuesday, February 10 – Marketing Committee, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, February 11 – Woodlands Committee, 7 p.m.

Thursday, February 12 – Board of Directors Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, February 13 – Architecture & Environment Committee, 2 p.m.

All meetings will be held in the GHI Board Room.

Explore the Realm Of the Spiritual

“Explorations Unlimited” will host a presentation by Fred Baluch on Friday, February 13. Baluch will be discussing his personal experiences and research on spiritual familiarity, angels, healing and psychic experiences.

Baluch, a Greenbelt resident and retired educator, is a member of International Association of Near Death Studies (IANDS) and has been published in their newsletter “Vital Signs.” He has had some success with healing.

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

At the Library

Children’s Programs

Tuesday, February 10, 10:30 a.m. Cuddletime for newborns to 18 months with caregiver.

Wednesday, February 11, 10:30 a.m. Toddler Time for 18 to 36 months with caregiver.

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

Thursday, February 12, 10:30 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5.

Adult Programs

Saturday, February 14, 10:30 a.m. Poetry Plus. Theme: Love Poems.

Greenbelt CARES

The week of January 25, Dr. Jaslean LaTaillade from the University of Maryland’s Department of Family Studies conducted an in-service training for CARES staff and graduate interns titled “Assessment and Treatment Considerations for Interracial Heterosexual Couples.” LaTaillade’s presentation covered results from her research on interracial couples and its clinical implications.

During the month of January, 15 families on average were seen for counseling at CARES. Fifty-one individuals on average came on a weekly basis among whom 21 were 18 years of age or younger. Thirty-seven students participated in tutoring services.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

Neither snow nor sleet can stop our wonderful postal workers but it sure can stop us seniors. The Golden Age Club meeting of January 28 was cancelled because of icy roads and snow.

January birthdays were honored at the January 21 meeting. The raffle winners were Ruth Huggins and Tom Moran.

The trip to Lucy’s hometown in New York state, April 26 to 28, still has openings. The Chesapeake City trip on March 16 needs more people. These trips are open to everyone. Call 301-345-1974 for more information.

Councilmember Konrad Herling will speak at the February 11 meeting and we hope that Mayor Davis will speak at a later date.

Keep warm and drive carefully.

Cancer Therapy Talk at Meeting

The Sisterhood of Mishkan Torah Congregation has invited all women to attend their next meeting on Sunday, February 15. Susan Ungar, Ph.D., formerly of the National Cancer Institute and currently a primary patent examiner working in the area of cancer therapy will be presenting a program on women’s cancers. Her talk will cover what is known about the cancers (not only carcinogenesis and current therapies but also about the genetics of the diseases). People will learn what they can do to protect themselves as well as what is coming down the pike for early diagnosis and therapy. The program will begin at 1 p.m. Coffee and light desserts will be served. Mishkan Torah is located at 10 Ridge Road. Call 301-474-4223 for directions.

St. Hugh’s School Has Registration

An open house will be held on Tuesday, February 10 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Registration and testing will be held on Saturday, February 21 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at St. Hugh’s School, 145 Crescent Road for grades K through 8.

Testing will be held for grades 2 through 8 between 9 and 11 a.m. Testing for kindergarten and first grade will be at a later date.

Parents of prospective students are asked to bring their child’s birth certificate, report card and test scores. If the child is Catholic, the parent should bring their baptism certificate.

For additional information call 301-474-4071.

City’s Stream Water Survey Begins Soon

The city has received notice from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources that they will be conducting water quality sampling of streams in the city over the next 18 months. This is part of a statewide monitoring program of water quality. As part of this program teams will collect water samples, conduct a non-destructive census of aquatic life and place water temperature sensors in the streams.

In order to conduct this sampling the department has notified the city of the need to enter city-owned properties to access the sample sites. Sampling teams consisting of two to five members, will enter sites by foot. There will be no vehicular access.

Once the survey has been completed, the city will be notified of the water quality results.

Invasive Plant Removal at Park

Help protect Greenbelt Park from harmful invasive plants. Join in a hands-on nature preservation activity and learn about native and non-native plants. Join us on Saturday, February 7 at 1 p.m. in the Sweetgum Picnic area.

This program will be every first Saturday of the month. Come rain or shine and wear appropriate clothing, bring work gloves, and a lunch or snack. This is a partnership between the Greenbelt Park and the University of Maryland. Greenbelt Park’s entrance is located between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore Washington Parkway at 6565 Greenbelt Road.

For more information, call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944 or visit the web site at <http://www.nps.gov/gree>.

Kucinich Campaign Meets in Greenbelt

The opening of the local Dennis Kucinich for president campaign will be on Tuesday, February 10 at 7 p.m. in the original Greenbelt shopping center in the New Deal Café, opposite the Greenbelt theater.

Café supper and/or refreshments, along with literature and paraphernalia distribution will be at 7 with proceedings at 7:30. Plans for the campaign between now and the March 2nd Presidential Primary Election will be made. It is possible that the campaign for Howard Dean will be asked to debate.

Senior Resource of the Month The Maryland Energy Assistance and The Electric Universal Service Programs

by Christal Parker Batey, Community Resource Advocate

The Electric Universal Service Program is an energy program designed to help low income electric customers pay their electric heating bills. The Maryland Energy Assistance Program can help households pay their heating bills or rent, if home energy costs are included in the rent. Only one application is needed for both programs. Benefits under these programs are based on monthly household income, household size, energy type and fuel consumption. Seniors are encouraged to call 301-699-2696 to schedule an appointment to apply for the appropriate form of energy assistance. If your service has been turned off, you must apply in person to the Prince George’s County Department of Social Services, 425 Brightseat Road, Landover, MD 20785. The phone number is 301-909-6300. Please note income guidelines apply.

Household Size	Maximum Gross Monthly Income
1	\$1,123
2	\$1,515

For more information on resources available within the community, contact Christal Parker Batey, Community Resource Advocate, City of Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program at 301-474-8000, ext. 2012.

Museum Lecture Rescheduled

“Restoring Roosevelt Center: New Deal Design for the New Millennium” is rescheduled for Tuesday, February 24, 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center, Multi-Purpose Room 201. It will be presented free by the Greenbelt Museum.

Landscape Architect Sharon Bradley will give a slide show presentation sharing her experience redesigning and restoring Greenbelt’s Roosevelt Center. Greenbelt’s historic town center is one of the first planned shopping areas in the country – a precursor to the modern shopping mall. The City of Greenbelt hired Bradley in 1999 to redesign and restore the 65-year old center which has undergone many changes. She will discuss her research and design considerations including using newer construction materials and techniques, and responding to the demands of the community.

Schools to Dismiss Early on February 9

Prince George’s County Public Schools will dismiss two hours early on Monday, February 9 to allow students, teachers, parents and community leaders to join other school systems from across the state to attend a rally in Annapolis to support full funding of the Thornton/Bridge to Excellence Act.

More than 3,000 participants from Prince George’s County are participating in the rally in Annapolis in support of the 137,000 children in Prince George’s County Public Schools. The school system will join other participants in Annapolis, making a significant statement to legislators that Prince George’s County is determined to receive adequate and equitable funding for its children. For additional information contact the Office of Communications at 301-952-6001.

St. Hugh’s Catholic School 2004-5 Registration

will take place on Sat., Feb. 21 from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

For more information, please call 301-474-4071

OPEN HOUSE – Tuesday, Feb. 10, 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Beltway Plaza Mall Celebrates BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Sat., Feb. 7, 1 p.m., Colours performing arts group, Northwestern High School, performs “One Soul,” a musical

Sat., Feb. 14, 1-3 p.m., Carrollton Elementary School auction

Saturday, Feb. 21, 1 p.m., Community Talent Show
2 p.m., Springhill Lake Dancers



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PRELIMINARY AGENDA BOARD MEETING FOR FEBRUARY 12, 2004

7:00 PM EXECUTIVE SESSION
AGENDA: Membership Application

7:30 PM REGULAR SESSION

Key Agenda Items:

- A&E Report on Yard Line and Encroachment Issues
- Proposed change in GHI rules – Basement Finishing and Major Exterior Landscaping
- Renovations to 56C Crescent – Second Reading
- Maintenance of Tiles in Masonry Homes
- Preventive Maintenance Program for Electrical Components and Bathroom Tiles
- Fines and Assessments

Regular board meetings are open to members.

Nature Programs Offered at Refuge

Patuxent Research Refuge announces its schedule of nature programs for February. All programs are free but require advance reservations. Reservations are made by calling 301-407-5887. Advise of any special needs so they may be accommodated. Visit the website at www.patuxent.fw.gov.



the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 197: Refuge Walking Tours, Saturdays, February 14, 21 and 28, 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.; Sundays February 8, 15, 22 and 29, 1:30 p.m., ages 12+. Discover the way Patuxent provides habitat and manages for wildlife on the 45-minute guided hike. No registration necessary for these programs.

North Tract

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

Bird Tour, Sundays, February 15 and 29, from 6:30 to 10 a.m., ages 16+. Identify birds in several refuge habitats on this guided tour with short walks. Field guides and binoculars are recommended.

Nature Detectives, Saturday, February 21, 2 to 3:30 p.m., ages 8 to 10. Become a nature detective to look for the clues that animals leave behind in this fun interactive program. Activities include a detective hike, a radio-telemetry demonstration and making track molds.

Signs of Spring, Sunday, February 22, 9 to 11 a.m., ages 16+. Explore the refuge for the first signs of spring plants such as skunk cabbage and spice bush on this guided walk. Field guides are recommended.

Forest Discovery Hike, Tuesday, February 24, 1 to 2 p.m., ages 5 to 7. Discover the world of trees by exploring the forest. Learn who lives in the forest and how they survive in a woodland habitat, from the canopy to the forest floor.

Leap Year Bird Walk Sunday, February 29, 8 to 10 a.m., all ages. Search for birds in several refuge habitat on this guided hike. Field guides and binoculars are recommended.

Leap Year Owl Prowl, Sunday, February 29, 5:30 to 7 p.m., all ages. Discover the nighttime world of the refuge while looking and listening for owls and other nocturnal animals on this guided walk.

Early bird special: Sundays February 15 and 29 the North Tract will open at 6:30 a.m. for hiking, biking and other recreational use. Call 410-674-4626 for more details.

Wildlife Visitor Center

Programs held at the National Wildlife Visitor Center, located on Powder Mill Road between

High School Seniors Can Enter Contest

Prince George's Volunteer Center announces their annual Service Learning Essay Contest for 2004 graduating seniors. Graduating seniors must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 and have completed all their service learning hours for graduation in Prince George's County.

To enter type or neatly print an essay not to exceed 200 words on the importance of volunteering and service learning. Winning essays will be published in the awards program for the "Affair of the Heart," March 25. Submit two letters of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, civic or religious leader, community member or volunteer agency. All applications must be submitted by February 14. Mail to Prince George's Volunteer Center at P.O. Box 187, Hyattsville, MD 20781. For additional information call 301-699-2800.

Church Highlights Gospel Singer

Berwyn Presbyterian Church invites people to celebrate Black History Month with a worship service featuring Juliette Countes, gospel singer, February 8 at 11 a.m. Prelude music starts at 10:45 a.m. at the church, 6301 Greenbelt Road, College Park. For information call 301-474-7473.

Volunteer of Year Nominations Due

Nominations are now being accepted for the Volunteer of the Year Awards for 2004. Volunteers must live or work in Prince George's County. Volunteers of the Year can be an individual, group, service club, fraternity or corporation that provides services to volunteers.

To submit a nomination, call the Prince George's Volunteer Center for a nomination form. All nominations must be sent to the Prince George's Volunteer Center, P.O. Box 187, Hyattsville, MD 20781 and post-marked by February 14. Winners will be selected by a panel of judges that are chosen by the Board of Directors of the Volunteer Center. Winners will be notified and honored at the "Affair of the Heart" recognition dinner held at Martins' Crosswinds, Greenbelt, on March 25. Call the Volunteer Center for a nomination form, 301-699-2800.


"Speaking of Flight" At Air Museum

The College Park Aviation Museum, in association with the Smithsonian Institution, presents "Speaking of Flight." Join the museum for its seasonal lecture series highlighting the past, present and future of aviation. Light refreshments are served after each lecture. All lectures are free with regular museum admission and begin at 2 p.m.



On February 8 senior U.S. Air Force pilot and past president of the Capital Hang-Gliding and Paragliding Association, Dr. Joe Gregor, will speak about the development of hang-gliding as a precursor to early powered flight.

Reservations are recommended. For information call 301-864-6029.



Catholic Community of Greenbelt

MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

Batty for Bats, Saturday, February 7, 3 to 4 p.m., ages 5 to 7. Will bats suck your blood? Do they get caught in your hair? Are they just flying mice? Find out the answers to these questions and more while discovering the world of bats through stories, songs and crafts.

Nature Tots: Totally Turtles, Thursday, February 12, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m., ages 3 to 4. Come learn about the life of a turtle and meet some turtle friends through stories, songs and crafts in this hands-on, interactive program for preschoolers.

Birdbrains, Sunday, February 22, 1 to 2:30 p.m., ages 8 to 10. Whether or not visitors can tell a robin from a cardinal, watching birds can be a blast. Learn to identify different types of birds by sight and sound and discover some of the special qualities birds have in this hands-on program and hike.



Congregation Mishkan Torah


10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770, 301-474-4223
Rabbi Jonathan Cohen Cantor Phil Greenfield
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Pre-K to post-confirmation education program
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www.greenbeltbaptist.org greenbelt.baptist@verizon.net
Dr. Mark Johnson, Pastor



Sun. Worship 8:35 am, 11:00 am
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
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Part Time Ministry

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40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
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SUNDAY



Sunday School 9:45 am
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Worship Service 11:00 am

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

Rev. DaeHwa Park, Pastor
Feb. 8, Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
Sermon: "A Call From Where We Are"
Scouting Ministry Sunday

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	10:30 a.m. Worship	
Wednesday	7:30 p.m. Evening Worship	




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Greenbelt Community Church
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Hillside & Crescent Roads
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings
www.greenbelt.com/gcucc/
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

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	9:00 am	Christian education for all ages
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Wednesdays:	7:00 pm	Simple, quiet Mass

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February 8, 10 a.m.

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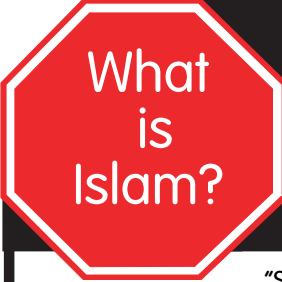


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Jaco B. ten Hove,
co-ministers

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What is Islam?

Muslims believe in the message of all Prophets beginning with Adam and ending with Muhammad, 1400 years ago.

"Say ye, 'We believe in God and the revelation given to us, and to Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob and the Tribes, and that given to Moses and Jesus, and that given to (all) prophets from their Lord. We make no difference between one and another of them and we bow to God (in submission)'."
—The Holy Quran 2:136-137

To find out more about the Eid or about Islam, e-mail us at muslimguide@hotmail.com or call 301-982-9463 or visit the website www.islam-guide.com.

City Notes

During the week of January 25 first line crews reported for duty on Sunday afternoon as the threat of a winter storm became greater. The majority of the crews reported at 8 p.m. Sunday as the storm materialized. Since then the focus of the department has been clearing city streets and sidewalks of snow and ice. Some were on duty almost around the clock. The latter part of the week was spent pushing piles of snow back from parking spaces and continuing to clear sidewalks and streets that froze overnight. Refuse and recycling were collected on schedule from homes whose walks were shoveled or who had taken the materials to a shoveled area for collection.

Staff vigorously pursued the delivery of salt to replenish supplies and was successful in receiving deliveries on Friday, January 30 instead of the originally designated date of February 6.

The facilities maintenance crew assisted with snow removal; met with Nicole DeWald, arts coordinator, to discuss future improvements in the kiln room located in the Community Center; and boarded up two windows in the old Jaycees building.

The cleaning crew cleaned all city buildings and refinished the floors at the Youth Center.

The horticulture crew trimmed lower limbs on the street trees along Greenbury Drive.

The electronics recycling/mercury thermometer exchange collected approximately 4,000 pounds of electronics and exchanged 21 mercury fever thermometers for digital thermometers.

Friends of Libraries Welcome Help

Are public libraries and their services important? Able to spare a few hours occasionally to be an advocate for libraries or help raise funds to support them? A yes answer to either of these questions means that a person may enjoy being a friend of libraries. Active library friends' groups exist for all 18 branch libraries in Prince George's County. Involvement can range from holding office to helping with only one or two projects a year. Most groups meet monthly and all would welcome new members.

To contact a local friends' group call the nearest branch of the Prince George's County Memorial Library System. Meeting times for friends' groups are listed on the back page of "Current," the Library's bi-monthly calendar of events. "Current" can also be accessed on the library's website at www.pgcmls.info. Whether volunteering a few hours each week or a few hours each year, local library friends' groups would welcome the help.

The Jazz Aesthetic In Film Explored

A free discussion with panelists from the university community and a screening of a scored film by Terence Blanchard will be held on Friday, February 6 at 7 p.m. The screening will be at 8 p.m. The events will take place at the Nyumburu Cultural Center, Multipurpose Room at the University of Maryland, College Park.



City Information

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Municipal Building, Council Room,
Monday, February 9, 2004, 8:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS
Presentations

- Introduction of New Fire Department Chief

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 * will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)

- Public Safety Advisory Committee, Report #03-01 (Public Forum Outreach)
- Youth Advisory Committee, 1/21/2004 Communication (Forest Preserve Task Force Appointment)
- Youth Advisory Committee, Report #04-01 (Skateboard Park)
- Park & Recreation Advisory Board, Report #04-02 (Lights at McDonald Field)

LEGISLATION
 A Resolution to Repeal and Reenact with Amendments Resolution Number 910 to Adopt Revised Standing Rules for the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland (1st Reading)

OTHER BUSINESS

- Roosevelt Center Merchants' Revolving Loan Fund – Briefing
- Plat of Subdivision – Patriot Office Park
- Reprogramming of Community Development Block Grant Monies (PY 29)
- Pending State Legislation
- * County Bill to Allow Swimming Pools in Commercial Office Zone
- * Grant Application to Maryland Historical Trust
- * Adoption of Board of Appeals Resolution on Variance Application #03-003-V
- * Adoption of Board of Appeals Resolution on Variance Application #03-005-V

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 to reach the City Clerk.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board

Notice is hereby given that the Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **February 18, 2004 at 7:30 pm** in the Greenbelt Community Center (Department of Planning and Community Development Conference Room), 15 Crescent Road, Suite 200, Greenbelt, MD on an application filed by Chipotle Mexican Grill for consideration of a request for a **Departure from Sign Design Standards** for premises located at 5600 G Cherrywood Lane, Greenbelt, MD 20770. The applicant is requesting permission to place signs on awnings that are located 6.5 feet behind the street line, rather than the 10 feet required.

Recognition and Contribution Groups

Applications are now available to Greenbelt community organizations seeking financial and/or in-kind support for their arts, sports, recreation and service programs during the period of July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005. Contact Anne Marie Belton at 301-474-8000 or belton@ci.greenbelt.md.us to request application materials, or download forms at www.ci.greenbelt.md.us. Applications are due February 23.

Studio Space Available

Applications are now available for artists interested in studio space at the Greenbelt Community Center. New residencies will run from July 2004 through June 2005. Contact Nicole DeWald at 301-397-2208 or ndewald@ci.greenbelt.md.us to request an application, or download information at www.ci.greenbelt.md.us. Applications are due April 9.

MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY 9-13

Monday, February 9, 7:00pm, Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee, Community Center.

Monday, February 9, 8:00pm, Regular City Council Meeting, Municipal Building (live on Channel 71).

Thursday, February 12, 7:00pm, Advisory Committee on Trees, Community Center. (All interested persons are invited to attend). Info: 301-474-8004.

REVISED ASSESSMENT NOTICES SENT TO GREENBELT HOMEOWNERS

Greenbelt homeowners received a notice from the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT) in late December showing the recently assessed value of their homes. As a result of reviewing a sampling of assessment notices, staff noticed that there was an error on notices regarding the municipal assessment for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004.

The municipal assessment is shown in box 10 of the notice. On the December notice, SDAT showed the increase in the municipal assessment as limited or capped at 5%. This was incorrect. At the September 29, 2003 Council meeting, City Council authorized the assessment cap to be increased to 10%.


Greenbelt homeowners should have received a revised notice earlier this week. The revised notice dated January 30, 2004 shows the correct municipal assessment. Please note that the last day to file an appeal is March 15, 2004.

The Greenbelt Arts Center and the Greenbelt Recreation Department present

HOMEWARD BOUND

An original musical by Chris Cherry, performed by Greenbelt's young actors.

February 13, 14, 15, 20, and 21 All shows are at 7:00pm Greenbelt Arts Center



Homeward Bound tells the story of Odysseus and Penelope, two devoted and delightfully clever people who are separated by fate and must outwit adversaries and overcome adversity to be reunited. Funny, touching, and suspenseful, the show will enthrall everyone in the family. The story features a heroic quest, a besieged heroine, assorted monsters, enchantresses, cannibals, and ghosts, as well as magic food, minor divinities, scheming suitors, a whirlpool, and a shipwreck! What more could you want in an evening? *Homeward Bound* is performed by a talented cast of young actors ages 12 to 15, with piano accompaniment by Steve Brodd.

Tickets for *Homeward Bound* are on sale Monday through Friday, from 9:00 am to 4:30, pm at the Community Center business office. You can charge your tickets by phone by calling 301-397-2208.

OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES
Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.
Vacancies exist on the:
Advisory Committee on Education
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, February 9 at 8pm: City Council Meeting "live" Tuesday & Thursday, February 10th & 12th: 6:00pm "Ask the Expert-Whole Grain Nutrition" 6:40pm "Greenbelt in Motion" 7:00pm "ACE Reading Club-Greenbelt Elementary" 7:30pm "Replay of City Council Meeting"

PUBLIC ACCESS: 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, February 11th & 13th: 7:00pm "Dr. Cook's Garden" 9:00pm "Democratic Club Straw Poll"

Greenbelt Consumer Co-op Ad

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POLICE BLOTTER

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

Drugs

6000 block Springhill Drive, January 23, 5:24 p.m., a Greenbelt youth was arrested for possession of paraphernalia. Police responded to a report of persons smoking marijuana in a hallway. Upon approaching two youths in the hallway an officer detected the odor of what he believed to be marijuana. One youth was found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana. He was released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

6200 block Breezewood Drive, January 28, 1:22 a.m., a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia when police stopped a vehicle for an equipment violation. A computer check revealed that the driver had a suspended license. The driver was found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana. He was released on citation pending trial.

6000 block Springhill Drive, January 29, 2:57 a.m., a nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of phencyclidine with intent to distribute in a school zone, possession of phencyclidine with intent to distribute, possession of cocaine, possession of marijuana and false statement. Police stopped a vehicle for an equipment violation and observed the passenger moving as if attempting to hide something inside the vehicle. Upon approaching the passenger the officer detected the odor of what he believed to be marijuana. The passenger was found to be in possession of a quantity of suspected phencyclidine, a quantity of suspected cocaine, a quantity of suspected marijuana and paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana. He also gave the officer a false name. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Theft

Interstate 495 and Kenilworth Avenue, January 24, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with theft when police stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. A computer check revealed that the tags on the vehicle had been reported stolen to the Metropolitan Police Department. The man was released on citations pending trial.

7619 Greenbelt Road, January 28, 6:23 p.m., a witness observed a man enter the garage area of the Exxon service station, remove a set of jumper cables and flee in a gold van with unknown Maryland tags. The suspect is described as a black male, 5'6", 140 pounds, wearing a brown jacket, black boots and blue jeans.

Vandalism

January 23, in reference to the vandalism of two vehicles reported December 22 at Beltway Plaza, petitions were filed for malicious destruction for two nonresident youths. In addition an arrest warrant was obtained also charging a nonresident man with malicious destruction.

Trespass

6200 block Springhill Court, January 23, 4:32 p.m., a nonresident youth, who was known to police as having been banned from the grounds of Springhill Lake Apartments by agents of the property, was observed in a common area. He was arrested, charged with trespass and released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were stolen: a 1996 Lincoln Continental 4-door, January 25, from the 8000 block Mandan Road, recovered the next day by the owner, no arrests; a 2003 Toyota 4Runner, January 26, from the 7100 block Mathew Street, recovered the same day by the Maryland National Capitol Park and Planning Police, two arrests made; and a green 1995 Honda Accord 4-door, Maryland tags

A061937, January 28, from the 9100 block Springhill Lane.

Five vehicles stolen in Greenbelt were recovered outside of the city. One arrest was made in one of the recoveries. The tags on one vehicle, Maryland JXR739 were not recovered and are still out as stolen.

Vandalism to, thefts from and attempted theft of a vehicle were reported in the following areas: 10 Court Plateau Place, 400 block Ridge Road, 6500 block Capitol Drive, 7500 block Greenbrook Drive, 7700 block Jacobs Drive, 7500 block Mandan Road and 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace.

Board of Education To Adopt Budget

The Prince George's County Board of Education will meet in open session on Monday, February 9 at the Sasscer Administration Building, 14201 School Lane in Upper Marlboro. The meeting will convene at 1 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room.

The purpose of the meeting is to adopt the Chief Executive Officer's Proposed FY 2005 Annual Operating Budget. The meeting will be open to the public; however, there will be no public participation. The Board of Education's "Requested" FY 2005 Annual Operating Budget will then be submitted to the county executive by March 1.

Call Cheryl Landis, executive administrative officer, Office of the Board of Education at 301-952-6117 for information.

Share an Astronaut's Awe for the Moon

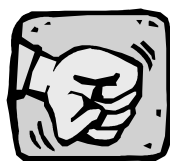
Fall in love with the moon at the Howard B. Owens Science Center planetarium on Friday, February 13, 7:30 p.m. See earth's natural satellite from the perspective of Al Worden, pilot of Apollo 15. Worden wrote an entire book of poetry describing his experience, from the awe of seeing the moon and the earth from space to the bitterness of dealing with "heroship" upon return. Some of his language may not be appropriate for younger audiences. A tour of the current night sky will follow the presentation. For information call 301-918-8750. There is a fee for the program.

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.

HEY! WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?



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City of Greenbelt
COMMUNITY MEDIATION BOARD

Public Hearing on Appointments

Norma Lindsay, chair of the Prince George's County Democratic Central Committee, has scheduled a public hearing on the gubernatorial appointments to the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners (liquor board) and the Prince George's Community College Board of Trustees. That hearing will take place on February 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Central Committee Headquarters located at 4725 Silver Hill Road, Suitland.

Anyone interested in applying for an appointment to either of these two boards should contact their state senator and central committee member immediately. Expressions of interest should be directed to the Prince George's County Democratic Central Committee, 4725 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, MD 20746, along with a resume for receipt no later than Monday, February 9. Applicants are welcome to have individuals attend the hearing and

speak on their behalf. All members of the public are invited.

To learn more call Norma Lindsay, chair at 301-218-7890 or Pauletta Handy, secretary at 301-464-9458.

Delegate Ross Introduces Website

Delegate Justin Ross is introducing his new website, www.justinross.us. The website contains upcoming events in the district, legislative agenda with current status and various constituent services such as the "District 22 Citizen of the Month," as well as downloadable scholarship application forms. Ross also has a monthly newsletter. Anyone can sign up for the newsletter on his website, which is updated frequently.

The website is a collaborative effort and he invites comments and suggestions to make it more user-friendly.

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3-F Ridge Road

This two bedroom block unit with vinyl siding has **two** full baths (one on the first floor), new blinds, new refrigerator, fenced yard, storage shed and has fresh paint and refinished floors. **\$114,900**

14-Y Ridge Road

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Register by February 10 to Vote In Primary on Tuesday, March 2

To be eligible to vote in Maryland's Presidential Primary Election citizens must be registered by Tuesday, February 10. Those who may need to cast an absentee ballot by mail must submit a written application to the Prince George's Board of Elections by February 24 or apply and vote in person at the board's office by election day.

Requirements for voter registration include being a U.S. citizen, a Maryland resident, at least 18 years old by the next General Election, not under guardianship for mental disability, not having been convicted of buying or selling votes, not having been convicted more than once of a crime of violence (Criminal Law Article Section 14-101), not having been convicted of an infamous crime (any felony or crime involving an element of deceit, fraud or corruption) unless pardoned or having completed the court-imposed sentence* (first conviction) or at least three years has passed since completing the court-imposed sentence* (second or later conviction).

* The court-imposed sentence includes probation, parole, community service, restitutions and fines.

Mail Registration

A voter registration application may be submitted to Prince George's County Board of Elections, 14741 Gov. Oden Bowie Drive, Suite 204, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772-3070; call 301-952-3270 or the 24-hour information line at 301-627-2814. However, no registration will be processed between February 10 and March 15.

In Person Registration

A voter registration application may be completed in person at

the Prince George's County Board of Elections. Voter registration applications are also available throughout Maryland at state agencies such as the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Department of Social Services, the Motor Vehicle Administration, Offices on Aging, the MTA paratransit certification office and all public institutions of higher education, as well as libraries and city offices.

Obtain Form

Eligible voters may contact any local board of elections to request an application. An application may also be accessed on-line at the State Board of Elections' website www.elections.state.md.us or obtained by using the State Board's 24-hour toll-free telephone number. Call 1-800-222-8683 and select option #3 from the main menu (leave name, mailing address and telephone number). Completed voter registration applications obtained this way may be filed by mail or delivered in person to the local board of elections or the State Board of Elections.

Absentee Voting

A registered voter may vote by absentee ballot if the voter will be absent on election day from the county in which the voter is registered because of accident, illness or physical disability; because of confinement in or restriction to an institution; because of a death or serious illness in the voter's immediate family; due to enrollment as a full-time student at an institution of higher education located outside the voter's precinct but within the county of registration and academic requirements prevent the voter from going to the polling place on Election Day; or because of employ-

ment by or service as an official of the State Board or local board of elections requiring absence from the precinct in which the voter is registered to vote on Election Day.

A U.S. citizen who lives outside the United States and whose last residence address in this country was in Maryland may also vote in Maryland (in federal elections only) by absentee ballot.

Obtain Absentee Ballot

A voter must apply in writing for an absentee ballot. An application form may be obtained by telephone, written request or in person at the voter's local board of elections. An application form may also be printed from the state board of elections website at www.elections.state.md.us. Until seven days before election day, voters can apply by mail. Within seven days before an election or on election day a voter or the voters designated agent may only apply in person for an absentee ballot. When the application is processed and the voter determined to be qualified, an absentee ballot will be issued to the voter or voter's agent.

Casting Absentee Ballots

Follow the instructions enclosed with the ballot and return it to the local board of elections. If returned in person, the ballot must be received before the polls close at 8 p.m. on election day. Ballots returned by mail must be received no later than 4 p.m. on the day after election day and must bear a postmark dated before election day.

An overseas ballot for a Presidential Primary, for a special election or for a general election will be accepted until 4 p.m. on the second Friday after election day, as long as it bears a postmark

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President. On the Democratic side, there are 11 names. The best known candidates are: Wesley K. Clark (Arkansas); Howard Dean (Vermont); John Edwards (North Carolina); Dick Gephardt (Missouri); John F. Kerry (Massachusetts); Dennis J. Kucinich (Ohio); Joseph Lieberman (Connecticut) and Alfred Sharpton, Jr., (New York).

Also on the Democratic ballot is Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., (Virginia), who has sought this office in past years as a candidate of the Libertarian Party. Carol Moseley Braun (Illinois) is also on the ballot as is Mildred Glover of Baltimore.

For the Senate, Democrats will choose from a list of candidates that includes besides Mikulski, Baltimore, Sid Altman, Gaithersburg, a retired teacher, and A. Robert Kaufman, Baltimore, a community activist.

Republicans will choose from a long list: Ray Bly, Jessup, Earl S. Gordon, Olney, Dorothy Corry Jennings, Baltimore, James A. Kodak,

Odenton, Eileen "Cookie Baker" Martin, Crofton, E. J. Pipkin, Stevensville, John Stafford, Jessup, Corrogan R. Vaughn, Baltimore and Gene Zarwell, Gambrills. Zarwell is reported to be an international financial consultant. Vaughn was a write-in candidate in 2000. Pipkin is a state senator.

For Congress, Hoyer of St. Mary's County, has no opposition. In the Republican primary, voters will choose between Joseph T. Crawford, Bryantown, Patrick Edward Flaherty, Frederick and Brad Jewitt, Berwyn Heights. Jewitt is the former mayor of Berwyn Heights, Crawford is a business consultant and Flaherty was in the service during the Desert Storm operation.

Judges

For the Circuit Court, incumbent judges Graydin S. McKee III, William D. Missouri and Cathy H. Serrette are seeking reelection. They are challenged by Karen Abrams, Hollywood, Amy J. Braugunier, LaPlata, Bryan Dugan, Leonardtown and Richard Fritz, Leonardtown.



dated before election day.

Sample ballots will be sent out 10 days prior to the election.

A voter qualified to vote by absentee ballot may designate an agent on a form provided by the local board of elections to obtain and return the voter's absentee ballot.

For more information contact the local board of elections at the address earlier in this article.



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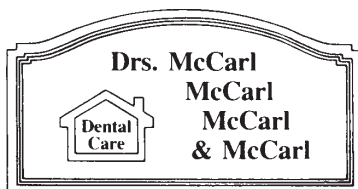
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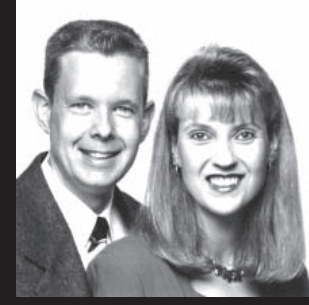
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Earth and Fire Themes Make For a Very Artful Afternoon

by Agnes Conaty

Even though it was Super Bowl Sunday, I made sure that I attended the Artful Afternoon at the Greenbelt Community Center. Since I so enjoyed my first Artful Afternoon in January, I have now put every first Sunday of the month in my calendar as an enriching cultural experience.

Getting into the Greenbelt Community Center a little early, I noted familiar faces who also came back from last month's Artful Afternoon. This month featured a Ceramic Candleholder Workshop, a Gallery Reception, a Studio Open House and Greenbelt Museum Programs.

On the second floor we had a full house at the Ceramic Candleholder Workshop headed by artist-in-residence Shin Yeon Jeon. We eagerly got our hands dirty and worked on white or brown stoneware, which I was told was not commonly found in popular craft stores. I was graciously helped by clay artist Sandra Dwiggins, who teaches ceramic art without a wheel from January 7 to March 10.

For my first project I took a small slab of brown clay and used "onggi" technique of hitting the clay on the table by throwing it sideways to get it flat and elongated. I tried to evenly flatten the clay using my palms and a rolling pin and decorated the clay with various stamping tools that looked like massage balls. Then I rolled the long slab of clay in a spiral to form a tube and enclosed one side to act as the bottom of my candleholder. I formed handles and joined the pieces using toothpick and magic water, which I learned was a mixture of water and soda ash.

For my second project I took some clay and using my thumb, I pinched at the middle of the clay evenly, the way it was done in the early days. I stamped the pinched bowl with abstract and shell designs. After letting them dry for some minutes, I painted the finished products with various colors.

Younger participants made animal sculptures to decorate their candleholders. We were told that our projects will be bisque-fired, glazed and will be ready for pick-up in two weeks. I could not wait to see mine.

In the second floor hallway I came across tapestry artist Elizabeth Morisette, whom I had met in last month's Artful Afternoon. She was guiding a young weaver named Elena, who was halfway through a tapestry which will be used as a prop for the musical "Homeward Bound" to be shown at the Greenbelt Arts Center. Morisette's colorful mixed media tapestries, which are on exhibit at the Greenbelt Municipal Building from February 2 to March



Agnes Conaty poses by Gary Irby's scorched drawings, tall wooden sculptures and ceramic vessels at the gallery reception for "The Fire Within."



Young clay artists mold animal creatures with creative hands. The clay table is always a favorite for children of all ages.

19, will be featured in next month's Artful Afternoon.

Next I caught the gallery reception for Dr. Gary Irby, who is the founder and director of the Earth Center for the Arts. Called "The Fire Within," the exhibits feature Irby's scorched drawings, ceramic vessels and tall wooden stick and rock sculptures with ethnic and aboriginal themes. I noted the recurring appearance of turtles and abstract figures in several of his art pieces, which are for sale in the ground floor gallery from Jan. 19 to Feb. 29. Kids 10 years old and under could participate in the "i spy" contest, which also serves as a gallery guide.

Of course I paid another visit to Izzy Parker's cartoon exhibits



Elizabeth Morisette assists Elena weave a tapestry.

before I drove back home to watch the Super Bowl. I was happy to know that many people enjoyed the crayon rubbings on Izzy's cartoons as much as I did on my first visit. I already look forward to next month's Artful Afternoon.

SURVEY continued from page 1

Dealing with Needs

Sukol Communications suggested a number of program ideas to begin the brainstorming process for the citizenry and leadership of Greenbelt in how to respond to the survey findings. Ideas relating to transportation include establishing a barter system (expansion of GIVES), providing senior education and outreach for a better understanding of public transportation systems, creating a transportation buddy system, exploring the possibility of building senior housing closer to Roosevelt Center and making simple modifications to existing transportation systems.

As to home health care, Sukol advocates creating a non-profit city-run homecare agency and providing city support for family caregivers.

For home safety and maintenance, the agency recommends establishing "Best Practices" for senior home improvement; for example, working with a specialized senior-housing contractor to figure out the best ways to accommodate existing senior homes for the needs of their aging occupants. In addition, the city might sponsor an analysis of housing and create a "pre-approved" handyman list.

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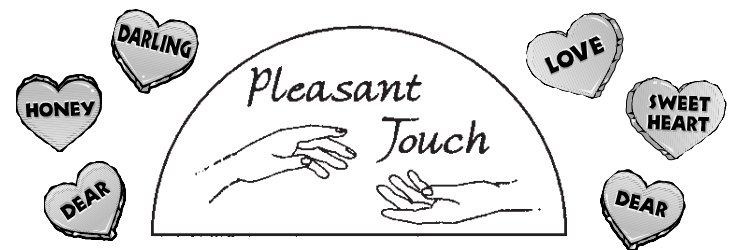
Regarding information, Sukol advocates developing a senior public education campaign, creating a permanent information directory and conducting information expos. Financial issues could be addressed with set-aside city money to assist with prescription drugs and education programs.

The report concludes: "The data supports that the individuals participating in the senior needs survey are generally well-equipped to continue 'aging in place.' When additional services are needed in the future, they will be able to finance them, provided that quality services are available to them in the Greenbelt community."

Most of the concerns that seniors have are "very doable," stated Batey and can be addressed within the community resource advocate's program. "People don't look for information until they need it," she added.

Addressing transportation, Batey cited the many public services offered by the city and the county, including Metro Access, which has door-to-door service for seniors who need it (specifically they "have to be impaired to some degree," she said).

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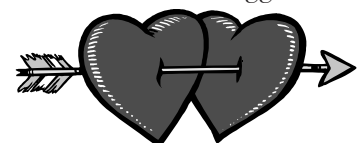
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