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## City Officials, Residents Celebrate 25 Years of Green Ridge House

by James Giese

The first residents of Green Ridge House, the City of Greenbelt's apartment residence for seniors, moved in to the new building in March, 1979 and the building was dedicated on Greenbelt Day, June 3 of that year. On Sunday, June 13 Green Ridge House residents, city officials and guests celebrated the building's 25th anniversary with music, speeches, good food and socializing.

Because of his need to be elsewhere, County Councilmember Douglas Peters led off the program by presenting a congratulatory resolution of the Prince George's County Council. Louise Swiderski introduced guests. Then resident association president Hazel Parent presented medallion awards to recognize the five original building residents who are still residents – Louise Swiderski, James Cassels, Sally Carrano, James Hudson and Bernice Bryant.

Marian Evans, social director for the residents, then gave a history of how the building came to be (see separate story). Cassels, who has been a leading advocate of senior housing for Greenbelt for many years before and since the building of Green Ridge House, received special



Five original residents of Green Ridge House were recognized with medals and gift bags at the Green Ridge House 25th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, June 13. They are from left to right: James Cassels, Louise Swiderski, Sally Carrano, James Hudson and Bernice Bryant.

recognition in the form of a plaque for being the leader of the group that first advocated building Green Ridge House back in the late 1960s. It took many years of discussion and deliberation by the city council, many approvals for funding and a referendum approving a needed city charter amendment (which succeeded by a two-to-one vote) before construction got underway. Groundbreaking took place on December 18, 1977, at 22 Ridge Road, the former building site for Holy Cross Lutheran

Church, which, after the church moved to its Greenbelt Road location, was acquired by the city.

Mayor Judith Davis, along with city Councilmembers Rodney Roberts and Konrad Herling, presented the residents with a city proclamation (see city advertisement containing proclamation). Davis also introduced former city officials present who had been involved with the Green Ridge House project: Mayor Richard Castaldi, a mem-

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## Green Ridge House Looks Back on 25-year History

by Marian Evans

In the late 1960s a special committee formed to advocate for senior citizen housing in Greenbelt. Its members – Jose Morales, Madeline Green, Irma Tetzlo and Ottilie Van Allen, with assistance from Jim Cassels – appeared before the city council to petition for an apartment building to help seniors.

Cassels had been involved in previous efforts through a GHI committee to build senior housing in Greenbelt. He told council that the apartment building could be built at no cost to the city. Federal Section 8 rental assistance could guarantee mortgage payments, he said, and the Maryland Community Development Administration could lend the money needed to construct the

building.

The matter was referred to the city staff, which advised council that the project was feasible. The city's various advisory boards also generally favored the project.

Cassels preferred that the building be built close to Roosevelt Center. Following a study of several sites, however, council agreed to use the former Lutheran Church property on Ridge Road, which by this time already belonged to the city.

Though some citizens wanted the issue considered in a referendum election, council rejected the idea following a petition opposing the idea that had been circulated by the Golden Age Club.

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## Fourth of July Coming Events

On Sunday, July 4, a patriotic concert will be presented by the Greenbelt Concert Band at 7 p.m. at "Buddy" Attek Park. The City of Greenbelt fireworks display will immediately follow, beginning at dusk.

In the event of rain, lightning storm or high wind, the fireworks display will be postponed until the next clear night but the concert will be cancelled.

The public is reminded that all fireworks, including sparklers, are prohibited. Alcoholic beverages are also prohibited. All dogs must be kept on leashes no longer than six feet.

## Farewell – See You Again in 2021!

### Cicadas Hook New Amateur Naturalist

by Donald Comis

After tearing out my patio porch in late April, I was startled to see about 30 mud towers or chimneys on the lawn nearby. I feared termites – until a friend told me they were from cicadas. Seeing all those mud towers looking like the terra cotta army unburied by archeologists in China, I became hooked on cicadas and took notes, often twice a day.

Like other Greenbelters, I discovered that the invasion got serious on the morning of Saturday, May 15. I woke up hearing the cicadas in full voice. By sunset I counted 37 empty cicada shells in my back yard. Early Monday night I counted 118 shells. By 10 p.m. the ground was crawling with cicada nymphs. There were so many holes in the ground that it looked like a fertilizing machine had punched them.

Leaves on the ground moved and rustled with the nymphs. Winged cicadas were half out of their shells. Other winged cicadas dropped onto the ground or on my shoulder. Nymphs

crawled on my sandaled feet. By Tuesday morning, I counted 245 shells littering the ground nearby.

I'm so hooked on cicadas now that I wrote an email story for a children's home school network about a cicada named Oscar. After I wrote the story, I got to watch a real life Oscar pick a spot to molt.

By the evening of May 24, cicada action in my back yard had quieted down – though I have a plastic baggie in front of me as I write, with 436 empty shells in it, picked up from the ground.

My estimate for how many cicadas have crawled out of the ground in my back yard this year first was 200, then 400 – and now it's 600.

I found some strange things today as I have throughout my amateur cicada naturalist foray: a

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Though we got many submissions from area residents about the cicadas, only little Heather Babin (see below) claimed to understand what they were saying. Any guesses on the topic between these two?

### Heather Helps Cicadas Swing

by Steve Babin

My four-year old daughter Heather thinks cicadas are very nice and likes to talk to them. One day, she told me this story.

"Once upon a time, there were two cicadas who wanted to go to the park to play on the swings. When they arrived, they saw that there was no way they could push each other. Then, one of

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### Book Club Attendees Offered Cicada Feast

by Cathie Meetre

It's the wings that are a problem. All the talk about "a yard full of Chicken McNuggets" or "flying shrimp" really ignores the wing problem. Now chickens do have wings, although McNuggets most emphatically do not, but they are succulent morsels though skimpy in their yield. Cicadas, however, have the kind of wings that stick in your teeth and tickle your throat. Wings with an edge. Wings with a crawl-catching, chitinous crackle to them. And I do not wish to discuss the legs – so very many legs.

When the Lakeside Literary Ladies met for their monthly book club meeting, little did they think that cicadas would be on the menu. Used to more conventional fare – a crunch of cracker, a globe of grape, a soupcon of dip, a nibble of brownie – they were unprepared for the

introduction of a whole new food species. But one of the ladies had pointed out to our host Jerry Bonnell that all his endless loose talk about cooking and eating cicadas had been duly noted and that, having talked the talk, it was now time to walk the walk. So Jerry – a man of his word – had prepared a sumptuous feast.

The Bradford Pear was the source of the cicadas – they fell victim to the preying Jerry who, callously (though with apparent remorse) drowned them in Worcestershire sauce and refrigerated them in a marinade for four and twenty hours. Although none of the literary ladies was especially surprised that Jerry, who is known to be much given to the imp of the perverse, would cook up a mess of cicadas (an apt expression), they were concerned whether the cicadas had been on the hoof, as it were, prior to being cooked.

Some of the ladies politely demurred from tasting the delica-

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# Letters to the Editor

## Nominations Needed

With Greenbelt's Labor Day Festival rapidly approaching, all Greenbelters are asked to be on heightened alert for this year's Outstanding Citizen. The process of identifying that special person in a city of citizen volunteers is difficult and requires input from citizens like you!

Some outstanding citizens are easily spotted because of their creative leadership and their high visibility within organizations. Or they may touch others in a quiet way and are characterized by a strong sense of compassion and a desire to serve.

While a committee will select 2004's Outstanding Citizen, that selection – the 32nd since the award began in 1973 – is made from nominations submitted from the community. Help identify our city's outstanding citizen by completing the nomination form (on page 3 of the News Review). Describe, in your own words, your nominee's contributions or acts of kindness. Nominations are due on August 9. The announcement of Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen will take place at the opening ceremonies of Greenbelt's Labor Day Festival. Besides the recognition and congratulatory proclamations, a reception follows in the Council Chambers and the honoree will serve as the Grand Marshal for the Labor Day Parade.

All of us have had the opportunity to be associated with individuals from Greenbelt who have distinguished themselves for their outstanding volunteer service to our community. Rarely do they receive the recognition they deserve. History indicates that many of Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizens have been nominated several times before their selection. The committee encourages nominators to be persistent.

We know we can count on you to keep this one of Greenbelt's special events!

*Bob Zugby, Chair  
Outstanding Citizen  
Selection Committee*

## City of Greenbelt Auditor Selected

The Greenbelt City Council has selected the firm of Abrams, Foster, Nole and Williams to audit the city's financial records for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004.

## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

Week of June 25

FAHRENHEIT 9/11 (R)

Friday  
\*5:00, 7:30, 9:50

Saturday  
\*2:30, \*5:00, 7:30, 9:50

Sunday  
\*3:15, \*5:45, 8:00

Monday-Thursday  
\*5:00, 7:30

\*These shows at \$5.00  
301-474-9744 • 301-474-9745  
129 Centerway  
www.pgtheatres.com

## Loud Concerts

Please don't stop the concerts at Roosevelt Center because of complaints of them being too loud.

Many of us have enjoyed the music, spending much time sitting in the center, eating from the several places to get food and beverages, visiting with friends and yes, occasionally remarking that some of the music is a bit loud.

It is great fun and it would be a shame to lose these times to get together and they do only occur a few times each year. Some of the groups are composed of young performers who are excited to have the opportunity to show off their talents to a large audience. It would be a shame to deny them this chance.

I am aware that some of the groups have been asked to reduce their sound levels and at least some of them have complied. I would hate to see these concerts discontinued and am planning to call the city manager and the New Deal to inform them of this. (If it is of any help, earplugs can be purchased at the Co-op.)

*Karan Temple True*

## THANKS

Thanks to all the people who donated their blood on June 22 at the Municipal Building.

As usual, thanks are given to the Red Cross personnel and the volunteers for their outstanding service.

The next scheduled blood drive is on Tuesday, September 7 at the Greenbelt Municipal Building.

*Janet Goldberg  
Recreation Coordinator*

**Your VOTE Is  
Your VOICE!  
REGISTER  
NOW**



## NOTICE OF BOARD VACANCY

The Board of Directors of GHI is seeking to fill the remaining one-year term of resigning Director Barry Byers. To qualify, candidates must be members of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., be available Thursday evenings and be willing to attend a minimum of 21 evening meetings per year.

Members interested in serving on the Board are asked to submit a letter of interest, giving reasons for wanting to serve, to the Management office, in a sealed envelope marked "Board of Directors," no later than July 6, 2004.

## REGISTER NOW

### 2004 MISS GREENBELT SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT

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Call *Natasha Jewell* at (301) 352-8665 or *Kathy Patsas* at (301) 513-7759 to register or for more information.



## Barracudas Score At First Swim Meet

by Leslie Hilliard

The Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team (Barracudas) hosted the first dual meet of the season on June 19 at their home pool, the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center. Their Prince Mont Swim League Division "C" rival was the Fort Washington Swim Club. At 7 a.m. swimmers hit the water for warm-ups; by 8 a.m. the competition had begun.

The two teams were evenly matched. Greenbelt took the early, but narrow, lead. At the end of the eighth event, backstroke, they were ahead by seven points. Ft. Washington fought back during the freestyle event and pulled ahead by two points. The score was 99 to 97. Ft. Washington kept the lead by four points during the breaststroke events. Greenbelt pulled hard through the backstroke events, in which Joseph Lau (14) broke the 10-year-old team record set in 1994 by Alexandre DeSilva besting DeSilva's time of 33:21 with a time of 32:07, a 1:14 second difference. Ft. Washington was now only ahead by one point. Greenbelt swam ahead by nine points during the Individual Medleys and held the lead through the freestyle relay events. At the end of event 47 Greenbelt had won the match by only seven points, 269 to 262.

In addition to Joseph Lau's team record breaking achievements, three swimmers won first place in each of their events. Those swimmers are Frankie Like-Mathews (7) for the 25-meter Freestyle, 25-meter breaststroke and 25-meter backstroke; Courtney Like-Mathews (10) for the 25-meter butterfly, 50 meter Freestyle and 25-meter backstroke and Maresa Like-Mathews (15) for the 50-meter breaststroke, 50-meter backstroke and 100-meter individual medley.

Information about the Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team and their progress through their summer competitive season can be found on the website at <http://www.greenbelt.com/swimteam>.

## The Old Curmudgeon



**"The results of the tests indicate you need a wallet transplant!"**

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## Summer Concerts Free at Montpelier

The South Laurel Recreation Council volunteers are sponsoring the 26th Annual Montpelier Summer Concert Series held at the Montpelier Mansion grounds, located on Route 197 at Montpelier Drive in Laurel. Admission and parking are free. Reservations and tickets are not required.

The concert series will begin on Friday, June 25 when "Almost Recess" will perform popular, rock, Motown and rhythm and blues from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. These five talented singers and musicians from the Laurel area have performed in Virginia, New York, Kentucky and South Carolina as

well as Maryland. Their style is unique and entertaining. Bring a friend, picnic, blanket and/or chair to enjoy the outdoor performance on the west lawn of the grounds.

In the event of heavy, prolonged rain at the time of the concert, the performance will be cancelled. For verification after 5 p.m. the day of the concert, call 301-953-7882.

Free public parking and handicapped parking are available at both the Montpelier Drive and Muirkirk Road entrances off Route 197, 1/4 mile west of the B-W Parkway, in Laurel. For information call 301-776-2805.

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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

## Windsor Green Elects New Board

At the June 15 annual meeting of the Windsor Green Homeowners Association: Derek Thompson and Vicki Focht were both elected to serve two years on the board of directors.

Following the meeting the new board held its organizational meeting to elect officers. The 2004 officers are: Derek Thompson, president; John Kerich, first vice president; Sheldon Goldberg, second vice president; Vicki Focht, treasurer; and Teri Nudo, secretary.

Meetings of the Windsor Green Board of Directors are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Windsor Green Community Center, 7474 Frankfort Drive. Homeowners and residents are encouraged to attend.

## Water Polo Club Seeks Players

Now that the experienced water polo players are at water polo camp, this week is a great opportunity for novices to come out and have some fun. Now that school is out it's time to make friends, learn skills and participate in this Olympic sport. Water polo returns to the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center on Thursday, July 1 from 8 to 10 p.m. Bullish on Water Polo (BullWP) is interested in forming a team that can go to other pools for "road trips" and meet new people in friendly games on Mondays. So far interest comes from Adelphi and New Carrollton.

The Greenbelt club (BullWP) will be holding the Thursday sessions until July 29. Call Larry Hilliard at 301-474-7504 or Clement Lau at 301-345-6110 for more information.

## Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald  
Club members enjoyed the birthday pot luck luncheon on June 16. Teresa Scullen and Ruth McElroy won the birthday raffle. Rose Remenick read Joe Rimar's June poem "One Day Older."

The club welcomed new members: Esther Williams, Pearl Slemley and Frances Williams.

We were saddened to learn of the death of Betty Beers and send condolences to her husband.

The 50/50 winners were Bill Souser and Gil Wiedenfeld.

Bingo will be played on June 30. In July there will be a "Show and Tell" and a book signing.

Enjoy the lovely summer weather in Greenbelt.

## Tutoring Program At Springhill Lake

The first session of the city's third annual free summer tutoring program got off to a successful start on Saturday, June 19 at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. More than 25 students registered and some were accompanied by adults. The program's objectives were described and actual tutoring started. Many schools and grades were represented. Late registration will be accepted at the next meeting, Saturday, June 26 at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212.

## Jr. Rangers Sought For Greenbelt Park

The rangers of Greenbelt Park are looking for children eight to 12 to become Greenbelt Park 2004 Junior Rangers.

Greenbelt Park is an 1,100-acre forest featuring 10 miles of trails, picnic areas and a campground. Junior Rangers will participate in environmental education, field trips and become stewards of the National Park Service.

Applications for the 2004 Junior Ranger program are available at the park headquarters and Ranger Station. Pre-registration is mandatory. All applications will be reviewed and applicants will be contacted about approval.

The second session will be held Tuesday, August 3 to Friday, August 6. Deadline to register for the second session is Thursday, July 28.

For more information call 301-344-3944.

## Greenbelt Park Volunteer Day

Come make a difference and help clean the Greenbelt Park border along Good Luck Road on Saturday, June 26 at 10 a.m. Participants will meet at the Ranger Station near the campground. For more information, call 301-344-3944 or visit the website at <http://www.nps.gov/gree/>.

## Curves Comes To Greenbelt

Waco-based Curves International, Inc. announced the opening of its newest Curves location at 103 Centerway, Greenbelt. Curves of Greenbelt will open on July 12 and will bring residents a supportive environment offering 30-minute fitness solutions with a common sense weight-loss program that helps break the weight-loss cycle.

Curves of Greenbelt will occupy the long vacant Bank of America storefront at Roosevelt Center. It is owned by three local women, Cindy Murray, Beverly Palau and Gwen Mullins. Both Murray and Palau have been long-time employees of the City of Greenbelt. Mullins has been a lifetime resident of Prince George's County.

"We are very excited about becoming a part of the Greenbelt community in a different capacity," said franchise owner Palau. "We have gotten to know so many Greenbelt residents over the years that it will be great to bring this new service to them. Hopefully, new Curves members who are unfamiliar with historic Greenbelt will discover all of the other great things Roosevelt Center has to offer."

"Curves offers a comfortable, welcoming place where real women work out. Our facility is designed so women can encourage and support one another while moving around the circuit. We look forward to helping women in this community reach amazing results, both physical and emotional, through our Curves Workout program and support network," added Murray.

For more information about Curves of Greenbelt call 301-474-1747 or visit <http://www.curvesinternational.com>.

## GIAC Open House Class Planning

The Greenbelt Internet Access Cooperative (GIAC) will hold its sixth annual class planning open house on Wednesday, June 30, 7 to 8 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road in Dining Room Two. Come share ideas as GIAC plans computer and internet classes for September 2004 through June 2005. All are welcome. For information call GIAC's voice mail at 301-419-8044.

## City's Open Space Funding Reduced

The Maryland-National Capital Parking and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) has notified city staff that the city will be allocated \$61,360 in Fiscal Year 2005 Program Open Space (POS) funds. The city's allocation represents 2.67 percent of the county's FY'05 POS (\$2,298,116) allocation since our population represents 2.67 percent of the county's total population. The city's FY'05 POS funding allocation represents a \$15,732 decrease from the FY'04 allocation as a result of POS program funding cuts at state level. The city's total POS balance is \$586,844.50, including the FY'05 allocation.

Staff has recommended resubmitting the following acquisition projects: Greenbelt East II Parkland Acquisition, Greenbelt West Parkland Acquisition, Historic Greenbelt Parkland Acquisition and Greenbelt West II Parkland Acquisition. Staff also recommends requesting \$100,000 of development POS funds for the skateboard park project.

## GHI Notes

June 30 - Investment Committee, 7 p.m., Conference Room

Architecture & Environment Committee, 7 p.m., Board Room

July 5 - Independence Day holiday - GHI Offices closed

July 8 - GHI Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Board Room

July 9 - Architecture & Environment Committee, 2 p.m., Board Room

## Skateboarders Adopt Logo

At the June 17 G-SWAT meeting a design for the G-SWAT logo was presented. The design was a combined effort of the group. It was decided to research the possibility of purchasing skateboards from the Internet and painting the logo on the skateboards for resale as a fundraiser.

The next G-SWAT meeting will be held on Thursday, July 8, at the Community Church Fellowship Hall. Anyone interested in skateboarding is welcome.

## Heed Summer Weather Alerts

The Public Safety Advisory Committee reminds the community to pay close attention to announcements of possible severe weather as the summer heat sets in. When a "watch" is issued for severe thunderstorms or tornadoes, it means the conditions are more favorable than usual for such an event. Planning, preparation and increased awareness are recommended.

When a "warning" is issued, a particular hazard is imminent or has been reported. It is then time to take action to save lives or property and to continue to monitor weather stations and other media for instructions and updates.

# Festival Notes

Fundraising for the 50th Labor Day Festival continues. Bake sales will be held on a regular



basis outside the Co-op - the next one Saturday, July 3. There will also be a patriotic bake sale early on July 4. Raffle tickets for \$200 worth of Co-op groceries are currently being sold as are raffle tickets for a 50/50 drawing.

Advance orders for "50th Festival" commemorative T-shirts are currently being taken and "Proud to be American" T-shirts are also still available for sale. Orders for Gianni pizzas and dessert items will be taken - through July 5. All items are available at the bake sales and can also be purchased by calling Patti Brothers at 301-982-2312.

Other fundraising activities will be held in the near future - to include a raffle for Bowie Baysox tickets and a raffle for a Longaberger wooden chest. A Festival yard sale will be held late in July. Donations are currently being accepted. Call Brothers for more information.

### Miss Greenbelt

There are still openings in all three categories for the Miss Greenbelt Pageant. The categories are: Miss Greenbelt (ages 14 to 19), Junior Miss Greenbelt (ages 11 to 13) and Little Miss Greenbelt (ages 7 to 10). Call Natasha Jewell at 301-352-8665 or Kathy Patsas at 301- 513-7759. There is also a website - [www.missgreenbelt.com](http://www.missgreenbelt.com).

### Carnival Booths

Carnival booths are available to all community groups. It's a great way to earn extra income and make Festival goers aware of the group's existence. Booths must be staffed all weekend - from Friday through Monday. Letters have been sent to past participants. Those who have not received a letter or groups interested in having a booth should call John or Gloria Winfrey at 301-345-3794.

### Information Day

Saturday, September 4, is Information Day. This day provides an opportunity for groups to share their cause, mission or product (no sales permitted though) with Festival goers. Letters have gone out to past participants. Anyone who did not receive a letter or who is interested in having a table at Information Day should call Dave Pitts at 301-345-9605.

### Talent Show

Now is the time for all performers to sign up for the annual Labor Day Festival Talent Show. The Talent Show takes place on Saturday, September 4, at 6 p.m. Currently, all types of entertainers are sought - singers, dancers, musicians and more. Call Dennis Lewis at 301-552-9078 to discuss participation.

### Parade

Parade Chairperson Linda Ivy is looking for individuals who were present at the first Labor Day parade. Those who were or who know someone who was are asked to contact Ivy at [Lindaivy@aol.com](mailto:Lindaivy@aol.com). She is also currently taking applications for this year's parade. Groups of all types are invited to participate.

### Outstanding Citizen

Nominations for this year's Outstanding Citizen are currently being accepted. (See ad below.)

### Business Contributions

Area businesses that would like to contribute to the Festival and be recognized for their contributions can call Patti Brothers at 301-982-2312. The success of the Festival is directly related to the monetary support it gets from area businesses.

### Volunteers

Volunteers are still needed to assist with this year's Festival in all areas. Call Patti Brothers at 301-982-2312 for information.

### Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee is Thursday, July 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

*Festival Notes is written by Committee Chair Patti Brothers and will appear in the News Review regularly until Labor Day.*



**Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee, Inc.**

## NOMINATION FORM Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen

Submit this form or a letter by Monday, August 9, to:

**Robert Zugby, Chair  
94 Ridge Rd., Greenbelt, MD 20770**

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated By: Name(s) (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a statement (preferably printed or typed) which explains why the nominee deserves recognition as Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen. Possible subjects include a list of organizations or activities in which the nominee has participated, including length of time; specific accomplishments during each period of service; the impact on Greenbelt or on people within the city; and personal qualities which make the nominee special. Award is for volunteer (unpaid) work only. Supporting printed material will be accepted but is not required. Testimonials by others as to the person's good works will be helpful. The more information you can provide the committee the better.

*Note: All nominators must sign. Use separate sheet if necessary. Thank you!!*



# Obituaries

## Emily B. Nutku

Emily B. Nutku, aged 83, a Greenbelter since 1973, died at Holy Cross Nursing Center, Burtonsville, on June 10, 2004. She was born Emily Elizabeth Bohnett in Campbell, California and educated at San Jose State College and the University of California at Berkeley. She taught college-level English in a number of places including two years in Poland under the Fulbright program. After returning from Poland, she worked as a secretary for Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church in Adelphi, where she was an active member.

In retirement she was active in book discussion groups at several Prince George's County libraries and was the organizer of the monthly Poetry Plus group at Greenbelt Library.

She was married twice – to Paul McHenry Roberts from 1941 to 1960 and to Yavuz Nutku from 1966 to 1975.

She is survived by three children from her first marriage: Ellen Roberts Young, Paul C. Roberts and Charles Scott Roberts, and three grandsons, Paul and John Young and Paul Leo Roberts.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, July 8, at 2 p.m. at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church, 3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi. Memorial gifts may be sent to Paint Branch UUC, earmarked for the Legacy Fund.



### Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi (301-937-3666)  
Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community

June 27, 10 a.m.

"Is Public Education Dead?" by Leo Jones with Julie Watson, worship associate



Barbara Wells ten Hove, Jacob B. ten Hove, co-ministers



### Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Sundays 10 A.M. Municipal Building

### PRAYER TO ST. JUDE Pray for Bryan

Most Holy apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron of hopeless cases, of things almost despaired of. Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Make use I implore you, of that particular privilege given to you, to bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, particularly my grandson and that I may praise God with you and all the elect forever. I promise, O blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor, to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen.

## "Living the Healthy Life: Sports Health and Fitness"



PHOTOS BY SANDRA LANGE

Greenbelt Museum curators Jill St. John and Katie Scott-Childress open a new exhibit at Community Center which focuses attention on the attempt to encourage healthy lifestyles in the new Greenbelt community.

### Jazz at Riversdale

Bring a blanket or lawn chair to the newly landscaped grounds of Riversdale House Museum as the sun sets and enjoy the music wafting from the portico of this exquisite federal mansion. The Bruce Katsu Jazz Quartet with vocalist Sandy Asirvatham will appear from 7 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, June 30. The free concert will take place rain or shine. (In the event of rain, the concert will be inside.) If packing a picnic is a hassle, buy dinner on the grounds before the show. Riversdale, a National Historic Landmark, is located at 4811 Riverdale Road. For more information call 301-864-0420; TTY 301-699-2544 or check the website www.pgparcs.com.

### Congregation Mishkan Torah

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Rabbi Jonathan Cohen Cantor Phil Greenfield  
A warm, comfortable and involved congregation

Pre-K to post-confirmation education program  
First year school FREE for one child  
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www.mishkantorah.org

Services: Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m.  
Family, 7:30 first Friday of the month

### Greenbelt Community Church UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Hillside & Crescent Roads  
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings  
www.greenbelt.com/gccucc/

Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.  
Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

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

### MASS SCHEDULE:

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

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

### ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Md.



### St. George's Episcopal/Anglican Church

7010 Glenn Dale Road (Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)  
301-262-3285 | rector@stgeo.org | www.stgeo.org

Sundays: 8:00 am Simple, quiet Mass  
9:00 am Christian education for all ages  
10:00 am Sung Mass with organ and folk music, ASL interpreted  
1:30 pm Signed Mass (last Sunday of each month only)  
Wednesdays: 7:00 pm Simple, quiet Mass

An inclusive congregation!

### Summer Food Hotline Begins

During the school year nearly a quarter of a million low-income children in Maryland depend on the school breakfast and lunch programs to provide healthy and nutritious meals to help them learn and grow. When schools close their doors for the summer, the school meal programs do as well, leaving thousands of children hungry throughout Maryland.

The Center for Poverty Solutions, with grants from Maryland State Department of Education and the Maryland State Attorney General's office, will operate a toll-free hotline throughout the summer to direct callers to the nearest Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) where they can find "food that's in . . . when school is out." The SFSP offers sites throughout Maryland for children under 18 to receive well-balanced meals as well as to participate in fun summer activities.

The hotline will be open weekdays beginning June 21 through August 27 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. The number is (toll-free) 1-877-731-9300. The Summer Food Service Program is administered on the federal level by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and by the Maryland State Department of Education.

### MVA Announces Holiday Hours

The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) will close its full-service and express offices on Saturday, July 3 and Monday, July 5 in observance of the Independence Day holiday. All Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program (VEIP) stations will also be closed.

Online registration renewals and other time-saving eMVA options are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week by logging on to www.marylandmva.com. For additional information, log on to the website or call the MVA's Customer Service Center at 1-800-950-1MVA (1682).

### Baha'i Faith

20th annual summer school held at Frostburg State University offers a weekend of study, fellowship and entertainment July 29-August 1. Details at www.dayspringbahaischool.org

Greenbelt Baha'i Community  
P.O. Box 245  
Greenbelt, MD 20770  
301-345-2918 301-220-3160  
www.bahai.org www.us.bahai.org

### 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  
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"

### HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

6905 Greenbelt Road • 301-345-5111

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



Fax 301-220-0694 • E-mail myholycross@erols.com

"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"

### UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt  
301-474-9410  
SUNDAY

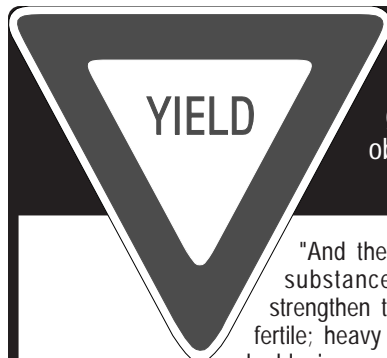


Sunday School 9:45 am  
Worship Service 11:00 am  
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm  
Third Friday, Games Night 7:30 pm

HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE  
www.gbqm-UMC.org/mowatt

### Rev. DaeHwa Park, Pastor

June 27 4th Sunday after Pentecost  
Sermon: "Fit for the Kingdom of God"  
Commissioning Sunday



Giving in charity is one of the important teachings of Islam, greatly rewarded by God and an obligation on every individual who has the means to do so.

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- The Holy Qur'an, 2:265 & 267

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



## Registration For Kindergarten

Prince George's County parents can now register their child for kindergarten at their neighborhood school. All children who are five years old (born December 1, 1998 through October 31, 1999) must attend kindergarten before entering first grade.

However, the law does allow for certain exemptions: Five-year-olds enrolled in one of three alternative program settings (full-time in a licensed child care center, full-time in a registered family day care home or part-time in a Head Start five-year-old program) or five-year-olds enrolled in an approved home school instruction program.

Additionally, the law grants a one-year level of maturity waiver. The parent must file a written request, prior to the opening of school, with the chief executive officer asking that attendance be delayed due to the child's level of maturity.

Children cannot be enrolled in first grade unless they have completed a public or private kindergarten program, one of the three alternative program settings or home school instruction. This policy applies to all children who are Maryland residents.

To register parents must bring the following: proof of residency, proof of birth and an immunization certificate for diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), tetanus, polio, rubeola (measles), rubella, mumps, varicella (chicken pox) and hepatitis B. In addition, this year a child who has resided in an at-risk area for lead poisoning must provide proof of blood testing for lead. Parents registering a child in pre-kindergarten or another grade should also contact the local school.

For more information, contact the Office of Pupil Accounting and School Boundaries at 301-952-6300. Enrollment information is also available on the school system website at [www.pgcps.org](http://www.pgcps.org).

## Family Tree Needs Positive Volunteers

The Family Tree, Maryland's largest child abuse prevention agency, is actively recruiting individuals who care about children and families to serve as volunteers for its programs and services. Many opportunities are available throughout Maryland, including answering calls for the Family Stress Line, teaching positive parenting classes, facilitating Parents' Anonymous groups and nurturing children.

The Family Tree provides volunteers with free training and schedules several sessions throughout the year. The agency also offers ongoing support and asks that volunteers make a one-year commitment.

For more information call Stephanie Jacobs, the Family Tree's volunteer coordinator, at 410-889-2300 or log onto [www.familytreemd.org](http://www.familytreemd.org).

## Arboretum Offers Bonsai Program

The U.S. National Arboretum presents informal demonstrations of how to create a bonsai on July 3 and July 4 at 2:30 p.m. A bonsai expert will transform a nursery plant into a beautiful bonsai. No registration is required for this free program. For more information call 202-245-5898 or visit [www.usna.usda.gov](http://www.usna.usda.gov).



# City Information

### OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.

#### Vacancies exist on the:

- Advisory Committee on Education
- Arts Advisory Board
- Board of Elections
- Employee Relations Advisory Board
- Park & Recreation Advisory Board

Recycling & Environment Advisory Committee

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

### GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER CHILDREN'S SWIM LESSONS SUMMER SESSION II

July 6-9, July 13-16

Passholders and Residents may register Saturday, July 3rd.

Open Registration Sunday, July 4th and Monday, July 5th.

Register in person from 9:00am-2:00pm for all dates above.

For class schedules and information, download the Recreation

Brochure at [www.ci.greenbelt.md.us](http://www.ci.greenbelt.md.us)

**On Saturday, July 3rd the Greenbelt Swim Team will host a swim meet. The outdoor pool will open at 1:00pm on that day.**

### CITY JOB OPENING

The City of Greenbelt, Department of Recreation seeks a part-time Visual Arts Specialist and a part-time Ceramics Specialist. Both positions involve coordination of educational programs, audience development, studio management, recruiting and supervising artist educators, training and supervising interns. Background in arts administration preferred. Each position: \$12/hr, 15 hrs/wk, 50 wks/yr. Flexible hours. Some evenings and weekends required. Open until filled. For information call Nicole DeWald, Arts Coordinator: 301-397-2208. Applications available at [www.ci.greenbelt.md.us](http://www.ci.greenbelt.md.us) and at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland. The City of Greenbelt is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

### GREENBELT CARES BABYSITTING COURSE

Wednesday, June 30th

from 10am-1pm

Municipal Building-1st Floor  
Conference Room



This free course is targeted toward students completing grades 5-8. Students will learn responsibility and health and safety issues of taking care of children, as well as learning about poison control and fire prevention. Students completing the course will receive a certificate and be eligible to participate in the Greenbelt CARES ODD JOBS/JOB BANK program.

**Info/Enrollment: 301-345-6660, ext 2016 or  
[jhering@ci.greenbelt.md.us](mailto:jhering@ci.greenbelt.md.us)**

### Public Service Announcement

#### Do Not Feed Free Roaming Cats

The City of Greenbelt Animal Control Unit has received numerous complaints of free roaming cats causing problems throughout the community. Many people believe that it is a good idea to put food out for these wandering felines. Food that is left out is an attractive nuisance and creates the potential for serious problems. It attracts many kinds of wildlife such as rats, foxes and raccoons. Residents' pets may come into contact with wildlife that would not ordinarily be in the neighborhood. They may be injured or exposed to rabies. Rabies is usually brought into the community by our domestic animals that have been exposed to wildlife.

Another outcome of encouraging free roaming cats is that you bring these animals into contact with citizens who do not appreciate cats using their yards for litter boxes and lingering on their property. Some of our neighbors are also severely allergic to cats and we should all be more understanding of our neighbors.

Any citizen has the right to request a trap be placed on their property to remove free roaming animals that have become a nuisance. The location of any feral cats and kittens should be reported immediately to Animal Control at 301-345-5417, so the population may be contained.

Also remember the weather will change and living outside in freezing temperatures is not humane. The City's Animal Control Unit has the best interest of the citizens and these animals in mind. Please do your best to be a good neighbor.

### GREENBELT CELEBRATES INDEPENDENCE DAY WITH ARTFULAFTERNOON, HISTORICAL PROGRAMS, BAND CONCERT, FIREWORKS

Sunday, July 4, 1pm-9:30pm

The City of Greenbelt will celebrate Independence Day with a variety of events as follows

**7:00pm at Buddy Attick Park:**

**LAKESIDE CONCERT WITH THE GREENBELT CONCERT BAND.**

**Following Concert at Dusk (approx. 9pm):  
FIREWORKS DISPLAY.**

In case of inclement weather, the concert will be cancelled and the fireworks will be postponed until the next clear evening.

**3-5pm at Buddy Attick Park:**

**FREE HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN**

Visitors are reminded to observe all temporary and normal parking restrictions when attending these events. The parking lot at Buddy Attick Park will be reserved primarily for handicapped and elderly persons. Vehicles must have handicapped or elderly individuals on board in order to use this lot. Handicapped tags and/or placards will not necessarily be required, nor will they guarantee a parking space

**ALSO:** An installation of "Flying Fish" featuring sculptures by Creative Kids Campers and Artful Afternoon participants will be shown throughout the afternoon. Historic Greenbelt Walking Tour Trail Guides will be available at the lakefront courtesy of the Greenbelt Museum.

**At the Community Center from 1-5pm: ARTFUL**

**AFTERNOON** with a studio open house and fine arts and original home goods for sale. Exhibits will include "Creative Process" and the Greenbelt Museum's "Living the Healthy Life: Sports, Health and Fitness in the New Deal Era." The Greenbelt Museum will be open for guided tours.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 301-397-2208**

### Getting Around Greenbelt After the Fireworks

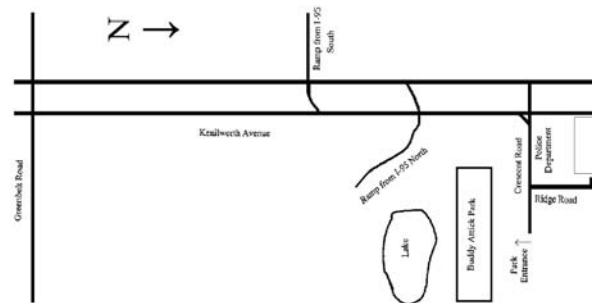
At the conclusion of the fireworks display, vehicular traffic will NOT be able to turn onto Crescent Road from Kenilworth Avenue in order to clear all pedestrian traffic from the viewing area.

Traffic entering the City by way of the ramp from 95 North (Outer loop) onto Kenilworth Avenue will NOT be able to turn right onto Kenilworth Avenue, and MUST turn left onto southbound Kenilworth Avenue.

Traffic entering the City by way of the ramp from 95 South (Inner loop) onto Kenilworth Avenue will NOT be able to turn left onto Kenilworth Avenue, and MUST turn right onto southbound Kenilworth Avenue.

Motorists wishing to get into the "Old Greenbelt" area should proceed from southbound Kenilworth Avenue to Greenbelt Road, turn left (Eastbound) onto Greenbelt Road, then turn left onto Southway.

These detours will begin at the conclusion of the fireworks and will be in effect for approximately 30 to 45 minutes.



### GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

**MUNICIPAL ACCESS 301-474-8000: Tuesday & Thursday, June 22 & 24: 10am & 6pm "Ask the Expert How to Avoid a Scam," 11:00am & 7:00pm "Ask the Expert-Diabetic Foot Care," 11:30am & 7:30pm "Green Ridge House-25th Anniversary," 8:45pm "SHL presents Everybody Dance Now"**

**PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday, June 30th & Friday, July 2: 7:00pm "Vids by Kids 5," 9:00pm Greenbelt Arts Center presents "Chance Gardner"**



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ber of council at that time; Micki Weidenfeld, representing her husband, Mayor Gil Weidenfeld who was suffering from a cold; and former city manager James Giese. Davis noted the lengthy time and extensive deliberation that took place before the building was built and noted that discussions have continued since in regularly held meetings of the city council with residents and the biannual candidates forums held by the residents.

### Band

There was a break in the ceremonies for a musical interlude from the Greenbelt Concert Band. Because of limited space in Green Ridge House and a filled-to-capacity community room where the ceremony was held, the band played under a tent on an outside patio. The band could be heard by most, but not all, through an open door and window. It must have been strange for the members of the band to perform a concert without a visible audience.

Following the brief concert, the ceremonies continued with Parent presenting plaques in recognition of volunteer services performed by Ruth Burton and Louise Swiderski. Burton was recognized for being resident as-



**Jim Cassels was awarded a plaque of recognition by Marian Evans, social director for having been the leader of the effort to build senior housing and Green Ridge House in Greenbelt.**

sociation treasurer for 18 years and for her work in the dining room and greenhouse and for shopping for supplies for social functions. Swiderski has called bingo on Wednesday nights for 22 years and has also helped with line dancing events.

Evans then recognized Parent with a plaque for her services wearing "many hats," including being association president two times, vice-president, acting sec-

retary, keeper of the kiln and "computer guru."

### Time Capsule

Upon the advent of the new Millennium, the residents had prepared a time capsule – a large, appropriately labeled canister. Resident Manager Salva Holloman opened the capsule at the ceremony and revealed the contents it contained. There was a telephone directory, a newspaper supplement listing New Year's Eve events planned to ring in the year 2000, a party hat and a variety of other documents.

The ceremony concluded with the concert band playing a few more selections. Besides the display of time capsule artifacts in front, there were displays in back for residents and guests to peruse containing News Review articles and photographs about the building of Green Ridge House and a scrap book kept on building activities. Everyone then adjourned to the dining hall for a variety of refreshments and to eat pieces of a very large decorated two-layer cake.

**Not wanting to wait too long, Resident Manager Salva Holloman opens at the 25th Green Ridge House anniversary celebration a time capsule that Green Ridge House residents filled right before the start of the Millennium. Among the many things within the container were a 1999 telephone directory and a newspaper supplement listing Millennium New Year's Eve events.**



**Above, in a Green Ridge House first, a mother and daughter have become residents in Green Ridge House. Mary Taylor (r) has now joined her mother, original resident Sally Carrano (c), as a resident in the senior apartment building. Carrano's other daughter, Sally Fama (l) joined the two for a visit at the end of the 25th anniversary reception.**



PHOTOS BY JAMES GIESE

**At right, Louise Swiderski holds her recognition plaque for 25 years of volunteer service to Green Ridge House residents including the calling of bingo on Wednesday nights for the past 22 years.**

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, in March 1976, after hearing the opinions of the residents of Greenbelt, the City Council chose a site on Ridge Road to build housing for senior citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, in September 1976, Greenbelters voted two-to-one in support of the Council's intention to amend the City Charter to allow the project to go forward; and

**WHEREAS**, ground was broken for this project in December 1977; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1978, the City Council approved the name "Green Ridge House"; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1979, the first residents moved in and made Green Ridge House their home, with a dedication ceremony held on June 3, 1979; and

**WHEREAS**, the completion of Green Ridge House represented the successful cooperation of City, County, State, and Federal governments, as well as years of effort by the citizens of Greenbelt; and

**WHEREAS**, special recognition is due to Jim Cassels who, together with other committee members, played an instrumental role in the initiation of a 20-year dialogue about the need for senior housing in Greenbelt, which culminated in the establishment of Green Ridge House; and

**WHEREAS**, Bernice Bryant, Sally Carrano, Jim Cassels, James Hudson, and Louise Swiderski are the five Green Ridge House Pioneers who are celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary at 22 Ridge Road today; and

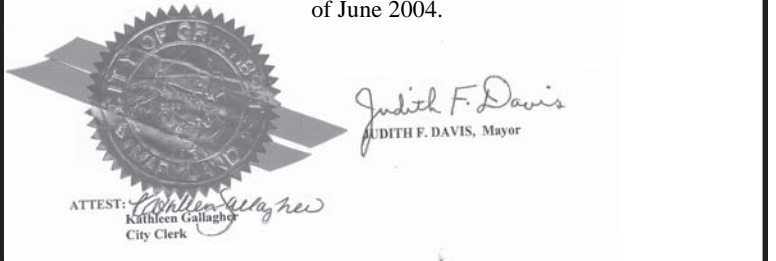
**WHEREAS**, today, just as 25 years ago, we greet the residents of Green Ridge House as valued, contributing, and very welcome citizens of our City.

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

## 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF GREEN RIDGE HOUSE

and congratulate all those citizens, City staff, City Councilmembers and other government officials who worked so hard to make Green Ridge House a reality in 1979 and all the residents and staff of Green Ridge House who do such a good job of making it a great place to live today.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to be affixed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June 2004.



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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.

## Assault

June 13, 3:37 p.m., a Beltway Plaza security officer responded to a shoplifting at Sportzone Athletic Apparel. He attempted to apprehend one of the suspects when the other four began to hit him, punching him until he lost consciousness. The suspects then fled the scene on foot. The security officer was transported to a hospital for treatment.

June 16, 12:25 p.m., as a result of a fight in the bar area of T.G.I.Friday's Restaurant, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with first degree assault, second degree assault, failure to obey a lawful order, disorderly intoxication, disorderly conduct and reckless endangerment. A second nonresident man was arrested and charged with second degree assault, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and failure to obey a lawful order. Both were released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

## Carjacking

June 14, 11:45 p.m., a woman reported that she had parked her car in the 9300 block Edmonston Road and exited her vehicle when she was approached by a man who displayed a handgun and threatened to shoot her. The woman gave the man her car keys and purse. He fled the scene in the victim's vehicle, a tan 1997 Toyota Corolla 4-door, Maryland tags A068893. The suspect is described as a black male in his twenties, 6' to 6'2", 130 to 150 pounds with a thin build and a dark complexion.

## Robbery

June 11, 7:02 p.m., a man entered the Beltway Trophy Company, asked to look at two items then produced a knife and

showed what appeared to be the butt of a handgun in his waistband while announcing a robbery. After obtaining money from a cash register he fled the scene on foot. The suspect is described as a black male in his thirties, 150 to 170 pounds with short black hair, brown eyes and a dark complexion, wearing shorts and a blue shirt with 33 on the back.

## Trespass

June 16, 4:30 p.m., a woman of no fixed address was arrested and charged with trespass when she returned to a residence in the 13 court of Hillside. She had earlier been banned from the dwelling by agents of the property. She was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

June 18, 12:23 a.m., three nonresident men were arrested and charged with trespass when they were observed on the grounds of Springhill Lake Apartments after having been banned by agents of the property. All three were released on citation pending trial.

## Burglaries

6300 block Ivy Lane, June 11, 9:28 a.m. and 1:08 p.m., two commercial burglaries.

6100 block Breezewood Court, June 13, 10:59 a.m., unknown person(s) entered the residence by unknown means. A CD player and a cellular telephone were taken.

## Vehicle Crimes

Seven vehicles were stolen: a 1991 Dodge Dynasty 4-door from the 7800 block Hanover Parkway; a 1995 Honda Accord 4-door from the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace; a 2000 Honda CRV station wagon, a 2003 Jeep Liberty 4-door and a

## Accident Not Result Of Roadway Flaws

The Greenbelt Police Department has determined that the design and condition of Crescent Road were not factors in a fatal accident last March involving two young girls and a city truck. MPO Scott Kaiser found the collision was caused when one of the vehicles, a Honda, crossed the center line and struck a city truck. Kaiser and the private accident reconstruction firm RIMKUS, hired by the city, found no roadway defects or action by the truck that contributed to the collision. Speed also did not appear to be a factor. Kaiser added the reason the Honda crossed the center line would probably never be determined.

white 2002 Ford F-250 extended cab truck, Maryland tags 43L457 all from Beltway Plaza Mall, a white 1991 Mercedes 300 convertible, Maryland tags DKV516 from the 6200 block Springhill Drive and a green 1996 Chrysler LeBaron 4-door, Maryland tags KNN333 from the 6600 block Lake Park Drive.

Ten vehicles were recovered, one by Greenbelt police and nine by other police departments with no arrests.

Vandalisms to, thefts from and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: Beltway Plaza Mall (3 incidents), 6000 block Springhill Drive, 9100 block Springhill Lane, 9100 block Edmonston Road, 9100 block Edmonston Terrace, 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, 6300 block Ivy Lane, 6400 block Ivy Lane, unit block Crescent Road and 7700 block Hanover Parkway (2 incidents).

## City Notes

CARES' Judy Hering participated in a federal audit with the Maryland State Department of Education and the United States Department of Vocational Programs and Adult Education. The purpose of the audit was to review adult educational programs.

## Recreation Department

Staff continued to work with California Skate Park Design on the concept drawing for the skate park. The hours of operation for the temporary skate park on one of the Lakecrest tennis courts are now Monday through Friday from noon to 5 p.m. and 1 to 6 p.m. on the weekends.

Staff has finalized schedules for staff and facilities for the summer. The Youth Center and the Springhill Lake Recreation Center will now open at noon Monday through Friday.

The Braden field tennis courts numbers five through eight have been re-surfaced. Feedback has been positive on the new color scheme with enhanced color contrast that makes it much easier to see the ball when it is in play.

The Teen Basketball Program held on Friday nights has been a success with an average of 30 teens participating.

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However, in order to obtain a mortgage from the Maryland Community Development Administration, council had to amend the city charter, which citizens could petition to referendum. Enough voters signed such a petition and a special referendum election was held on September 28, 1976. The charter amendment was subsequently approved by a two-to-one vote.

## Design and Construction

Architect Steve Parker, of Grimm & Parker, presented preliminary drawings for the proposed elderly housing facility, which was to be built on the present site on Ridge Road. Council selected Harkins, Inc. to construct the city's 101-unit facility, with construction scheduled to begin in mid-November 1977.

Representatives from Harkins, the city staff and the architect had to work out details to bring the bid under \$2.5 million before a meeting could be set to authorize the signing of the contract. After the project was approved council created a special citizen advisory committee to give advice on design and construction of the building and on developing procedures for selecting tenants. Morales chaired this committee.

The groundbreaking ceremony took place on December 18, 1977, with more than 50 people gath-

ered to witness and take part. The Reverend Kenneth Buker gave the invocation. Mayor Richard Pilski, in welcoming the group, said, "It is only fitting that we are ready to start this building as we celebrate Greenbelt's 40th anniversary." He especially commended the dedication and determination of the city council and the city's senior citizens that had culminated in such a splendid result.

## Barnyard Blues

One of Green Ridge House's unforeseen construction costs surfaced, literally, when they discovered that the site had once been an old barnyard. In excavating for the new building, a humongous pile of odoriferous cow manure was found buried at the site. They had to dig it out and put in clean fill which was an extra expense. Maybe that's why the grounds are so beautiful!

## Tour of Daylilies

On Saturday, June 26 from 5 to 6 p.m., join a daylily expert at the entrance to the perennial plants collection at the U.S. National Arboretum for a free, informal twilight tour featuring award-winning, easy to grow daylilies. Bring the family and enjoy extended hours until 7 p.m. No registration is required. Visit [www.usna.usda.gov](http://www.usna.usda.gov) or call 202-245-5898 for information.

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The Tent Troupe, the only traveling summer tent theater in America, will present "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten" on Sunday, June 27 and Monday, June 28 at 8 p.m. rain or shine under the Big Top. This family entertainment is based on books by Robert Fulghum, conceived and adapted by Ernest Zulia with music and lyrics by David Caldwell. The show is an evening of theatrical storytelling in revue format with monologues, dialogues and multiple voice narration enhanced with songs and musical under-scoring.

A special children's show entitled, "Animal Tales," will be held on Monday, June 28 at 1:45 p.m. The 15-minute pre-show will include music, dance and audience participation. At 2 p.m., favorite animal stories, such as "Going on a Bear Hunt," "Ananas and the Moss Covered Rock" and "Caps for Sale," will

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**Knight Larry Hilliard, left, helps St. Hugh's students prepare to launch their rockets at Goddard.**

The group had a cloudy but rain-free afternoon to launch the rockets and the wind speed was below the maximum allowable speed. Both first time and repeat rocketeers shared in the excitement of the countdown to launch, the blastoff, the flight and the recovery of their rockets.

The program, sponsored by the St. Hugh Council and the

Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus, provides students with directions to build and launch their own rockets. Knight Larry Hilliard spearheaded the instruction, aided by Grand Knight Sean Bailey and Knights Matt Thompson and Austin Conaty.

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## A Lively Luau

by Eileen Murray

On Saturday, June 12 Plateau Place had its first annual Block Party Luau. With more than 60 people and one canine in attendance, organizers Mimi Shade, Danielle (Li'l Dan) Celdran and Eileen Murray were very pleased with the turnout. The Luau started at 6 p.m. and was still going on well into the night. Along with good food, great conversation and music, games were played. The adults answered trivia questions in a quiz: How Well Do You Know Your GHI Hand-



book? (Let's just say we need to do a little reading.) A contest for Best Dressed was complicated by the leis and flowered clothing all over Plateau Place! Children took part in a Nature Treasure Hunt wherein plastic Easter eggs qualified in the absence of real eggs. Neighbors conversed with people who they normally just waved to in passing and went home feeling a stronger tie to the neighborhood. The consensus was that a block party should be held at least once a year.



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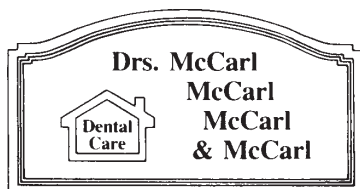
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cies – including Jerry's wife Letty – who has nothing to prove after being married so long to Jerry. One brave lady, Nancy, Jerry himself and Tim, the rapidly-summoned husband of Nancy, all partook without apparent ill effect (at least instantaneously – time will tell).

Jerry kindly pointed out that those of us who were unwilling would have to wait another 17 years for our next chance. We all allowed as how 17 years was probably not nearly as long as we were willing to wait.

The intrepid cicada-eaters declared that, if it was a question of starving, they would gladly eat cicadas. But those pesky wings sure do get in a guy's teeth.



Beauty in this plate of luscious cicadas is truly in the eye of the beholder.

## Backyard Naturalist: A Cicada Journal

by Donald Comis

At two minutes after midnight on Wednesday, May 19, I saw a rare light blue-eyed mutant cicada emerge from its shell. I didn't realize what I was seeing then, but it was the highlight of my favorite night of cicada watching this season.



I was alerted to the special night in cicada world when I looked out my patio doors about 10 that night. The ground seemed to be crawling with cicada nymphs just out of their holes after 17 years. The leaves rustled loudly and moved with the nymphs. Winged cicadas were dropping noisily to the ground. At one point I had a nymph on each foot and winged one on my back. That was as close to the scary predictions about the cicada invasion as I had come to date. There have been many times since then that I've had a winged cicada on me or in or on my car or in my home. This is being written outdoors before a barbeque and I've had one crawl on the back of my neck, then fall onto my notebook, joining two others on the table. Another bounced off my forehead on the way to the table. And one crawled on my foot. I admit the neck crawl is close to my limit, as is the fluttering of their wings.

But none of the predictions prepared me for the magic that peaked on May 19. I knew the blue-eyed cicada was special because I was watching seven others in different stages of emergence at the same time and none of their eyes was blue.

One was just starting to break out of its shell. I watched him from 12:37 to 1:03 a.m. I noticed that he emerged head first and freed himself from the shell with gentle periodic pulsations, with a minimum of trembling. It wasn't the violent wriggling I'd expected. It was more like blowing yourself up with air to pop out of a pair of tight jeans.

Other than the occasional pulsations and trembling, the cicada lay perfectly still, upside down, hanging on to the shell, its head dangling in the air. Its body slowly lowered by degrees until it lay parallel to the ground, perpendicular to its shell.

I watched another cicada take 48 minutes to unfurl its wings fully and spread them apart for the final drying stage, its body and wings still white.

The naturalist in me wants to report that if you add these two cicada stages together, it must take a cicada about 1 hour and 14 minutes to go from starting to break out of its shell to having its white wings in the final drying stage. And that I have a bag full of 650 shells that I picked from the ground in my back yard. I've counted 40 more shells above ground for a total of 690 shells. I've also got a bag with 282 dead adult cicadas, all from my back yard.

The poet in me wants to say that sharing that evening with the cicadas makes me appreciate the mystical nature of these occasional visitors. They taught me that if you get past the biases that cloud your vision, you can see how wonderful the world is, starting with your own back yard.

The cicada pictured above posed proudly for amateur photographer Stephen Holder, a member of the Greenbelt Photo Club.

## Cicada Blues

by C. A. Rose

Si - Si - Cicada,  
Climbing up my tree.  
Si - Si - Cicada,  
Flying when you're free.  
Si - Si - Cicada,  
Please don't land on me.

Si - Si - Cicada,  
Buzzing to your mate.  
Si - Si - Cicada,  
Making your life date.  
Si - Si - Cicada,  
Breed before too late.

Si - Si - Cicada,  
Feeding all the birds.  
Si - Si - Cicada,  
Dying in huge herds.  
Si - Si - Cicada,  
You intrigue us nerds.

Si - Si - Cicada,  
Deafening my ears.  
Si - Si - Cicada,  
Leaving without tears.  
Si - Si - Cicada,  
Seventeen long years.

– June 2004

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cicada that seemed to be hanging to the shell he emerged from but seeming not to be well formed. Yet he was well enough to give off the alarm call when I picked up the shell and him. I also saw a shell catching light just right to show through the shell part that is like an eye mold now. That reminded me of the blue-eyed cicada I saw emerge. Later I learned that blue is one of two possible eye color mutations that are rare. Still later I heard that researchers were paying for these mutants.

I don't think I would have sent him or her in anyway. So far I can proudly say I haven't killed one of them deliberately. I've tried to keep my sleuthing unobtrusive, although I have picked up many to check their sex, as taught by a friend of mine.

Helen and I are finally mulching the bare ground now, getting ready for our GHI yard inspection, confident that we won't be blocking any more nymphs from emerging.

I'm looking forward to seeing the eggs hatch and see the hatchlings fall to the ground and burrow down in, completing the



PHOTO BY DON COMIS

This cicada emerged from its shell on a fence in the back yard of Don and Helen Comis on the morning of May 18, a little more than an hour before this photo was taken. Apparently, he is just hanging out to dry.

cycle and setting the stage for a repeat in 2021. I'll be there taking notes during this cycle and hopefully the next, cheerfully checking all the expert knowledge that's in print against what I've actually seen.

The cicada cycle will create many naturalists.

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them saw Heather coming and asked her to push them. So, they had a great time while Heather pushed them in the swings. The end."

I was intrigued by my daughter's vivid imagination. Then one day she showed me something on the tree in our front yard. Were they really saying "hi?"

Special thanks to Karl Pena of the News Review staff who initiated the "Cicada Contest." We collected so many very good entries that we decided they were all winners only we didn't have room to print them all!

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