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City Council Unanimously Opposes AIMCO's Preliminary Plan for SHL

by Thomas X. White

Following the presentations and a public hearing on the city's proposed Fiscal Year 2007 Budget at the regular meeting of council on May 22, council devoted more than three hours to consideration of the proposed Preliminary Plan of Subdivision (PPS) for the Apartment and Investment Management Corporation (AIMCO) redevelopment of the Springhill Lake (SHL) property. Heading into this meeting, council had been confronted with conflicting recommendations by its Advisory Planning Board (APB) and the city Planning and Community Development staff.

APB recommended that council approve the plan with about five conditions. The staff recommendation was to strongly oppose it.

It was crunch time for council for this agenda item, which had to consider the APB report; the report from the city's planning department; comments from representatives of the property owner, AIMCO; and to receive comments from several interested citizens. Perhaps the die was cast, however, when just after Terri Hruby, Greenbelt's assistant

County Action

The Prince George's County Planning Board considered AIMCO's Preliminary Plan of Subdivision for Springhill Lake at its meeting on May 25 and denied approval for the Preliminary Plan of Subdivision based on the recommendation of the board's technical staff. The next step for the project will be up to AIMCO.

planner and the staff person responsible for the staff review of the plan application, told council, by way of introduction, that the proposed plan had not changed since council received a briefing at the council meeting on May 8. Councilmember Rodney Roberts offered a motion that council support the staff report and communicate strong opposition to the Preliminary Plan of Subdivision to the Prince George's County Planning Board. Roberts' motion was seconded by Councilmember Konrad Herling and that set the stage for the ensuing discussion.

APB Report

George Branyon, chairman of

the APB, analyzed four major issues. First were environmental issues associated with 22 variation requests sought by AIMCO. The report notes that, "while 50 percent of the requests are associated with demolishing existing structures and restoring the area to a natural state, there are 2.24 acres of impacts with new building/infrastructure improvements. Of particular interest to the board are the permanent impacts to environmentally-sensitive areas associated with new multi-family buildings and two major road crossings of such areas being proposed for access."

Road Crossings

In weighing the environmental impacts associated with the road crossings against the functional values of the crossings, the board recommended that they be allowed. (The city staff recommended that only one crossing be allowed.) The board report also noted that AIMCO should consider a wider range of so-called Low Impact Development techniques at the time of detailed site planning. They suggested

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Greenbelt Day Weekend Honors History with Activities

by Mary Moien and Judy Bell

Greenbelt is celebrating its 69th anniversary on Greenbelt Day June 5 during a whole weekend of festivities. Greenbelt is now a relatively large and diverse city and many newcomers may not be aware of the history that is being celebrated. The following summary is taken from the Prince George's County historical marker that can be found at the Southway entrance to the city:

"Greenbelt was the first of three planned garden towns built and owned by the U.S. Government during the administration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. It was a "New Deal" experiment in community planning, of note to urban planners throughout the world. The 885 original homes were built in a series of clusters, joined by interior walkways and circling central business, civic and recreation facilities.

"Greenbelt was incorporated

June 1, 1937, as the first Maryland city with council-manager government. In 1952, the residents of the community formed a cooperative and purchased most of the government-built houses. By 1954, the U.S. Government had sold all developed property and most vacant land. While many new neighborhoods are also included in the present city, the original planned community continues as a cooperative."

The annual celebration takes place on the first weekend in June and includes activities and festivities starting early Friday, June 2 and continuing through Sunday evening. Mayor Judith Davis and city councilmembers will commemorate the anniversary with a brief presentation on Sunday at 2:50 p.m. at the Community Center.

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Capitol Cadillac Reveals Plans Expanding Dealership

by Elaine Skolnik

Two additional buildings displaying Hummer and Pontiac/Buick/GMC automobiles will join the existing Capitol Cadillac dealership on the east side of the Golden Triangle Office Park. A tract of 57 acres, the Golden Triangle is bounded by Greenbelt Road, Kenilworth Avenue and the Capital Beltway.

In 1977 the County Commissioners approved plans for the car dealership on six and a half acres and in 1979 the Capitol Cadillac agency, the first project on the Triangle, opened its doors. Later the dealership expanded with the addition of 20 new service bays.

In June 2001 Capitol Cadillac expressed to the Greenbelt City Council an interest in expanding its operations onto the adjacent vacant State Highway Administration (SHA) land to the east.

Today Capitol Cadillac's vision for expanding its operations

is close to being realized. The additional SHA land, 4.07 acres, required for the new showrooms and a vehicle storage lot, was acquired by Capitol Cadillac in 2004.

According to Daniel Jobe, owner and president of Capitol Cadillac, the land on which the two 28,740 square foot buildings are sited is owned by Cuz Real Estate Management which includes Jobe and family members. Jobe pointed out that his father and grandfather had been connected to the early Washington area Capitol Cadillac dealership. "We have celebrated our 25th anniversary in Greenbelt," he explained, adding that in 1979 the Washington, D.C., Capitol Cadillac dealership closed and moved to the Golden Triangle. Jobe noted that the county has

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City Council Honors Many, Listens To Some and Plans for New Parks

by Thomas X. White

City presentations and a wide variety of other issues kept the Greenbelt City Council busy at its regular meeting on Monday, May 22. Starting on time at 8 p.m. that evening, the meeting lasted until just after 1 a.m. The presentations to several worthy individuals, groups and causes took most of the first hour and redevelopment plans for Springhill Lake occupied the bulk of the remaining four hours. Anything else on the agenda that evening was handled expeditiously.

Council made five presentations to Greenbelt organizations, citizens, city staff and departments. First off, in honor of the upcoming Memorial Day commemorations, representatives of the Greenbelt American Legion Auxiliary made their annual presentation of poppies to honor those serving in the U.S. armed services who had given their lives. Melanie Pope, this

year's Legion "Junior Miss Poppy" presented the symbolic flowers. Rosita Dietrich, president of the Post's auxiliary, read the poem "In Flanders Field" commemorating those who died in World War I.

Next, another Greenbelt "miss" was honored by council. Elaine Perry of Woodland Hills was appointed an honorary Greenbelt Animal Control Officer and presented with an animal control officer badge as a token of the city's appreciation for her (and her family's) support of the Greenbelt Animal Control program.

LSA Award

In recognition of life-saving actions taken by Greenbelt Parking Control Officer John Wojcik in an incident on Greenbelt Road last April 23, Mayor Judith Davis, on behalf of council, presented Wojcik with a Life Saving Award (LSA). While driving eastbound on Greenbelt Road that day, Officer Wojcik observed a man walking head-on into traffic. He immediately called for police back-up and took action to get his vehicle between the man and an on-coming dump truck. He then exited his vehicle to restrain the man.

Council credited Officer

Wojcik's quick action with saving the man's life and averting a serious traffic accident. In addition to the medal, Wojcik received an LSA pin, a plaque from the city and a coveted Greenbelt wristwatch.

For the sixth time, Greenbelt has been designated a "Tree City USA." The award is co-sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation, the National Association of State Foresters and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service. Although notified of the award, the city has not yet received the associated plaque. That did not deter council from giving due recognition to the city's Advisory Committee on Trees (ACT).

ACT member Charles Jackman and Deputy Superintendent of Public Works Bill Phelan accepted the recognition. When Davis asked how many new trees have been planted this year, Phelan struggled a bit in his response and was bailed out by the city manager, who said it was 265.

Public Works Week

With Phelan at the podium, Davis read an annual proclamation marking May 21 to 27 as Public Works Week. Since 1960,

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ICC Bulletin

The Federal Highway Administration placed its stamp of approval on the ICC on May 30. (See story on page 10.)



PHOTO BY MARY MOIEN

A row of floral wreaths stands in line after the Greenbelt Memorial Day commemoration.

Editorial

Thanks for Remembering

Each year the Greenbelt American Legion Post #136 and other veterans groups hold remembrance ceremonies at the city's War Memorial off Centerway near Roosevelt Center. These ceremonies commemorating those who have served their country and in some cases given their lives, are typical of countless other ceremonies held throughout the land in small towns and large cities. Although simple in format, the presentation of colors, the singing of the National Anthem and repeating the Pledge of Allegiance, with a few remarks and the presentation of wreaths, the ceremonies are eloquent in expressing the appreciation of many Greenbelters toward those who have served and now serve.

Our thanks to those who make certain that we remember.



PHOTO BY MARY MOIEN

Scores of "Rolling Thunder" participants roll out of Greenbelt American Legion Post #136 Sunday morning as they head for the Vietnam Memorial on the National Mall.

Correction

Bat Mitzvah was misspelled in last week's Our Neighbors column. The News Review regrets the error.

Clarification

The funds presented to GHI by John Henry Jones on behalf of the members of the Greenbelt Garden Club were given in "longtime appreciation of GHI and to assist in beautification of the area," according to Luis R. Vazquez, co-chairperson of the Greenbelt Garden Club. The funds are from all of the Garden Club members, many of whom garden elsewhere than the plots on Hamilton Place. The presentation was included in last week's GHI annual meeting article.

ACTIVITIES

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Every day there will be many activities to enjoy. People can swim all weekend in both the indoor and outdoor pools. Many ball games will take place during the weekend at Braden and McDonald fields.

Greenbelt artist Barbara Tyroler will have an exhibit at the Aquatic Center. Over in the Community Center "Greenbelt Impressions," an exhibit of recent photographs by University of Maryland students (instructor Barbara Tyroler) is on view. Also on display is "A Stereoscopic Journey Through the Land of Uz: A Photographic Installation by Dan Schlapbach."

At 10 a.m. on Saturday the Greenbelt King TUT 13 and Under Triathlon will be held. The three-sport race begins at the Aquatic and Fitness Center with a 40-meter swim, then bike for 1.5K and run a 100 meter final sprint. For more information call Race Director Larry Hilliard at 301-474-7504 or LarryH.KofC@yahoo.com or register at http://www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=1326390.

Sunday, Greenbelt Day

Many activities are concentrated on Greenbelt Day itself – Sunday June 4. Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) will hold a home and garden tour featuring remodeling and renovation projects as well as landscaped gardens. The tour will begin at GHI's administrative offices. The Greenbelt Museum historic house on Crescent Road will also be open for visitors.

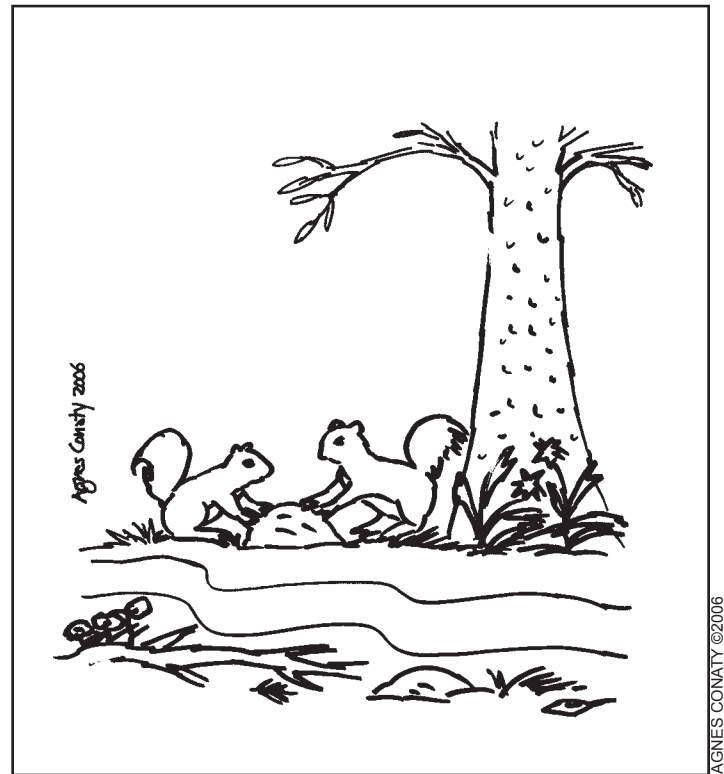
Greenbelt Artful Afternoon will host an art project for all to join at the Community Center (see separate story on page 5). Participants will create whimsical sculptures that will be used for the July 4th celebration at Buddy Attick Park. No experience is necessary to participate.

Following the mayor's comments on the 69th anniversary, there will be a performance by the Greenbelt Concert Band. Afterward the Jim Cassels Award for Community Service, presented by the Co-op board will take place. Many of the artists-in-residence at the Community Center will have studio open houses that afternoon.

At 4 p.m. the Greenbelt Museum will host the lecture "20th Century Wedding Dresses/Customs" in the Community Center multipurpose room. Alden O'Brien, costume historian for the D.A.R. Museum, is the presenter.

(See ad on page 16 for more details.)

Grin Belt



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"Let's synchronize our schedules . . . 13 and under triathlon on Saturday and garden tour on Sunday."

On Screen

"United 93" Arrives

The recently-debuted "United 93" opens at Old Greenbelt Theatre on Friday, June 2. After tracking the first three planes hijacked on September 11, 2001, the tightly scripted, tensely-filmed docu-drama by writer-director Paul Greengrass recreates the fourth flight from within the plane.

The sharp interplay between passengers and hijackers remains no less vivid and the heroism and dwelling moments on board are no less affecting more than five years after the plane crashed into a field in Pennsylvania – far short of an intended official target in downtown Washington, D.C. No name actors were chosen for this fierce focus on the human drama.

Writer-director Paul Greengrass earlier made "Bloody Sunday," about the massacre in 1972 of protesters in Northern Ireland. R, 111 minutes.

– Eli Flam

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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.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF June 2

UNITED 93 (R)

Friday
 *5:00, 7:30, 9:55

Saturday
 *2:30, *5:00, 7:30, 9:55

Sunday
 *2:30, *5:00, 7:30

Monday – Thursday
 *5:00, 7:30

*These shows at \$5.00

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS Thursday, June 8, 2006 GHI Board Room 7:00 PM

KEY AGENDA ITEMS:

- 2006 Underground Utilities Contract – 1st Reading
- 2006 Townhouse Furnaces Contract – 1st Reading
- 2006 Parking Lot Contract – 1st Reading
- Membership Applications

Regular board meetings are open to members.

Community Events

Walking Club 5K, 10K on Saturday

The Greenbelt Walking Club will sponsor a walking event on Saturday, June 3. The start and finish for the walks are at Beltsville Agricultural Research Center. Two trails will be available, a 5K and a 10K with one moderate hill.

Register between 8 a.m. and noon, finish by 3 p.m. All vehicle traffic must enter off Sellman Road and use the East Line Gate Road entrance. Registration is near Building B-012.

There is no fee for participation but those who want IVV credit will need to pay a small fee. Children 12 and under are free in all categories but must be accompanied by an adult during the event.

For more information call 301-937-3549 or email mcjohn_h@verizon.net.

GIVES Annual Meeting June 10

The GIVES annual meeting will be held Saturday, June 10 at 10 a.m. in the Community Center.

At this meeting elections will be held for vice-chairperson, treasurer and at-large members for the board of directors. Active GIVES members are eligible for these positions. Those interested in serving are asked to notify Marsha Voigt of the nominating committee by calling 301-345-7631.

Amended bylaws will be available at the meeting and further bylaws changes will be presented. Annual reports will be made by the GIVES chairperson and office manager.

All members and others who are interested are encouraged to attend.

Help Clean Parks National Trails Day

Greenbelt Park is celebrating National Trails Day (an annual celebration aimed at raising awareness of and appreciation for trails) on Saturday, June 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to help repair trails, remove invasive plants, replace mile markers and to clean fitness equipment. There will be giveaways including water bottles, T-shirts and water. Trail repair begins at 8:30 a.m. All participants for trail repair should pre-register through Recreation Equipment Incorporated (REI) at 301-982-9681. Replacing mile markers and cleaning the fitness equipment begins at 10 a.m. and invasive plant removal begins at 11 a.m. Meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area near the entrance of the park.

National Trails Day is coordinated nationally by the American Hiking Society, a national non-profit group. Greenbelt Park is located at 6565 Greenbelt Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Kenilworth Avenue. To RSVP or find out more about the park call 301-344-3944 or visit the park website at <http://www.nps.gov/gree/>.

The last school day for Prince George's County Public Schools will be Friday, June 9.

Monday Is Trivia Night at New Deal

Trivia Game Night will be held at the New Deal Café on Monday, June 5 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Game nights are held on the first Monday of each month.

Participants will play "Wits & Wagers," a game created by Greenbelt's local gamemakers. Players can win without answering any questions correctly and can experience a Vegas-style casino game by betting on answers provided by other teams. There are prizes for the winning teams. There is no fee to play; food and drink specials are available for purchase.

For more information call 301-313-0448 or email trivia@northstargames.com.

Poetry Plus Club Meets June 10

The Poetry Plus Club will meet Saturday, June 10 at 10:30 a.m. in the basement conference room of the Greenbelt Library. The poet to be discussed is Adrienne Rich. All are welcome to attend, especially Rich lovers.

Gardening Program At Greenbelt Library

"Gardens Galore - Shade Gardening" will be held Saturday, June 10 at 11 a.m. in the Greenbelt Library.

Novice and experienced gardeners are invited to join master gardeners as they share information and environmentally sound advice on these garden topics. An extensive question-and-answer period will follow.

For anyone who wishes to have foliage samples evaluated, the samples must be fresh and at least three or four inches tall.

At the Library Children

Tuesday, June 6, 10:30 a.m. - Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver. Limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, June 7, 10:30 a.m. - Toddlertime for ages 18 months to 35 months with caregiver, limit 20 children.

Thursday, June 8, 10:30 a.m. - Teddy Bears Picnic with stories and activities for ages 2 to 6 years. Bring a favorite teddy bear or other stuffed animal.

Adults
Saturday, June 10, 10:30 a.m. - Poetry Plus Club will meet in the basement conference room.

GHI Notes

Upcoming meetings and events:

Saturday, June 3, 11 a.m. - Pre-purchase Orientation, GHI

Sunday, June 4, 12:30 to 4 p.m. - Home & Garden Tour, Start at GHI Offices

Tuesday, June 6, 7 p.m. - Member & Community Relations Committee meeting, Board Room

Wednesday, June 7, 6:30 p.m. - Board meeting (Executive Session), Board Room

7 p.m. - Sustainable Design & Practices Energy Group meeting, GHI Lunch Room

Thursday, June 8, 7 p.m. - Special Board Meeting for Contract readings followed by Finance Committee meeting, Board Room

Local Volunteer Wins National Award

Greenbelt Park volunteer Mal Fordham will be presented with the Volunteer of the Year award by the American Hiking Society, Saturday, June 3 at 1 p.m. in the Sweetgum Picnic Area of the park.

Fordham, an outreach specialist with Recreation Equipment Incorporated (REI), started Volunteer Trails Days in 2005 to spark interest in the community to help in the maintenance of over 10 miles of trails in Greenbelt Park. He donated six volunteer days in 2005 to help the park resurface trails, clear and reroute parts of the trails. The volunteer days created a partnership that has resulted in five volunteer days in 2006. Due to Fordham's volunteer efforts, the National Park Foundation received a \$10,000 REI grant to replace bridges in Greenbelt Park. Fordham's efforts have made a positive impact on both the resource and the visitors at the park.

GIAC Final Monthly Meeting and Picnic

The Greenbelt Internet Access Cooperative's (GIAC) final board meeting will be held Thursday, June 8 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Police Station. Members are encouraged to attend to discuss what this means in terms of their computer service and to consider forming a computer club.

Plans are still in effect for the Tenth Year Celebration Potluck Picnic on Friday, June 16 at Schrum Hills Park from 5 p.m. to dusk. Members should RSVP by June 7 by email or call 301-419-8044.

Bassett Photos On Display at Café

On Sunday, June 4 from 7 to 9 p.m. there will be a reception for "Butterflies, Roses and the Upside Down Bridge," an exhibit of photographs by Robert Bassett, at the New Deal Café in Roosevelt Center. Two of Bassett's photographs received the first and second place awards in the Flower Photography Category in the 2005 Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Photo Show.

To Bassett, "The simplicity of nature becomes highly complex in a photograph. I have sought to make the asymmetrical symmetrical. It is the perfection of color found in a blood red rose or the purest white of a water lily that blends the symmetry I seek. I enjoy nature photography since it allows that one moment in time to be captured and saved forever, whether a delicate butterfly flitting about or the early morning dew on a rose."

This exhibit will be on display through June 24. Monthly art exhibits at the New Deal Café are sponsored in part by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts with supporting grants from the Prince George's Arts Council and Prince George's County.

Adult Soccer: contact me if 35+ yrs old and interested in weekly, friendly pick-up game on a field in Old Greenbelt.
Chris Casey, 301-345-6678 or 301-943-9661, ccasey@usaid.gov.

Greenbelt Baseball

Major League Schedule		
Date	Time	Games
Mon., June 5	6:00 p.m.	Rain Makeup
Tues., June 6	6:00 p.m.	Giants vs. Cubs
Wed., June 7	6:00 p.m.	Lions vs. Cardinals
Thurs., June 8	6:00 p.m.	Tigers vs. Athletics
Fri., June 9	6:00 p.m.	Giants vs. Orioles
Fri., June 9	7:00 p.m.*	Cubs vs. Cardinals
Sat., June 10	10:00 a.m.	Tigers vs. Lions
Sat., June 10	1:00 p.m.	Athletics vs. Indians

Major League Standings as of Tuesday 5/30/06			
American League	W-L	National League	W-L
Orioles	14 - 1	Indians	11 - 1
Giants	7 - 6	Cubs	6 - 6
Athletics	5 - 6	Lions	3 - 9
Tigers	2 - 8	Cardinals	1 - 12

All games are played at McDonald Field unless noted.

*These games will be played at Braden #2.

Musical Programs At New Deal Café

A smorgasbord of music will be served at the New Deal Café next week. Light music will be played Sunday morning, with a celebration for the opening of Robert Bassett's art exhibit from 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday night. Alex Martin Jazz will play on Tuesday night.

Izolda Trakhtenberg will host a student recital of solo and group performances by singing and guitar students on Wednesday followed by open mike with James on Thursday night. All of these performances will start at 7 p.m.

Iris Hirsh, a Baltimore-area songwriter, will take the stage Friday night at 8:15. Alicia Deeny will perform with guitarist Jay Weaver at 8:15 on Saturday night. John Guernsey will play jazz and blues piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights.

The New Deal Café is located at 113 Centerway. For more information call 301-474-5642.

Astronomical Society Star Party Saturday

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party on Saturday, June 3 at Northway Field. Members of the society will begin setting up to view the moon and other celestial objects at approximately 8:30 p.m.



In the event of rain or hopelessly cloudy skies the event will be cancelled without further notice. Information about other events can be found on the society website at <http://www.greenbeltastro.org/events.shtml>.

Festival Committee Holds 2nd Meeting

The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee will hold its second meeting on Thursday, June 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Plans are well underway for the 2006 festival. Letters have gone out to past booth participants. Those who would like to volunteer to help with this year's festival or groups that would like a booth are asked to call Patti Brothers at 301-910-0050 or come to the meeting on Thursday, June 8.

AUDITIONS!

2006 Shakespeare on the Green

Hamlet, Revenge!

Sunday & Monday
June 4 & 5 at 7:30pm

Cold readings from the script.

The Women
by Clare Boothe Luce

Monday & Tuesday
June 12 & 13 at 7:30pm

Cold readings from the script.

Greenbelt Arts Center
123 Centerway, Greenbelt, MD 20770
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GREENBELT HOMES, INC. HOUSE AND GARDEN TOUR

June 4, 2006
from 12:30 to 4:00 pm.

Members and visitors can begin this free tour at the GHI offices, Hamilton Place.

On display will be homes and gardens showing a wide variety of architectural enhancements, remodeling and renovation projects and landscaped gardens.

Renowned Author Marita Golden Reads for Writers

by Carol Griffith

The Greenbelt Writers' Group (GWG) was honored to have bestselling author and international lecturer Marita Golden speak to the group and others interested in writing at their April 21 meeting held in the Community Center. President Matt Arbach spoke for the approximately 20 GWG members and guests in attendance when he said Golden was a "fascinating, charming and insightful artist."



GWG members and guests welcomed local author Marita Golden to Greenbelt at the meeting on April 21. From left to right: Marj Donn, Carol Griffith, Marilyn Wassmann, Mariko Murray, Marita Golden, GWG President Matt Arbach, Janet Walenta, Laura Brown and seated, Neil Deo.

Golden has written several novels. "Long Distance Life" was cited "Best Book of the Year" by the Washington Post. She is also a celebrated memoirist and essayist, with themes of family and identity in the face of cultural changes. Golden has taught creative writing at George Mason University and Virginia Commonwealth University and lectured extensively on literature, women's studies and African-American literature. She founded the Washington, D.C.-based African American Writers Guild and currently heads the Zora Neale Hurston/Richard Wright Foundation, which offers workshops on writing in Hyattsville. Golden holds degrees from American University and Columbia University.

At the meeting, Golden read excerpts from her latest novel "After," which is set in Prince George's County. Golden stated

Colorful Kites Fly At Aviation Museum

The College Park Aviation Museum at 1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Drive is featuring an exhibit containing vivid illustrations and informative text on the history of kites. The exhibit can be viewed daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through July 16. There is an entrance fee. For information call 301-864-6029; or visit www.collegeparkaviationmuseum.com.

Interment Service For Kathy Weber

A Service of Interment for the ashes of former resident Kathy Weber will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 8 at the Memorial Grove of Greenbelt Community Church. All are welcome.

Talk on Loss of Civil Liberties for Muslims

The Prince George's and Montgomery County Chapters of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) will present a program titled "The Erosion of Muslim Civil Liberties" on Thursday, June 15 at 8 p.m. at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church, 3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi.

Speakers will be Hassan El-Amin, District Court Judge, Prince George's County; Mauri Saalakh, Peace and Justice Coalition; and Arsalan Istikhar, National Legal Director CAIR (Council on American-Islamic Relations). Questions from the audience will be entertained following the formal presentations. A reception and dinner will precede the program. There is no charge for those who do not attend the dinner.

For more information or dinner reservations call Lowell Owens at 301-345-1572 or email lowellowens@comcast.net.

that writing this novel was her attempt to deal with her feelings about a recent, highly-publicized incident regarding the shooting of an unarmed man by the police. She also gave advice on writing, particularly on the need to "write the hard stories" and how to combat writer's block and answered many individual questions.

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church
 40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410
 Rev. Dr. Paul C. Kim, Pastor
 Sunday School 9:45 am Worship Service 11:00 am
 Prayer Meeting Wed. 6:45 pm
 Crossways Bible Study Tues. 7:30 pm Thurs. 10:30 am
 Handicapped Accessible Come As You Are!

Greenbelt Community Church
 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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 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..."

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!

Did you know? We wonder many times why things happen, why did God allow them to happen?

We have seen the difference that just a few years makes between the understanding of a child and an adult. Likewise, we have to know that we humans, with our limited vision and understanding, cannot always understand what God in His infinite wisdom knows. God consoles us by saying, "... it is possible that you dislike a thing which is good for you and that you love a thing which is bad for you. But God knows and you know not."
 — The Holy Qur'an, 2:21

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Mishkan Torah Choir Holds Spring Concert

On Sunday, June 11 at 7 p.m. the Mishkan Torah Choir will be in concert at Mishkan Torah Synagogue. For those who are interested in choir music and want to hear music with a Judaic connection of various sorts, the annual Mishkan Torah Choir Concert fills this niche. The choir will perform some liturgical pieces and other classical pieces which have a Jewish or Judaic connection.

This year the choir will feature the Cantorial father and Music Major son team of Cantor Phil Greenfield and his son Benjamin Greenfield. Benjamin is a music major at Oberlin Conservatory of Music. They and the choir will perform selections from Handel's "Israel in Egypt" in English, among other works from their varied repertoire. The choir also sings in Hebrew, Yiddish and Ladino.

There is a fee, with a reduction for children under 13 and for advance ticket purchases. For further information call Mishkan Torah at 301-474-4223 and leave a message.

Our Neighbors

Congratulations to Joe Lynch and Kim Rush, who were married on May 13, 2006, in Woodstock, Md. A fun-filled reception followed at the Waverly Mansion in Marriottsville. The newlyweds reside in Greenbelt.

At the recent annual meeting of Parent Cooperative Preschools International (PCPI), Leta Mach was re-elected as president. PCPI is the international membership association for cooperative preschools with members in the U.S., Canada and England. The Greenbelt Cooperative Nursery School is one of these members. The nursery school's director, Lisa Meyer, was appointed chair of PCPI's Becky Allen Fund Committee.

On May 3, Mach and Meyer, along with other cooperative preschool leaders, attended the Cooperative Hall of Fame induction ceremony and banquet at the National Press Club. Becky Allen, co-founder of PCPI and a leader in Maryland preschools, was inducted posthumously into the Co-op Hall of Fame.

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05/19	It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World
05/26	Angels in the Outfield
06/02	Beauty & the Beast
06/09	Because of Winn Dixie
06/16	The Great Race
06/23	The Iron Giant
06/30	Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

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On Sunday, May 28 workers were busy dismantling the post office machines in the Roosevelt Center location. The new post office on Hanover Parkway was open for business on Tuesday, May 30.

Artful Afternoon Activities On City's 69th Birthday

Greenbelt Day Weekend Celebrates the 69th anniversary of the incorporation of the city on June 1, 1937. The date also coincides with June's scheduled Artful Afternoon program, which will be held Sunday, June 4 from 1 to 5 p.m. offering a range of free arts activities for all ages.

From 1 to 3 p.m. participants are invited to join the Recreation Department arts program staff for a community art project: help create artwork for the annual floating sculpture garden to be displayed on July 4 at Greenbelt Lake. It is also a chance to meet new Recreation Department dance instructor Samantha Fitschen and learn about new programs for ages 2 through adult which will begin this summer.

Concert

At 3 p.m. there will be a concert to ring in the inauguration of Greenbelt's 70th year with a rousing performance by the Greenbelt Concert Band (featuring several septuagenarians). The program features a march and a rag, Glen Miller songs, songs about locations, patriotic songs and closes with "Victory at Sea" by Richard Rodgers. Mayor Judith Davis and the Greenbelt City Council will honor the occasion with a brief address immediately prior to the concert at 2:50 p.m.

Photographic Displays

In the Community Center Gallery, see "A Stereoscopic Journey Through the Land of Uz: A Photographic Installation by Dan Schlapbach." Mysterious found notes lead a writer on an introspective journey through the woods. The story unfolds through photographic prints, written narrative and original stereocards. The

exhibition continues through July 3. Daily Art Gallery hours are: 9 a.m. to 9:45 p.m. Monday to Saturday and 9 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. on Sundays whenever the room is not reserved (to confirm access call 301-397-2208).

Also available for attendees to see is the display of "Greenbelt Impressions," photographs by University of Maryland students. Coordinated with the Greenbelt Recreation Department by contributing student Megan Huey, the exhibition features 40 images by the participants in two undergraduate photography classes taught by Greenbelt resident Barbara Tyroler. Focusing on historic "Old Greenbelt," the group created artistic impressions of the city's residents and its physical and social spaces. The exhibition, mounted along the Community Center first floor hallways, continues through September 10.

Artful Afternoon attendees can also see what is going on in working artist studios, enjoy community sculpture displays created at previous Artful Afternoons, see the "Living the Healthy Life" exhibit by the Greenbelt Museum and take a guided tour of the museum's location, the historic home at 10-B Crescent Road.

Artful Afternoons are held the first Sunday of every month from 1 and 5 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. They are meant for families and people of all ages and offer an introduction to the many programs and classes available through the Greenbelt Recreation Department. For information visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/ARTS or call Barbara Davis at 240-542-2062.



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The Breakup, PG-13 (!)
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X Men: The Last Stand, PG-13 (!)
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The Da Vinci Code, PG-13 (!)
1, 2, 4:10, 5:10, 7:15, 8:15, 10:30
Over the Hedge, PG (!)
1:10, 3:05, 5, 7:10, 9:30
See No Evil, R
3:30, 5:30, 10:40
Poseidon, PG-13
1:20, 7:40

Mission Impossible III, PG-13
1:15, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20

SUNDAY

The Breakup, PG-13 (!)
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X Men: The Last Stand, PG-13 (!)
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The Da Vinci Code, PG-13 (!)
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Over the Hedge, PG (!)
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See No Evil, R
3:30, 5:30
Poseidon, PG-13
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Mission Impossible III, PG-13
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MONDAY

The Breakup, PG-13 (!)
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X Men: The Last Stand, PG-13 (!)
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The Da Vinci Code, PG-13 (!)
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Over the Hedge, PG (!)
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See No Evil, R
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Poseidon, PG-13
5:30

Mission Impossible III, PG-13
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TUES.-THURS.

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X Men: The Last Stand, PG-13 (!)
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The Da Vinci Code, PG-13 (!)
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5, 7:10



City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL

Municipal Building

June 5, 2006 - 8:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting/Budget Adoption

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

- Pediatric Wellness Program at Springhill Lake - Bowie State School of Nursing Report
- National Small Cities and Towns Day - Proclamation
- Partnership for Working Toward Inclusive Communities - Proclamation

Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

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

LEGISLATION

Adoption of the Budget

An Ordinance to Adopt the General Fund, Building Capital Reserve Fund, Cemetery Fund, Debt Service Fund, Replacement Fund, Special Projects Fund, Green Ridge House Fund, Capital Projects Fund, 2001 Bond Fund, and Community Development Block Grant Fund Budgets for the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to Appropriate Funds and Establish Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Rates for the Fiscal Year 2007 Beginning July 1, 2006 and Including June 30, 2007 (1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules; 2nd Reading, Adoption)

A Resolution to Repeal Resolution Number 982 and Establish Service Charges for Garbage, Trash and Recycling Collections in The City of Greenbelt, Maryland, Effective July 1, 2006 (1st Reading)

OTHER BUSINESS

- Greenbelt Ambulatory Care Center - Detailed Site Plan
- Proposed Pawn Shop in College Park
- MML 2006 Legislative Initiatives - Action Requests
- * Boating Regulations
- * Reappointment to Advisory Group

MEETINGS

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WEEKDAY CHILDREN'S SWIM LESSON

Summer Session I: June 20-23, and June 27-30

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bio-swales, green roofs and the use of permeable surfaces.

The other major environmental issue raised by the board was the substantial amount of off-site mitigation posed by AIMCO. APB asked for more creative approaches to meet mitigation requirements either on-site or within the Anacostia watershed.

In the area of transportation and roads, the APB report agreed with the city staff report, which critiques the developer's traffic study.

The APB report recognizes that the AIMCO proposal does not include the (city requested) provision of athletic fields within the project area. However, APB suggests that the estimated \$1.8 million proffered by the developers should be used for providing fields at other locations in Greenbelt West. The APB also relies upon the expectation that the city could ultimately enter into some sort of agreement with the Prince George's County Board of Education for shared use of ball fields on the (new) school complex site.

School Site

On the issue of the proposed new school complex along with the proposed sale of the existing SHL elementary school and overall capacity issues for Greenbelt West, the APB noted the myriad concerns not yet adequately addressed, but said, "(I)t is not in the city's best interest to let this project collapse at this stage. If the project is withdrawn because of the failure of PPS approval, there will be at the least a very long delay in its re-submission and at the worst it may be cancelled altogether." APB recommended that council support the proposal with five conditions.

In response to a question from Councilmember Ed Putens relating to the school capacity issue, Branyon noted he was comfortable with AIMCO calculations that rely on Fairfax County projections of student populations generated by different types of residential housing. Hruby noted that the planning staff have those calculations and would provide council with an analysis of the results. But she said they would have to rely on Prince Georges's County analysis.

Roberts chided Branyon a bit regarding the APB reliance on any expectation of a shared agreement for ball fields between the city and the Board of Education. "That would be wishful thinking. (We) have to stick to the agreement in the Conceptual Site Plan," he said.

Mayor Judith Davis expressed appreciation for APB's efforts in all of the work it does for the city. She noted, however, that it is advisory to council and no reflection on the board when council does not follow its recommendation. Roberts registered his disappointment with the developers. "There have been no changes to the plan, no respect for council and no respect for the agreements (made at the time of the Conceptual Site Plan approval)."

AIMCO Response

Andre Gingles, the attorney representing AIMCO, expressed appreciation for the time spent on the preliminary plan by the city staff and APB. He saw differences among the parties as numbering 1 to 4 issues out of 39 listed as conditions. He characterized the ball fields issue as

"a running battle with Mr. Roberts," while now recognizing that that issue may be shared by other members of council. AIMCO believes that the language on ball fields contained in the Conceptual Site Plan is more flexible than requiring that they be located within the SHL site.

Calculating that AIMCO would be contributing \$1.8 million to the city, he felt that should be enough for the city to get three ball fields and that AIMCO has looked at other sites that might be available for such facilities in Greenbelt West and had not been successful. Finally he noted that overall the preliminary plan provides plenty of recreation facilities for future residents.

Councilmember Leta Mach questioned the provision of city-controlled recreation space within the development and how that land would be leased to the city. She wondered why AIMCO would not just dedicate it to the city. Initially indicating that it was AIMCO policy not to sell land within their projects, AIMCO Vice President Patty Schwayder noted that the issue will be put back on the list.

Mach and other councilmembers also raised again the issue of how current residents of SHL would fare during the redevelopment phase and would they have opportunities for living in the redeveloped SHL.

Citizen Concerns

Several Greenbelt citizens offered comments to council on the plan. To a person they supported the motion before council for opposition to it. Joan Falcão of Boxwood urged council not to approve the plan. She agreed that the developers were not addressing basic issues being raised by Greenbelt.

Lowell Owens of Woodland Hills noted that as a member of the Committee for the Restoration of Indian Creek, he wanted to see more attention given to low impact development techniques and other "green architecture"

alternatives to reduce run-off. He told council not to worry about stopping the redevelopment and to let AIMCO come up with the needed nine acres for the required ball fields.

Ruth Kastner of Boxwood remarked that the requirements set by council are not being met, either in fact or in spirit. Robert Fireovid, also of Boxwood, argued for lower density. He felt the proposed development does not add to the community feel of Greenbelt, which was the reason that he and his family were attracted to and moved to Greenbelt.

Charles Hagelgans of Boxwood cautioned council that this may be the last opportunity, perhaps for decades, to provide for adequate ball fields for this underserved area of Greenbelt. He as well as other speakers offered "kudos" for the city staff report.

Clement Lau of Lakewood considered the proposed AIMCO development to be not compatible with Greenbelt standards and expressed concerns about the disparity in the proposal between public and private recreational amenities. He also noted concern with a potential impact on the Greenbelt branch library as a result of the increased density associated with the project.

Bill Orleans reiterated his plea that there be a comprehensive plan for all proposed developments expected in Greenbelt West, including SHL, Metroland and whatever is being planned for parts of the Beltway Plaza property.

Ball Fields

Gingles lamented the fact that AIMCO had other proffers involved with the proposed plan and most of the concern seemed to be focused on the ball fields. He said, "... I can't understand why the project would be stopped just on the issue of the ball fields and the schools." AIMCO believes, along with APB, that the ball field issue could be resolved through a sharing agreement with

the county schools.

When Davis asked why AIMCO had provided information on alternate sites after hearing council's concerns at the May 8 briefing on the plan, Gingles noted that AIMCO had evaluated other possible sites for the ball fields and none of the alternative sites were feasible. In addition, he noted that AIMCO had consistently said they could not (locate) the ball field within the SHL site.

Council then reviewed other issues and conditions included in the city staff report and even added additional items of concern. These included plans for accommodating the concerns of existing SHL residents during and following the redevelopment and an overall transportation, pedestrian/bicycle element that would integrate with other developments in Greenbelt West and the rest of Greenbelt and building height limitations for the towers.

Before taking the vote, councilmembers generally noted that there was excitement and promise at the outset for the potential redevelopment of SHL. However, there came a point where there was no longer progress or movement on critical issues. Councilmembers also expressed hope that the parties would be able to go back and resolve the issues

and identify solutions. With that, council voted unanimously to communicate its strong opposition to the Prince George's Planning Board at its May 25 meeting.

(The Planning Board did consider the Preliminary Plan of Subdivision on May 25 and denied approval. The next step for the project will be up to the applicant, AIMCO.)

Kids Learn to Fish At Wildlife Refuge

On Saturday, June 10 Kid's Fishing Day will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the National Wildlife Visitor Center on Powder Mill Road between Route 197 and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. Children ages 16 and under will have the opportunity to learn fishing techniques and fishing safety and to participate in fishing activities such as casting and fish handling before they go fishing.

The refuge will supply all fishing poles and bait for the learning and practice session. No personal fishing gear will be allowed at that time. After the learning activities, participants will be allowed to fish in one of two nearby lakes using their own equipment.

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Capitol Cadillac Expanding Into Historic Property

by James Giese

Capitol Cadillac dealership's expansion to provide showroom space for Pontiacs and Humvees will extend the last remaining undeveloped piece of land on the Golden Triangle in Greenbelt. On this property are the foundation ruins of an old house known as Toaping Castle, once home of the pioneer Walker family before the federal government bought up all the area land to create the New Town garden city of Greenbelt. The Capitol agency has agreed to leave untouched these foundation ruins.

The Toaping Castle farm home was built in the 1800s and located near a road running from Branchville to the east of present-day Greenbelt. The home was abandoned when Greenbelt was built, became a derelict ruin and finally burned down in the early 1960s.

This was not the original Toaping Castle, however. The original was a log cabin built by the brothers Isaac, Charles and Nathan Walker when they immigrated from Scotland in the 1700s after the failure of their compatriots to unseat Charles I as king of Scotland. Isaac (1721-1807) settled here permanently, obtained a grant for 188 acres and built a large, white oak log house on the property now called the Golden Triangle. The house was named after the ancestral family home in Scotland.

The original home was located northward and farther up the hill toward the family burial grounds and Indian Springs, both of which still exist today.

It is believed that Isaac and his three sons served in the American Revolution, Isaac as a first lieutenant in the Maryland Militia. His sons' service is not as well documented. The Department of Veterans Affairs recently provided a plaque at Isaac's gravesite to recognize his service in the Revolution. Much earlier the Toaping Castle Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution erected a plaque to honor Isaac and his son Nathan, also buried in the family cemetery. The original headstones for this cemetery are long gone.

The family cemetery is located at the very north end of the Golden Triangle. It is accessible from the parking lot at the rear of the office building on the right side at the end of Walker Drive, entrance road to the Golden Triangle. Visitors will find the cemetery at the top of a hill behind a parking garage.

To the right, at the bottom of the hill, is an active spring known as Indian Springs, believed to have served as a meeting place for local native American tribes. Arrowheads have been found in this vicinity.

The cemetery and the spring are located in a small city park once part of the larger Buddy Attick-Greenbelt Lake Park. Much of this land was later taken for construction of the Capital Beltway right-of-way.

Samuel Walker

The most famous Walker was Isaac's grandson, Samuel Hamilton Walker (1817-1847). (It is probably more than coincidence that his middle name is the same as the name of a neigh-

boring family, whose home was located in old Greenbelt near the end of Hamilton Place off Ridge Road.) At age 19, Sam Walker enlisted in the militia to fight in the Indian Wars in Florida and Alabama.

After two years of service he worked for a railroad in Florida. In 1842 he moved to Galveston, Texas and eight months later joined Billingsley's mounted volunteers. Later he joined Sommerville's army, which unsuccessfully invaded Mexico.

Most of the army was captured at Mier, including Walker. However, he was one of 26 prisoners who managed to escape. He got to Tampico, then to New Orleans and then back to Galveston.

Walker joined the legendary Texas Rangers when it was established in 1844 in order to seek revenge on the Mexicans for their treatment of prisoners.

The rangers had acquired some five-shot revolvers from the U.S. Navy made by Samuel Colt, which Walker and others admired. Walker was involved in a skirmish with Indians at Walker's Creek and was wounded. He was known as "Unlucky Walker." But the Colt revolvers proved successful in the battle.

In 1845 the Texas Rangers were disbanded three months before Texas became a state. On the same day Walker became a Texas Mounted Ranger under the U.S. Army. In 1846 he organized his own company of scouts for the army, later becoming a national hero in the Mexican War for a daring mission behind enemy lines.

He was elected lieutenant colonel in the Texas Mounted Riflemen and later received a regular appointment as Captain in the First U.S. Mounted Riflemen. Walker then returned to the northeast to recruit men for his company.

He also met Samuel Colt, whose gun manufacturing company had failed at that time. Walker suggested changes to the Colt revolver and it became a six-shooter. Walker then persuaded the army to buy 1,000 of the revolvers. These guns became known as the Walker Colt and had a depiction of Walker in combat on the handle.

Returning to Texas, Walker went to Mexico with General Winfield Scott who invaded the country at Vera Cruz and marched to Mexico City. Walker's company guarded the supply lines.

On October 5, 1847, Walker received two presentation Colt Walker revolvers; his company had none. Four days later he was killed in the Battle of Huamantla.

The Colt Walker went on to become the "gun of the West."

Walker is well honored in Texas as one of the heroes of the Texas Rangers. If he had lived, he might have become a major figure in the Civil War along with fellow officers Robert E. Lee, Ulysses S. Grant, George C. Meade, George B. McClellan and William Tecumseh Sherman. Walker, however, was not a West Point graduate. Also, he was "Unlucky Walker."

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given the project building permits and a construction schedule will be available in the near future. Meanwhile, the owners' required mitigation report is expected soon to be in county hands.

Obtaining the additional 4.07 acres adjacent to the Capitol Cadillac showroom took years longer than was anticipated. When the Maryland SHA designated as surplus the tract east of Capitol Cadillac, there were no state agencies or localities wanting the land.

At first the City of Greenbelt had considered buying the tract for safety purposes. However the city's Police and Fire Departments believed the land was not in a central enough location and the city at that time had no funds to purchase the land.

This gave Capitol Cadillac the opportunity to bid for the surplus SHA tract, which the state no longer intended to use for a ramp to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. If this had occurred as originally planned, the Southway ramp would then have closed and the city's only access to the Beltway would have been at Kenilworth Avenue. When the city objected to closing the Southway ramp, the SHA shelved their plan and Capitol Cadillac then submitted the winning bid.

This, however, did not end the matter. Helen Selig, widow of Martin Selig, former owner of the Golden Triangle maintained in a court case that when the 4.07 acre land was sold to the SHA in 1978, there was a signed reverter clause that the Seligs had the right to buy back the parcel at the original selling price of \$700,000.

By this time the tract was said to be worth \$1.8 million. The high court's decision gave Mrs. Selig the land for the 1978 price. The case was closed when Capitol Cadillac bought the land from Mrs. Selig at the much higher 2004 cost.

Mitigation Condition

According to Greenbelt Community Planner Ethan Bindernagel, a 1.72-acre forest mitigation site to replace woodland destroyed by the expansion of Capitol Cadillac will be established off-site on the northern portion of Parcel 15, which is located in the Anacostia Watershed. (Parcel 15 is a 2.1-acre tract situated between Greenbelt Lake and the Beltway exit ramp which the city acquired as an addition to Attick Park.)

Bindernagel said that Parcel 15

is the last site within the Greenbelt city limits that complies with mitigation site criteria set by the county. All costs associated with the mitigation shall be the responsibility of the owners, Cuz Real Estate Management, LLC.

In the event that Belle Point residents request a playground at a later date, adequate space for this project will be available on the tract.

Other Conditions

A 100-foot "green buffer area," composed of existing trees and the addition of 12 coniferous trees such as white pines, between the back of the curb on Greenbelt Road and the two showroom buildings and storage parking lot, is required to shield the dealerships from Greenbelt Road. (Coniferous trees will provide additional screening during fall and winter months.)

When the two new showrooms open, the "green buffer area" must include one seating/picnic area; an interpretive panel providing historical information about the Walker ruins; and a second seating/picnic area located in front of the showroom buildings, complete with a commemorative Walker ruins plaque as shown on the detailed site plan. The ruins are the foundation of the second "Toaping Castle," the home of the Walker family, the original settlers of the area prior to the American Revolution (see separate story).

The owners will be required to have permanent fencing around the perimeter of the Walker ruins. They must also provide fence and other detail to the city for review and approval. All legal and engineering costs associated with preserving, protecting and providing access to the ruins is the responsibility of the owners.

When the first building permit is issued, the owners are to grant the city an easement providing public access to the ruins, outlining all maintenance responsibilities as agreed to by the city.

A pedestrian circulation system is to connect the existing Capitol Cadillac showroom, the new showroom buildings, the sidewalk on Capitol Drive and the dedicated path to the Walker ruins. All pedestrian pathways and sidewalks are to be handicap-accessible and ADA-compliant.

Existing treed areas will be preserved except where they may be needed to accommodate amenities, utilities, etc. A Tree Conservation Plan documents the tree preservation areas.

Golden Triangle History Snapshot

In 1965, to the dismay of the then Greenbelt City Council, the Golden Triangle, the tract between the Beltway, Greenbelt Road and Kenilworth Avenue, was rezoned by the Prince George's County Commissioners (with a dissenting vote from Commissioner Gladys Spellman) from single family to commercial. At the time the tract, owned by Martin Selig of Kravitz and Company, had already been denuded of its forest cover.

The city appealed the commissioners' action on the Triangle, with Beltway Plaza developer Sidney Brown and Greenbelt Homes, Inc. joining in the litigation. However, the city's case was lost in the Circuit Court in 1966 and in the Court of Appeals in 1967.

When Prudential Insurance Company of America later bought the acreage, the Triangle had already been dubbed as part of the "Billion Dollar Circle," one of the "hottest real estate investment and development territories on the East Coast." The county then fast-tracked Prudential's five year plan, which envisioned construction of 400,000 square feet of office space.

Today the Golden Triangle is considered at "build-out" – fully developed – with a mix of office buildings, hotels, a restaurant and the Capitol Cadillac dealership. Two additional buildings and a vehicle storage lot are expected to be built adjacent to Capitol Cadillac in the near future on land originally part of the Triangle tract but later sold to the State Highway Administration (SHA). When the SHA had no need for the property, the tract reverted to the original owner's widow. She later sold the land to Cuz Real Estate Management LLC, developers of Capitol Cadillac's expansion project.

This material was prepared by Elaine Skolnik.



Many Greenbelters remember this fine old home, which once stood along Greenbelt Road in what is now the Golden Triangle. It was known as Toaping Castle, for it stood on the plantation of that name patented by Isaac Walker in 1757. The rooms on either end of the house were built by Jonathan T. Walker a few years before the Civil War; the central section by Isaac Walker, his grandfather, late in the 18th century. A rear wing (not visible in this photograph) was probably even older. The Walkers and their Lester and Simonds descendants lived in Toaping Castle until the land was acquired for the Greenbelt project. The house stood unoccupied, in ruinous condition, for many years until it was finally destroyed in the early 1960s. Photo courtesy of National Archives

Police Blotter

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

Robberies

May 19, 10:58 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, a man reported that on May 14 he was walking to a residence when he was approached from behind by two other men, one armed with a knife. A robbery was announced and after taking money from the victim both suspects fled the scene on foot. They were described as a black male, 5'2" to 5'4", bald; and a black male, 19 to 22 years of age, 6'1" to 6'3". Both were wearing dark clothing.

May 24, 2:30 a.m., Edmonston Road at Springhill Court, a man reported that he was walking down the street when he was approached by another man who produced a handgun and demanded his wallet. There is no definitive description of the suspect.

Handgun Offense

May 19, 12:53 p.m., Greenbelt Road and Kenilworth Avenue, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with transporting a handgun in a motor vehicle. Police patrolling the area observed a suspicious occupied vehicle and stopped it. The officer observed the butt of a handgun in plain view, sticking out from under the driver's seat. Further investigation revealed that the gun was a loaded 40 caliber semi-automatic handgun. The man was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Theft

May 22, 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, a 15-year-old nonresident youth was arrested for motor vehicle theft, theft over \$500, theft under \$500, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, obstruction, malicious destruction and fleeing and eluding. Police observed a suspicious occupied vehicle. Investigation revealed that the vehicle, a 1996 Ford Taurus 4-door, had just been stolen. The occupants got out and fled the scene on foot. One was apprehended after a foot chase and released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Trespasses

May 20, 7:50 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespass. He was located on the grounds of Springhill Lake Apartments after having been banned from the complex by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

May 22, 12 p.m., Greenbelt Middle School, a resident youth was arrested for trespassing on school grounds and disrupting school activities when he refused to leave the school after having been suspended. The youth was released to a parent pending action by the school board and the juvenile justice system.

Vandalism

May 21, Beltway Plaza, a man reported that he was involved in a parking dispute with another motorist in the parking lot of Beltway Plaza. After parking his vehicle the man observed a woman exit her car and vandalize his vehicle, damaging the paint. The woman then fled the scene in her vehicle, described as a 1997 Honda 4-door with a possible Maryland tag 199BLE. She was described as a black female, 35 years of age, 5'5", 150 pounds with black hair, wearing a black shirt.

Burglaries

May 19, 10:17 a.m., 14 Court Ridge Road, it was reported that unknown person(s) attempted to break into a storage shed by cutting off the padlock. Entry was not gained.

May 21, 9:45 a.m., 1 Hamilton Place, it was reported that unknown person(s) used unknown means to enter the secured fenced-in lot at Greenbelt Homes, Inc. and tampered with the vehicles. It is unknown at this time if anything was taken.

May 22, 12:20 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, a resident and nonresident man were arrested and charged with fourth-degree burglary. Police responded to a report of two persons entering a vacant apartment. The men were located inside, arrested and released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

May 22, 12:05 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road, a man reported that he was sick in bed when unknown person(s) broke out the sliding glass door. He stated that he believes that the suspects(s) fled the scene when they observed him in the residence. There is no definitive description of the suspect(s).

May 22, 5:42 p.m., 7900 block Vanity Fair Drive, it was reported that unknown person(s) entered a residence by way of a ground-level window. Video game players, video games, money, jewelry, clothing, a digital camera and clothing were taken.

Vehicle Crimes

Two vehicles were reported stolen: a 2005 Yamaha YZFR6 motorcycle from the 200 block Lakeside Drive; and a blue 1999 Toyota Corolla 4-door, Maryland tags HEY049 from Buddy Attick Park.

One stolen vehicle was recovered by Prince George's police with no arrest made. The tag on the vehicle, Virginia WOWOEZ, was not recovered and is still listed as stolen.

Theft and attempted theft from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 5900 block Cherrywood Lane (four incidents), 7800 block Hanover Parkway (two incidents) and 8000 block Mandan Road.

COUNCIL

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the American Public Works Association has designated Public Works Week to honor the many public works employees across the country who provide and maintain the municipal infrastructures and services known as "public works." The proclamation read by Davis noted the long list of public works services that residents of Greenbelt consider vital in making Greenbelt such a special place to live.

Several councilmembers noted with appreciation the efforts of Greenbelt's Communications Coordinator Beverly Palau for the successful culmination of "It's Municipal Government" week in Greenbelt and the elementary school competition the previous Friday. In the annual academic competition on municipal government that pits all of the Greenbelt area elementary schools against each other, Magnolia Elementary School won the competition this year.

Public Hearing

Council held the second of its public hearings on the proposed budget at this meeting and Davis announced there would be no increase in the property tax rate this year. Based on a May 19 memo to council from the city manager, total FY07 revenues for the city would be \$21,574,400 and total FY07 expenditures would be projected to be \$21,265,600. The \$98,000 difference in projected revenues over the manager's proposed \$21,476,400 would come from \$26,000 more from a revised estimate of the city's share of Highway User Revenue from the state and \$72,000 expected from an increase in the multi-family rental license fee.

On the expenditure side, the revised budget figure for total expenditures was increased by only \$33,000 over the manager's proposed \$21,232,600. Charles Hagelgans and Clement Lau, there for other business, expressed their appreciation that the tax rate was not being raised.

In other actions, council approved the re-engagement for another year of Clifton Gunderson, LLP for the audit of the city's financial records for Fiscal Year 2006.

Open Space Funds

Council also approved the staff recommendation for the submission of the city's FY07 Program Open Space Program to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission for the expenditure of its share of state funds. Including the FY07 allocation, the city's fund balance will be \$1,323,531.00. The recommended projects are Greenbelt West II parkland acquisition, Greenbelt East II parkland acquisition and Greenbelt West parkland acquisition. All three are carryover projects from the previous years' program.

New additions to the program are three development projects: Greenbelt Skate Park, Braden Field tennis courts lights and resurfacing and Buddy Attick Park master plan improvements.

ICC Clears Another Hurdle

On Tuesday, May 30, 2006, the Federal Highway Administration announced its Record of Decision on the proposed Intercountry Connector (ICC), a planned toll highway connecting the I-270 corridor in Montgomery County to the I-95 corridor in Prince George's County. The Record of Decision is effectively the final federal approval that the Maryland Department of Transportation needed and, in effect, indicates that the relevant federal agencies have signed off on the massive Environmental Impact Statement that was required for construction to begin.

After over 50 years of debate, false starts and a couple of near deaths for the controversial highway, the Record of Decision announced today represents the closest the on-again, off-again highway has ever gotten in its long struggle. Although Maryland Governor Robert L. Ehrlich took advantage of the announcement with a ceremonial tree planting in an area that the road will traverse in Montgomery County and declared that construction will begin this fall, there may still be obstacles that the planned facility will have to overcome in order to actually begin construction.

Opponents of the ICC are not likely to give up their long struggle with a whimper. Now that the federal government has made its decision, the battleground will switch to the judicial arena with administrative and court actions to challenge the process, the de-

cision and the voluminous Final Environmental Impact Statement on which the federal decision was based.

Based on a press statement also released on Tuesday, the Audubon Naturalist Society and the Coalition for Smarter Growth and other community organizations appear to be preparing for the next chapter in the ICC saga. Audubon Naturalist Society representative Brian Henry closed out the organizational press statement by declaring, "Ehrlich's golden shovel is a classic political trick to distract the public from the growing number of reasons to reject the \$3 billion ICC."

Most people don't support a \$7-a-day toll highway, especially when the state's own figures show that [the ICC] doesn't relieve congestion on the Beltway, I-270 or I-95. It's important to remember that the ICC is not a done deal and our leaders have ample time to change course as the ICC's poor performance and staggering cost become common knowledge."

Opponents also point out recent staggering increases in costs for structural steel (40 percent since 2004), asphalt (up 15 percent from a year ago) and fuel for motor vehicles (up 26 percent from a year ago) and as the ultimate cost for the ICC climbs steeply, other beneficial transportation projects that could provide real solutions for congestion will be squeezed out by the ICC project.



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Annual Spring Fair Is Fun for All Ages

by Anne Gardner

Saturday, May 20 was a day for Greenbelt Elementary School staff, students and parents, along with other members of the community, to relax and have fun together at the PTA's annual Spring Fair.

The children made paper airplanes, decorated masks and came back again and again to make sand art necklaces, bracelets and key chains. Games to be played included fishing for ducks, digging for treasure in

a sand box and the ever-popular "potty toss." Both adults and children participated with gusto in the cakewalk and Officer Parker used a radar gun to measure how fast they could throw a ball.

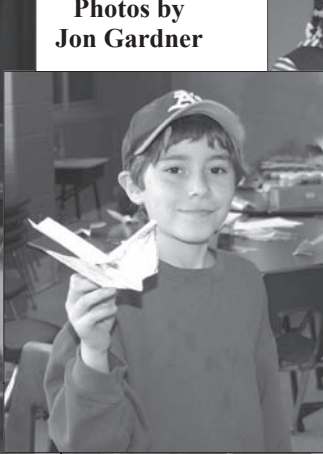
There was also a successful silent auction, featuring gift certificates for local restaurants, lunches with various teachers and other donated items. The one-day Scholastic Book Fair earned the school about \$700 worth of books.

All in all, it was a very enjoyable community event, as the

school year draws to a close. The first PTA event of the new school year will be the used book sale at the Labor Day Festival. To learn more about the Greenbelt Elementary School PTA, visit their web page at www.greenbelt.com/gespta.



Above, Edith Beauchamp edges out Dawnisha Weeks in the finale of the Adult Cake Walk. At right, Joseph Natoli, age 6, pours sand into a mold, while his family, Joe, Sharon and Stephanie, age 12, watch.



Above, Salena, age 6, and Denita Johnson work on sand art. At left, Gabe York flies the paper airplane he made.



Above, Elizabeth Gardner, age 5, enjoys the clown toss while Jasmine House, age 9, watches.

Photos by Jon Gardner

A Review

Greenbelt Teacher's Book Explores Education Goals

by Carol Griffith

The cultural decadence and materialism that defines the day-to-day popular culture shows that America has lost its sense of cultural appreciation and expression and there must be a new holistic approach to elementary and secondary education. This is the premise of "Nurturing The Souls of Our Children - Education and the Culture of Democracy," written by Greenbelt resident Robert Mitchell.

This is the first book Mitchell has written and it is evidently a subject about which he has a great deal of personal experience and deep interest. He has been a teacher in public and private schools since 1978, after careers in writing and architecture and military service. Mitchell has lived for several years in Europe, North Africa and Mexico, where he began his teaching career.

The first few chapters explain the history of education, beginning with the Renaissance and its ancient Greek and Roman influences, to the present American educational system and how it has evolved. Mitchell shows how the educational system reflects the larger goals of society in changing its focus from fostering the intellectual development of the child to producing skilled workers.

Several chapters explain the psychology of education. Mitchell has interspersed anecdotes from his own career and his path to becoming a teacher which explain how

he developed his philosophy of education. He believes the goals of education should be to stimulate the child's cultural imagination and identity, to teach a democratic social consciousness and to provide the individual with the means to be economically self-reliant. Mitchell advocates a holistic approach to education in which parents and teachers work together in what he calls a "sacred trust" to help the child in developing self-confidence and self-knowledge.

Another section of the book defines a good teacher and provides professional objectives for practicing the art of teaching. A good teacher, Mitchell asserts, is a storyteller, artist, dramatist, scholar, philosopher and psychologist. Lastly, the book provides an outline and sample of a curriculum for a cultural education from kindergarten level through 12th grade.

"Nurturing The Souls of Our Children - Education and the Culture of Democracy" was presented at BookExpoAmerica in Washington, D.C., in May. The book may be obtained from the publisher, AuthorHouse, and from online booksellers. Mitchell has been invited to give a presentation about the book at the Washington Society for Jungian Psychology, of which he is a member. He intends to retire from classroom teaching in June in order to devote more time to promoting the philosophy of education about which he's so passionate.

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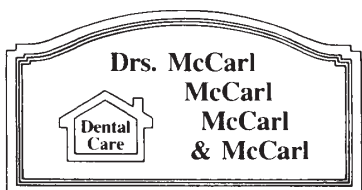
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ACE Highlights Student Writings in April Program

by Mary Moien

The Fourth Annual Greenbelt Youth Literary Showcase was held on April 28. The program is sponsored by the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) and its reading club. Each year the Showcase spotlights the writing talents of students in grades 6 through 12 who live or go to school in Greenbelt. Students submit works of poetry or short fiction that are critiqued by local adult writers. The best are highlighted in the showcase.

City Councilmember Leta Mach, the first ACE chair, introduced the program. She thanked Liz Murray, who is in charge of the ACE reading activities but could not be present due to the recent birth of her second child, Kellen. Mach told the students she is proud of their creativity and their courage in sharing their works with others.

The topic of this year's writing contest was crisis and adversity. All students read their own works, which are also available from the city in the Greenbelt Voice.

Student Readings

Yasmin Boakye, a freshman at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS), read "The End of the World," imagining the planet destroyed by greed after a seventh world war. One reviewer commented that this was an extraordinary story for a young person to write.

Dylan Parkhurst, an ERHS senior, listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students," presented "Little Things," a "fun down-to-earth look at endless things to be done" in the everyday life of a student.

Andrea Castillo wrote "Self Styled Justice." In her absence Mach read her story of guns and the future and issues of societal struggle.

Monae Brown, a 6th grader at Greenbelt Elementary School (GES), presented "Stuck in the Shadow of Deaf," a harsh story about deafness and race in school.

Ana Calizo's haiku poetry, "Natural Disasters," "packs a punch" according to one reviewer. Topics included tsunamis and the ozone layer.

Caitlin Cummings, who is home-schooled, presented "An Accident that Happened by Chance," a mystery with a girl, her parents and her "evil?" aunt.

Antania Whitlow, an ERHS honor student and artist, presented a poem, "And it Flows up the River," about the people of New Orleans.

Johann Baptista, a GES 6th grader from South America, read from his fantasy genre work, "The Great Medieval War." This detailed story of knights and kings and evil had the makings of a much longer story.

Cearah Camp-Green wrote a poem, "Springtime." Cearah is a 6th grader at Greenbelt Elementary School, whose poem was very moving and hopeful, describing the struggles of life.

Aliyah Nickens wrote "A Day in the Life of Casey Johnson." She is also a 6th grader at Greenbelt Elementary School and her story captures the essence of a young girl's day and ends with a twist.

City council chambers were filled with proud parents, relatives and teachers.



City councilmembers join Greenbelt student writers at the April 28 Greenbelt Youth Literary Showcase. From left to right in the back row are Councilmember Konrad Herling, Mayor Judith Davis, Antania Whitlow, Councilmember Leta Mach, Yasmin Boakye, Aliyah Nickens, Monae Brown, Dylan Parkhurst and Councilmember Rodney Roberts. In front are Johann Baptista, Caitlin Cummings and Andrea Castillo.



Greenbelt Elementary School student Monae Brown is surrounded at the Greenbelt Youth Literary Showcase in April. Shown from left are Monae's mother Deniece Lattimore, sister Dominique Campbell, Monae and teacher Beth Novick.



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Medical Building Planned for MTC

by Virginia Beauchamp

A three-story outpatient medical care center will occupy the final piece of undeveloped land in the Maryland Trade Center tract pending approval by the Greenbelt City Council. A proposal by Caperian, Inc., for a facility focusing on arthritis and orthopedic medicine on a parcel adjacent to the Holiday Inn was unanimously endorsed on Wednesday, May 16 by the city's Advisory Planning Board.

According to the proposal, the first floor of the building will house an outpatient facility and surgery center. Offices and suites used as condominium units for doctors will occupy the building's second floor and an arthritis pain center will be located on the third floor.

The building will not function as an emergency center, so ambulance traffic is not anticipated. Most patients will arrive in their own vehicles or by public transportation.

In that regard, what is called "a strong pedestrian connection" – that is, a sidewalk – will be constructed from Hanover Parkway.

Two circular driveways will provide access to the building at its north- and south-facing façades. Bicycle racks will be installed at both entrances and café-style picnic tables and benches will provide outdoor seating near both ends of the building. Walkways along the side walls will connect the two entrances; all grades and entrances will be handicap accessible.

Parking

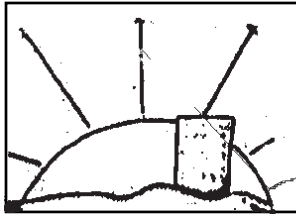
Although parking will be limited to 183 spaces, rather than the county's standard of 212, this shortfall has been granted by the county. The facility will be allowed to use 43 spaces belonging to the Holiday Inn, whose primary need for parking occurs when the medical building is closed.

The applicant has agreed to plant 29 trees on the property, five more than the 24-tree requirement. Five trees will be planted along the roadway frontage on Hanover Parkway and about eight percent of the property will remain green space.

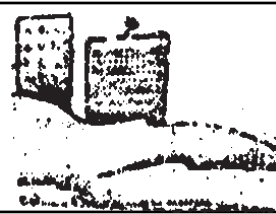
History

The present proposal revives a plan for a similar building first put forward in 1998 by Dimensions Healthcare and approved at that time by city council. Since then the city has held a covenant on the property as approving agent for concerns regarding signage, landscaping, building specifications and design features.

Caperian, Inc., is purchasing the 2.6-acre property from Dimensions. The land is zoned C-S-C (Commercial Shopping Center), the same zoning as that for the Holiday Inn. Both uses are acceptable within this zone.



Greenbelt's Business



Garden Inn to Open

Greenbelt's fifth hotel will be in business soon according to Jim Sterling, Greenbelt assistant director for Community Development. Sterling told the Greenbelt City Council at an April 17 budget worksession that he expected the Hilton Garden Inn, located at the Golden Triangle Office Park off Walker Drive, to be open for business by the end of next week. The new hotel will increase the total floor space for hotels in Greenbelt by 43 percent. It will have 155 rooms to rent, bringing Greenbelt's total number of rooms to 918.

Mack-Cali Acquires Capital Office Park

Mack-Cali Realty Corporation is the new owner of Capital Office Park, a seven-building, class A office complex in Greenbelt. The 842,300 square-foot complex, located on Ivy and Cherrywood Lanes and facing the Capital Beltway, was purchased by Mack-Cali for \$161.7 million.

Mitchell E. Hersh, president and chief executive officer of Mack-Cali, commented, "With this transaction, Mack-Cali has acquired one of the region's top office complexes while tripling our holdings in this strategic market." Mack-Cali also owns 4200 Parliament Place in Lanham and 1201 Connecticut Avenue, NW and 1400 L Street, NW, in Washington, D.C.

Mack-Cali (NYSE:CLI), based in New Jersey, is a publicly-traded real estate investment trust and an owner, manager and developer of office properties.

New Therapist Joins Pleasant Touch Spa

A new massage therapist Laudie Baer has joined the staff at the Pleasant Touch Spa located in Roosevelt Center. Baer is experienced in many massage modalities and has worked at the University of Maryland Health Center for 10 years.

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Area Supermarket Celebrates 70 Years

Giant Food, LLC is celebrating its 70th year in business this year. The company's roots go back to 1936 when N.M. Cohen and Samuel Lehrman founded the company. These two entrepreneurs opened their first store at the corner of Georgia Avenue and Park Road in Washington, D.C. The first store created quite a stir as the area's first self-service supermarket that also provided an innovative "bellhop" service, the predecessor of today's parcel pick-up service. Today Giant operates 192 stores in Virginia, Maryland, the District of Columbia and Delaware. Ever since the first store opened the company has made a name for itself within the retail food industry as a leader and trend-setter. Some examples of the company's many innovations:

Giant was the first regional supermarket chain to have in-store pharmacies in 1962 and today it operates 160 pharmacies within stores and three free-standing pharmacies.

Giant has sponsored "It's Academic," the longest running televised high school quiz program in the U.S., since 1967 and has awarded to date over \$2.5 million in scholarship grants to the participating schools.

In 1971, Giant was one of the first supermarket chains to develop and test nutrition shelf labels on its products in partnership with the Food and Drug Administration. Giant also introduced unit pricing on thousands of food products to help customers compare prices.

Giant was the first supermarket chain in the U.S. to have computer-assisted checkouts in all their stores.

In 1985, Giant became the first supermarket chain in the Washington metropolitan area to offer No Candy/No Tabloid checkout

lanes in response to requests from parents.

Since 1990, Giant has given over \$73 million in educational classroom equipment and cash grants to schools as part of the company's A+ Bonus Bucks program whereby designated schools receive cash whenever customers use their Giant Bonus Card for purchases.

Located on Greenbelt Road since the 1960s, Giant is currently in Beltway Plaza. It had been across Greenbelt Road where Staples is now. A smaller store was located in the Springhill Lake Shopping Center in the 1960s but was closed after a few years and the building reused as a training facility. Giant Food, LLC is headquartered in Landover and employs more than 25,000 associates.

Giant Presents Money To Local Schools

Giant Food, LLC has presented \$2 million in grants to over 3,600 area schools that benefitted from the company's 2005-2006 A+ Bonus Bucks program. Over the prior 17 years Giant has contributed over \$73 million in cash and classroom educational aids to area public and private schools.

Giant's A+ Bonus Bucks school program ran from October 2, 2005 to April 1, 2006. The program provided opportunities for Giant and Super G customers to assist local schools by making purchases with their BonusCard. Schools then received points or "BonusBucks" for every consumer dollar spent using the BonusCard. Customers designated the schools to receive their BonusBucks points.

Schools in Greenbelt that received BonusBuck points are Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Greenbelt Middle School, Greenbelt Elementary School, Springhill Lake Elementary School, Saint Hugh's School and Karp Family School at Mishkan Torah.

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By Authority: Friends of Justin Ross, Jane Ross, Treasurer



PHOTO BY MARY MOIEN

One of the new mixed paper recycling bins.

New Look for Paper Recycling

by Mary Moien

The next time you stop by Greenbelt Lake for a walk or a picnic, bring some old newspapers or magazines. Walk toward the public works building and go down the short path on the left. There you will find a long row of new bright green and gold paper recycling bins. Installed in early April, Cindy Murray, Greenbelt recycling coordinator, commented that the new bins "look so much better" than the old containers. The recycling area is for the use of Greenbelt residents and businesses only.

Although many Greenbelt residences have recycling at their doors, there are many times that people are cleaning up and have just too much paper to put out for recycling. That's the time to come down to the lake and use the new bins. Although the bins have heavy tops, there are big square openings on the sides to slide in magazines and papers. No sorting of papers is required.

Types of paper accepted include flattened cardboard boxes, newspapers, office and school pa-

per, catalogs, magazines and mail. The old containers for bottles and cans are still in place. However, the city hopes to have new bottle and can recycling bins in place by mid-summer.

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FOR SALE BY OWNER – Rare 2 bdrm. Studio, largest 2 bedroom in GHI. Full house renovation, enlarged kitchen, dining, bathroom, open-space design downstairs, eat-in kitchen, enlarged closets, screened porch, much more. \$280,000 (reduced). Open House – Sat/Sun 12-4. Susan, 240-473-6817; Della (c) 301-802-1688.

OPEN HOUSE – Sun. June 4, 12 - 3 p.m. at 19A Hillside Road. GHI end unit townhome. Backs to woods, 2 story addition. Master bedroom, 11' x 22'. Renovated kitchen incl. dishwasher. AC/heat pump both levels. Partially fenced landscaped yard with gazebo. Reserved parking space directly in front of unit. \$260,000. Call Mark Pearson at Realty Executives, 301-252-4361

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JUNE 3, 9 - 1 p.m. Girl's bike w/training wheels, helmet; playground slide; toys; children's books; furniture; 2 window A/Cs. 135A Northway. Rain date, June 4, 9 - 1 p.m.

YARD SALE – Good Samaritan Lutheran Church, 10110 Greenbelt Road, Lanham, MD, on Saturday, June 3 at 9 a.m. Tailgate spaces (\$20) are available. Contact Jean at 301-794-8082.

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Brick Townhome on Corner Lot
 Three bedroom GHI townhome with open kitchen. Large deck with swing in backyard. There's even a pond in the large backyard. \$256,900

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Coming Soon
 GHI Townhome with addition. Bedroom and Full Bath on the main level. This cinderblock townhome has been recently remodeled. \$274,900

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3-Level GHI
 This 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath townhome has a full, finished basement with bathroom. Large screened porch, remd. kitchen & more. \$304,900 SOLD

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Brick Townhome
 Steps away from Roosevelt Center! This 2 bedroom all-brick home has a 12 1/2' x 18 1/2' living room. Call now for an appointment. \$223,900

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GHI with Extra Bath
 Beautiful 3 br, 1 1/2 bath Frame GHI unit, many upgrades, new floor downstairs, move-in condition, great kitchen! Just \$204,900 U.C.

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Lakewood - Corner Lot
 This 3 br, 1 1/2 bath home is in the heart of Greenbelt. Large bay window with custom window treatment. Large yard & great deck! \$390,000

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Overlooks Woodlands
 Sliding glass doors that open onto a balcony in the master bedroom that overlooks woodlands. Walk to Greenbelt Elementary! \$174,900

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Corner Lot - Large 2-Room Addition
 3 Bedroom townhome on a corner lot with large, 2-room addition and enlarged porch on the front. Lots of space for the money! \$207,900

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Front Porch Addition
 Beautiful 2 BR townhome in move-in condition. Electric chairlift, addition with skylights, extra 1/2 bath & deck with woodland views. \$216,900

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Affordable Housing
 GHI 2 bedroom townhome with hardwood floors & new paint downstairs; new carpet on the top level. Updated kitchen & bath. \$178,500

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Brick Townhome on Corner Lot
 This 2 bedroom home has central air and heating; a rarity for GHI! Close to Roosevelt Center - rear addition laundry room. \$249,900 SOLD

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Frame Townhome - End Unit
 Great value in this 2 bedroom GHI home. Two bedrooms and two full levels. Lots of improvements at a bargain price! Just \$164,900. U.C.

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Brick End Unit With Large Addition
 GHI townhome with 3 bedrooms & hardwood floors upstairs. Lower level addition has half-bath. Steps to Roosevelt Center. \$264,900 U.C.

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Great Value
 This two bedroom townhome is adjacent to protected woodlands and miles of hiking trails. Get out of the rent trap and buy now! \$178,900

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Greenbelt Day Weekend

Celebrating our 69th year, 1937 - 2006 ~ Friday, June 2-Sunday, June 4

Happy 69th Anniversary, Greenbelt! Celebrate the occasion by enjoying the many amenities that Greenbelt has to offer including our parks, pools, historic walking tours, local eateries and more. Enjoy!
The Mayor and City Council cordially invite all of you to come and enjoy your community.
All activities are FREE and open to ALL AGES unless otherwise noted.

EVENTS HAPPENING ALL WEEKEND LONG: FRIDAY, JUNE 2-SUNDAY, JUNE 4

6:00am-10:30pm on Friday and 8:00am-9:45pm on Saturday and Sunday:

Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center – Indoor Facility Open~Yearly passes, summer passes and daily admission fees provide admittance.

9:00am-10:00pm: Greenbelt Museum Exhibition, “Living the Healthy Life: Sports, Health and Fitness in the New Deal Era.” Community Center

11:00am-8:00pm on Friday and 10:00am-8:00pm on Saturday and Sunday

Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center Outdoor Pool Open~Recreational swimming for all ages; purchase a summer season pass and save on the price of daily admissions.

9:00am-10:00pm: Photographs by Greenbelt artist Barbara Tyroler on view, Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center.

9:00am-10:00pm: “Greenbelt Impressions” – recent photographs by University of Maryland students on view, Barbara Tyroler, instructor. Greenbelt Community Center.

9:00am-10:00pm: “A Stereoscopic Journey Through the Land of Uz: A Photographic Installation by Dan Schlapbach” – exhibit on view. Greenbelt Community Center.

REGISTRATION IS GOING ON NOW FOR ALL RECREATION CLASSES, WORKSHOPS, PROGRAMS, AQUATICS CLASSES, CAMPS AND MORE. PLEASE REFER TO YOUR RECREATION BROCHURE THAT WAS MAILED TO YOUR HOME OR DOWNLOAD ONE FROM WWW.GREENBELTMD.GOV.



Double Entendre – photograph by University of Maryland alumnus Richard Sines from the exhibition Greenbelt Impressions.

OTHER FRIDAY, JUNE 2ND EVENTS

8:30am: 10th ANNUAL GENE KELLAHER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP GOLF CLASSIC Sponsored by the Greenbelt American Legion Post #136 at the Lake Arbor Golf & Country Club. Sponsors welcome, contact Kathie Linkenhoker at 301-474-1776.

GREENBELT BASEBALL GAMES

6:00pm: Mets vs. Marlins Machine Pitch-Braden Field #3

6:00pm: Cubs vs. Indians Major League-McDonald Field

6:00pm: A's vs Giants Major League-Braden Field #2

8:00pm: Parents vs Coaches-Braden Field #2

OTHER SATURDAY, JUNE 3RD EVENTS

10:00am: SENIOR EXHIBITION SOFTBALL GAME Come cheer for the Greenbelt Team. Location TBA

10am-12noon: KING ‘TUT’ TRIATHLON at the Greenbelt Youth Center. Children 13 and under are eligible to register for the second annual triathlon (40 meter swim, 1.5 km bike, 250 meter run) sponsored by St. Hugh’s. For more info, please contact larryh_kofc@yahoo.com or visit http://www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=1326390

GREENBELT DAY~ SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH

12:30-4:00pm: GHI HOME & GARDEN TOUR, begin at Greenbelt Homes, Inc. administrative office and enjoy the architectural enhancements, remodeling, renovation projects, and landscaped gardens on this walking tour of Greenbelt Homes. Contact Joan Krob at 301-474-4161 for more information. 1 Hamilton Place.

2:00pm: GREENBELT BASEBALL ALL STAR GAME Major League, McDonald Field

ARTFUL AFTERNOON

1:00pm-5:00pm: Studio Open House, Artists in Residence. Community Center.

1:00pm-5:00pm: House Tours, Greenbelt Museum, 10-B Crescent Rd.

1:00pm-3:00pm: Create Whimsical Sculptures, no experience necessary; art will be used for the July 4th Independence Day celebration at Buddy Attick Park. Community Center.

2:50pm: Mayor and City Council Greenbelt Day 69th Anniversary Comments, join the Mayor and City Council for their 69th Anniversary remarks. Community Center.

3:00pm: FREE PERFORMANCE: Greenbelt Concert Band, Community Center.

Immediately following concert Jim Cassels Award for Community Service, Co-op Board. Community Center

4:00pm: Lecture: “20th Century Wedding Dresses/Customs.” Lecturer: Alden O’Brien, Costume Historian, D.A.R. Museum. Multi-Purpose Room in the Community Center.

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SUMMER DAILY ADMISSION PRICES

May 27, 2006-September 4, 2006

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