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Greenbelt's Fourth Held on July 5

Disappointed crowds dispersed on July 4 when police bullhorns announced the fireworks show had been called off due to the sodden weather that dumped five inches of rain on Greenbelt over the course of the day. And, sadly, no Fourth of July concert could be held.

Little daunted, large crowds gathered on July 5 in warm and humid weather – at the lake, along Kenilworth Avenue, on the knoll on Ivy Lane, at the parking garage near the new building under construction behind Marriott's Residence Inn, on the

slopes across from Springhill Lake, in short from every high point with a view of the lake. A day after national festivities, Greenbelt's light show was featured on a local news program.

As full dark approached, a grand display began, complemented by extra sound effects from neighboring College Park, where fireworks had also been delayed due to rain. From the opening salvo to the frenzy of the grand finale, cheers, oohs and ahhs were heard from clusters of watchers. A few toddlers hid their eyes and covered their

ears but most were held up higher by adults and clearly enjoyed the show. Some in the crowd added to their own view of the spectacle, watching the fireworks "up close" via binoculars, then passing them around so other people could feel the sensation of actually being "in" the radiant bursts.

A happy, satisfied crowd unwound traffic tangles afterward and headed home on a dark summer night, ending the Fourth of July weekend with visions of loud and colorful skybursts of fireworks.

See page 6 for more photos from the Greenbelt Independence Day celebration.

City Council Adjusts Budget To Meet Charter Requirements

by Barbara Hopkins

With the end of Fiscal Year 2004 rapidly approaching, the Greenbelt City Council spent most of its June 21 meeting adjusting the budget to cover shortfalls, approving final purchases and fine-tuning the FY05 budget before the new year began. The legislation was required in some cases by city code or the city charter.

Budget Adjustments

Councilmember Leta Mach presented for first reading and suspension of the rules to allow immediate second reading and adoption, an ordinance to appropriate an additional \$800,000 in the city's 2004 General Fund to assure that the city would not violate its charter should expenditures for any functional area exceed the current allotment. The charter requires sufficient funds in each budget functional area at the end of the fiscal year.

City Treasurer Jeffrey L. Williams explained to council that expenditures in several areas

have been higher than expected. The city's purchase of the theater, for example, was not covered by the FY04 budget because negotiations had not been completed by the time the budget was formulated. \$190,000 of the additional funds allocated would be for the theater purchase.

Expenditures for electricity, motor fuel and natural gas had each increased beyond expectations, Williams said. Also, worker's compensation premiums were higher than budgeted, although staff had met with the insurance company in an attempt to better understand and project the costs. Williams also said revenues from property taxes may not be as high as estimated.

City Manager Michael McLaughlin joined Williams in assuring council that the unusually large appropriation included a cushion to cover any unforeseen expenditures or shortages of revenue. The actual shortfall, he

said, is estimated to be around \$500,000 – \$600,000. Williams said the additional allocation would only be spent if necessary and otherwise returned to the undesignated and unreserved General Fund.

McLaughlin said in three of

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What Goes On

Saturday, July 10

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, parking lot between Municipal Building and Community Center

Monday, July 12

8 p.m., Council Worksession re: Clergy/Religious Organizations (stakeholders), Municipal Building (Live on Channel 71)

Wednesday, July 14

8 p.m., Council Worksession re: Skateboard Park Concept, Community Center

Songwriters Showcased At 4th Festival of Song

by Eileen Peterson

The fourth annual Festival of the Song, Saturday, July 17, from 1 to 10 p.m. in Roosevelt Center, will showcase regional songwriters. A songwriters' open mike at noon will precede the 9-hour concert schedule.

Julie Loyd comes from Charlottesville, Va., by way of New York City and brings a "percussive guitar style and gutsy vocal attack" through her songs. Chris Smith reflects his southern roots in his music; his 2002 EP (now out of print) is called "Land of Tar and Cotton."

Brianna Lane, from Minnesota, now calls Asheville, N. Car., home; her "crisp (acoustic) guitar and sensual smoky vocals" tell of her travels and relationships.

Franklin Taggart is a guitarist (and guitar teacher) who sings with "a heart wide open" to life's experiences. He has been nominated for several Wammie awards by the Washington Area Music Association, and in 2001 was given the award for traditional folk instrumentalist.

Local artist Zoe Mulford tackles, with voice and guitar or

banjo, the "big eternal themes of love, death, food, laundry, etc." Recognition has come from the North Carolina Songwriters' Co-op and the Songwriters' Association of Washington. She is a major music force in the New Deal Café's music programs.

Nick Annis and Elizabeth Crisfield reflect his South Florida roots in music that is "soulful and thought-provoking." Syl Smith combines a "rhythmic and percussive" guitar style with his original songs. Laura Secker is a singer/songwriter from the Annapolis area (as is Smith) and performs regularly at coffee houses in the Frederick and Baltimore areas.

David Morreale has honed his storytelling music in the folk clubs and on the streets of London and Europe.

Produced by Friends of the New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA), the free outdoor festival is funded by FONDCA and grants from the City of Greenbelt and the Prince George's County Arts Council.

In case of heavy rain, the music will move into the New Deal Café.



PHOTO BY KARL PENA

Jeep Cherokee in the yard of the end townhouse in the 9 court Ridge Road after hitting two cars, driving through two yards while flattening a fence, hitting posts and trees and turning around before coming to a stop at the doorway of the house.

Jeep Cherokee Runs Amok Two Taken to Hospital

by Pat Davis

On July 6 at approximately 2:15 p.m., a Jeep Cherokee traveling east on Ridge Road ran the stop sign at Westway and collided with a Buick sedan that was headed north on Westway. The Cherokee jumped the curb diagonally across Westway, hit a Saturn automobile in the driveway at the end of the 1 court, turned it sideways, and crossed the yard of the end house, rolled over and took down two fences. It then went across the yard of the end house of the 9 court of Ridge, driving over concrete lawn furniture, knocking over two posts and hitting a tree. The Cherokee spun around and finally came to rest with its front

end against the service-side door of the end house.

MPO George Mathews stated that the Cherokee was driven by a 54-year-old nonresident female who was unconscious when police and rescue personnel arrived. Police speculated that she may have had a seizure before she ran the stop sign. She was transported to Doctor's Hospital. The driver of the Buick was also female and also taken to Doctor's Hospital. Two women who were working outside the house on Westway and witnessed the accident were uninjured.

The above report is preliminary and investigation is still continuing.

Mixed Test Scores At Greenbelt Schools

by Mary Moien

Results of the 2004 Maryland Schools Assessment tests for schools serving Greenbelt children were mixed, according to the Prince George's County Public Schools. The assessments are state-mandated measures used to monitor student achievement and progress required under the No Child Left Behind legislation. The results represent the percentage of students who are considered proficient in the subject. The county as a whole showed significant improvement from the 2003 test scores, although only about half of the students were declared proficient. Over 84 percent of schools showed improvement in reading and 77 percent showed improvement in math.

Magnolia Elementary School, Greenbelt Middle School and Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) all showed test improvements. However, Greenbelt Elementary School had a substantial decrease in both reading and math scores and Springhill Lake Elementary had improved reading scores but declining math scores. In addition, with the exception of ERHS, none of the schools had test scores that were

better than average, at best.

County-wide Scores

Scores at the county elementary schools varied widely on the 2004 test. Reading scores ranged from 20 to 85 percent while the Greenbelt schools were in the middle area.

County-wide math scores went from a low of 13 to a high of 84 percent at proficiency level. Again, local schools were in the mid-range.

County middle-school scores for the reading test ranged from a low of 26 percent to a high of 72 percent, with Greenbelt's middle school in the mid-range. In math, county scores went from 19 percent to 61 percent. All schools but one were under 50 percent including Greenbelt Middle School.

Reading scores in high schools county-wide ranged from a low of 30 percent to a high of 85 percent with Eleanor Roosevelt High School at the top. Math scores were not available.

The majority of schools with the highest proficiency scores were in the north county (Beltsville and Laurel) and in Bowie.

Greenbelt Test Scores

	Reading		Math	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
Greenbelt Elementary	62%	56%	66%	56%
Springhill Lake Elementary	40%	45%	54%	44%
Magnolia Elementary	39%	60%	39%	59%
Greenbelt Middle School	45%	54%	22%	27%
Eleanor Roosevelt H.S.	80%	85%	n.a.	n.a.

CARES Offers Pointers for Families

Family rules can make raising children and running a household easier and smoother. However, many parents are stumped when it comes to the process of making and abiding by family rules.

There are many advantages to having established family rules. Rules let children know what is expected of them. They provide the home with consistency and structure, which helps to create a safe and nurturing environment.

Family rules about chores give everyone a role and responsibility in the functioning of the home and help members feel they are important and contributing parts of the family. Finally, family rules about communication can head off problems, such as a child's asking permission from dad after mom had said no.

Parents with further questions may contact Greenbelt CARES at 301-345-6660.

CARES

General Guidelines for Establishing Family Rules

- First, parents or a parent come up with a limited list of family rules. These can include chores and manners and should be realistic and age appropriate.
- Family rules should apply to every member of the household.
- Family rules should be in the positive rather than negative. ("You may watch TV for one hour after completing homework" is better than "You cannot watch TV unless you have completed your homework.")
- Rewards and consequences should be linked to family rules. Rewards can include praises, allowances, special treats and playing games with parents or going to the park. Rewards do not have to cost anything. In fact, one of the best rewards is verbal praise. Family rules, rewards and consequences should be written and then introduced to children in a family meeting.
- Children can have input in the rules, rewards and consequences; however, parents have the final say.
- Family rules are a work in progress and can be changed or modified as necessary.
- Weekly family meetings are a good place to assess how the rules are working.
- Finally, in order for parents to be successful at implementing family rules, parents must act with consistency.

Letters

Remembering Abe Chasanow

The June 7 chautauqua about the Greenbelt News Review was excellent. I really admire the editors and staff past and present for their talents and perseverance. Thanks to Friends of the Greenbelt Museum for arranging this discussion forum.

Yet I do not remember Abraham Chasanow being called a "perpetrator" during the discussion, as reported in your June 17 article (page 12). Had I heard that comment at the chautauqua I would have challenged it.

Around the time of the lawsuit so long ago, the enemy was Charles Bresler – or rather the urban development occurring on our beloved "green belt" of woods. Abe Chasanow simply represented his client.

I prefer to remember Abraham and Helen Chasanow as early Greenbelters who helped begin, strengthen, and defend the Mishkan Torah congregation (see www.mishkantorah.org, especially the articles by Ethel Rosenzweig). They were good neighbors who raised three very accomplished children.

I prefer to remember that my dad, Bill Shields, stood up for Abe Chasanow during the awful McCarthy witch-hunt era, not just as a fellow Greenbelter but also because Abe was a fine man who helped my dad get Howard Chasanow, me and other youngsters through Boy Scouts.

I prefer to remember the Chasanows as professional realtors who helped many great families buy Greenbelt homes at a time when buying these homes instead of renting them from the government was still something new. "Perpetual use" still is a concept hard to explain – back then it was hard to explain to banks as well.

I prefer to be proud of Abe Chasanow as an attorney admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, just as Greenbelt can be proud of Judge Howard and his wife and their contributions to the field of law.

I very much regret the 1960s legal threat to the News Review and to the Skolnik family personally. But we still need to take care in the words that we use to discuss it.

Lee B. Shields

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Scholarships Offered to High School Girls

Delegate Anne Healey, District 22, Prince George's County, announced the availability of scholarships from the National Foundation for Women Legislators (NFWL). This is the seventh annual nationwide Bill of Rights Essay Contest. The focus this year will be on the Bill of Rights as they relate to female high school juniors' and seniors' vision of the American Dream.

Scholarships will be awarded to college-bound female juniors

and seniors from either the class of 2004 or 2005. The deadline for submission is September 21 and winners will be notified by October 15. The NFWL will award seven \$3,000 unrestricted scholarships, including an all-expense paid trip to the annual convention in November.

Interested applicants may download the application from the NFWL website at www.womenlegislators.org or call the NFWL at 202-293-3040 ext. 1006.

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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

Natural Gas Pump Ribbon-cutting

A brief ribbon-cutting ceremony for the city's new compressed natural gas fill pump will be held on Monday, July 19 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Public Works Facility at 555 Crescent Road, adjacent to Buddy Attick Park. This is part of the city's ongoing effort to utilize and promote the use of alternative fuels. This new facility was made possible through a generous grant from the Maryland Energy Administration.

Golden Age Club

The Golden Age Club members enjoyed bingo under the direction of Bill Souser on June 30.

Louvain Townsend was the greeter for the day and Virginia Nagel and Don Davis won the 50/50 raffle.

Joe Rimar will be signing his book "Sands of Time" at the July 14 meeting. This is Joe's second publication and we are very proud of our poet here in Greenbelt. He uses simple rhyming style with humor and events that have touched all our lives.

Karen Haseley, representing the Recreation Department, accepted a check from the club for aid for children at Camp Pine Tree. This check was funded by a yard sale the club sponsored last year and we are glad to support our younger generations.

Barracudas Score Triple

Three Greenbelt Barracuda swimmers achieved the triple first place winner status at the July 3 swim meet against the Pointer Ridge swim team. Courtney Like-Mathews (age 10) took first place in the 25-meter butterfly, 50-meter freestyle and 25-meter backstroke. Her sister, Maresa Like-Mathews (age 15) took first place in the 50-meter butterfly, 100-meter freestyle and 100-meter individual medley. Joseph Lau (age 14) won first place in the 50-meter butterfly, 50-meter breaststroke and 100-meter individual medley.

Both Courtney and Maresa Like-Mathews were also triple first place winners in the June 25 swim meet against the Theresa Banks swim team.

Water Polo

Water Polo has returned to the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center on Thursday evenings from 8 to 10 p.m. On June 24 the team had 10 players show up – six young and new, four "old vets."

New were Alyssa Howard from the Greenbelt Municipal swim team and walk-ons Marvin Osouna, Jessica Seales, Rimel Baptiste and Brittany Morton. Come to join on July 15. Call Larry Hilliard at 301-474-7504 or Clement Lau at 301-345-6110 for more information.

At the Library

Tuesday, July 20, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime, newborn to 16 months with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

11:15 a.m., 7 to 23 months, limit 15 children.

Wednesday, July 14, 2 p.m., Summer Reading Fun for ages 8 to 12, "The Amazing Lula."



Art is the key as seen in this example from an exhibit by Elizabeth Morissette's work which can be seen at the Greenbelt Arts Center through August 27.

Park Seeks Junior Rangers

Become a Greenbelt Park 2004 junior ranger. Greenbelt Park is an 1,100-acre forest with 10 miles of trails, picnic areas and a campground. Junior rangers, age 8 to 12, 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 Greenbelt Park Headquarters and Greenbelt Park Ranger Station. Pre-registration is mandatory and all applications will be reviewed. Applicants will be notified of approval.

The second session will be held on Tuesday, August 3 to Friday, August 6. Each session will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Deadline for this session is Thursday, July 28.

For more information call 301-344-3944.

GHI Notes

July 12, Companion Animal Committee, 7:30 p.m., Conference Room

Pre-Purchase Orientation, 7:15 p.m., Board Room

July 13, Marketing Committee, 7 p.m., Board Room

July 14, Woodlands Committee, 7 p.m., Board Room

July 15, Board Worksession, 7 p.m., Board Room

July 16, Architecture & Environment Committee, 2 p.m., Board Room.

Writers Group Celebrates

Celebrate summer with the Greenbelt Writers Group (GWG). The group is hosting a Midsummer's Night Reading at the regular meeting July 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. Bring a book or a poem that means summer. Also bring writing to share at the open reading. Refreshments will be provided.

In a separate room, recording will continue for GWG's oral anthology, "The Sound of Words." For more information call 301-441-8312.

Discover Austria At Explorations

The Explorations Unlimited travel video scheduled for July 16 is "Discovering Austria." Austria is a land of incomparable beauty, pageantry and music. At Innsbruck, people will ski down incredible Tyrolian Alps. Medieval villages, abbeys and monasteries on the banks of picturesque rivers and lakes will welcome the viewer. In the glass factory at Kufstein, the viewer will see the secrets of how exquisite crystal is produced. Travel down the legendary Danube and visit magnificent castles. Visit Vienna, Salzburg, Neusiedler See and Eisenerz. The music of the masters: Mozart, Hayden, Schubert, Strauss and Beethoven, is woven throughout this beautiful country. Austria offers a fantastic kaleidoscope of contrasts.

This video is one of the Explorations Unlimited travel videos being shown this summer every Friday beginning at 1 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. All videos will be shown in the Senior Lounge. Everyone is welcome to attend. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Donation Drop-off On Saturday

The city's Donation Drop-off co-sponsored by the American Rescue Workers, will be held Saturday, July 10 behind the Municipal Building from 9 a.m. to noon. Bring clean, useable clothing, small household items, curtains, towels, bedding, sheets, toys, puzzles and books. Donations will be used by needy people in Prince George's County and are tax-deductible. Donation Drop-off is held the second Saturday of each month.

Festival Notes

Two styles of "50th Festival Commemorative" T-shirts – a green tie-dye one and a plain grey one – are now available at the bake sales and also by calling Patti Brothers at 301-982-2312.

Fundraising Activities

Fundraising for the festival continues. The next bake sale will be held on the Co-op ramp on Saturday, July 10. Available also are three types of raffle tickets – for \$200 worth of Co-op groceries, for a 50/50 drawing and a raffle for a Longaberger wooden chest valued at \$400. "Proud to be American" T-shirts are still available for sale. For those who ordered Giannis pizzas and/or sweets, delivery will be on Tuesday, July 13 after 6 p.m. at the building behind Greenbelt Community Church. Other fundraising activities will be held in the near future – including a raffle for Bowie Baysox tickets.

Yard Sale

The festival committee will have a yard sale in Roosevelt Center on Saturday, July 31 beginning at 9 a.m. Donations for the sale are currently being accepted. Call Patti Brothers at the number above for pick up or for more information.

Carnival Booths

Carnival booths are available to all community groups to raise funds and make festivalgoers aware of their existence. Booths must be staffed all weekend from Friday through Monday. For information call John or Gloria Winfrey at 301-345-3794.

Information Day

Saturday, September 4, is Information Day. All groups are invited to participate as this day provides an opportunity to share their cause, mission, or product (no sales are permitted though) with festivalgoers. Any group interested in having a table at Information Day should call Dave Pitts at 301-345-9605.

Talent Show

Now is the time for all per-

formers to sign up for the annual Labor Day Festival Talent Show. The show is on Saturday, September 4, at 6 p.m. and is currently seeking all types of entertainers – singers, dancers, musicians and more. Call Dennis Lewis at 301-552-9078.

Art and Photo Shows

It is not too early to be considering submissions for the Art and Photo Shows. Future Festival Notes will have more information. Barbara Simon can be called about the art show at 301-474-2192 and Keith Zevallos can be called about the photo show at 301-345-9696.

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. 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. Nomination forms can be mailed to Robert Zugby, chair, 94 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

Business Contributions

Area businesses who 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 more information.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the committee is Tuesday, July 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Individuals interested in volunteering for this year's festival are invited to attend this meeting.

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

Star Party on July 10

The Greenbelt Astronomy Club will hold its next star party on Saturday, July 10 at Northway extended. Everyone is invited to view summer skies through members' telescopes beginning at sundown. Additional club information is available at: <http://www.greenbeltastro.org/>.

Church Dinner
Mowatt United Methodist Church
 40 Ridge Road
 will be serving a bar-b-que dinner
July 17 from 5 to 7 p.m.
 13 & up \$10, 6-12 \$7.50,
 5 & under \$5
 Tickets can be purchased at the door.

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Saturday, July 17, 1 p.m. – 10 p.m.
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It was nice to see Joe and Evelyn Costa visiting in Greenbelt. They were here from Murrieta, Calif., to help celebrate son Ken's 40th birthday with daughters Donna of College Park and Laurie of Silver Spring. Kenny, now of Portland, Ore., a husband and father of two, worked part-time in the Recreation Department when the family lived in Greenbelt.

The Costas were original (1959) residents of Lakewood and later lived in Boxwood. They were active members of St. Hugh's church before moving to California about 20 years ago. Evelyn's mother, Helen Pelczar (now deceased), also was a Greenbelt resident, known for her beautiful garden on Hillside before she moved to Green Ridge House.

After the July 4 weekend, the entire Costa family will head to New Bedford, Mass., for a reunion with other relatives and friends.

Congratulations to:

- Agnes Conaty, who became a U.S. citizen June 8, 2004, at the Fallon Federal Building in Baltimore. On July 7 Agnes celebrated her citizenship with family, friends and co-workers. The party was arranged by her husband Austin and held at the College Park Aviation Museum.

- Sequoia Austin, 12, of Ridge Road, who made the All-Star team at Coach Pat Summitt's women's basketball camp at the University of Tennessee. Sequoia will enter seventh grade at Robert Goddard Montessori School this fall.

- Greenbelter Ji Hye Kim who attends the University of Maryland and received an accounting scholarship for the spring semester. Kim earned a 3.5 grade point average.

Greenbelt to Host Moon Celebration Workshops

The Greenbelt Arts Center will host a "Greenbelt Moon" workshop, for children and their parents, on Saturday, July 17. It is free and open to the public.

The "Greenbelt Moon" workshop is one of several events worldwide taking place in the London, New Orleans, Washington, D.C. and Manila, Philippines areas, seeded by Moonfest, an international festival commemorating the first lunar walk.

The "Greenbelt Moon" events will take place from 10 a.m. to noon at the Greenbelt Arts Center, next to the post office in Roosevelt Center. Joy Jones will read from her acclaimed children's book "Tambourine Moon" and Candy Drew will perform a puppet show based on her award-winning children's play, "Luna Muna." Shelley Gillon, Moonfest founder, will lead a creativity workshop for children ages 5 to 12 and their parents using story-telling, drawing and theater games to teach moon science.

A writer and performer, Jones is also the author of "Between Black Women: Listening With The Third Ear," "Private Lessons: A Book of Meditations for Teachers" and plays staged in New York, California, and Washington, D.C. She is an Edna St. Vincent Millay Arts Colony honoree and recipient of the D.C. Mayor's service award.

Drew, a writer and graphics designer, is adapting "Luna

Muna," a children's musical, for animation as well as a book.

Gillon, a lawyer-turned-playwright, has written seven plays that have been seen on stages in New Orleans, New York and the Washington, D.C. area. She has contributed to several films and produced a series of theater showcases in New Orleans' Audubon Park.

Greenbelt Location

As Moonfest's founding director, Gillon said, "We're thrilled to have Greenbelt as a participant in Moonfest's inaugural year. In years to come we hope to add more events here because of Greenbelt's unique sense of community. It also seems to be an appropriate venue, given its proximity to NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center."

Moonfest commemorates the Apollo 11 Mission and Neil Armstrong's "giant leap for mankind" as a watershed for aging "boomers" and as a window to future space explorers and moon-gazers for generations to come.

Bible School At Mowatt

Mowatt United Methodist Church is holding a Hero Quest Vacation Bible School at the church, 40 Ridge Road, July 26 through 31 from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Each session is keyed to a Bible story and mission story, fun crafts, games and music. Call Karen Smith at 301-474-8690.

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Church Dinner To Raise Roof

On Saturday, July 17, Mowatt United Methodist Church will serve a bar-b-que dinner at the church at 40 Ridge Road. The dinner will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Traditional bar-b-que fare will be available, including coleslaw, chips, baked beans and brownies.

The bar-b-que is a fundraiser, with proceeds going toward the cost of a new roof for the church. Tickets can be purchased at the door. (See ad on page 3.)

Hear Bonsai Expert On Twilight Tour

Join a bonsai expert at the entrance to the National Bonsai and Penjing Museum at the U.S. National Arboretum on July 17 from 5 to 6 p.m. for a free, informal twilight tour.

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AIYSEP is also accepting applications for American students wishing to study abroad. For more information contact AIYSEP International Headquarters, 122 Kentucky St. Suite D, Petaluma, CA 94952. Phone 1-800-347-7575; fax 707-769-2676; or visit www.aiysep.org or email to aiysep@aol.com.


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the last four years expenditures had exceeded revenues. Before that time, he said, expenditures were below revenues for eight or nine of the previous 10 years. Williams added that council had not erred in preparing the FY04 budget and emphasized that the shortfall was so large because of major expenses such as theater purchase and the workman's compensation insurance premium.

Mayor Judith Davis questioned whether the current budget had sufficient funds allocated in light of rising utility costs. She added that careful attention would have to be paid to expenditures in the coming year. A worksession to explore ways to cut expenses may be necessary eventually, she said. Williams said departments were "doing very well" in keeping expenditures down as the end of the year approaches.

A second ordinance was adopted, again after the same suspension of the rules. This ordinance, read twice by Councilmember Konrad Herling, allows a supplemental appropriation in the Special Projects Fund of \$205,000. Most of this would cover costs for the acquisition and installation of the new phone system for city offices, a project that has spanned two fiscal years.

McLaughlin explained that the Special Projects Fund is self-funding and that the allocation would not reduce the General Fund in any way. Williams said most of the remainder of the funds would cover computer expenses, mainly those to upgrade the system used by the Recreation Department, which ran about \$20,000 over budget. The FY05 budget for computer expenses would be reduced to cover these additional costs.

Final Purchases

Council also voted unanimously to approve the purchase and installation of new radio repeaters for the police department to replace those installed in 1976 that have become unreliable. The new repeaters will boost the power of the communication signal at both ends. Funds for this purchase were included in the FY04 Replacement Fund budget, but the \$38,870 price tag exceeds \$10,000, making council approval necessary before purchase.

Sergeant James Parker told council about the police department's proposal to install an old repeater in the municipal building, which has a generator, as an emergency backup. The cost of this installation would be \$2,000. The repeater would be tested quarterly but otherwise turned on only when there was a power failure where the main repeater is located.

Parker said there are no plans to replace this secondary repeater when it completely ceases to function, although this could be reconsidered at a later date. McLaughlin added that this repeater is a "redundancy of a redundancy," since there is already a back-up repeater.

The Aquatic & Fitness Center will get new heating and air conditioning units to serve the fitness wing. Council approved acceptance of a bid from Oasis Mechanical Contractors, Inc. of Lanham to replace the units for \$27,861, less than the \$45,000 allocated in the FY04 budget to cover these replacements. Assistant City Manager David Moran told council that the company had very good references, including one from a trusted representative of a property management firm.

FY05 Preparations

Introduced for second reading and adoption by Councilmember Rodney Roberts and passed unanimously was a resolution to increase refuse collection fees. The new fee takes effect July 1.

Roberts also introduced for first reading and, with suspension of the rules, second reading and adoption an ordinance that raises fees for residential rental dwellings. The new fees are \$70 per unit for multifamily dwellings and \$135 for single-family dwellings not within a multifamily rental community.

Program Open Space

McLaughlin explained that there was a \$35,000 shortfall of funds for the skateboard park in the draft Project Open Space application prepared for submission to the county. Council could amend the application later or submit a revised application which is due June 18. Kristen Ward of the city's planning department explained that the shortfall would require a reduction in funds for another project proposed in the application and the money taken from a low-priority project planned for the more distant future. Council agreed to submit a revised application, bringing the amount planned for the skateboard park up to \$135,000.

Other Business

Christal Parker Batey described a suicide prevention campaign sponsored by Community Crisis Services, Inc. The campaign will run through the summer and culminate in free depression screenings on October 7, National Depression Screening Day. Batey said the campaign applies to all age groups but noted that the suicide rate for seniors is twice the national average. One goal of the campaign, she said, is to educate people about behaviors and signs that may be indicative of a suicide.

Council also approved a letter to county Fire Chief Ronald Blackwell protesting changes in career firefighters staffing throughout the county. The letter would be jointly signed by Davis and the mayors of Berwyn Heights, College Park and New Carrollton. McLaughlin said Chief Brian Rudy told him that deficiencies are occurring during the 3 to 5 p.m. time slot when career staffers are gone and volunteers have not yet arrived on duty from their day jobs. Council directed McLaughlin to set up a meeting with Blackwell in July.

City Notes

The week of June 28 all work was with an eye to the Fourth of July celebration. Buddy Attick Park was cleaned, trees and hazardous branches pruned, equipment repaired and the path around the lake repaired. Department employees were on duty beginning at 5 a.m. Sunday morning to set up traffic patterns and parking, receive delivery of the fireworks and assist the police and Recreation Department. The celebration culminated in the fireworks display presented by staff at dusk on July 5, after rainy weather forced a postponement.

The streets crew painted parking lines in the lots at Buddy Attick Park, spread more than 50 tons of crushed stone along the path at Buddy Attick Park, repaired the nets at the Braden tennis courts and bought plywood for the bandstand and wooden stakes and tarps for July Fourth. The crew also blacktopped the path at the Braden tennis courts where the new drain was installed and removed the flowerbed at Hanover Parkway and Greenbelt Road in preparation for laying porous pavers.

The parks crew cut grass and brush along the shoulders of Hanover Parkway, Crescent Road, Cherrywood Lane and the path around the Lake Park; repaired the grills at the Lake Park; installed a split-rail fence around the new playground at Schrom Hills Park; cleared brush along the path to the Gladys Spellman Overpass; installed a plaque on an Adopt-a-Bench in Roosevelt Center and made minor repairs to playground equipment at several locations.

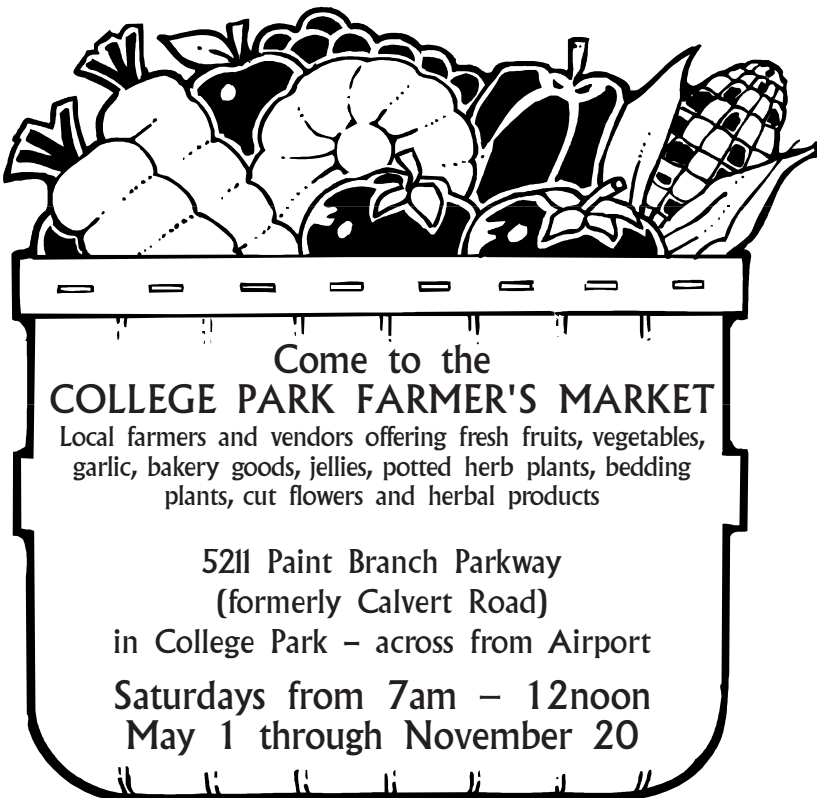
The horticulture crew worked all week at the Lake Park weeding and pruning the Wetlands Education Center, pruning and removing dead and hazardous branches and fencing the plants at the entrance in preparation for July 4.

Recreation Dept.

At the Aquatic and Fitness Center rescue was performed last week to a bather who swam into deep water and panicked. Two separate thefts from unlocked lockers occurred. Cashiers are reminding all patrons to use locks.

Greenbelt CARES

The Strengthening Families Program at Springhill Lake Elementary held its graduation June 24. Mayor pro tem Rodney Roberts distributed graduation certificates to participating family members. In all, nine parents and nine children completed the 14-week program. A second session is scheduled for fall at the school.



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- 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.*

Meetings for July 12 - July 17

Monday, July 12, 8:00pm, COUNCIL WORK SESSION, re: Clergy/Religious Organizations (stakeholder) at Municipal Building. (Live on Channel 71)

Wednesday, July 14, 8:00pm, COUNCIL WORK SESSION, re: Skateboard Park Concept, at Community Center.

CITY JOB OPENINGS

Office Associate II Part-time: \$11.26/hr., M-F, 7:30 am to 1:30 pm for the Public Works Dept.; H.S. Diploma or GED; ability to handle clerical & receptionist duties; must have ability to take accurate and clear messages; learn street routes throughout Greenbelt; must enjoy working with the public; must have good organizational skills, proficiency with Windows, Word and Excel required.

Apply: City of Greenbelt Personnel, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt; download our Employment Application from our website (www.ci.greenbelt.md.us) or call job-line at 301-474-1872 to request required application.

The City of Greenbelt, Department of Recreation seeks a part-time **Visual Arts Specialist (15 hrs. week), Ceramics Specialist (15 hrs. week), and Darkroom Manager (6 hrs. week).** All 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 pays \$12/hr. 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 and at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland.

INVITATION TO BID: The City of Greenbelt is seeking sealed bids for the purchase of a Multi-Compartment Rear-Loader Refuse Truck. Specifications for Bid 2004-4 may be picked up or faxed from the Finance Department, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD. The City requests that interested bidders submit a trade-in cost for our old rear-loader refuse truck, a 1987 Ford L-8000 diesel, with a Leach 2R11, 2057, 25-yard packer. For any questions, please call Jay Leonard, City Mechanic or Kenny Hall, Director of Public Works at 301-345-9334. Bids must be **RECEIVED** no later than 7/23/04 at 10:00am. Bids will be opened on Friday, July 23, 2004 at 10:15am in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD, 20770.

DONATION DROP-OFF

**Saturday, July 10th
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

**Parking lot between the City Office and the
Community Center**

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

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

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS 301-474-8000: Monday, July 12 at 8:00pm: Council Work Session with Greenbelt Clergy "live," **Tuesday & Thursday, July 13 & 15: 10am & 6pm** "Ask the Expert How to Avoid a Scam," **6:45pm** "DARE Graduations for Springhill Lake Elementary & Greenbelt Elementary."
PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, July 14 & 16: 7:00pm "Flutar w/Zena Chang."

Greenbelt Celebrates Independence Day in a Grand Way



On right and left, Greenbelt 5th of July fireworks as seen from the 7th floor of Charles-towne North Apartments.

Photos by Agnes Conaty



Greenbelt Public Works employees making final preparations for the July 5th fireworks display.

Turfgrass Field Day Hosted by UM

The University of Maryland Turfgrass Research Facility will host a free field day and open house on Wednesday, July 14 from 8:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Located across University Boulevard from the College Park campus, the facility will showcase research projects that are primarily oriented to professional turf managers but which homeowners may also find interesting.

Beginning at 9 a.m., morning tours will focus on research projects related to managing turf on home lawns, sports fields and commercial sites, including: a performance comparison of lawn seed mixes; crabgrass and clover control; bentgrass suppression and national cultivar evaluations of tall fescue, Kentucky bluegrass, fine fescue, zoysia grass and Bermuda grass.

Afternoon tours begin at 3 p.m. and will highlight research related to golf course management.

All through the day, local distributors will host an outdoor exhibit of turfgrass machinery and products with live demonstrations.

A highlight of the event will be the noon dedication of a new Plant Preparation Building by Dr. Bruce Gardner, dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. The new building includes a small greenhouse and workspace to support turf research and education.

Butterfly Hikes For Young People

A guided three-mile hike on "Butterflies: Nature's Festival of Color" will be offered Saturday, July 17 and Sunday, July 25 between 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. at the Patuxent Research Refuge North Tract, for children and young people older than 10 years. Discover the role that butterflies play in the ecosystem and learn to identify several common to Maryland.

A field guide is recommended. Bring drinking water.

The North Tract is located on Rt. 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 32 in Laurel.

The program is free but advance registration is necessary; call 301-497-5887.

Daylily Flower Show at Brookside

The National Capital Daylily Club will be holding its annual flower show on Sunday, July 11 from 1:30 to 5 p.m. The show is located at the Brookside Gardens Visitor Center at 1800 Glenallan Avenue in Wheaton. Come see the newest designer daylilies on display. Daylily experts will be on hand to answer questions. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend. For directions and information call 301-962-1400 or visit website www.daylilyclub.org.

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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.

Injured Child

June 30, 7:30 p.m., a two-year-old child was injured when he fell 12 to 15 feet out of a second-floor window in the 6000 block of Springhill Drive, apparently after pushing out a window screen. The child was transported by ambulance to Children's Hospital for injuries that appeared to be non-life threatening.

Assault

June 27, 10:22 p.m., 6000 block Breezewood Drive, a man reported that he was involved in an argument with another man, who assaulted him with a broken bottle. The victim was transported to the hospital for treatment of lacerations to his arms, face and back. The suspect is described as a black male 19 to 20 years of age, 6' with a thin build, brown eyes and black hair, wearing a gray, long-sleeve shirt and blue jeans.

July 2, 1:58 a.m., a resident and a nonresident man were arrested and each charged with two counts of assault, concealed deadly weapon, disorderly conduct, failure to obey a lawful order and resisting arrest. The nonresident man was also charged with concealing a deadly weapon. A second nonresident man was arrested and charged with assault and disorderly conduct. Arriving at the rear parking lot of Willy K's, the officer observed the three suspects engaged in a fight. As he attempted to break up the fight, two of the men punched the officer. All three were released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Indecent Exposure

June 29, 5:17 p.m., a woman reported that when she walked into an office building in the 7200 block of Hanover Parkway she observed a man in a nearby stairwell who exposed himself to her and fled the scene on foot. He is described as a black male, 32 to 37 years of age, 5'10", 180 pounds, wearing a black

skullcap, gray tank-top shirt, gray shorts and white sneakers.

Malicious Destruction

June 25, 6:42 p.m., a Greenbelt youth was arrested for malicious destruction after he was observed breaking a window at Springhill Lake Elementary School. He was released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

Theft

June 18, 10:31 p.m., a woman reported that a man entered her residence in the 6100 block of Springhill Terrace under the premise that he was a maintenance man sent to make a repair. He left without making any repairs; the victim later realized that a photograph of her was missing.

Burglary

June 26, 7:44 p.m., 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive, commercial burglary.

Vehicle Crimes

Six vehicles were stolen: a 2002 Ford truck from the 6000 block Breezewood Drive; a white 2004 Toyota Rav4 truck, Maryland tags 168M439 from the 7400 block Greenway Center Drive; a black 1995 Dodge Neon 2-door, Maryland tags MAR374 from the 9300 block Edmonston Road; a black 1988 Mercedes 420SL 4-door, Maryland tags GTJ931 from the 7700 block Hanover Parkway; a 1992 Mazda 929 4-door and a black 2005 Nissan Altima 4-door, Maryland temporary tags 31459K, both from Beltway Plaza Mall.

Three vehicles were recovered by other than Greenbelt police; no arrests were made.

Vandalisms to, thefts from or attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 9100 block Edmonston Road, 9100 block Edmonston Court, 6200 block Springhill Drive, 6200 block Springhill Court, 5900 block Cherrywood Lane, 7700 block Lakecrest Drive, 6900 block Hanover Parkway, 7200 block South Ora Court, 7800 block Emily's Way and 7800 block Vanity Fair Drive.

K-9 Competition

On June 18 and 19 members of the Greenbelt K-9 Unit participated in the United States Police Canine Association's K-9 Regional Team Competition in Martinsburg, W. Va. The unit finished third in the team competition, with Corporal Robert Musterman and partner Cigo placing fifth overall, second in criminal apprehension and fifth in obedience. MPO Mike Dewey and partner Duke placed second in agility. MPO Marvin "Randy" Marks, who competed in the novice division, finished first overall, placing first in criminal apprehension and second in agility among first time competitors.

Rent Rebate Deadline Sept. 1

The Renter's Tax Credit Program is a plan that provides property tax credits for renters who meet certain requirements. The plan was modeled after and designed to be similar in principle to the Homeowner's Tax Credit Program.

It is based upon the relationship between rent and income. If the portion of rent attributable to the assumed taxes exceeds a fixed amount in relation to income, the renter can, under specified conditions, receive a credit of up to \$600.

This credit is paid as a direct check from the State of Maryland. This program is open to renters 60+ or 100 percent disabled or for those under 60 with at least one dependent under 18.

People who would like to receive an application or have additional questions related to the Maryland Renter's Rebate, may call 1-800-944-7403 or visit the Maryland State Department of Assessment and Taxation at <http://www.dat.state.md.us>. The application deadline is September 1.

Cell Phone Law

Greenbelters who are cell phone users regularly drive in D.C., are reminded that as of July 1, a new law making it illegal to drive in the District of Columbia while using a cell phone without using a hands-free device is in force. The fine is up to \$100, though warning tickets will be issued until August. A similar law is expected to be introduced in the Maryland legislature next session.

MVA Announces Changes

The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) announces the regionalization of the driver license and identification card process for out-of-country customers (those presenting foreign documentation). Effective July 1, only seven MVA branch offices (Bel Air, Beltsville, Frederick, Gaithersburg, Glen Burnie, Salisbury and Waldorf) will operate as regional processing centers for all out-of-country applications.

Documentation review, the law test and the skills test will now occur on the same day, reducing to one the number of MVA visits required. Appointments are necessary and can be made by calling toll-free 800-950-1MVA. For additional information visit www.marylandmva.com.

Efficient A.C. Units Help Fight Pollution

This summer, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is encouraging Americans to save energy and money and protect the environment by increasing the efficiency of home cooling systems.

The average family spends \$1,400 a year on energy bills, nearly half of which goes to heating and cooling. Homeowners who choose energy-efficient heating and cooling equipment that is properly installed can save as much as 20 percent on their annual energy costs. The EPA labels energy efficient equipment with an Energy Star label.

Energy Star products use less energy, which means less air pollution and a cleaner environment. In fact, if one in 10 U.S. households used heating and cooling equipment that has the Energy Star label, some 17 billion pounds of air pollution would be prevented. The Energy Star is featured on more than 40 types of products, from light bulbs to major appliances to new homes and buildings.

Homeowners can save money this summer by following some simple tips: replace old cooling equipment with high-efficiency Energy Star equipment; conduct annual tune-ups; check and seal duct systems; replace old air filters and seal homes to keep excess air from escaping through leaky attics, doors and windows.

For a copy of EPA's Guide to Energy-Efficient Cooling and Heating and more information about home cooling system efficiency improvements visit <http://www.energystar.gov/hvacguide>.

Homeland Security Municipal Grants

Prince George's County Executive Jack Johnson has announced creation of a new grants program that will help all 27 municipalities in buying emergency preparedness equipment. The City of Greenbelt will receive a \$20,000 grant. Speaking at the annual Prince George's County Municipal Association Scholarship Breakfast, Johnson said, "Because of our proximity to Washington, D.C. we all have to be more prepared today than in any other time in our history. But as we all know, preparedness costs money and resources. We found a way to help you pay for some of your equipment and training."

Grants are based on the population of each municipality. The money is part of a federal grant to reimburse governments for emergency preparedness expenditures.

Johnson said the county's Office of Homeland Security will administer the grants. Each of the 27 municipalities will be given specific reimbursement eligibility requirements for equipment, exercises, training and planning related to terrorist attacks or natural disasters.

Free Jazz Concert At U.S. Capitol

The Marine Corps Jazz Combo will offer a free concert on Wednesday, July 14 at 8 p.m. on the lower west terrace of the U.S. Capitol building in Washington, D.C. For information call 202-225-6827 or check the website at www.senate.gov.

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Feral Friends Hold Free Class Sunday

Free-roaming cats in the neighborhood? Prince George's Feral Friends, Inc. (PGFF) is offering a free class in effective and non-lethal approaches for addressing this important concern. Several important health care issues will also be covered. This class is free and open to the public. Meet in the Safeway Community Room, Bowie Town Center on Sunday, July 11 from 2 to 4 p.m. See <http://www.pgferals.org> or call 301-262-6452 for directions or more information about this meeting.

This class will be followed by hands-on workshops in Humane Trapping Techniques and Feral Cat Socialization. Come to the meeting for more information on workshops.

Have a Disaster Kit on Hand

Greenbelt's Public Safety Advisory Committee recommends that residents keep a disaster supply kit handy. They recommend that the kit include: enough food and water for three days (rotate these periodically so they stay fresh); a first aid kit including prescription drugs, if needed; a portable, battery-operated radio or television with ample spare batteries; a flashlight with fresh, spare batteries; a hand-operated can opener; cash, including change for vending machines; a cell phone and contact list; vital documents (such as insurance policies, legal documents, etc.); extra house keys and a complete change of clothes (including shoes).

Depression, Suicide Are Risks in the Elderly

by Christal Batey

Although major depression is a significant predictor of suicide in elderly Americans, it is a widely under-recognized and under-treated medical illness. Often older adults who later committed suicide have visited their doctors close to the time of that tragic event.

Older Americans are more likely than those in other age groups to commit suicide. Although comprising only 13 percent of the U.S. population, individual ages 65 and older account for 20 percent of all suicide deaths. The highest rate is for white males over age 85. The incidence in this age group far surpasses other national averages.

It is estimated that approximately two million Americans 65 and over suffer from some form of depression. This is not the normal feelings of sadness, grief or loss. It is extreme and persistent and can interfere significantly with an individual's ability to function. Less severe forms of depression are also common among the elderly and are associated with an increased risk of developing into major depression.

Not every depressed person experiences all of the signs of depression. But the presence of a cluster of these signs should arouse concern and should lead to

Self-evaluation

1. I am unable to do the things I used to do.
2. I feel hopeless about the future.
3. I can't make decisions.
4. I feel sluggish or restless.
5. I am gaining or losing weight.
6. I get tired for no reason.
7. I am sleeping too much, or too little.
8. I feel unhappy.
9. I become irritable or anxious.
10. I think about dying or killing myself.

seeking help for oneself or for a family member of acquaintance.

The most common signs of depression are: sad discouraged mood; feeling blue or empty; persistent pessimism about the present, past and future; loss of interest in work, hobbies, social life, sex, friends, family; lack of energy and feeling slowed down; thoughts of suicide; restlessness and irritability; loss of appetite and loss of weight; disturbed sleep, especially early morning awakening and depressive, gloomy or desolate dreams.

Self-evaluations (see box) are valuable in assessing one's mood over a period of time although they are not substitutes for an actual diagnosis. For that one

needs to see a health care professional for a more thorough evaluation.

Anyone who answers "yes" to five or more of these questions and has felt this way most days for the last several weeks is probably suffering from depression and should see a mental health professional.

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House of Delegates Offers Scholarships

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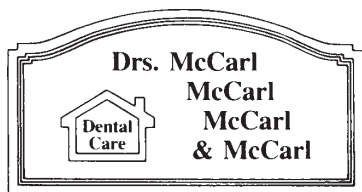
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Insects & Gardens In the Public Eye

USDA Research Entomologist Dr. Eric Grissell will describe interplay between insects and garden plants in a free lecture Friday, July 16, noon to 1:30 p.m. at the U.S. Botanic Garden, at 100 Maryland Avenue, SW, at the foot of the U.S. Capitol. A book sale and signing will follow. Pre-registration is required. Call 202-226-4082 or visit <http://www.usbg.gov/education/events>.

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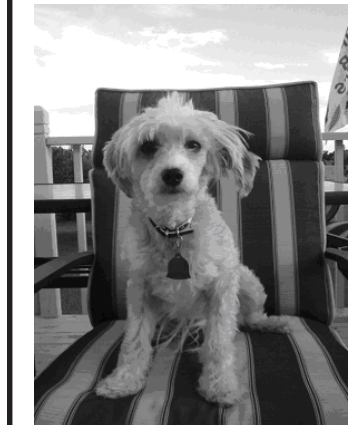
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Photo after presentation of a Letter of Appreciation to Nyssa Cummings, by Katherine Curl, principal of Greenbelt Elementary School (GES). Cummings graduated from the Cooperative Career Education program at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. She served as a daily volunteer in the GES media center and computer labs. Left to right: Katherine Curl, Christy Carmichael (media specialist), Nyssa Cummings, Wendy Geagan (technology specialist). They are standing in front of one of Cummings' projects – "Wonderful Words with Multiple Meanings" in the main school hallway.

A Review

"9/11" Sells Out in Greenbelt

by Eli Flam

On opening night for "Fahrenheit 9/11" – Friday, June 25 – lines for the Old Greenbelt Theatre stretched to the Co-op market and past the New Deal Café. Two showings in a row sold out all seats for the first time since the theater opened in 1938, with 500 seats (now 393). By week's end, some 4,400 customers had seen documentary-maker Michael Moore's anti-Bush docu-polemic, more than four times the average attendance. ("The Passion of Christ" averaged 2,800 for its five weeks of screenings.)

The show goes on, with extra daily screenings and a third and fourth week in sight, reports Paul C. Sanchez, president of P&G Theatres, Inc. Will "9/11" beat the longevity mark, 11 straight weeks by "My Big Fat Greek Wedding"? It's too early to tell; each Monday, after the initial commitment of four weeks for "Fahrenheit," management opts on requesting a subsequent week. Key factors to consider: Will sales reach the break-even mark of \$3,000? Is another film available that would outdraw "9/11"? How are the other 15 screens of P&G doing? (One, the Avalon in Chevy Chase, has set attendance records with "9/11" too – and had a benefit screening for John Kerry, the presumptive Democratic candidate for President against the Republican's incumbent George Bush. The film started out on more than 20 area screens and nationwide had roughly doubled to show in 1,725 theaters by early this week.)

"In this business," said Sanchez, "you never know what will do well." Since re-opening the site in 1990, he added, help from Friends of the Old Greenbelt Theatre, the city itself and others has been essential: "It's a group effort."

The other night, several viewers coming out at 7 p.m. gave their reactions in the theater lobby.

"Excellent!" declared one woman and again: "Excellent!"

It was her second visit and she planned to buy the DVD when it comes out.

An older couple seemed almost stunned. "Extremely moving," said the woman, then, tears in her eyes, turned to the gray-haired man. "Larry . . .," she said, and put a hand on his shoulder. They walked away slowly; perhaps the woman was most affected by the strong emotions of a woman from a military family in Moore's hometown of Flint, Mich. Initially she supports the war in Iraq; then her son, a soldier who becomes disillusioned over there, is killed and she brings her grief to the hub of Washington, D.C.

A pair of younger women from Greenbelt in the lobby called "Fahrenheit 9/11" scary; a couple from Silver Spring found it powerful. "We loved it," said the woman. "It gave us lots of information, more than we expected, especially about the oil connections."

Moore, often the narrator, bulks less on camera than in his previous films, such as "Bowling for Columbine" and "Roger and Me." But his pervasive criticism of George W. Bush and his presidency is relentless. Rated R, it bashes Bush on his questionable election, abundant vacations, suspicious family/business ties with Saudi Arabia and, post-9/11, the war on terrorism and war in Afghanistan and Iraq, with aggressive military recruiting tactics at home. One reviewer says it works best when "sharing the stories that don't make the news," such as the mother from Flint. Another says that fellow viewers in Boston "weren't watching the movie, they were rooting for it." Ditto in Greenbelt.

Over the last year, reports long-time projectionist Bob Haupt, the average showing on Centerway has been two and a half weeks. "Fahrenheit 9/11" has been hot and making an impact. How long will it last?

M-NCPPC Compiling Artist Registry

A performing artists registry is being developed by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Department of Parks and Recreation Arts and Cultural Heritage Division.

The Arts and Cultural Heritage Division, recognizing the importance of a comprehensive listing of performing artists and companies, is conducting a survey. Three primary reasons for creating the registry are to inventory the rich heritage of the performing arts in the county, to use the information to re-tool the 30 year-old educational program entitled "Art's Alive," using Prince George's County artists and to provide public access to the general public through a comprehensive listing of working performers in the county.

"Arts Alive" is a program that provides performing arts to schools that enhance and support the curriculum and the educational experience of children in public and private schools.

The three-page survey can be accessed online at <http://www.pgpc.com> – Arts Programs – Arts Survey. For additional information contact the Arts and Cultural Heritage Division at 301-454-1459; TTY 301-454-1472.

"Comedy of Errors" Is at Watkins Park

Shakespeare in the Park will present "A Comedy of Errors" on Thursday, July 15 at 7:30 p.m. at Watkins Regional Park in Upper Marlboro. In case of rain, the performance will be held at the Kettering-Largo Community Center, 431 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro. For information contact 301-454-1450. TTY 301-454-1472. This is a free event.

Visit Old Towne Bowie Saturday

On Saturday, July 10, from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., celebrate Antique Bike Day at A&M Cycle, 13002 Ninth Street (Rt. 564) in Old Towne Bowie. One hundred years of biking, 1887 to 1987, will be featured. See bicycles that have been restored and displayed at the Smithsonian Museum. See high wheelers from 1887, the first safety bike from 1890, an 1891 tricycle and a paratrooper bike from the 1940s. See different muscle bikes from the early '60s. There are over 60 restored and original condition bicycles. Call Michael DeNardo at 301-262-4343.

The Annapolis Bicycle Club is sponsoring a free bike ride from 9 a.m. to noon beginning in front of A&M Cycle. Call Jerry Iacouzza 301-464-4513.

Families can also tour the Railroad Museum, 8614 Chestnut Avenue from noon to 4 p.m. Call 301-805-4616.

At the Old Towne Village Green, 11000 Ninth Street, from 2 to 4 p.m. there will be a free summer concert featuring Moonlighters/Blues and Oldies. Call 301-262-6200.

Films to Celebrate Greatest Generation

The College Park Aviation Museum will serve complimentary popcorn and lemonade at a movie series, WWII Hollywood Style, presented at 2 p.m. July 12 through 16. On July 12 the film will be "Memphis Belle"; "Spitfire" will be shown on July 13; "Dam Busters" will be featured on July 14 followed by "Tuskegee Airmen" on July 15. "Battle of Britain" will round out the series on July 16.

The films are free with regular museum admission. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

The museum reserves the right to use photographs taken on site in publicity and programming.

The museum is located at 1985 Corporal Frank Scott Dr. in College Park.

Montpelier Summer Concerts Continue

The 26th annual Montpelier summer concert series will continue with a free performance on Friday, July 9 at the Montpelier Mansion grounds on Route 197 at Montpelier Drive in Laurel. Parking also is free; no tickets or reservations are needed.

From 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., 50-plus members of the Maryland Community Band from the University of Maryland will play a variety of Broadway songs, marches and light classics. Bring a friend, picnic, blanket or chair for the outdoor performance on the mansion's west lawn. Additional concerts will be held on Fridays July 16, 30 and August 13.

Heavy rain will cause the concert to be canceled. Check after 5 p.m. July 9 at 301-953-7882.

Enjoy Summer Fun At Marietta House

Marietta House Museum will present three Sundays of 19th Century Summer Fun for children in kindergarten through sixth grade on July 18, August 1 and August 8 from 2 to 4 p.m. Reservations are required. There is a small fee per child per session. Call 301-464-5291, TTY 301-699-2544 to register or for more information.

The July 18 program, entitled "Exploring the Plantation" involves mapping the grounds of Marietta and creating a farm mobile. On August 1, "A Day at the Races" will include horse care and grooming, race preparation and making stick horses. August 8 is a "Sunday Social on the Lawn" where children will assist the house slaves with tea preparation, meet the Duvall neighbors and enjoy tea and lawn games.

Marietta House Museum is located at 5626 Bell Station Road, Glenn Dale, off Route 193 and just north of Route 450/Annapolis Road.

Orchestra and Chorus Perform in Concert

The University of Maryland Summer Chorus will present Gabriel Fauré's beloved "Requiem" and a work, "Cloudburst," by the contemporary American composer Eric Whitacre on Saturday, July 17 at 8 p.m. Augmenting a chorus of over 100 members and an orchestra of student and professional talent in the area will be the nationally recognized UM faculty soloist James Stern on violin. Rising stars Curtis Kinzey and Siri Howard will perform the baritone and soprano solos respectively and Scott Hanoian, guest organist from the National Cathedral, will accompany the Festival Orchestra from behind the console. The concert, under the direction of Patrick Walders, will be presented in Dekelboum Concert Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center on the College Park campus. Admission is free, no tickets required. For more information call 301-405-5571.

Drop-in for Arts At College Park

Each month a unique arts or crafts project will be highlighted at the free Arts Drop-in Program in College Park. Projects throughout the year will include collage, paintings, mobiles, ornaments and murals. All materials will be provided free of charge. Finger paints will also be available for children who are very young. The next program is Sunday, July 11 at 2 p.m. at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road.

The Arts Drop-in Program is ideal for children ages three to eight, though everyone is welcome. All children must be accompanied by an adult. To learn more, call Eve Muller at 301-927-3013.

Local Physician Has Photos Displayed

Dr. Stephan Werner, physician, peripatetic traveler and raconteur, whose photographic works have previously been known only to a few friends is having his first one-man show at Doctor's Community Hospital. The show will continue through July.

Twenty-some photographs of scenes from China, Peru, Costa Rica, Israel and the United States present his fascination with color and form and his dynamic world view.

Predominantly self-taught, Werner's training consisted of converting olive jars into vases with his artist mother's oil paints. He has dabbled in copper sculpture, mostly fountains, and stained glass, creating calderesque mobiles.

He has traveled widely with his wife Ann and family, always with several cameras at hand. Dr. Werner practices medicine in Greenbelt East.

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