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New Report Describes Status And Number of Ballfields, Lights

by James Giese

Greenbelt needs more football/soccer fields and more ballfield lighting according to recommendations of a staff study by Recreation Director Harry G. Irving and Assistant Director of Recreation Operations Joe McNeal. The study, which was submitted to City Manager Michael McLaughlin on March 30, found that since 1991 the city has lost one softball/youth baseball field and one football/soccer field.

A Parks and Recreation Assessment Study by the Prince George's County Urban Design Planning Section of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NPC-PC) in 1991 recommended the need for additional fields – two for football and soccer, one for baseball and one softball/youth baseball field.

The current report notes, however, that standards since then have been replaced by new guidelines. The National Recreation and Parks Association now recommends that each community develop its own recreational standards, something the city report finds would be a costly and time-consuming endeavor.

M-NCPPC now uses data from a survey of Maryland households conducted in 2003 as a basis for determining levels of service, facilities' carrying capacities and their estimated demands. The city staff, however, does not be-

lieve these standards work in Greenbelt.

Staff also notes that demand for various types of fields vary with time, depending on current interests and the abilities of sports groups to find leaders and participants. Adult league use has declined significantly, the report notes.

Field Survey

Currently there are three baseball fields with 90-foot baselines in Greenbelt – at Braden Field, Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) and Greenbelt Middle School. The school fields are not being used for recreational play. The city field, located in Old Greenbelt behind Roosevelt Center, overlaps other fields, which limits the load capacity for the field. The one improvement since the 1991 study is that the city baseball field is now lighted. Estimated attendance in 2005 at the city field was 4,076.

Ten softball/youth baseball fields with 60/65 foot baselines now exist – a net loss of one since 1991. A field was lost at the old North End School when Greenbelt Elementary School replaced it and another was lost at the middle school when the school bus parking lot was expanded. However a new field was added at the city's Schrom Hills Park on Hanover Parkway in Greenbelt East.

Four of the 10 fields are on

school property. The report notes that some school fields are poorly maintained and others restricted as to use, particularly at the high school. One field at Braden Field is lighted while another there overlaps other fields, as does a field at Mandan Field in Greenbelt East. (While Mandan Field is Board of Education property reserved as a future school site, it was developed and is maintained by the city.)

The lighted Braden Field #2 is the most heavily used of all ballfields, with 6,092 attendance in 2005. McDonald Field off Southway was used by 3,964. Users of the two Northway Fields totaled 3,338 and 884 players used the Schrom Hills Park field. Shown as unused for recreation league play were Mandan Field, ERHS and the two fields at the middle school.

Since 1991 one football/soccer field has been added at Schrom Hills Park. However, two in the city were lost. Fencing erected for softball use has prevented the Northway Fields at the end of Northway in Old Greenbelt from being used for football/soccer. A recently completed proposed master plan for Northway Fields now being considered by council would restore an overlapping football/soccer field there.

The second field lost was
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Three Candidates Announce For September 12 Primary

Two candidates have announced their intention to run for the position of Prince George's County councilmember on the Democratic ticket for District 4 which includes Greenbelt. They are Bowie Mayor Fred Robinson and Ingrid Turner, also of Bowie, a retired commander in the Judge Advocate General's corps in the U.S. Navy.

The position became vacant when the current councilmember, Douglas J.J. Peters, announced he would run for the state senate position made available by the retirement of long-time Senator Leo Green, District 23.

Also on July 3, Greenbelter James William Thompson announced his candidacy for the Maryland House of Delegates, District 22.

Fred Robinson

Robinson has served for 16 years on the Bowie City Council, the last eight as mayor. He retired from the Prince George's County Police Department, last serving as a commander. He graduated from the University of Maryland and holds a master's degree from George Washington University. He is a member of Saint Edward's Catholic Church,

the American Legion, the Fraternal Order of Police, the Knights of Columbus and the Elks.

Ingrid Turner

Turner is a 1986 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and holds a master's degree in business administration from Golden Gate University and a J.D. degree from Catholic University. While earning her law degree, she clerked for Circuit Court Judge G.R. Hovey Johnson.

During a 20-year career with the Navy, she held several administrative posts, at one time supervising a 26-person department. She served as Deputy Legal Counsel for the Bureau of Naval Personnel, providing legal counsel to six admirals. Later she completed advanced studies in healthcare law, public health and health services at George Washington University.

She is a member of the Women's Advisory Group for Prince George's County, the NAACP and Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority and serves on the education committee for the Bowie City Council and South Bowie High School Advisory Committee. She also

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Two Maryland Professors Extol Center's Modernist Architecture

by Virginia Beauchamp

"We can say authoritatively that the Greenbelt Center School is among the very highest quality and most interesting examples of modern architecture in Maryland." This is the conclusion of Greenbelt residents Mary Corbin Sies, associate professor of American Studies, and Isabelle Gournay, associate professor of Architecture, both at the University of Maryland. Together, under a grant from the Maryland Historical Trust, the two professors are directing a survey of buildings in Maryland related to the Modern Movement in architecture.

According to a September 2005 letter to Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis, the team, which included six graduate student assistants, was studying and documenting structures, landscapes and other resources in Maryland designed or built between 1930 and 1972. Center School – now the Community Center – was one of 15 subjects described in the study.

The directors plan to produce a script for a traveling exhibition and, ultimately, a book based on the Maryland survey. Last November Sies and Gournay gave an illustrated talk here under the sponsorship of the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum describing their survey research. The talk took place in the very building they praised so highly.

According to a report the researchers prepared for the National Trust for Historic Places, Center School was "one of the earliest examples of modernist architecture and planning" in Maryland. With its flat roof, glass block windows and "simple façades," the building exemplifies the International Style, the report says. In particular it singles out the building's "unique finishes," "original woodwork" and "built-in shelves and cupboards."

Historically the school was "the community focal point," the writers emphasize, and its placement key to fulfilling its function

as a "social gathering space during the evening and on weekends." Near the center of town, it was at the edge of a recreational area. Architecturally its design as a school helped "implement its progressive 'learn-by-doing' curriculum," the report says.

Since this study was finished, the research team has been exploring more recent architectural forms in Greenbelt, including churches, the Springhill Lake development and commercial buildings constructed before 1972.

The team has studied other housing types elsewhere in Maryland. Sies mentioned Woodley Gardens and New Mark Commons in Rockville, for example, as models of cluster housing. In a recent interview she said she and Gournay will be participating in a conference next year in Washington of the Vernacular Architectural Forum and are preparing articles on housing styles in the 20th century.



Fred Robinson



Ingrid Turner

The Greenbelt News Review welcomes candidacy announcements for the September 12 primaries for those offices which represent Greenbelt.

What Goes On

Saturday, July 8

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

Monday, July 10

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

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

Wednesday, July 12

10 a.m. to noon, Free Blood Pressure Screening, Municipal Building

1 to 3 p.m., Free Blood Pressure Screening, Green Ridge House (Residents Only)

7:30 p.m., Council Worksession with Roosevelt Merchants (Stakeholder), Community Center

Thursday, July 13

7 p.m., GDC and GHI Board Meetings, GHI Board Room



A Debt of Gratitude

Many people volunteer their skills each week to put out this community newspaper. Very few are indispensable. But one whose work had indeed become indispensable to us will no longer be filling that position – Neil McLeod, who died last Saturday. Not only was he indispensable, he was mostly invisible, needing to do his work when no one would be using the computers. Thus, only a few on our staff knew him or realized the significance of his contributions.

The Greenbelt News Review has benefited over the last several years from McLeod's work to keep us online and in business on our networked computers. Working long hours on short notice, often at night, he performed like the cobbler's elves to produce working equipment from chaos.

We have lost a most valuable player.

Letters

We'll Miss You Neil McLeod

Like many other Greenbelters I was saddened to hear of the passing of Neil McLeod. The Greenbelt Internet Access Cooperative (GIAC) was the first organization I got involved with when I moved to Greenbelt. Neil, as many know, played a vital part in keeping GIAC and greenbelt.com up and running.

Neil gave so much over the years especially to greenbelt.com as the community webmaster and as the trouble shooter extraordinaire. My thoughts and prayers go out for Neil and his family.

Neil McLeod will be greatly missed.

Austin Conaty

City Notes

Week of June 19

City Manager Michael McLaughlin announced that all seven city red light cameras have been transitioned to non-laser technology and are fully operational now. During the transition cameras were out of service for extended periods of time.

Director of Planning and Community Development Celia Craze has advised that she and her staff are pressuring the contractor and county permit officials to be in position to undertake the city skateboard park construction with a similar project being done in Olney with the expectation that a permit can be obtained in early July.

Greenbelt CARES has learned that the Maryland Fiscal Year 2008 budget will not specifically allocate funds to state youth service bureaus. Instead bureaus including CARES will compete with other state agencies for undesignated portions of combined funds.

Animal control removed nine baby possums from their deceased mother; they are now being bottle fed at the shelter.

Greenbelt Museum Lecture Focuses on Vintage Dressing

by Jill St. John, Curator

Vintage fashions can be sophisticated, fun and truly timeless. But how can a 21st century lady or gentleman achieve retro glamour relevant to today's world and for special retro events? People may be surprised at how easy it can be to emulate the look of the Art Deco era of the 1920s-40s, whether for special occasions or every day wear. To find out how to put together an ensemble, attend the Greenbelt Museum's free presentation on "How to Dress Vintage" by Chrissy Hall Reis, Tuesday, July 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center Multipurpose Room 201. Reis will illustrate how to assemble a vintage outfit from the 1920s-40s. She lectures regularly on



fashion of the early twentieth century, is on the board of the Art Deco Society of Washington, D.C. and is the chair of the Art Deco Society fashion show held every spring.

This lecture, which is part of the museum bimonthly lecture series, is designed to help anyone interested in walking with the museum group in the Greenbelt Labor Day Parade put together a period costume. Reis will provide resources to help attendees achieve the vintage look of early Greenbelt. Anyone interested in walking in the parade would be welcome.

For more information about the lecture or the parade call the museum office at 301-507-6582 or museum@greenbeltmd.gov.

Delegate Healey Is Recognized For Conservation Record

Delegate Anne Healey was recently honored by the Maryland League of Conservation Voters for accumulating a 100 percent voting record dealing with key environmental issues over the past two years.

These votes represented a wide range of conservation measures including Chesapeake Bay protection, land conservation, pollution prevention, transportation funding and citizen involvement. One of the most significant bills for the 2006 legislative session was the Healthy Air Act, which passed and has been signed into law.

In the legislative session of 2005, a bill passed that requires General Assembly approval to sell any state lands bought with conservation funding. Maryland voters will have a chance to ratify the amendment at the polls in November this year.

"The environment is tremendously important to all of us and to our quality of life and I believe that we must do all we can to protect our surroundings," stated Healey. "I am pleased to have been recognized in this manner for my voting record."

Grin Belt



"I'm contributing my acorns for the 'Greening Greenbelt' initiative."



PRELIMINARY AGENDA SPECIAL MEETING OF GDC AND GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS Thursday, July 13, 2006 GHI Board Room 7:00 PM

GDC Meeting Agenda Items:

- 2006 GDC Contract for Apartment Heat Pumps

Key Agenda Items:

- Contract for Repairs of 2A Eastway – 2nd Reading
- Common Interest Task Force
- Sewer Piping Repairs at 2 G/H Westway

Regular board meetings are open to members.

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DEADLINES: Letters, articles and ads—10 p.m. Tuesday. Materials for publication may be mailed to address above, deposited in our box in the Co-op grocery store (by 7 p.m. Tuesday) or brought to our office in the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, during office hours. Mail subscriptions—\$35/year.



NEED COURAGE??

Come to Greenbelt Baptist Church for an
"Arctic Edge Adventure" Vacation Bible School
July 10-14 2006 from 6:15 pm to 9:00 pm

Children MUST be 4 years of age AT TIME OF VBS to attend. VBS is open to grades K-12 (Grade just COMPLETED). There will be 2 Adult classes, "Arctic Edge" and "Eyewitness Good News."

For more information, call (301) 474-4212 or register online at
www.greenbeltbaptist.org. ALL ARE WELCOME!!

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

Community Events

Eagle Scout to Paint Local Storm Drains

Scouter Baron Mason of Boy Scout Troop 1688 will be painting storm drains in Greenbelt neighborhoods as part of his Eagle Scout project. Mason and his team will be doing work between July 23 and 28 in the following areas: Greenbrook Drive, 6900 through 7200 Hanover Parkway and Megan Lane. They will be painting unpainted storm drains and will add a message that reads "Don't Dump, Chesapeake Bay Drainage."

This work, part of Mason's Eagle Project, has been approved by the Prince George's County Department of Environmental Resources. Mason says he is excited that the project will benefit the community because the drains will be refurbished with a fresh coat of paint and people will be reminded not to dump debris into the drainage system. He says his project will benefit the state in the long run because so much pollution goes into the drains and winds up in the Bay, ultimately increasing deterioration of the fragile Bay environment.

Pinsky Scholarships For 22 Greenbelters

A committee of community leaders selected by Senator Paul Pinsky chose 22 Greenbelt students for state senatorial scholarships from a large pool of applicants. These Greenbelters were among 77 recipients from District 22 in Prince George's County. Applicants submitted transcripts, a short statement about why they want to pursue a college education and a resumé detailing their relevant volunteer experiences.

All students receiving a senatorial scholarship must attend an in-state school or have been approved by the Maryland Higher Education Commission as having a unique major status. The students all exhibit high academic achievement.

The following Greenbelt students were selected to receive a Senator Paul G. Pinsky Scholarship: Jiliahne Boyd, Alec Bradley, Erik Christiansen, Rebecca Lynn Fletcher, Dolly Friend-Gomez, Jillian Friend-Gomez, Mark Gonzalez, Cory Holland, Jessica House, Margaret Kamara, Tanasia Mason, Danielle Miller, Shardell Murray, Blessing Ohameje, Modupe Ojesanmi, Abisoye Oki, Mary Paradiso, Shanna Pearson-Merkowitz, Regina Scott, Marian Shakir, Dibesh Shrestha and Corine Tull.

"These students demonstrate core qualities, including academic achievement, that should make their families and the Greenbelt community proud," said Pinsky.

Free Blood Pressure Screenings in Town

Potomac Home Support will provide free blood pressure screenings on Wednesday, July 12 from 10 a.m. to noon in the Municipal Building, 2nd floor library.

From 1 to 3 p.m. the company will provide blood pressure screenings at Green Ridge House for residents only.

Library News

by Karen Seaton, Information Staff

Local mime artist Mark Jaster will perform at the Greenbelt Library on Wednesday, July 12 at 2 p.m. Jaster, who trained with Marcel Marceau, will perform "Piccolo's Trunk." The Washington Post called Mark Jaster "a clown extraordinaire and one of the most graceful performers you will ever see on a stage." This program is one of a series of six special events in July and August funded by Friends of the Greenbelt Library. There is no charge for admission.

Approximately 400 (and rising) children to age 12 are currently participating in "Clue Into Reading" summer reading programs. "Get Animated," the teen summer reading program and the adult program, "Escape to Reading," also continue to attract many new participants. For more information on any of these programs, come into the library, call 301-345-5800 or visit the website at www.pgcmlls.info.

The library has a collection of movie videos for a minimal fee for two nights. Both DVDs and videocassettes are available. Call or drop by to see if a favorite film is available. Bonuses are as follows: videos borrowed on Friday are not due until Monday; and, if the library is closed on Monday for a holiday, videos borrowed on Friday are due on Tuesday. Renew books by phone, online or in person. Up to 75 items may be borrowed with one's library card.

Coming events, especially for children ages 6 to 12: Mark Jaster, "Piccolo's Trunk," Wednesday, July 12 at 2 p.m.; Reptile World, program with live animals, Wednesday, July 19 at 2 p.m.; and "Cantare Fiesta! A Celebration of Life in Latin America," Wednesday, July 26 at 2 p.m.

Storytime

Tuesday July 11 - 10:30 a.m. - Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, July 12, Toddler-time, at 10:30 and again at 11 a.m., for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children.

Thursday, July 13, 10:30 a.m. Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5. Limit 20 children.

Greenbelt Scores 3rd Seasonal Win

by Leslie Hilliard

The Greenbelt Barracudas battled the Fort Washington Sharks in Greenbelt's home pool for the third dual meet of the season. A close meet down to the last relay events, Greenbelt pulled ahead by six points, winning with a score of 271 against Fort Washington's score of 265. Triple heat winners were the Like-Mathews sisters, Courtney and Maresa. Courtney won the girl's 11-12 50 meter breast stroke, back stroke and 100 meter individual medley. Maresa took first place in the 15-18 50 meter butterfly, back stroke and individual medley also.

The Greenbelt Barracudas face off with the Adelphi Dolphins at the Adelphi pool on July 8.



Kelley Jo Wallace (Greenbelt) waits to get her personal swim time after swimming the 25 meter breaststroke.

GHI Notes

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

Tuesday, July 11, 7 p.m. - Sustainable Design & Practices meeting, Board Room

7 p.m. - Member & Community Relations meeting, GHI Lunch Room

Wednesday, July 12, 7 p.m. - Woodlands Committee meeting, GHI Lunch Room

7:30 p.m. - Companion Animal Committee meeting, GHI Library

7:30 p.m. - Architecture & Environment Committee meeting, Board Room

Thursday, July 13, 7 p.m. - Special Board of Directors meeting, Board Room.

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Week of July 7

FRI. - THUR.

Pirates of Caribbean: Deadman's Chest, PG-13 (!)
12:45, 1, 4, 4:35, 7:15, 7:30, 10:30, 10:45
Superman Returns, PG-13 (!)
12:30, 3:45, 4:25, 7, 7:45, 10:15
Fast & Furious: Tokyo Drift, PG-13 (!)
1:30, 10:40
Devil Wears Prada, PG-13 (!)
1:15, 4, 7:20, 10
Waist Deep, R (!)
1, 3:15, 5:40, 8:10, 10:45
Click, PG-13 (!)
2:10, 5, 7:30, 10:25
Cars, G (!)
1:20, 4:20, 7, 9:45

Greenbelt Baseball

Major League Playoffs
as of Monday, July 3, 2006

American League	National League
#3 Giants defeat #4 Tigers	#3 Lions defeat #4 Cardinals
#2 Athletics defeat #3 Giants	#3 Lions defeat #2 Cubs
#1 Orioles defeat #2 Athletics	#1 Indians defeat #3 Lions
#4 Tigers defeat #3 Giants	#2 Cubs defeat #4 Cardinals
#2 Athletics defeat #4 Tigers	#3 Lions defeat #2 Cubs
#1 Orioles defeat #2 Athletics	#1 Indians defeat #3 Lions
#1 Orioles - American League Champions	#1 Indians - National League Champions

City Championship

Date	Time	Games
Wed., July 5	6:00 p.m.	NL Champs vs. AL Champs
Thurs. July 6	6:00 p.m.	AL Champs vs. NL Champs
*Fri., July 7	6:00 p.m.	NL Champs vs. AL Champs

* if necessary (Best 2 of 3)



Greenbelters were saddened to learn of the death of Neil McLeod, webmaster for greenbelt.com and longtime leader for the Greenbelt Internet Access Cooperative. Our condolences to his wife Patty McLeod and Neil's many colleagues.

Our condolences also to the family and all the Greenbelt friends of pioneer Lucille Howell, who died June 27.

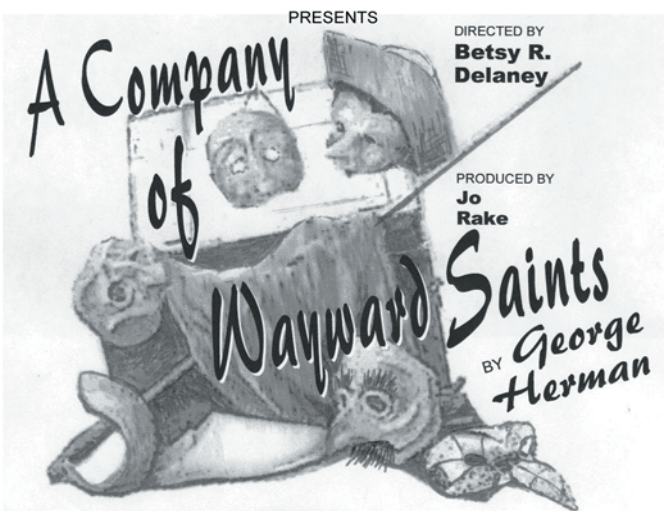
Our sympathy to the family, friends and colleagues of current GHI Board Member Joyce Abell who died June 29.

Greenbelters were also sorry to learn of the death of Norman Lockerman, Jr., who retired from the city in 1998 after 25 years in public works and is best known as the driver for the Greenbelt Connection.

We were saddened to hear of the death of former Lakeside resident Robert W. Wood, Sr., in Fulton, Md.

Our condolences to the family of Joseph Allen Markowich of Sacramento, who died June 13. He grew up here in the 1940s.

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7420 Laurel Bowie Road



Fred Robinson, Democrat, is a candidate for County Council, District 4 which includes Greenbelt

Auth. Kelly Anderson, Treasurer

MOBILE POSTAL VAN: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Municipal Building Parking Lot

Lucille Howell, Greenbelt Pioneer, Dies at Age 91

by Virginia Beauchamp

Greenbelt pioneer Lucille Love Howell, 91, died Tuesday, June 27, 2006, following a long illness. A resident of Lakeview Circle, she had survived her late husband, Carson Howell, by more than 15 years. During those years she volunteered actively with a number of community organizations.

As the last surviving founding member of a contract bridge group begun by members of the Greenbelt Woman's Club, Mrs. Howell kept an active group going, inviting new players to join, including a number of men, as spaces opened up. Mrs. Howell took responsibility for records and supplies and invited substitutes as needed.

This bridge group, playing originally in the Morrison Lounge of the Youth Center, transferred to the Community Center when the new facility opened. It still meets weekly. Mrs. Howell remained active in the Greenbelt Woman's Club, which merged eventually with the College Park club, as membership in both groups dwindled.

On Fridays for many years Mrs. Howell worked as a volunteer at the Baptist Adult Day Care Center on the lower level of the Community Center, where she served food to the blind and ran a bingo game. She also served as a docent at the Greenbelt Museum and worked for many years at the ad desk for the Greenbelt News Review.

Early Resident

The Howells moved to Greenbelt in 1938 when their daughter, Shirleyann, was an infant. Mrs. Howell told how the two parents would take turns attending movies at the theater, one going to the first show and the other to the second, meeting halfway so that their infant daughter would always have a parent in charge. Their house was close by – at I-F Gardenway.

She remembered those days in 2000 when the theater held a dedication ceremony for the new sign that replaced the original theater sign that had been removed and lost. She was one of five residents at this event who had attended the Shirley Temple film on opening day in 1938 when the theater was new.

The Howells' near neighbors in those days were Roy Braden, Greenbelt's first city manager, and his wife, who soon developed a close, semi-parental relationship with little Shirleyann. She later visited them several times after they moved to North Carolina.



In 1948 the Howells were forced to leave Greenbelt, since his salary had risen beyond the maximum allowed for residents of this federally-managed city. At that time they moved to East Pines, off Riverdale Road. While there, Mrs. Howell

became active with the Girl Scout movement, first as troop leader, then as a member of the county board and finally on the regional board – a total of 25 years in scouting.

In 1965 the Howells moved back to Greenbelt when they built a house on Lakeview Circle. During all these years Carson Howell worked for the federal government, first as a messenger with the War Department and later at the White House, where he was detailed to work for Mrs. Roosevelt. He was one of a team who screened the voluminous mail that came to the First Lady. Later Howell was chief administrative officer for the White House staff, serving every president in turn until his retirement during the Nixon administration.

Only the year before the Howells moved back to Greenbelt, their beloved daughter died during the birth of her third daughter. The three grandchildren survive – Deborah Muhlmán and Donna Bailey, both of Maryland, and Dawn Lovell of Florida – as well as six great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, July 1 at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Riverdale. Burial was at Fort Lincoln Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Robert W. Wood, Sr.

Robert W. Wood, Sr., 70, died Sunday, July 2, 2006. Mr. Wood was born April 25, 1936 in Beltsville. He and his family moved to Greenbelt in 1966, residing on Lakeside Drive. He worked at University Square Apartments for several years. In 2005, Mr. Wood moved in with his son in Fulton, Md.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia A. Wood.

Mr. Wood is survived by children Julie Ann Bicknell, Robert W. Wood, Jr., William A. Wood and Pamela M. Fekete; his brother Grant M. Wood, Jr.; sisters Marie Boyd, Sharon Longley and Shirley Breeden; grandchildren Melissa, Jason, Randy, Kori, Amber, Clay and Nathan; and great-grandchildren Andrew and Skylar.

After the Thursday, July 6 visitation at Borgwardt Funeral Home from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m., funeral services will be held at Borgwardt at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 7 followed by interment at Fort Lincoln Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Howard County, 5537 Twin Knolls Road, Suite 433, Columbia, MD 21045.



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Wednesdays: 7:00 pm Simple, quiet Mass

An inclusive congregation!

Obituaries

More obituaries can be found on pages 5 and 6.

Joseph Markowich

Joseph Allen Markowich, born August 27, 1939, died on Tuesday, June 13, 2006, at his home in Sacramento, Calif. at the age of 66.

He was the son of Walter and Marjorie Markowich. The Markowich family lived at 36-R Ridge Road from the early 1940s until 1949 and then moved to 10-N Southway where Joe's brother Mark and his family currently reside. Mr. Markowich attended Holy Redeemer Catholic School in Berwyn from K through 4th grade, St. Hugh's School from 5th through 8th grade and graduated from St. Anthony's Catholic High School, Washington, D.C. He served as an altar boy at St. Hugh's Church and enjoyed scouting and boxing with the Greenbelt Boys' Club.

His adult life began when he joined the Air Force at age 17. He was trained at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. He was stationed in Arizona, Montana, Mississippi,



North Carolina and Sacramento. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam, earned an engineering degree from Arizona State University and achieved the rank of captain. Upon retirement he enjoyed hunting and fishing and was active in AA, sponsoring numerous members.

Mr. Markowich treasured his family most of all and never stopped missing Greenbelt. His mother sent him copies of the Greenbelt News Review to help him stay in touch with his hometown and all of his conversations included how much he missed his family and Greenbelt.

He is survived by his wife, Roylyne; his mother, Marjorie; four sisters, Marilyn, Connie, Teresa and Sharon; two brothers, Mark and Steven; three sons, Allen, Lyle and Jason; two daughters, Crystal and Theresa; 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Hugh's Catholic Church on Saturday, July 1, 2006.

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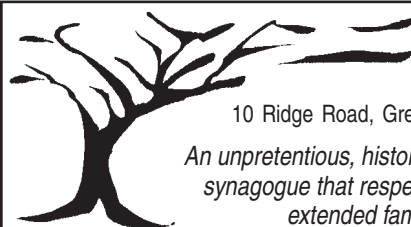
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In Memoriam

Neil McLeod

Neil McLeod of Plateau Place was born in California to Army parents Glennwood and Mary McLeod and lived all over throughout his young life. Younger sister Glenna had cystic fibrosis. Where Neil spent his life for 5 ½ years was dependent on the medical care needed for Glenna. Neil lost his sister when he was 9 years old. Neil spent time in Ethiopia during his early teen years while his father served in the Army. Upon returning to the States in 1960 the family settled in Northern Virginia.



Patty and Neil McLeod

Neil's education past high school was a short stint at MIT where he said the other guys were out of his league. He returned to Northern Virginia, then went to Virginia Tech in Blacksburg. His first summer there brought into his life a guy who has remained his best friend past his death. Warren Johnston was a great joy to Neil. They scaled the walls of Tech together, climbed through the steam tunnels together, always exploring. Warren was a rock Neil could always count on. He loved Warren like a brother.

The friendship endured though there were miles between them after they each married. Together they took their children caving and white-water rafting. Neil has regaled many people with tales of those trips.

Neil began working with computers in the late '60s. After a few odd contract jobs he landed a position at Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Neil worked in the programming department for main frames before the PC was in offices, much less in homes. He was proud to work among the "Blue" programmers and became one of their "utility" guys. He loved to do technical documentation. All of this prepared Neil for his big leap into a computer consulting business in 1986 when he struck out on his own.

With a PC and a laser printer Neil marketed his skills. He

would meet clients, take their DOS networks, install typically Novell Network and needed applications and make the systems "sing and dance," as he would say.

The best part of his MACRO Enterprises Computer Consulting business was that he approached his clients with a reasonable thought – "Let me work on your systems at night when your employees will not be disturbed." Neil gained the trust of many companies in the Washington area. W.C. and A.N. Miller and Curtis Properties were Neil's two largest clients for a time. His systems were guaranteed. He gave the users access to what the managers directed and provided tutorials for all the applications for new users. Neil was never too busy to answer their questions or to talk with one of the client's employees. In his later years of consulting Neil worked for Poretzky Management, Inc., Urban Masonry, Smallwood Construction and he even did some work for Bill Novick at the Greenbelt Service Center.

Neil was transplanted to Greenbelt in 1991 by Patty McLeod who already owned a GHI home on Plateau Place. Neil moved his office from Virginia to office space above the 7-Eleven in Roosevelt Center.

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City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL

**Municipal Building
July 10, 2006 - 8:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting**

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

- Meals on Wheels – Presentation of Check
- The Year of the Museum - 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

Ordinance to Amend Chapter 12, "Parks and Recreation," of the Greenbelt City Code in Order to Update Section 12-78, "Rules Governing Operation," with Regard to Use by Children of One-Person Boats and Personal Flotation Devices (2nd Reading, Adoption)

A Resolution to Repeal Resolution 983 and to Establish Admission Fees and Pass Rates for the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center, Effective September 5, 2006 (2nd Reading, Adoption)

A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Certain Goods and Services from Various Vendors as Enumerated Herein When Total Fiscal Year Purchases from Each Vendor Exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) (1st Reading)

A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of Services for the Rehabilitation of Windows at the Community Center with Marchuk Construction of Vienna, Virginia (1st Reading)

A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of Architectural Services Required for the Rehabilitation of Windows at the Community Center with Vitetta Group, Inc., of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (1st Reading)

OTHER BUSINESS

- Proposed Federal CIP Improvements – FY 2007-2012
- Award of Purchase – Four Cities Street Sweeper
- Award of Purchase – Refuse Truck
- *Resignation from Advisory Group

MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

MEETINGS FOR JULY 10-15

- **Monday, July 10, 7:00pm, Recycling & Environment Advisory Committee**, Greenbelt Community Center Info: 301-474-8004.
- **Monday, July 10, 8:00pm, Regular City Council Meeting**, Municipal Building (live on Channel 71).
- **Wednesday, July 12, 7:30 p.m. City Council Work Session w/Roosevelt Center Merchants (stakeholder)**, Greenbelt Community Center.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call the number listed above, or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov.

GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER

**REGISTRATION FOR CLASSES
WEEKDAY CHILDREN'S SWIM LESSONS**

Session II for Adult classes: July 17 thru August 11
Registration Ongoing until classes fill

Summer Session III: July 18-21, and July 25-28
Passholders and Residents may register: Sat., July 15
Open Registration: Sunday, July 16 and Monday July 17th
For more information on classes call the Aquatic & Fitness Center at 301-397-2204 or visit www.greenbeltmd.gov

**GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS
CHANNEL 71**

MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Monday, July 10 at 8pm: City Council Meeting "live" Tuesday & Thursday, July 11 & 13: 10am & 6pm "Ask the Expert-Pain Management" 6:30pm "Camp Pine Tree Commercials" 7:00pm "Greenbelt Labor Day Parade 2005"
PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, July 12 & 14: 7pm FONDCA "Blues Festival" 8:00pm GAC's "Daughters"

**VACANCIES ON BOARDS
& COMMITTEES**

Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups. Vacancies exist on the: Arts Advisory Board Park and Recreation Advisory Board Youth Advisory Committee (youth and adult positions)
For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

CERT TRAINING

The Summer Community Emergency Response Team training sessions will be condensed into one Saturday & Sunday Session from 8am-4pm each. It is mandatory to complete both days in order to graduate and receive recognition as a member of the Prince George's County Community Emergency Response Team Program. In order to register for one of the weekend sessions, please contact Tony Hairston at 301-583-1899.

**SESSION TWO
Saturday, July 8 &
Sunday, July 9
from 8am-4 pm**

**Cranford/Graves Fire Services Building
6820 Webster Street,
Landover Hills, MD
20784**

Registration is limited to the first 25 to register.

**DONATION
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American Rescue Workers
Saturday, July 8th
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Parking lot between the City Office and the Community Center
For further information contact the City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8303.

Free Blood Pressure Screenings

Wednesday, July 12 from 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD and 1:00 – 3:00 pm at Green Ridge House – 22 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 for Green Ridge House residents only. Provided by Potomac Home Support.

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Norman Lockerman, Jr.

Former Greenbelt City employee Norman Louis Lockerman, Jr., 83, known by many Greenbelt seniors for his services as operator of the Greenbelt Connection, died on June 19, 2006, after a short illness. Mr. Lockerman, who retired in June 1998 after 25 years of service with Greenbelt, had served as transportation operator for the Connection for the previous 11 years. After retirement he continued to serve part-time with the Connection for many more years.

Prior to driving the Connection, Mr. Lockerman had served in the city's Public Works Department on the Special Details Crew and as crew leader for the Special Pickup collection service. He received many distinguished service awards. At the time of his retirement Mayor Judith Davis called him "a gentleman and great representative of the city for all those who came aboard his bus."

Before his Greenbelt employment, Mr. Lockerman worked at a local hardware store often used by the city for purchases. Former Public Works Director Albert S. "Buddy" Attick was so impressed with Mr. Lockerman that he invited him to join the city work force.

Mr. Lockerman was born October 29, 1923, in Queen Anne County, Md. He received his education in Centerville and graduated from Kennard High School. During World War II he served in the U.S. Army in Normandy, France, receiving an honorable discharge December 13, 1945.

A resident of Beltsville, Mr. Lockerman was an active member of Embry A.M.E. Church in College Park. After long service on the church's Trustee Board and as its vice-chair, he was named Trustee Emeritus upon his retirement on September 12, 2004. He also was a member of the Sons of Embry male chorus, church treasurer, church custodian and a member of the Martha V. Edwards Senior Usher Board for many years. He was also affiliated with the ICUA Ushers union.

Survivors include his wife of 43 years, Ethel Dory Lockerman; five children, Linda Kim, Carol Foster, Curtis (Vicki) Lockerman, Franklin (Ardell) Lockerman and Sylvia (Douglas) Martin; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren, six great-great-grandchildren and two sisters, Blanche Meekins and Goldie Thomas.

Services were held on June 27, 2006, at the Embry A.M.E. Church.



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at the middle school when the school bus lot was expanded.

The Schrom Hills Park field was the most heavily used with 4,468 players in 2005. Braden Field followed at 3,960 and Mandan Field had 1,910 players. The two middle school fields had a combined total of 1,750 players. The two high school fields were not available for recreational league use.

The city staff report also sug-

Joyce Abell

After three decades of living with diabetes, Joyce Abell died peacefully on the evening of June 29, 2006, at the age of 57.

Originally from Pennsylvania, Mrs. Abell moved to Maryland as a young girl. She lived in many parts of Maryland before settling in Greenbelt in July of 1979. She developed an affection for Greenbelt and became an active and well-known member of the community.

Mrs. Abell sold real estate through the 1980s; her experience in real estate gave her an intimate knowledge of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI), the homes in Greenbelt and its residents. After leaving real estate, she worked at the Beautiful Day Trading Company. She always considered her coworkers and the customers who came to eat her cooking to be good friends. The satisfaction she got from the time she spent at "Beautiful Day" was tremendous.

In the 1990s, Mrs. Abell became more active in GHI and Old Greenbelt through community service. She decided to help Greenbelt residents sell their own homes to help preserve and boost property values in GHI. She never benefited monetarily from all the assistance she provided GHI residents buying and selling their homes. Her increasing commitment to Old Greenbelt led her to serve several terms on the GHI Board of Directors and then as vice-president of the board. She also served several terms on the Board of Directors of the New Deal Café.

Mrs. Abell enjoyed attending games of bingo held in Greenbelt. She got as much joy from spending time with her friends at bingo as she did from the game itself.

She had a charming, effervescent personality. Throughout her life, she had kind words, compliments and a smile for all her friends and family. Many people benefited from her generosity and desire to make a difference.

As she lived each day to the fullest, she improved Old Greenbelt, touched the lives of many people and made lots of friends. We will miss her.

She is survived by her husband, John Abell; her mother, Monica Pantaleoni; her son, Shaun Abell; her daughter-in-law, Mi Ar Kim; her granddaughter, Mina Abell and an extended family of uncles, aunts and cousins.

A funeral service will be held at St. Hugh's Church in Old Greenbelt on Thursday, July 13 at 11 a.m.



— Shaun Abell

Neil McLeod

Neil McLeod, 62, died peacefully on July 1, 2006, at Inova Fairfax Hospital. He is survived by his wife Patty, his dear friends Warren

and Betsy Johnston, his parents Col. Glennwood and Mary McLeod of N.C., his children and their spouses — Scott and Betsy of Mn., Keary and Skip of Va., Heather and Wiley of Va., and Eric of Md. He is also survived by his grandchildren Isabel, Stephen, Lucas, Olivia, Jacob, Madelyn, Colin, Terran, Roy, Sayer and Shane. He was preceded in death by his sister Glenna.

A memorial service will be held Friday, July 7, 2006, at 2 p.m. at Fellowship Baptist Church, 8011 Rosaryville Road, Upper Marlboro, with repast to follow. Arrangements were made by Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, P. O. Box 699, Vienna, VA 22183 or the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Donor Services, P. O. Box 4072, Pittsfield, MA 01202.



CANDIDATES

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has experience as a softball and soccer coach.

James Thompson

Thompson holds an Associate of Arts degree in paralegal studies from Prince George's Community College and studied behavioral and social science at the University of Maryland. He did police work from 1976 to 1985 as a dispatcher for the Prince George's County Police Department and a police officer in District Heights and Georgetown University. He served as zoning inspector for five years with the Prince George's County Department of Environmental Resources from which he retired on disability following an injury. From 1996 to 1999 he was a District Court Commissioner for the county. More recently he served as a volunteer with Vista and AmeriCorps and on the Public Safety Advisory Committee in Greenbelt. He also has experience as a paralegal.

City Notes

Week of June 26

Animal control had 13 cats awaiting adoption, one baby opossum continuing to get well, one bat removed from Greenbelt Elementary School cafeteria, one injured bird and two turtles which were taken back to the lake.

Planning staff conferred with GTM (theater architects) regarding the concession stand design and equipment and the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system. Staff also worked with the California Landscape Design company regarding requirements for insurance and bonding for the skateboard park construction.

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He loved to watch the seasons change in the Center as well as watch the comings and goings of the people of Greenbelt.

GIAC

In 1996 Neil participated in forming a computer internet cooperative. This association brought the internet into his life and he was excited to help other people explore the World Wide Web. Neil became the webmaster of what became Greenbelt Internet Access Cooperative with a website known as Greenbelt.com, his wife found it the easiest way to remind him of something. They did still talk but Neil was a computer guy and organized things using the computer.

Labor Day Weekends in Greenbelt became special to Neil as he worked to string a telephone line for the Greenbelt.com dial-up link for Saturday Information Day. More than one person might wonder just how that was accomplished before the Greenbelt Arts Center offered use of their phone line. Neil and Patty would spend late Friday night before Information Day with Patty catching the cable and Neil scaling a building. So what if they said no you cannot use our phone line. Neil knew how to push the envelope without breaking the law and he saw this as a wonderful challenge. He would then proceed to enjoy one more small town feature of Greenbelt, the Labor Day Festival and the Parade on Monday.

Neil's family is from Flat River and Esther, Missouri, so he knew what small towns were like and he was thrilled to be in Greenbelt. Greenbelt offered the "hometown atmosphere" he knew from visits back to Missouri whenever his Dad's orders would change.

Neil's last employment was with Turner Construction Company. He worked as a Systems Administrator on the United States Patent and Trademark Campus construction project in Alexandria, Va. Neil and Patty commuted together to their jobs at "PTO." Neil tried to instill in his colleagues how easy it was to lose an unsecured laptop. During his work at night if he found a laptop not secured by its locking cable he "captured" it and locked it away for safekeeping but always left a note for the user.

As Neil exited the work force he began to support the Greenbelt News Review as their Com-

puter Guru. He loved working with everyone at the paper and his times with Diane Oberg, Jim Williamson and Eileen Farnham, from networking the computers to setting up DSL to fighting email spam were key areas of help to the News Review. Neil would proudly relate to all of his friends and colleagues of the paper's longevity and the tireless dedication of the volunteers who produce a paper for their community.

Neil had a personal relationship with Christ after his wife's father died in 1999 and this brought Fellowship Baptist Church of Upper Marlboro into his circle of family and friends. It brings peace to all of his family and friends to know that when Neil breathed his last breath here on earth his next was his first with the Lord.

Neil was diagnosed with lymphoma in 1989 and learned that the median survival time was eight years. The year 2006 brought new challenges and another diagnosis of bladder cancer. With the diagnosis brought a wonderful compassionate doctor, Simon Chung. Thank you to Simon not only for his medical expertise but also his compassion to Neil and Patty through the surgery and even through his most recent hospital stay.

Neil had an infectious smile which he passed on to his children and they in turn are passing on to their children. I hope everyone who remembers Neil will remember his smile.

Family

Neil has three children and one step-son. He was so proud of the respective accomplishments of each one and gloried each time one jumped over a hurdle in his or her life. The other happy part of Neil's life was his grandchildren.

When his first child married he was greatly pleased and each additional marriage had him smiling. The first grandchild was even better and on May 25, 2006, grandchild number 11 was born. Neil's most recent goal as related to his oncologist in June was to spend time with his grandchildren and their parents. The grandchildren all called him Grandpa with the exception of Jacob who changed Grandpa's name in one weekend from Pa to Puck. Neil never wanted anyone to prompt Jacob to call him Puck but the name has stuck and Puck he shall be to Jacob forever.

— Patty McLeod

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

Robberies

June 26, 7:02 p.m., 7600 block Mandan Road, a woman reported that after she exited her vehicle in a parking lot she was approached from behind by two men who forcibly attempted to take her purse. She refused to let go of it and began to yell for help. The men released her and fled toward Greenbelt Road. They are described as black males, 18 to 20 years of age wearing all dark clothing; one 5'10" with a thin build wearing a dark hat and the other 6' with a medium build.

June 27, 9:01 p.m., 6200 block Brezewood Drive, a man reported he was followed into an apartment building by two young men who grabbed him from behind and took his cell phone and wallet. They fled the scene on foot and were followed by the victim and others until they were lost in the area of Market Lane and Brezewood Court. The youths are described as a black male, 15 to 20 years of age, 6', 140 pounds with black hair and brown eyes, wearing a black jacket with white stripes on the shoulders, black jeans and black baseball cap and a black male, 15 to 20 years of age, 5'10", 140 pounds with black hair in braids and brown eyes, wearing a black jacket, black jeans and a black baseball cap.

June 28, 2:32 a.m., 8000 block Mandan Road, the victims reported they were in a parking lot when two persons exited a vehicle and approached them. Both displayed handguns, announced a robbery and took money and a set of car keys from the victims. One robber drove off in the victim's 1994 Chevrolet Impala 4-door. The burned vehicle was recovered the same day by the Prince George's County Police Department.

Assaults

June 22, 10:27 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a man reported he was waiting at a bus stop when he was approached by a young man who stated, "Are you trying to see me?" He then punched the victim several times in the face. The assailant, described as a black male, approximately 17 years of age, 6' with a thin build, black hair in braids and wearing a black and

red shirt and blue jeans, then entered a vehicle driven by a second person and fled the scene. The vehicle is described as a silver or grey Ford Explorer.

June 23, 8:22 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, police responded to a report of two men fighting with knives in front of a residence. One attempted to flee the scene upon seeing police but was apprehended. Mario Antonio Chavez, 26, 5829 Cherrywood Terrace was arrested and charged with first-degree assault and second-degree assault. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

The second man was treated on the scene for cuts to his arm and wrist but declined to be taken to a hospital. He was released pending further investigation.

Malicious Destruction

June 25, 4:41 p.m., 9200 block Edmonston Road, a resident youth was petitioned for two counts of malicious destruction after he allegedly broke his mother's cell phone and front window after a verbal dispute escalated.

Public Drinking

June 24, 12:39 p.m., Roosevelt Center, two resident men were arrested and charged with consuming alcoholic beverages on public property after they were observed drinking beer. They were released on citation pending trial.

Burglaries

June 21, 2:08 p.m., 9000 block Brezewood Terrace, a residence was entered by breaking out a living room window. A video game player, two televisions, a personal computer, a telephone, a CD player and clothing were taken.

June 22, 2:37 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, a residence was entered by breaking out a bedroom window. A camcorder, digital camera and television were taken.

June 23, 10:32 p.m., 7900 block Mandan Road, a man reported that he came home and observed two youths running from his residence. A digital camera and money were taken. Investigation is continuing.

June 24, 1:18 p.m., 49 Court Ridge Road, someone attempted to enter a residence by cutting through a rear window screen but

did not gain entry.

June 28, 2:19 p.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace, a DVD player, laptop computer, cell phone, video game player, portable DVD player and assorted movies and CDs were reported taken by unknown means.

Vehicle Crimes

Four vehicles were reported stolen: a red and black 2006 Suzuki 750 GSX motorcycle, DC tags MT4686 from the 7800 block Mandan Road; a 1997 Chevrolet Tahoe SUV from Greenway Center and recovered in Anne Arundel County; a maroon 1993 Chevrolet Caprice 4-door, Virginia tags JNP3332 from the 7800 block Emily's Way; and a blue 2001 Nissan Sentra 2-door, Virginia tags KAL5893 from the 9100 block Springhill Lane.

Five vehicles were recovered, two by Greenbelt police and three by outside departments. No arrests were made in any of the recoveries.

Vandalism to and theft from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 9100 block Edmonston Road, 9200 block Edmonston Road, 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive, 16 Court Ridge Road, Greenway Center, 7700 block Greenbelt Road and 8000 block Mandan Road (four incidents).

Learn How Plants Help Solve Crimes

Co-sponsored by the Botanical Society of America, an exhibit through July 15 at the U.S. Botanic Garden in Washington, D.C. shows how plants have helped to solve crimes.

Crime relates to the rule of law, but justice – an even older concept – requires placing responsibility for wrongdoing. Savvy criminals can avoid video cameras or leaving fingerprints but rarely do they think of plants giving them away. Welcome to the world of forensic botany where plant "evidence" is used to solve crimes or answer some other legal question. In this exhibit learn how plant scientists from various disciplines have provided evidence that helped solve some tricky cases. Admission to the exhibit is free.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Citizens may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522.

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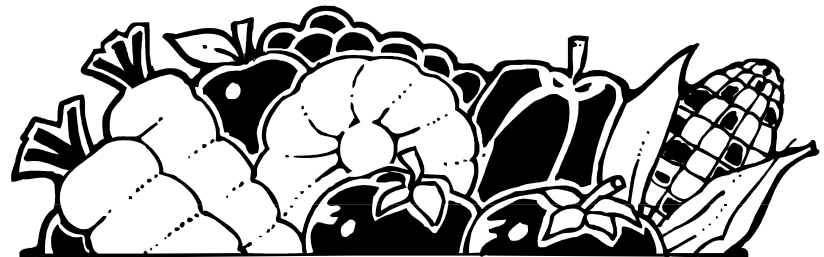
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Deasey Names Three To Leadership Team

Prince George's County Public Schools CEO Dr. John E. Deasy and the Board of Education announced three appointments to the system's executive leadership team. The board has approved the appointments of Dr. William Hite, Jr., as chief of staff, Romaine Reid, chief of human resources and Dr. Betty Despenza-Green, chief administrator of student services.

William Hite, Jr.

Dr. Hite comes to Prince George's County Public Schools from the Cobb County School District in metro Atlanta, Ga., where he was an area assistant superintendent. He supervised 17 high school, middle school and elementary school principals and was responsible for the instructional program for more than 22,000 students.

Romaine Reid

Reid will lead the reorganization of human resources, recruitment and benefit administration areas. She brings a successful track record in human resources, sales, business operations and education, including significant experience in diverse domestic and global environments. Most recently she served as dean of Human Resources for Prince George's Community College.

Betty Despenza-Green

Dr. Despenza-Green comes to the Prince George's County Public Schools after working as a national educational consultant and the director of national high school initiatives for the Small Schools Workshop in Chicago.



Schools in the News



Board Votes Raise For School Personnel

On June 17, the Prince George's County Board of Education unanimously approved one-year contracts, to be ratified in September, with the Prince George's County Educators Association and the Association of Classified Employees American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 2250 AFL-CIO. These contracts provide for a five percent cost-of-living increase and other compensation adjustments.

"These contracts address the need to recruit and retain highly qualified teachers and fairly compensate the many dedicated employees who provide safe transportation, nutritious meals and clean schools for children," said Dr. Beatrice P. Tignor, board chair. "We appreciate their skills and commitment to serving our students."

Board of Education Holds Open Meeting

The Prince George's County Board of Education will hold an open meeting on Thursday, July 6 at 7:05 p.m. at the Sasscer Administration Building, Board Meeting Room, 14201 School Lane, Upper Marlboro. Public participation is encouraged. Interested persons may speak for two minutes by registering with the Board office by 4 p.m. the day of the meeting by calling 301-952-6308.

African American Health Scholarships

On behalf of the African American Scholars Program \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded this fall to successful Maryland college students and graduating high-school seniors entering an approved health care studies program.

According to the Association of American Medical Colleges, African Americans comprise 13 percent of the U.S. population but only about 6 percent of all matriculating students in U.S. medical schools. This is an example of declining interest among young African Americans in the health industry and the trend may ultimately affect the quality and delivery of health care in the African American community, according to Reed Tuckson, M.D., senior vice president of Consumer Health and Medical Care Advancement at United Health Group.

"We have to work hard today to improve the health of our community for tomorrow, and what better way of doing that than encouraging our young people to reach their career goals and fulfill their dreams," says Tuckson.

For more information about the African American Scholars program and to download an application, visit www.pacificare.com/aahs. The deadline for applications is July 31.

Board Passes FY07 Schools Budget

Building on significant academic progress in Prince George's County Public Schools, the Board of Education reconciled and approved a \$1.49 million Fiscal Year 2007 operating budget to maintain successful programs and add personnel and resources necessary to better prepare students for critical state assessments.

The FY07 budget includes an 8.5 percent increase (\$116.6 million) with new investments targeted to expand pre-kindergarten by 34 classrooms, make special education improvements, provide additional guidance counselors, fund new middle and high school teaching positions as well as increase resources for schools and compensation for teachers and staff.

"By fully funding the system's budget, the county executive and county council have shown that education is their top priority," said Dr. Beatrice P. Tignor, board chair. "Because of the county's cooperation and additional investments, our schools will continue providing students with the resources and high-level instruction they need to be successful."

Prince George's Schools Honored

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) were honored by the Maryland Commission for Women and the Women Legislators of Maryland for "Excellence in Services" to elementary school students enrolled in the school system's before- and after-school extended learning programs.

PGCPS provides the only school system-sponsored child care and extended learning program in the State of Maryland. The primary goal of the program is to provide a safe, enriching environment for children ages 5 to 12. The program operates in 70 elementary schools, serving approximately 3,000 students, including children with special needs.

Selected curriculum materials in reading and mathematics are used to augment the regular school day. Activities vary according to the interests of the children, staff and community. Children can participate in art, cooking projects, drama and musical activities. Students can play sports, group games, computer activities, relax, begin homework assignments and socialize in atmospheres that support their developmental needs.

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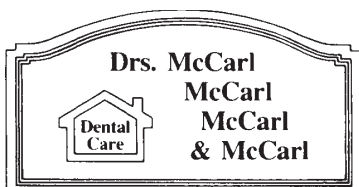


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On Sunday, July 9 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., everyone 16 and over is invited to a "Wildflower Wander." Bring water, field guide and magnifying glass if available.

Persons of all ages are welcomed at a bird walk on Saturday, July 15 from 8:15 to 10 a.m. (field guide and binoculars suggested) and a night hike later the same day from 8 to 9:30 p.m. to look for nocturnal birds and other animals.

Two programs will be held at the Visitor Center on Powder Mill Road between Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 197. Children ages 3 and 4 are invited to "Nature Tots: Roly-Polies Found Today" on Monday, July 10 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and again from 1 to 2 p.m. This fun program looks at different kinds of bugs.

On Saturday, July 15 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. everyone 8 and over is invited to a "Wildflower Wander." Bring a net, water, field guide and magnifying glass on this guided hike.

All these programs are free but reservations are required by calling 301-497-5887.

Volunteer to Pick Food for the Hungry

It's time for volunteers to pick produce for those in need. Harvesting via the USDA Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) begins on July 17 and ends in mid-October. Volunteers may pick on Mondays, Thursdays and Sundays, weather and crops permitting. See www.foodforothers.org for specific dates.

This can be a group effort for community groups, church groups, etc. or for individuals or families. Registration is required. Contact Pam Koch, director of Special Programs at pamkoch@cox.net, to get on the schedule and receive directions to BARC. Some harvest dates do fill up or can be cancelled.

Volunteers have an opportunity to meet U.S. Department of Agriculture staff, learn about research and help low-income families in the area. All volunteers get to bring home some produce for their own families - and it's good exercise too.

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Hamilton Self-guided Trail Another Woodlands Resource

by Doug Love

The Hamilton Self-guided Trail has opened. A wonderful addition to our resources for appreciating the green belt, it is accessible to anyone with the ability to step over a log and walk through the woods. It is also very educational. Still, it could use improvement in succeeding years.

My dog and I encountered the trailhead at the end of the GHI office parking area, right at the edge of the woods. Trail guides are located in a mailbox at either end of the woods portion of the trail, which completes a loop on the sidewalks between 44 Court and this point.

After reading the description, I finally figured out the map, the only part I hadn't seen when I edited the trail guide.

Existing trails are marked with lines of squares, a standard indicator of a trail. The self-guided trail itself is indicated by a series of solid lines between points A and B, the trailheads.

Without a key, I had expected some sort of dashed line to differentiate the trail from the other lines on the map denoting elevation and paved roads. But I figured that out and you can too.

Right at the Point A Trailhead is Stop 1, the black walnut. It is a small one and growing vigorously, like the one I pulled up from my garden a few years ago. Let's hope this one will continue to be a type example for many years. As the first stop on the trail, it could be mistreated. But the mailbox is more likely to be vandalized.

Carrying my dog, I followed the map down a very tight but straight trail I had used before to get to the garden plots. The actual trail bent slightly around the gardens, ending at the Hamilton Cemetery gravestone display, where it joined the Perimeter Trail without any blazes that I could see. If the actual trail follows the road, the map does not so indicate.

At the edge of the woods, I encountered Stop 3, an excellent example of a black locust, which told me that I had missed Stop 2. But the woods beckoned and I was off into the coolness. The elevation lines indicated that the trail would turn left just after the creek and, sure enough, I was soon across the Diving Board bridge to where the giant tree once stood. I turned left, then followed the trail up the hill to the right, knowing that the side trail indicated on the map dies out almost immediately, although it continues to Wolfe Field in the other direction.

On the way up the hill, I noticed the first lavender blaze. I am sure that groups that favor this color will appreciate its use here. It may have just been Kristen's favorite color for a blaze. I think it is a good choice because it can be differentiated from the standard blue and green blazes that we should be seeing

on the Perimeter Trail when that is properly marked.

Soon I encountered excellent examples of poison ivy and the pignut hickory at Stops 4 and 5.

Just before we join the Eastway Extended trail, a double-blaze indicates a turn but fails to indicate which way we should turn. Going to the right would lead us to the abandoned jalopy and the Halloween Trail and eventually the north end of Wolfe Field.

At this point, we are in the midst of the signs of the three forest fires that occurred in the late afternoon of the last day of school in 1990. I found the cigarette that day that started the first fire at the downhill end of the burned area, which is on the right.

Following the Eastway Extended trail past the Seven Oaks campsite, where Save the Green Belt had their first woods party many years ago, we come to an unmarked fork, at which a left turn is indicated on the map. (I think all turns should be left in Greenbelt!)

We soon arrive at the back of 44 Court, amidst barking dogs, and find by the excellent paw-paw tree at Stop 7 that we have missed the sassafras at Stop 6, although we did see three more blazes to assure us that we were still on the trail.

Being more observant toward the end of the trail, we still missed the arrowwood at the last stop, as we talked with the owners of the barking dogs about their concerns with a major trail passing close to their yards. They aren't too happy with something getting their dogs riled up every few minutes on the weekends.

The Return

The trip back along the sidewalk was uneventful, except that I thought I would be able to take a shortcut back to GHI by connecting at the back of courts 36 and 38. If you follow the left-hand culvert, you are in poison ivy. It can be avoided in the right, dry culvert. But there is no good connection between these courts. I would expect one but then I don't live here. I suppose such a link should be up to the residents.

If I were to develop such a trail, I would make it far too long and complex. As it is, it is the perfect project for a Girl Scout to initiate and for an average weekend hiker to negotiate.

But that doesn't mean it can't be improved. It is obvious to me that more blazes are needed. The 44 Court terminus may have to be moved, possibly to behind the Methodist Church or maybe to another court. More stops can be added. If we keep the straight line map in the brochure, more detailed maps of the area should be attached to the trailheads.

In short, this trail is like Greenbelt. It is extremely good, but it can still be improved.

Girl Scouts Open Hamilton Cemetery Trail

by Theresa Henderson

The grand opening of the new "Hamilton Self-guided Trail" was held on June 3 in conjunction with National Trails Day. The development of the Hamilton Trail began with the vision of a local teen, Kristen Clermont. Kristen has been active in Girl Scouts for many years and wanted to end her tenure at the Cadette level by completing her Silver Award. She envisioned an educational trail through GHI woodlands. Her Troop 2799 Leader connected her with Matt Berres who is a staff member of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. and the GHI Woodlands Committee liaison. The Woodlands Committee embraced Clermont's idea and offered expert guidance and support throughout the project. Clermont also appreciates the help and support received from friends and family. Supplies for the project were purchased from Clermont's Girl Scout cookie sales.

The easy 0.6-mile trail connects Hamilton Place and 44 Court Ridge Road at Eastway. The trail traverses both a younger transitional forest and a mature oak and hickory forest through GHI woodland parcels E and D. It also connects with several trails into the City of Greenbelt forest preserve. Follow the lavender blazes to stay on the trail. Several plants found along the trail are described in a brochure that can be picked up at either end of the trail (markers 1 and 8). The brochure contains interesting facts about each plant's uses, history and environmental functions.

Take time out this week to walk along Hamilton Trail. You'll gain a new appreciation of our wood-



Girl Scout Kristen Clermont, who conceived the idea for the Hamilton Trail, reads over the trail guide.

lands and of our community spirit!



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THERESA HENDERSON

Members of Troop 2799 and family and friends officially opened the new Hamilton Trail on National Trails Day, June 3. Matt Berres of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (kneeling in foreground) worked with the troop in developing the trail.

Watershed Watch Group Tours Anacostia

by Shirley Middleton

Despite predictions of a 90 percent chance of rain June 24, 11 people showed up at the Bladensburg Waterfront Park to go on the Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group's boat tour of the Anacostia River. Fortunately the rain held off until night and the canoeing was fine.

Jim Connolly of the Anacostia Watershed Society (AWS) was the leader of the tour and began by giving an overview of the Anacostia River, its history and the importance of the Beaverdam Creek Watershed within it. We took off in seven canoes with three guides from the AWS. Connolly pulled over at several places to point out notable features. The other canoes pulled up alongside and "rafted" together (lining up next to each other and holding onto the sides of other canoes) so everyone was able to hear what Connolly had to say.

He said that the Anacostia Watershed Society has been working to restore the health of the Anacostia and that native plants and animals were beginning to return. Six osprey nests are now found along the river and wild rice has taken hold in wetlands. The AWS



Participants joined Jim Connolly (left) of the Anacostia Watershed Society on June 24 to tour the Beaverdam Creek Watershed.

works with the community and schools to educate citizens about their river. Formerly residents along the river viewed it as a polluted eyesore and would have nothing to do with it. Now more people are discovering the pleasures of canoeing and kayaking along the river and students are studying its returning health.

In addition to viewing a former beaver dam (in honor of our namesake), we got to hear about the history of Dueling Creek and

the dueling grounds and to view the river side of the Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens. Along the way we also got to see local bird life including osprey, blue herons, snowy egrets, kingfishers and a red shouldered hawk. At the wetlands site Connolly had us remain silent for one minute to appreciate the silence and natural sounds that were audible there in the middle of Washington, D.C. It was a most enjoyable way to spend a Saturday morning.

Get outside and appreciate the
beauty around you!