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## On the Ballot In Greenbelt

The following candidates are running for state offices:

### Governor/Lt. Governor (vote for one)

**Republican** – Robert L. Ehrlich Jr., 48, of Annapolis, incumbent governor (J.D., Wake Forest) and Kristen Cox, 36, of Rodgers Forge, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Disabilities (B.A., educational psychology, certificate in special education, Brigham Young University)

**Democrat** – Martin O'Malley, 43, of Baltimore, mayor of Baltimore, (J.D., University of Baltimore) and Anthony G. Brown, 44, of Mitchellville, state delegate, lawyer, Iraq war veteran (J.D., Harvard University)

**Green** – Ed Boyd, 45, of Baltimore, recruiter for a temporary employment agency and James Joseph Madigan, 42, of Parkville, a lieutenant in the Maryland Department of Corrections

**Populist** – Christopher A. Driscoll, 52, of Takoma Park, state chair of the Populist Party and recording secretary and member of the board of directors of Campaign for Fresh Air and Clean Politics, and Ed Rothstein 50, of Baltimore

### Comptroller (vote for one)

**Republican** – Anne M. McCarthy, 48, of Baltimore, associate professor of management, University of Baltimore (Ph.D. strategic management, Purdue University)

**Democrat** – Peter Francho, 58, of Takoma Park, business development consultant (J.D., Northwestern University)

See **CANDIDATES**, page 6

## Where to Vote

General Election Day is Tuesday, November 7. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the four precincts which serve Greenbelt – Greenbelt Community Center (Precinct 3), 15 Crescent Road; Greenbelt Elementary School (Precinct 6), 66 Ridge Road; Springhill Lake Elementary School (Precinct 8), 6060 Springhill Drive; and Eleanor Roosevelt High School (Precinct 13), 7601 Hanover Parkway.

Any registered voter who needs information about where to vote may call the Prince George's County Election Board at 301-430-8020.

## Governor and Senate Races Spark Interest for Voters

by James Giese

Many Greenbelt residents are looking forward to Wednesday, November 8 when the air waves will no longer be flooded with radio and television campaign advertisements. Until the Tuesday, November Gubernatorial Election is over, listeners and viewers will have to continue to put up with a bombardment of commercials, most of which are negative in character.

One issue facing voters has been whether to vote by absentee ballot or at the polls. This year Maryland law permits any registered voter to vote absentee, with or without a reason. Problems at the polls during the primary election caused great consternation among many voters. The problems related primarily to getting the voting machines started in the morning and computerized voter registration books. Once in operation, the voting machines functioned well although a few would reboot without cause (shut down and restart).

A number of politicians, most notably Governor Robert Ehrlich, have urged voters in the upcoming election to vote absentee. That resulted in record numbers

of voters applying for absentee ballots, thereby creating a ballot shortage as election offices failed to receive timely supplies of additional ballots. Now some pundits claim that voters can be more assured of their votes being counted if they vote at their polling places.

While it is now too late to apply for an absentee ballot to be sent to a voter's home, it is still possible to cast an absentee ballot by going to the offices of the Board of Elections at Suite 108, 16201 Trade Zone Avenue (off Highway 301 south of Central Avenue) in Upper Marlboro.

### Senate Race

The races causing the greatest interest are those for Governor and United States Senator. While a recent Washington Post poll indicated that the Democratic candidates were ahead in both races, the Republican candidates and their supporters are working hard to achieve upset victories.

For Governor, Democratic candidate Martin O'Malley is being attacked for not doing enough to reduce the high crime rate

See **INTEREST**, page 6

## Non-Partisan School Board To Be Selected by Voters

by James Giese

A new elected county board of education will be chosen at the November 7 election. On the ballot will be this nonpartisan runoff election. Greenbelters will vote for candidates for all nine positions on the school board.

There are now eight candidates remaining after the primary election for the four at-large positions. At the primary election, voters only voted for a district candidate in which they resided, District 1 in Greenbelt's case. However, in an effort to assure that all school board candidates reflect the interests of the county as a whole, all voters will choose the district school board member for each of the five districts. The primary narrowed the number of candidates still running in each district to two.

Those elected will replace an appointed board which was temporarily put in place by the Maryland legislature after the former elected board became, in its judgement, dysfunctional.

Most voters will have little knowledge on which to base their choices as the candidates have received little publicity and have had little opportunity to become known to voters. The two candidates receiving the greatest press publicity are Gloria Lawlah and current school board member Judy Mickens-Murray. Lawlah, who stepped down this year

from the Maryland Senate said she originally filed because of concern that there would not be enough qualified candidates but then announced her withdrawal after learning of the large number who originally filed and upon failing to be endorsed by the Prince George's County Educators Association (PGCEA). However, she never formally withdrew from the race and her announcement came too late to have her name removed from the primary ballot. At the primary election, Lawlah placed third. Then for a long time she debated whether to be a candidate or not, finally deciding to stay in the race.

Mickens-Murray lost her bid to be the district 3 candidate. However, believing her support was stronger county-wide and having received favorable endorsements, she decided to file as a write-in candidate for district 3. The Washington Post has continued to endorse her candidacy.

With little information reaching the average voter about the qualifications of the candidates for school board, many believe that endorsements will have a significant impact on who may be elected. Of greatest controversy are the endorsements made by the county's Democratic Central Committee, which are expected to

See **SCHOOL BD.**, page 7

## Local Voter Registration Is Heavily Democratic

by Mary Moien

More than 11,600 Greenbelters are registered to vote next week. This represents a six percent increase from the last non-presidential (midterm) election in 2002. This election may elicit more participation as a senate seat is open, there is a close election for governor and voting for the first elected school board in a number of years.

In Greenbelt, Democrats continue to outnumber Republicans by a margin of five to one. The majority of those registered to vote are Democrats (67 percent) compared to Republicans (13 percent). This breakdown was virtually identical to the distribution in 2002.

The small number of Libertarians (19) is an increase of only two in the four years. The Green party has increased its number from 54 to 85; however, this still represents only one percent of those registered in the city.

The remainder of those registered to vote are members of other parties or unaffiliated with a party (independents). These figures are reported to be active voters – that is, people who voted in one of the last two presidential elections.

### Variation

Although two-thirds of the registered Greenbelters are Democrats, there is variation within the voting precincts. Springhill

Lake traditionally has the highest percentage of Democrats (72 percent) but they also have had the lowest turnout of the four precincts. Those voting at Greenbelt Elementary have had the lowest percentage of Democrats (60 percent).

The clout of Greenbelt East is becoming more visible. That section of the city represents almost 40 percent of those registered to vote. However, the center city has two precincts – at the Greenbelt Community Center and at Greenbelt Elementary. Taken together, the center city has about 43 percent of registered persons and Greenbelt West/Springhill Lake has the remaining 19 percent.

### Comparisons

Although Greenbelt is skewed toward the Democratic party, it is not as skewed as the county as a whole. Three-quarters of registered voters in Prince George's County are registered Democrats, up from 72 percent in 2002. This is a ratio of more than six Democrats to every Republican. Both the city's and the county's totals are very different from the state totals. Urban counties differ greatly from the more rural ones. In the whole state of Maryland, 55 percent of registered voters are Democrats and 29 percent are Republicans for a ratio of about two to one.

## Greenbelt Unofficial Voter Registration Information

Polling Place	Democrat	Republican	Libertarian	Green	Constitution
21-3 Community Center*	1788 66%	398 15%	6 <1%	33 1%	2 <1%
21-6 Greenbelt Elementary*	1322 60%	415 19%	4 <1%	38 2%	0 0%
21-8 SHL Elementary*	1592 72%	166 8%	2 <1%	4 <1%	0 0%
21-13 Eleanor Roosevelt High*	3127 70%	503 11%	7 <1%	10 <1%	0 0%
Total Greenbelt*	7829 67%	1482 13%	19 <1%	85 1%	2 <1%
Prince George's County**	320,957 74%	48,463 11%	345 <1%	592 <1%	54 <1%
State of Maryland**	1,706,325 55%	902,034 29%	4059 <1%	8023 <1%	495 <1%

\* As of October 17, 2006

\*\* As of August 31, 2006

Note: Percentages may not add up to 100 due to rounding

Source: Prince George's County Board of Elections (city and county), State Board of Elections (state)

For more detailed information on how to use the voting machines and other election details see page 7.



## What Goes On

**Sunday, November 5**  
1 to 5 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center  
**Tuesday, November 7**  
7 a.m. to 8 p.m., General Election  
**Friday, November 10** – City and Greenbelt Homes offices closed in observance of Veterans Day.

# Letters to the Editor

## THANKS

I would like to thank the wonderful Greenbelt residents who came to the aid of my daughter on October 14. She crashed on her bike in the parking lot of St. Hugh's after an inattentive driver backed over her bicycle and damaged it. She is well on her way to healing and her bike was generously replaced by yet another exceptional Greenbelt resident.

I wish I could remember all of your names to thank you personally – I know we introduced ourselves but my memory is totally blank. All I remember is seeing my "baby" on the ground with her bike in a heap at her side and a crowd of amazing, caring people around her. I would also like to thank the rescue squad personnel for keeping my daughter calm throughout the ordeal and taking such good care of her.

All our gratitude.  
Kim and Sarah Paz

## Rest of the Story

In defense of my shabby little reputation, I would like to point out that the full title of my poem published in "Echoes" and mentioned in last week's News Review is actually "A Love Poem (In Case You Can't Tell)." Don't want people thinking I've gone all sappy and soft.

Collette Zanin

## 'Swonderful

'Smarvelous to have such an attentive and knowledgeable readership! Thanks to Ann Boswell for setting me straight on Gershwin's classic!

Nicole DeWald

## Greatly Appreciated

The friends and family of the David Craig Memorial Scholarship Fund would like to thank the G.T.A. (Greenbelt Tennis Association) for their generous and continuous financial support. I personally wish to thank the G.T.A. leadership Bill Wilkerson, Emmett Jordan and Sam Sain (Sam shared a fond memory of competing against David on these same tennis courts at the Braden field complex). Their thoughtful and kind gesture does not go unnoticed!

I also give kudos to all the participants – without them there would be no tournament. They keep David's spirit alive and well with their play and preserve his memory. To all our donors/contributors, both organizational and individual, the Craig family thanks you, the Board of Directors thanks you and I thank you!

This scholarship outreach is recognized by the United Way Program #14153 (C.F.C.) Combined Federal Campaign. The D.C.M.S.F. is a nonprofit corporation and all gifts are tax deductible. We award one

E.R.H.S. senior financial assistance in the amount of \$10,000 (\$2,500 per year for four years) and have been able to do this through private funds. To send a donation to the D.C.M.S.F., the address is D.C.M.S.F., P.O. Box 761, Greenbelt, MD 20768.

"Raiders Helping Raiders!"

Douglas Mangum,  
President  
ERHS Class of '79

## "Man of the Year"

Robin Williams plays a comedian running for president as an independent. His platform includes putting aside the "Red" and the "Blue," working together for the good of the constituents, avoiding multi-billion campaigns paid for by lobbyists and special interests, blind adherence to party guidelines (just now corporations are switching party funding just a week before elections!)

I would have thought people would flock to view this film, that it would lead to animated discussions. So far I am the only one I know who has seen it and it has had an effect on me. As an independent for 40 years, I have successfully avoided party bickering, power struggle, character denigration and personality profiling such as, "she acts that way because she is a Republican or "I don't watch channel news because they are all Democrats." By doing this I have been able to focus on real issues, perceive the general good and focus on candidates qualifications.

So how will I vote this year after being inundated by dirty and disgusting campaign practices? My friend says she is not voting, but the vote is the foundation of a democratic society. So, with eyes wide open for independent investigation of the truth, I will focus on the candidate's actual performance and qualifications for the good of the people and push the screen or whatever. Vote and make yourself be heard.

Glory K. Houck

## Astronomers, GSFC Employees Rejoice

On Tuesday, October 31 NASA Administrator Michael Griffin announced plans to go ahead with a fifth servicing mission to the Hubble Space Telescope. The announcement was made during a meeting with employees at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC). Goddard is the agency center responsible for managing the Hubble.

Astronauts will use the space shuttle to transport new instruments to Hubble along with gyros, batteries and other devices crucial for the telescope's continued success through the year 2013. By the end of the upcoming servicing mission, Hubble will be at the peak of its capabilities.

## Corrections

Scary Halloween beings struck on last week's Halloween Happenings, page 8, incorrectly attributing the photo of Pepper in witch costume to Pepper's human companion instead of the actual photographer, Tod Cornett.

In the Labor Day Parade photos on page 7 in the October 19 issue, photo credit for the GreenBELT Pride float belongs to photographer Andy Carruthers.

The News Review regrets the errors.

## At the Library

### Teen Read Week

by Karen Seaton, info staff

The Greenbelt Library is celebrating Teen Read Week, a program of the American Library Association. Staff have organized a display of books of special interest to teens. Also on display are books related to personal finances in the adult section and Thanksgiving, the fall season and poetry in the children's section.

The library has changed the time of the children's book discussion group to begin at 6:30 p.m. The new time seems to have increased attendance this past month. Join in next Wednesday for a discussion of "Kaya and Lone Dog." New members are always welcome to participate in the program. The goal is to encourage children to have fun with books.

For more information come into the library, call 301-345-5800 or visit the website at [www.pgmls.info](http://www.pgmls.info). Renew books by phone, online or in person. Up to 75 items may be borrowed with each library card.

Coming events:

Adult Book Discussion, Sapphire's "Push," Wednesday, November 15 at 7 p.m.

Children's Book Discussion, "Bookkids," Janet Shaw's "Kaya and Lone Dog," Wednesday, November 8 at 6:30 p.m.

Story Times:

Tuesday November 7, 10:30 a.m.– Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, November 8, Toddlertime, at 10:30 and repeated again at 11 a.m. For ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children.

Thursday, November 9, 10:30 a.m. Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5. Limit 20 children.

## Oxford to Speak On November 9

Rebecca Oxford, professor of curriculum and instruction in the College of Education, will present a public lecture on her work entitled "Students in Crisis: Factors in Failure, Resilience and Success."

The lecture will be held on November 9 at 4 p.m. in the Nyumburu Center on the University of Maryland campus. Oxford is one of six Maryland professors selected as Distinguished Scholar-Teachers who were honored at a Faculty and Staff Convocation in September. Each has been invited to present a lecture at the University.

Oxford and fellow honoree Lindley Darden are Greenbelt residents. Darden's lecture was given last week.

## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE WEEK OF NOV. 3 THE QUEEN (PG-13)

Friday  
\*5:15, 7:30, 9:45

Saturday  
\*12:45, \*3, \*5:15, 7:30, 9:45

Sunday  
\*12:45, \*3, \*5:15, 7:30

Monday – Thursday  
\*5:15, 7:30

\*These shows at \$5.00

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## Grin Belt



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"Election results may be delayed because your cousin chewed on the communication lines."

## On Screen

### Stage Center, "The Queen"

"The Queen," at Old Greenbelt Theatre from Friday, November 3 focuses on the week that embroiled Queen Elizabeth II (Helen Mirren) after Princess Diana died going on 10 years ago.

The docudrama splices in video clips from that late summer while tracking the reluctance of the Queen to recognize the death of her former daughter-in-law, as urged to do by Prime Minister Tony Blair (Michael Sheen). Mirren regally conveys a full range of emotions and reactions primed by complex circumstances, including her own underlying antipathy to Diana. At the royal family's Scottish retreat, will Elizabeth step forward and show compassion? Woven into the film by director Stephen Frears are glints of British humor sparked by issues of class and noblesse oblige. Rated PG-13 for mild profanity, the film runs 99 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.

# Community Events

## New Year Exhibit Artwork Is Sought

People who work, live, worship, study, make art, exhibit, teach and/or recreate in Greenbelt are invited to submit artwork for a special gallery exhibition in conjunction with the city's annual Greenbelt New Year celebration. The exhibition, "Janus: Looking Back, Looking Forward," will be on display from December 2 through January 15 in the Greenbelt Community Center Art Gallery. A reception and memory game tournament using cards created by community members will be held at the January 7 Artful Afternoon.

For the "Looking Back" component, people ages 6 to adult are invited to contribute an image relating to a memory of personal significance. A selection of these pieces will be displayed and used to create a memory card game.

To get people "Looking Forward" at the start of 2007, people ages 13 to adult are asked to design artwork for display and reproduction as part of an original fortune-telling game deck. Let imagination be the muse in depicting traditional arcana such as "The Fool," "Wheel of Fortune," "The Magician" or other invented characters and symbols. Humor is encouraged but not required.

Artwork is requested by November 17. Do not be discouraged by the short deadline - participation can be as simple as making art out of a 4" x 6" index card. Late entries will be accepted through December 15 as space permits.

Those interested or intrigued are asked to contact Art Intern Kim Ottinger at kimottinger@hotmail.com for details on the show and how to submit artwork.

## Blood Pressure Screening Wed.

Potomac Home Support, Inc., a Greenbelt preferred provider, will offer free blood pressure screenings in Greenbelt on Wednesday, November 8 from 10 a.m. to noon. The screenings will be available at the Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Road, in the Senior Lounge (Room 111).

From 1 to 3 p.m. they will be doing blood pressure screenings at Green Ridge House, 22 Ridge Road - for residents only.

## Astronomical Society Star Party Sunday

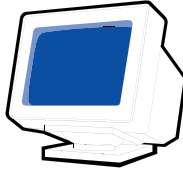


The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a sidewalk astronomy star party on November 5 at Roosevelt Center near the New Deal Café. Members of the society will begin setting up to view celestial objects at approximately 5:30 p.m. In the event of rain or hopelessly cloudy skies the event will be cancelled without further notice. Information about other events can be found on the society website at <http://www.greenbeltastro.org/events-shtml>.

Have a telescope but not sure how to use it? Bring it along - society members will offer assistance to help people become successful amateur astronomers.

## Computer Club Meets Thursday

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, November 9 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road in Room 202 (the Theater Rehearsal Room). All are welcome.



## GHI Notes

Upcoming meetings and events:

Tuesday, November 7, 8:30 a.m. - Ad Hoc Yard Line Committee meeting, GHI Library

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

7 p.m. - SDP Committee Water & Land Use meeting, Board Room

Wednesday, November 8, 7 p.m. - SDP Committee Energy Work Group meeting, Reception Area

7 p.m. - Woodlands Committee meeting, Lunch Room

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

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

Thursday, November 9, 6 p.m. - Investment Committee meeting, Board Room

7 p.m. - Finance Committee meeting, Board Room

Friday, November 10 - Veterans Day Observance, GHI offices closed

Saturday, November 11, 10 a.m. to noon - Woodlands Rain Garden Workshop, GHI Administration Building

## Legion Calls Public To Visit Schools

Greenbelt's American Legion Auxiliary Unit #136 has announced plans for participation in the observance of American Education week November 12 to 18. This year's theme "Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility," reflects years of concern and interest by the American Legion and other professional groups.

Greenbelt Unit #136 will express thanks to the teachers at local schools by delivering baskets of apples and a poem of appreciation, thank you cards with McDonald's gift certificates in them and bookmarks encouraging students to read. Throughout the year publications encouraging patriotism, civic pride and scholarships will be distributed to schools and the public library.

American Education Week is not just for parents and educators: it's for everyone. It is each person's duty and responsibility to see that all children are prepared to take up the roles of citizens and leaders in the years to come.

The auxiliary urges all residents of Greenbelt to support the city's local schools, to reaffirm their commitment to improving and supporting education at all levels and to translate this commitment into action by visiting Greenbelt schools during American Education Week.

## Poet at New Deal

On Friday, November 10, the New Deal Café will host the Chris Chandler and David Roe Show. A performance poet, Chandler is originally from Stone Mountain, Ga., and has been on or around the stage his whole life. Chandler's performance is steeped in the centuries of tradition that define theater, like bards who roamed from village to village performing the art of storytelling.

Roe has logged millions of touring miles from Singapore to Cape Cod playing songs from the American South. He accompanies himself on keyboard, ukulele and guitar. Roe's childhood was a mixture of deep-rooted family farm life in upstate New York and a nomadic military life. He started playing piano at age 6 and guitar at age 11. In the mid-1970s he began playing in New Orleans. Roe has played and sung and composed ever since, including three years with Garrison Keillor's Prairie Home Companion show.

## City Notes

The facilities maintenance crew continued to trace wires and remove abandoned underground cables and other electrical equipment in the basement of Roosevelt Center that had made troubleshooting problems at the theater time-consuming and complicated.

The recreation department reports that work on the skate park continues. Fine grading and installation of forms is almost complete. Installation of rebar in the "bowls" began this week. Depending on weather and a successful inspection by the county, shot-crete on the bowls will begin this week.

### Collecting Donations

The Community Center began accepting donations of supplies for Greenbelt's homeless residents in conjunction with the current exhibition at the Art Gallery. Items being accepted on behalf of the StreetLights of Bethany Ministry based at the Greenbelt Baptist Church include: bus passes; gift cards, especially for grocery stores which do not carry alcoholic beverages; warm blankets; thermoses; sturdy plastic bowls and cutlery; and new packaged underwear (men's and women's). Donations will be accepted through the close of the exhibition on November 26.

## Veterans' Day Service

Saturday, November 11  
10 a.m.  
in front of the War Memorial on Centerway in Roosevelt Center

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CAMP

Reading, Math, Science

School Break December 26 to 29  
Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church  
40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

Grades 1 to 4 for 12 children only \$100.00  
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; before and after care 7-6 p.m.  
Call Betty Kolbe 301-577-4673  
for registration and info

## Special Star Party For Mercury Transit

Beginning at 2:12 p.m. the afternoon of Wednesday, November 8 an uncommon astronomical event will be visible from Greenbelt. The planet Mercury will transit the Sun. A transit is an event in which a planet crosses the visible disc of the Sun. This transit will still be in progress when the sun sets in Greenbelt.

The most recent Mercury transit was in May of 2003; however, the next will not be until May 2016. So, if the weather cooperates, interested persons will not want to miss this event.

Since Mercury is both smaller and farther away than the planet Venus, its image against the Sun is much smaller than that of Venus, which transited in June of 2004. Thus, observers will need a telescope to view the transit.

Any telescope used to observe this transit - or the Sun at any time - must be equipped with a special solar filter; otherwise the observer risks damaging his or her vision to the point of blindness! Although optical aid will be necessary to view this transit, it should be noted that even naked eye observations (i.e., those made without any optical aid, such as binoculars or telescopes) of the sun should be done with special solar filters in order to avoid blindness or other eye damage.

Unless the skies are hopelessly cloudy, members of the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will be at the ballfields on Northway Extended with solar filter-equipped telescopes to view this event. All are welcome to attend and there is no charge.

## Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club enjoyed a Chinese Auction at the last meeting. It was lots of fun and raised money for the club. Thanks to Ellie Rimar for directing the activity.

Betty Richardson will be the speaker on November 8. She is liaison for the seniors in the county. November 15 will be the birthday pot luck luncheon.

Enjoy the beautiful fall colors and invite a friend to come with you to Golden Age Club meetings. We love having new members and it's nice seeing all our old ones, too.

## Postal Unit Is Now Open

Limited postal services are now available in the Municipal Building Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## MVA Closed Election Day

The Motor Vehicle Administration has announced that all full service, express offices and vehicle emissions stations will be closed on Election Day, November 7.

Online registration renewals and other eMVA options will remain available, as always, at [www.marylandmva.com](http://www.marylandmva.com).

## Slavic Food Festival Sat. at St. Gregory

St. Gregory of Nyssa Byzantine Catholic Church in Beltsville will hold a Slavic food festival and bake sale on Saturday, November 11 from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The festival will feature popular Eastern European foods including holupki (stuffed cabbage leaves), pirohi (potato and cheese-filled dumplings), halushki (homemade dumplings with sweet cabbage) and kolbasi served with sauerkraut. Food will be available for eat-in or carry-out.

The featured item at the bake sale is kolachi, a homemade bread filled with walnuts, poppyseed, apricot, raspberry or lekvar (prune). In addition to the kolachi, there will be an array of cakes, pies, cookies and other sweet delicacies available at the bake sale.

St. Gregory's is located at 12420 Old Gunpowder Road Spur in Beltsville. From Old Gunpowder Road, turn right on Sinope Way and then left at Old Gunpowder Road Spur. Plenty of free parking is available. For more information call 301-552-2434 or visit the website at [www.stgregoryofnyssa.net](http://www.stgregoryofnyssa.net).

## Academy 8 Theatres

Beltway Plaza Mall  
Center Court  
301-220-1155

All shows starting before 6 p.m.  
Are ONLY \$5.00

R = ID Required

(!) = No pass, No Discount Ticket

### Week of November 3

FRI. - SUN.

Santa Claus 3, G, (!)  
12:30, 2:40, 5, 7:40, 10  
Flushed Away, PG, (!)

12:40, 3, 5:20, 7:30, 9:50

Saw III, R, (!)

12:20, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:30

The Departed, R

12:20, 4, 7, 10

The Grudge 2, PG-13

7:30, 10:15

The Marine, PG-13

12:30, 2:50, 5

MON. - TUES.

Santa Claus 3, G, (!)

12:30, 2:40, 5, 7:40

Flushed Away, PG, (!)

12:40, 3, 5:20, 7:30

Saw III, R, (!)

12:20, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45

The Departed, R

12:20, 4, 7

The Grudge 2, PG-13

7:30

The Marine, PG-13

12:30, 2:50, 5

WED. - THURS.

Santa Claus 3, G, (!)

5, 7:40

Flushed Away, PG, (!)

5:20, 7:30

Saw III, R, (!)

5:15, 7:45

The Departed, R

4:45, 7:40

The Grudge 2, PG-13

7:30

The Marine, PG-13

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# Obituaries

## Robert Sumpter

Robert Paul Sumpter, 54, of Greenbelt, died of cancer October 24, 2006, at Doctors Community Hospital in Lanham after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Sumpter was born April 13, 1952, in Washington, D.C., and was a Navy veteran of the Vietnam era. He was a salesman with Eastern Supply in Hyattsville.

A Washington Redskins fan, he also enjoyed sports and collecting coins and hats.

Surviving are his wife, Christine Sumpter; two daughters, Melissa Sumpter of Greenbelt and Stephanie Sumpter of Mount Vernon, N.Y.; two brothers, John Sumpter, Sr., of Crofton and David W. Sumpter of Arlington, Va.; one sister, Linda Ivy of Greenbelt; and one grandchild.



## Our Neighbors

Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of Robert Paul Sumpter on October 24, 2006, at Doctors Hospital. Our sympathy to his wife Christine and family and to his sister Linda Ivy.

Welcome to Carol Mealey, new office associate at the Community Center.

Greenbelt artist Elizabeth Morissette will be one of 30 local artists and artisans featured in the "FOLK ART: Tradition and Innovations Exhibition" at the Gallery at the Arts/Harmony Hall Regional Center, 10701 Livingston Road in Fort Washington from November 2 to December 31. An artists' reception and juror's talk will take place on Saturday, November 4 from 2 to 4 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Artists who live or work in Prince George's County created the exhibit's 50 objects.

Printmaker Margo Humphrey, as awards judge, will select artists for up to \$1,000 in cash awards. Those awards and a purchase award by the Prince George's Arts Council will be announced in the gallery on Saturday, December 2 at 1 p.m. Humphrey will be present to show and speak about the influences of folk art on her recent work, a tribute to African American music culture of the 1950s.

Gallery hours at Arts/Harmony Hall are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Joe and Julie Polanin and family of Rosewood Drive are the subjects of a story about autism in the November issue of Washingtonian Magazine, on newsstands now.

## Baha'i Faith

"The Great Being saith: Blessed and happy is he that ariseth to promote the best interests of the peoples and kindreds of the earth."  
— Bahá'u'lláh

Greenbelt Baha'i Community  
P.O. Box 245  
Greenbelt, MD 20770  
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# First International Festival Concludes this Weekend

by Konrad Herling

There's a new sign at City Hall that says, "Welcome . . . We are building an inclusive community." Greenbelt's first international cultural festival, which concludes with two events this weekend, reflects that commitment.

First, this Saturday, November 4 from 5 to 9 pm, a community dance at the Greenbelt Community Center, including dance lessons, will bring the Latin rhythm and beat of Salsa music featuring two talented groups. Instruction will be offered. The event will take place in the gym at the Greenbelt Community Center and is the result of hard working volunteer committee members (Sam Rodriguez, Barbara and Chris Logan, Fatima Cardoso, Keith Gendreau, Barbara Simon, Phebe Ndam, Edith Beauchamp, Charlene Lagerwerff and Konrad Herling), the Greenbelt Arts Center, the New Deal Café and the city's Recreation Department and sponsorship from Friends of the New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA).

Salsa music and dance from Latin America will be presented by Las Mambo Mami Dancers, who have performed in Miami and Chicago and Cuban Salsa Dancing, featuring the group "Saoco" which has performed in New York. The event will include more than just the talents of these two groups. Earl Rush,

one of the Washington area's top instructors, will be there to get us all started and the refreshments will have a Latin flavor as well.

Second, on Sunday, November 5 at 3 p.m., also at the Community Center, as part of the city's "Artful Afternoon," award-winning storyteller, Dovie Thomason Sickles, will bring all listeners back to an earlier time through her recollection of Kiowa Apache and Lakota tales, especially those told to her by her Grandma Dovie and her Dad. From their voices, she first heard the voices of the Animal People and began to learn the lessons they had to teach her. These were teaching stories that took the place of punishment or scolding, showing her the values that her people respect and wanted to pass on to her. What can we learn from her stories? They will provide a clearer understanding of the often misunderstood, often invisible, cultures of the First Nations of North America.

Both events should broaden our understanding of diverse cultures expressed through music, dance, and oral traditions. The festival gives all Greenbelters an opportunity to share common experiences while being enriched by its diversity.

For information call 301-345-9369. Tickets are available at the door.

**GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Corner of Crescent and Greenhill Roads 301-474-4212  
[www.greenbeltbaptist.org](http://www.greenbeltbaptist.org) [greenbelt.baptist@verizon.net](mailto:greenbelt.baptist@verizon.net)  
Dr. Mark Johnson, Pastor

Sunday School:	9:30 am
Worship Service:	10:45 am
Weds. Worship:	7:00 pm
(Adult Bible Study/Prayer & Children's Ministry)	

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**St. George's Episcopal/Anglican Church**  
7010 Glenn Dale Road  
(Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)  
301-262-3285 | [rector@stgeo.org](mailto:rector@stgeo.org) | [www.stgeo.org](http://www.stgeo.org)

<b>Sundays:</b>	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)
<b>Wednesdays:</b>	7:00 pm	Simple, quiet Mass

*An inclusive congregation!*

**What is Islam?** Who is Allah?

"Allah" is the Arabic word for "God." The same God that Moses in Hebrew called "Alaha" and Jesus in Aramaic called "Aloha." The Arabic translation of the bible used the word "Allah" for God, The Father in heaven. In the Qur'an He describes Himself this way. "Say: He is God, the One and Only. God the Eternal, Absolute. He begetteth not, nor is He begotten. And there is none like unto Him."  
—The Holy Quran 112:1-4

To find out more about Islam, call 301-982-9463 or e-mail us at [info@searchislam.org](mailto:info@searchislam.org) or visit the website [www.searchislam.org](http://www.searchislam.org).

## Choruses Perform At Smith Center

The UM Men's and Women's Choruses, Philip Silvey and Stephen Holmes, music directors, present a free concert on Sunday, November 12 at 3 p.m. This performance will take place in Dekelboun Concert Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

  
**Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS**  
Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building

**Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church**  
40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt  
[www.greenbeltumc.org](http://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!

**Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church**  
3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi  
Phone: 301-937-3666 [www.pbuuc.org](http://www.pbuuc.org)  
Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community  
November 5, 10 a.m.  
"Great Moments in Universalism: Young Hosea Ballou Convert!"  
by Jaco B. ten Hove, co-minister  
with Jim Flaherty, worship associates  
— Barbara W. and Jaco B. ten Hove, co-ministers

**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
6905 Greenbelt Road • 301-345-5111

Sunday 8 am	Worship Service
9:15 am	Sunday School/Bible Study
10:30 am	Worship Service


  
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**ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
301-474-4322

Mass Schedule:  
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.  
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.  
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.  
Pastor: Fr. Walter J. Tappe  
Pastoral Associate: Fr. R. Scott Hurd

**Greenbelt Community Church**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

  
Hillside & Crescent Roads  
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings  
[www.greenbelt.com/gccucc/](http://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..."*

  
**Hope Fellowship**  
... living life together

**Bible Study & Worship**

9:30 "Good Morning!!" Coffee and Snacks  
10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship  
Greenbelt Youth Center  
99 Centerway  
**November 5 Sermon:**  
**The Most Meaningful Memorial in the world**  
Pastor Lou Redd  
301-474-4499 410-340-8242 (cell)  
...living life together

**Marietta Presents 19th Century Songs**

Marietta House Museum presents "An Afternoon of Mid-19th Century Songs" on Sunday, November 12 at 4 p.m. There will be a live musical performance in the parlor featuring vocalist Henry Wixon. Light refreshments will be served. Reservations are required; there is a fee.

Marietta House Museum is located at 5626 Bell Station Road in Glenn Dale, off of Route 193 and just north of Route 450/Annapolis Road. For more information call 301-464-5291, TTY 301-699-2544 or visit [www.pgparks.com](http://www.pgparks.com). Sign language interpreters are available with 72 hours notice.

**Maryland Opera Society**  
**AM AHL AND THE NIGHT VISITORS**  
**& AMERICAN DANCE ARTISTS**  
 Nov. 10, 8 p.m.; Nov. 12, 3 p.m.  
 Bowie Center for Perf. Arts  
 Info. and Tickets: 301-262-2158  
 VISA/MC Accepted

**Tabletop Tree Workshop**

**Build and decorate a 12" boxwood tree!** An instructor from Wood's Florists will bring materials and tools. Craft a delightful holiday centerpiece – and bring a loved one for a fun afternoon together!  
 December 2, 1 to 3 p.m. at Old Parish House  
 4711 Knox Road, College Park  
 Register by November 15 by sending a check for \$25 to College Park Arts Exchange,  
 PO Box 784, College Park, MD 20740  
**CPAE: "Connecting People through Arts Experiences"**  
 301-927-3013 – [info@cpae.org](mailto:info@cpae.org)

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**BINGO**

\$1,000 Jackpot  
 \$250 \$500 \$1,000 Super Seven

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 Free Food and Drinks

Monday: doors open 11 a.m., starts 12:15 p.m.  
 Monday & Friday: doors open 5:45 p.m., starts 7 p.m.  
 Sunday: doors open 3:45 p.m., starts 5 p.m.

4905 Branchville Rd., College Park  
 BINGO HOT LINE 301-982-3317



**City Information**

**GREENBELT RESIDENTS CAN NOW REGISTER FOR GREENBELT ALERT! SIGN UP FOR THIS FREE TEXT BASED EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM**

Greenbelt ALERT is a text based emergency communications system for Greenbelt residents. City officials will use it to send out important messages to email accounts, cell phones, pagers and other wireless devices in case of a possible emergency.  
<http://alert.greenbeltmd.gov>  
 for more information or to sign up for this free, voluntary service.

**AN ARTFUL AFTERNOON**  
**Sunday, November 5, 1:00-5:00pm**  
**Greenbelt Community Center**

**1-3pm:** Re-Create Your Universe. Join Artist in Residence in creating your own planet and universe from recycled lids with Artist in Residence Elizabeth Morrisette.  
**3pm:** Internationally acclaimed storyteller Dovie Thomason presents "Native Voices."  
**2-4pm:** Artist Reception for the new show "Almost Home: Photography by Christopher Anderson."

*Costume Contest and Parade*

The Greenbelt Recreation Department held its annual Costume Contest and Parade on Friday, October 27. The initial plan was to have the parade around Roosevelt Center, as it was in the previous year, with candy being distributed by participating merchants. However, due to the uncooperative rainy weather, it was relocated into the Youth Center building. Despite the poor weather, a good-sized crowd of around 200 people packed into the Youth Center gymnasium for the event. Amongst the crowd were numerous creative costumes. At the conclusion of the parade, the winners were announced and Rich Potter provided entertainment with his "comedy, juggling, and other disasters" routine. The following were the winners from each category:

18 mo. & Under	Zander Frey	Turtle
1.5 – 3 Years	Azelle Moleros-Ahearn	Terrible 2
4 – 5 Years	Amelia Komisar-Bury	Tooth Fairy
6 – 7 Years	Justin Mooney	Greenbelt Road
8 – 9 Years	Barbara Turnbull	Pocahontas
10 -12 Years	Allison Thompson	Lucille Ball
Family	Laura Holman (mother)	Monkey In a Tree
	Tatiana Malialani Isabella (daughter)	

The Greenbelt Recreation Department would like to thank Generous Joe's, Realty One, The Mini Mart, New Deal Café, Greenbelt Cleaners, Mary's Place, Pleasant Touch, and Maria's Beauty Shop for their willingness to participate in the event had it been held at Roosevelt Center. A special thanks to Curves, Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, Co-op Supermarket, and Maria's Beauty Shop for sending representatives to distribute candy inside the Youth Center.

See page 12 for a collection of photographs from the parade.

Visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov) for City Information.

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

City Offices will be closed Friday, November 10th, in observance of Veterans Day. The GREENBELT CONNECTION will not be operating. REFUSE/RECYCLING collection will be on regular schedule Monday thru Thursday. There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, November 10th.

**VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

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

**GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71**

**MUNICIPAL ACCESS:**  
**301-474-8000: Tuesday & Thursday, November 7 & 9: 10am & 6pm "Ask the Expert," 6:30pm ACE Reading Club, 7:00pm: Greenbelt Labor Day Festival presents "Peter Tork and Shoe Suede Blues."**  
**PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE):**  
**301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, November 8 & 10: 7pm "Lady Windermere's Fan," 9:15pm: "Today's Bowhunter-Black Bear."**

**INVITATION TO BID**

The City of Greenbelt, Maryland, invites sealed bids for furnishing the following:  
**2-Ton Dump Truck**  
 This equipment is to be delivered to the Department of Public Works, 555 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770. Interested bidders may pick up a bid specifications package for Bid 2006-6 at: **City of Greenbelt Finance Office, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770**  
 Please call the Department of Public Works at (301) 474-8004 regarding bid submission questions. Bids must be RECEIVED no later than 11/16/06 at 10:00 a.m. Bids will be opened publicly at 10:10 a.m. on 11/16/06.

**AMERICA RECYCLES 2006**  
**November 15th~ "It All Comes Back To You"**



America Recycles 2006 is a national awareness event to promote the social, environmental, and economic benefits of recycling and buying recycled products. The average American generates nearly 1,600 pounds of trash each year, creating more than 230 millions tons of waste annually in the United States. We all need to do our part and keep up our recycling efforts. It takes far less energy to recycle aluminum, steel, plastic, glass and paper than to make them from raw materials. It also reduces air and water pollution.

Recycling means more than putting things in your recycling bin. It also means shopping for products made with recycled materials. Stores sell thousands of products made from or packaged in recycled materials. Read the labels – look for the highest percentage of recycled content you can find.

Visit the RECYCLING DISPLAY AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER throughout OCTOBER and learn more about RECYCLING IN GREENBELT.

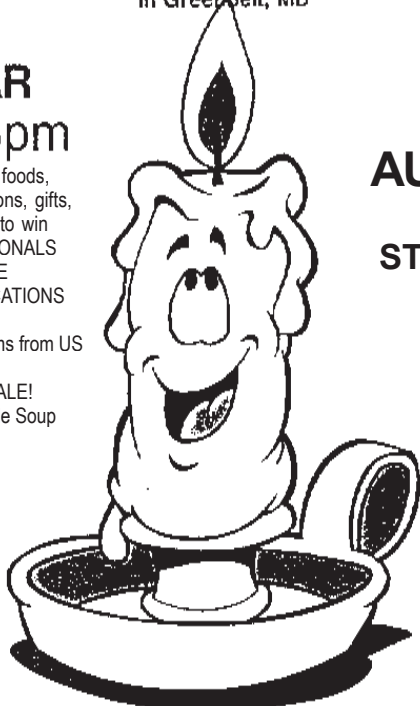
Enter the America Recycles 2006 Contest online at: [www.americarecyclesday.org](http://www.americarecyclesday.org). By pledging to recycle and to buy recycled content products, you will be eligible to win national prizes: Adult: 7-night Alaskan Cruise for two Youth: TREK 24-Speed Bicycles  
 All entries due by November 15th.

**Holiday Bazaar and Auction**  
**Greenbelt Community Church**  
**NOV. 11, 2006**  
 Located at corner of Hillside and Crescent Roads in Greenbelt, MD

**BAZAAR**  
 9am-3pm

Handmade items, foods, seasonal decorations, gifts, baskets, chances to win REDSKIN & NATIONALS TICKETS, AIRLINE VOUCHERS, VACATIONS and more!  
 Exotic SERRV items from US and abroad!  
 Fabulous BAKE SALE!  
 Famous homemade Soup

and More!



**LIVE AUCTION**  
**BIDDING STARTS AT 1:00 PM**

**Gifts, Services Baskets**

For more information call 301-474-6171

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### Attorney General (vote for one)

*Republican* – Scott L. Rolle, 45, of Frederick, FBI, National Law Institute, Frederick County State's Attorney, captain in U.S. Army Reserve (J.D., Ohio Northern University)

*Democrat* – Douglas F. Gansler, 43, of Chevy Chase, Montgomery County State's Attorney, (J.D., University of Virginia)

### U.S. Senate (vote for one)

*Republican* – Michael S. Steele, 47, of Largo, incumbent lieutenant governor of Maryland, (J.D., Georgetown University)

*Democrat* – Benjamin L. Cardin, 62, of Baltimore, U.S. Congressman (J.D., University of Maryland)

*Green* – Kevin Zeese, 51, of Takoma Park, director of the anti-war group, Democracy Rising U.S. (J.D., George Washington University)

### Representative in Congress – District 5 (vote for one)

*Democrat* – Steny H. Hoyer, 67, of Mechanicsville, incumbent House member (J.D., Georgetown University)

*Green* – Steve Warner, 41, of California, employed by a St. Mary's County development firm (B.S. in construction management and engineering, Arizona State University)

### Maryland Senate – District 22 (vote for one)

*Democrat* – Paul G. Pinsky, 56, of University Park, incumbent Maryland senator, (M.A. in education, George Washington University)

### House of Delegates – District 22 (vote for no more than three)

*Democrat* – Tawanna P. Gaines, 54, of Berwyn Heights, incumbent delegate and coordinator at University of Maryland at College Park (undergraduate coursework at District of Columbia Teachers College)

*Democrat* – Anne Healey, 55, of Hyattsville Hills, incumbent delegate and freelance writer (M.A. in English, Catholic University of America)

*Democrat* – Justin David Ross, 30, of Greenbelt, incumbent delegate and associate broker at NAI Michael Cos. (B.A. in government and politics, University of Maryland)

The following candidates are running for county offices:

### County Executive (vote for one)

*Democrat* – Jack Johnson, 57, of Mitchellville, incumbent county executive (J.D., Howard University)

### County Council, Councilman District 4 (vote for one)

*Democrat* – Ingrid M. Turner, 42, of Bowie, retired commander in Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy (J.D., Catholic University and advanced course work in health at George Washington University)

### Voters are also asked to vote yes or no on whether to retain in office two state judges:

Ellen L. Hollander, an at-large member of the Court of Special Appeals and James P. Salmon, a judge of Appellate Circuit 04 of the Court of Special Appeals.

### State's Attorney (vote for one)

*Democrat* – Glenn F. Ivey, 45, of Cheverly, incumbent state's attorney (J.D., Harvard Law School)

### Clerk of the Circuit Court (vote for one)

*Democrat* – Peggy Magee, 55, of Upper Marlboro, executive director of Prince George's County Human Relations Commission (J.D., Catholic University; certified public manager, George Washington University)

### Register of Wills (vote for one)

*Democrat* – Cereta A. Lee, 57, Glenn Dale, executive assistant to sheriff (A.A. in business administration, Strayer University)

### Judge of the Orphan's Court (vote for no more than three)

*Republican* – Carol D. Johnson, 53, of District Heights, special events coordinator (course on introduction to computers at Prince George's Community College)

*Democrat* – Wendy Alise Cartwright, 41, of Mitchellville, incumbent chief judge of the Orphan's Court and principal lawyer in Wendy A. Cartwright & Associates PC (J.D., University of Maryland)

*Democrat* – Athena Malloy Groves, 38, Upper Marlboro, lawyer at Malloy Groves LLC (J.D., North Carolina Central University)

*Democrat* – Vicky L. Ivory-Orem, 48, Bowie/Mitchellville, lawyer in private practice and owner of Realty Title and Settlements (J.D., University of Baltimore)

### Sheriff (vote for one)

*Democrat* – Michael A. Jackson, incumbent sheriff

The following candidates are running for seats on the school board. This is a non-partisan election.

### Board of Education At-Large (vote for no more than four)

Donna Hathaway Beck, 50, Upper Marlboro, help desk analyst for U.S. Census Bureau, PTA activist (A.A., business, Mesa [Ariz.] Community College)

Alicia Darensbourg, 38, of Clinton, self-employed project management and evaluation consultant (Ed.D., education policy and administration, George Washington University)

Jeana Jacobs, 39, of Mitchellville, division chief, Department of Corrections; lawyer; hearing examiner for Board of Education; adjunct professor at University of Maryland University College (J.D., District of Columbia School of Law)

Ken E. Johnson, 52, of Mitchellville, special program consultant, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture (B.S. business administration, South Carolina State University)

Gloria Lawlah, 67, of Temple Hills, Maryland state senator (M.A. education, Trinity College, post-graduate work, George Washington University)

Howard Stone, 53, of Mitchellville, Board of Education vice-chair, management consultant (M.A. public administration, American University)

Nate Thomas, 25, of Suitland, director of planning, Community Teachers Institute, former county teacher (M.A. education administration, Trinity University)

Ron Watson, 40, of Upper Marlboro, principal of MCR LLC (Ph.D. in engineering, Binghamton University)

### Board of Education

#### – District 001 (vote for one)

Rosalind Johnson, 61, of Laurel, retired teacher in Prince George's County (B.A., Spanish and French, Morgan State University, graduate studies at University of Maryland and Hood College)

Robin Barnes Shell, 44, of Glenn Dale, ombudsman in Howard County public school system, attorney-mediator in Maryland District Court (J.D., Georgetown University, M.A. counseling, Capital Bible Seminary)

### Board of Education

#### – District 002 (vote for one)

Heather Iliff, 36, of College Park, deputy director of education for Alliance for Nonprofit Management and chair of College Park Educational Advisory committee (M.A. in political science, Central European University)

Amber Waller, 58, of Hyattsville, parent, PTA past president, Democrat Central Committee (undergraduate college courses)

### Board of Education

#### – District 003 (Vote for one)

Pat Fletcher, 56, of Landover, civic activist, union organizer and president, former PTSA vice-president, Democrat Central Committee

Regina L. Williams, 44, of Landover, former PTSA president and school advocate for equal education

### Board of Education

#### – District 004 (Vote for one)

Steven Morris, 55, of Fort Washington, education administrator and consultant and former teacher for 18 years (M.A. [equivalent-APC] in education supervision/management)

Linda T. Thomas, 52, of Largo, educational consultant; former principal of magnet, charter and environmental schools; Department of Defense teacher; dean of students and Department of Education program specialist (M.S. and M.A. degrees)

### Board of Education

#### – District 005 (Vote for one)

Katie Costello, 50, of Bowie, attorney with federal government and formerly with Prince George's County (J.D., University of Maryland)

Owen Johnson, Jr., 60, of Brandywine, retired vice-principal, athletic director, county superintendent of interscholastic athletics, physical education teacher, coach and member of National Guard (M.A. in education and curriculum, National Louis University)

### Also on the Ballot

There also are a variety of ballot questions for voters to decide: three questions on amending the state constitution, a court emasculated state referendum question on voting procedures, eight county charter amendment questions and five county bond authorization referendum questions. (See story in October 26 issue.)

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in Baltimore City as that city's mayor. In a televised debate, incumbent Governor Robert Ehrlich accused him of unlawful arrests of thousands of persons and neglecting the city's low performing schools. O'Malley noted that under his leadership murder rates had fallen and school test scores had improved.

On the other hand, Ehrlich is being faulted for sharp increases in Maryland university tuition fees. While claiming to be opposed to raising taxes, he was involved in raising state property taxes and also raised fees on vehicle registrations and sewer service. At the debate, O'Malley contended that while Ehrlich touts tax cuts, investments in education and a commitment to the environment in election years, his record as governor is starkly different.

Ehrlich's running mate for the office of Lieutenant Governor is Kristen Cox, a blind woman who is currently the secretary of the Maryland Department of Disabilities, a state agency created by Ehrlich. O'Malley's running mate is Anthony G. Brown, a lawyer and member of the House of Delegates from Mitchellville in Prince George's County.

The Green and Populist parties will have candidate names on the ballot. Neither party is expected to obtain a significant vote count. Ed Boyd of Baltimore and James Joseph Madigan of Parkville are the Green candidates and Christopher A. Driscoll of Takoma Park and Ed Rothstein of Baltimore represent the Populists.

### U.S. Senate

Although the Washington Post poll shows Democratic candidate Congressman Ben Cardin with a good lead over Republican candidate Lieutenant Governor Michael Steele, two recent events could cause some voters to change their minds, making final results more of a tossup. On Monday, a group of Prince George's County prominent politicians endorsed Steele, a black, over Cardin, a white, as a protest over the Democratic party failing to nominate a black candidate to a major office (even though Brown, a black, is running for lieutenant governor). Kweisi Mfume, a black, was defeated by Cardin in the statewide primary election. Included in the group of black Democrats supporting Steele is former county executive Wayne Curry and four members of the Prince George's county council. In normal state contests, the Democrats rely heavily upon the black vote in Prince George's County to achieve success. The fact that a politically significant black group has declared for Steele could turn an expected victory for Cardin into defeat, depending upon how many voters are swayed by the recent endorsement.

A week or so earlier, a television advertisement supporting Cardin by movie and television actor Michael Fox, an advocate for stem cell research who is suffering from Parkinson's Disease, received national attention after popular conservative radio commentator Rush Limbaugh accused Fox of acting and faking his involuntary body movements. This has engendered strong negative press from those sympathetic to Fox and the health problems that he faces. Whether this will increase support for Cardin is uncertain.

In response to the Fox ad, Steele ran an ad claiming that he has supported stem cell research

and has a sister with multiple sclerosis who could benefit from such research but the Cardin forces contend that Steele only supports the highly restricted research now permitted by the Bush administration.

Cardin's main thrust has been to ally Steele with President George W. Bush and his programs, particularly the Iraq War which Cardin has always opposed. Steele's ads minimize that he is a Republican and claim that he will bring a fresh face to Washington who is not a part of the existing political establishment that includes Cardin, a long time Congressman from Baltimore.

Kevin Zeese of Takoma Park will be on the ballot as the Green party candidate. He also has the endorsement of the Populists and the Libertarian parties.

### Other State Offices

Democrats are expected to handily win the other statewide offices on the ballot. Peter Franchot, a Montgomery County politician and business consultant, successfully beat out incumbent William Donald Schaefer, ending his long political career that also included mayor of Baltimore City and governor and Anne Arundel County Executive Janet Owens in the primary election to become the Democratic candidate. He now faces Anne McCarthy who was an associate professor of management at the University of Baltimore.

Doug Gansler, Montgomery County State's Attorney, capitalized on his national fame as a prosecutor of the two serial snipers to become the Democratic candidate. He now faces Scott Rolle who is the State's Attorney in Frederick County.

Greenbelt residents, as a part of the Fifth Congressional District, will choose between the district's long time Congressman Steny Hoyer, who is now minority whip in the Congress and a Green party candidate unknown, Steve Warner. No Republican chose to challenge the ever popular Hoyer.

Another candidate sailing into reelection is the Maryland senator who represents District 22 in which Greenbelt is located, Paul Pinsky. Also unchallenged now that the primary is over are the three incumbent delegates from District 22, Tawanna Gaines, Anne Healey and Justin Ross.

### County Offices

There will be only one Republican challenger for all the county offices that will appear on the ballot. She is Carol Johnson of District Heights who is seeking one of the three offices up for election as Judge of the Orphan's Court. Her three Democratic opponents are Wendy Cartwright, an incumbent judge, Athena Groves and Vicky Ivory-Orem.

Unchallenged on the ballot are: Jack Johnson, seeking reelection as county executive after narrowly defeating Rushern Baker in the primary; Ingrid Turner, seeking for the first time the District 4 seat on the county council formerly held by Douglas Peters after defeating two others in the primary; Glenn Ivey, seeking reelection as state's attorney without primary opposition; Peggy Magee to become the new clerk of the Circuit Court; Cereta Lee, who defeated incumbent Lynn Skerpon in the primary for the position of Register of Wills; and Michael Jackson who has been unopposed in his reelection effort for sheriff.

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be mailed to residents shortly before the election. Those criticizing these endorsements contend that they have brought partisan politics into a nonpartisan campaign. Senator Paul Pinsky, who pushed for these endorsements, claims that they were made after careful consideration of the candidate's qualifications as an aid to voters.

**Candidates**

The following is a list of the at-large candidates and some of the various endorsements they may have received: Donna Hathaway Beck, the Washington Post, Prince George's Gazette, PGCEA and Metropolitan AFL-CIO; Jenna Jacobs, Post, Gazette and PGCEA; Ken Johnson; Gloria Lawlah; Howard M. Stone, PGCEA and AFL-CIO; Nate Thomas, Post, Gazette, PGCEA and AFL-CIO; and Ron Watson, Post and PGCEA.

The 10 district candidates and the endorsements they may have received are: Rosalind A. Johnson, Post, Gazette and AFL-CIO and Robin Barnes Shell, PGCEA in District 1; Heather Illiff, Post, Gazette, PGCEA and AFL-CIO and Amber Waller in District 2; Pat Fletcher, Gazette and Regina L. Williams in District 3 (besides the Post, write-in candidate Mickens-Murray has endorsements from the PGCEA and AFL-CIO); Steven Morris, Post, Gazette and AFL-CIO; and Linda Thomas in District 4; and Katie Costello and Owen Johnson Jr, Post, Gazette, PGCEA and AFL-CIO in District 5.

**General Election  
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About 11,635 Greenbelters are registered to vote in next week's Tuesday, November 7 Gubernatorial General Election, according to the county Board of Elections. The AccuVote TS voting system will be in use. The machines have a series of screens that the voter views and then chooses by touching the name of the desired candidate. The voter can change his or her mind by touching the candidate's name again. After all screens have been viewed, the voter finalizes the choices.

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In the upcoming November 7 general election all parties including Republicans, Democrats, unaffiliated (independents) and Populists, Greens, Libertarians and other minority parties will be eligible to vote their preferences.

On the ballot also are Maryland and Prince George's questions as well as candidates running in the non-partisan Prince George's County Board of Education district and at-large race.



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## Making Progress At the Skate Park



The recreation department reports that work on the skate park continues. Fine grading and installation of forms is almost complete. Installation of rebar in the "bowls" began this week. Depending on weather and a successful inspection by the county, shot-crete on the bowls will begin this week.

## Turner Already a Shoo-in For County Council Seat

by Rivéa Ruff

If Greenbelters want to cast a ballot for a county council candidate they will have to cast it for Ingrid Turner in the upcoming election. There will be no other name. Turner will be Greenbelt's next county council representative. She is unopposed on November 7 for the district 4 county council seat.



work.

"Our school system didn't get this way overnight and we won't be able to change it overnight," she said. "It will take a team effort. State delegates, senators, parents, the whole community will have to get involved."

### Police Force

Turner noted the county's reputation for crime and violence as another concern. "We need adequate police trained and on the streets," she said. "Right now, we don't have adequate police officers and when you don't have that, things happen."

Turner would like to see more officers serving in their own backyards. "I'd like to see more police coming directly from the county. When you live in the community, you're more invested in what happens in the community," she said.

### Development

Continuing development in this growing area is of great concern to residents of Greenbelt, a fact Turner recognizes. She says it's important to stay on top of what's going on and plan accordingly.

"Development is inevitable," she said. "I think we always have to do smart development, making sure that we plan for it."

Turner said it's important to keep an eye on the area's future.

"We have to think: where will the county be five to 10 years from now? Where will Greenbelt be in five years? Ten years?" she said. "We can't look just to solve today's problems. When you do that, you always end up behind the eight-ball and wouldn't it be wonderful to be ahead of the eight-ball?"

Hopeful for a bright future with the county, Turner says she wants the lines of communication over the next four years open between herself as a councilmember and the community at large.

"I welcome dialogue about concerns and issues. I hope to continue to talk to the citizens throughout my journeys through the community and I want input so we can do this together."

Though not well known by many Greenbelters and having won the Democratic primary by only 55 votes, Turner says she is "here to represent the people" and plans to work closely with citizens to bring about change.

With a stated focus on education, public safety and transportation in the county, Turner says she wants to help improve the quality of life for all residents of Prince George's County including those who call Greenbelt home.

A recently retired Navy Commander, Turner was raised in Bowie. A graduate of Elizabeth Seton High School in Bladensburg, she holds degrees from the U.S. Naval Academy, Golden Gate University and Catholic University.

Though she has no political background, she saw running for office as her chance to give back to the community that reared her. "I thought this would be a good way to continue to serve my country," she said. "Not only that, but to serve the people I grew up with."

### Education Vital

Though she is single and has no children of her own, Turner's main campaign focus has been education. She sees it as the foundation for a successful community with all other community factors trickling down from the quality of the educational system.

She described Prince George's County Schools as "a struggling educational system."

"The school system is not doing well at all," she said. Turner noted that the new CEO and the school board bring hope for change but also recognized that change will take time and team-

# Picturing Homelessness Here

A new exhibit, "Almost Home: Photography by Christopher Anderson," is now on view at the Community Center Art Gallery through November 26. An artist reception will be held during the November Artful Afternoon on Sunday, November 5 from 2 to 4 p.m.

When Gazette photographer Christopher Anderson was assigned to cover the memorial service for Justine Shoop in November 2005, he had no idea he was about to begin a journey. Nearly a year later Anderson has assembled a sensitive, factual and honest series of portraits of people who have been homeless in Greenbelt. Anderson's photographs are accompanied by an audio recording and written comments based on interviews with the subjects he has portrayed.

In fall 2005 Shoop and her longtime partner Rick Calhoun did not have a fixed address. They had been living in a tent in the woods. One night Shoop left to get matches from the gas station on the other side of Greenbelt Road. Calhoun said he reminded her to use the crosswalks. "Always use the crosswalks," he said. Tragically, as Shoop crossed the road, she was struck and killed by a car.

At Shoop's vigil, Anderson met for the first time and photographed Calhoun, the Rev. Bobbi Troyer of the StreetLights of Bethany street ministry and several others. This was the beginning of his photo series.

Over the course of the project some people have come to Greenbelt in search of help and others have left. Some have been able to find the help they needed and

others are still searching.

Says Anderson: "As housing prices climb in our area, more and more people will face the threat of becoming homeless. The resources in Prince George's County for those already homeless and those facing possible homelessness are scarce. I hope these images and stories will raise awareness about the struggles many in Greenbelt face."

The public is invited to attend a reception with the artist on Sunday, November 5 from 2 to 4 p.m. The reception is part of an Artful Afternoon program which will also include hands-on crafts with Artist-in-residence Elizabeth Morissette (1 to 3 p.m.), a studio open house from 1 to 5 p.m. and a performance by Native American storyteller Dovie Thomason at 3 p.m.

The Art Gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sundays whenever the room is not reserved. Call 301-397-2208 to confirm availability.

### Photos

The subjects of Anderson's photos include the Reverend Bobbi Troyer of the StreetLights of Bethany Ministry, who works extensively with homeless persons in Greenbelt. In conjunction with the exhibit, the Greenbelt Community Center is now accepting donations of specific items which "Reverend Bobbi" has requested on behalf of her clients.

These include bus passes, gift cards, especially for grocery stores which do not carry alcoholic beverages; new, packaged underwear (men's and women's); thermoses and sturdy plastic or styrofoam bowls and utensils;

"I was very fortunate to have worked with a group of people who wanted to share their story with the entire Greenbelt community. Some of them had struggled through difficulties in the past and were on the road to a better life. Others were still looking for solutions to their problems but all of them hoped that by participating in this project they could bring attention to the struggles of those who are homeless.

I am very excited to see so much interest in the welfare of the people featured in the show."

— Chris Anderson

warm blankets. Contributions can be brought to the main office during business hours or to the welcome desk when the office is closed. The collection continues through November 26.

The ministry is also in need of volunteer support to provide transportation service for clients and administrative assistance for the organization. To volunteer or to discuss other possible donations call the Rev. Bobbi Troyer at 301-633-5654 or email her at [streetlights@callmykate.com](mailto:streetlights@callmykate.com).

A resource sheet is available at the Art Gallery, prepared with the assistance of Greenbelt CARES. This sheet contains contact information for agencies that can connect individuals with local and county resources for those who are homeless or facing the threat of homelessness.

## ACE Reading Programs for November

by Liz Murray, program coord.

The ACE Reading Club, a free reading incentive program offered by the City of Greenbelt, will host several children's programs in November. Club Meetings will be held at Magnolia Elementary School on November 13, Springhill Lake Elementary School on November 21 and Greenbelt Elementary School on November 28. These meetings are open to students in grades 4 through 8 who attend each school.

For children who live in Greenbelt but do not attend a Greenbelt school such as home schooled students or students in TAG/Magnet programs outside the city, the next club meeting will be on November 6 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt CARES office. This club meeting is open to students in grades 3 through 6. Club meetings will focus on reading-related activities and games that are designed to inspire students to read for enjoyment. Activities include reading aloud, creative writing, games, arts and crafts and Book-It cable tapings.

The ACE Reading Club will host a Parent/Child Book Discussion on Monday, November 13 in the Greenbelt CARES office from 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. This is an opportunity for parents and kids to read together and discuss what they have read with other families. This month's book is "From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler," written by E.L. Konigsburg. There will be discussion followed by refreshments and

socializing.

Young children and their parents are invited to attend ACE Reading Club Book Buddies on November 20 in the Greenbelt CARES office. A high school volunteer or ACE Reading Club staff member will read an age-appropriate book which will be followed by refreshments and a short period of socializing. This program is targeted at children ages 4 through 7. Pre-registration is required.

The ACE Reading Club also has an essay contest for students in grades 3, 4 and 5. The contest is open to students who live or attend school in Greenbelt. Entries must be the original work of the submitting student author. Each essay must be written in English and be accompanied by a signed entry form. Essays will be judged on originality, dedication to contest theme and knowledge of the topic. Essays should be no more than two typed, double-spaced 8 1/2 x 11 inch pages or three handwritten pages. Essays must be legible or they will be disqualified. Students should address the following: If an out-of-town visitor was coming to visit, where would you take your visitor? Describe the best places around your town and why they are so interesting. Write about parks, museums, lakes, stores, restaurants and other places you enjoy. If you had a magic wand and could add anything to Greenbelt, what would it be and why?

Entries should be received no later than 4 p.m. on November 17

in the Greenbelt CARES office. For an entry form and complete contest rules contact the ACE Reading Club.

To register for any of these programs or for more information call ACE Reading Club Program Coordinator Liz Murray at 301-345-6660 or email [lmurray@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:lmurray@greenbeltmd.gov).

### Senior Meals Menu

The Senior Nutrition "Food and Friendship" program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. the day before to assure sufficient quantities of food are ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215 for information about the program and to make reservations.

Meals are served beginning at noon. All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and one percent milk. Menus for Monday, November 6 through Thursday, November 11 include:

Monday – Vegetable soup with crackers, bar-b-que pork on multi-grain bun, candied sweet potatoes, broccoli, blueberry turnover.

Tuesday – Election Day, all sites closed.

Wednesday – Grape juice, farm salmon with dill sauce, wild rice, mixed vegetables, apple-sauce.

Thursday – Apple juice, baked chicken with gravy, black eyed peas, chopped collards, fruit ice.

Friday – Veterans' Day, all sites closed.



## Police Blotter

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

### Robberies

October 20, 10 p.m., Breezewood Drive and Edmonston Road, a man reported that he was walking home when he was approached by two men on bicycles. One of them kicked the man, who fell to the ground. They went through his pockets, removed money and fled. The victim was transported by ambulance to the hospital for treatment of an injured leg.

October 22, 9:34 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a man reported that he was approached by a man in the rear parking lot of the plaza, who displayed a handgun and demanded the man's jacket. After obtaining the jacket he fled on foot toward Cherrywood Lane. The suspect is described as a black male in his twenties, 5'10" with black hair in dreadlocks, brown eyes and a dark complexion, wearing a black jacket and black jeans.

October 24, 8:16 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, a young man reported that he was riding his bicycle home when an unknown number of people pushed him off the bike, kicked him several times and fled with his bicycle. He declined treatment for minor injuries.

### Weapon Arrest

October 19, 10:30 a.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School, a nonresident youth was arrested for concealed deadly weapon on school grounds after he was observed attempting to skip school. He was found to be in possession of a switchblade type knife made to look like a cigarette lighter. The youth was released to a school administrator pending action by the school board and the juvenile justice system.

### Gunshots

October 26, 10:50 p.m., 7600 block Hanover Parkway, police responded to a report of several gunshots heard, with a witness who saw an unknown person running after a vehicle that fled the area at a high rate of speed. All parties involved had left the area

prior to police arriving on the scene. The vehicle is described as a black SUV.

### Trespass

October 20, 3:38 a.m., 6000 block Breezewood Drive, a man of no fixed address was arrested and charged with trespass. Police observed him on the grounds of Springhill Lake Apartments after he had been banned from the complex by agents of the property. The man was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

October 24, 6:12 p.m., 6000 block Breezewood Drive, a resident man was arrested and charged with trespass. Police observed him on the grounds of Springhill Lake Apartments after he had been banned from the complex by agents of the property. A computer check revealed that he also had an open warrant with the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department. The man was released on citation to the Department of Corrections for service of the warrant.

### Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a 2000 Plymouth Breeze 4-door from the 7800 block Hanover Parkway; a silver 1997 Honda Civic 2-door, Maryland tags 1AVK77 from the 9300 block Edmonston Road; and a blue 1997 Mercury Grand Marquis 4-door, Maryland tags JGM270 from the 38 Court Ridge Road.

Three vehicles were recovered by outside police departments with no arrests made.

Theft from, attempted theft from and vandalism to vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7200 block Mandan Road (two incidents), 7800 block Emily's Way, 6900 block Hanover Parkway, 400 block Ridge Road (two incidents), 46 Court Ridge Road, 9 Court Research Road, 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive, Springhill Drive and Edmonston Road and 6200 block Springhill Court.

## Sanctions Delayed Against County Bd. of Ed.

The Maryland State Board of Education has delayed sanctions against the Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) and commended the county's proactive intervention to turn around low-performing schools. The PGCPS moved from Year Two of School System Improvement to School System Corrective Action, beginning with the current school year, as anticipated based on past state assessment scores.

During the last three years PGCPS students raised their test scores at a faster rate than any other school district in Maryland. Although PGCPS students made dramatic improvements, test scores did not rise fast enough to meet state mandates for Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), which also increased each year as all districts work to achieve Maryland's academic goals for 100 percent proficiency by 2014.

"Recognizing this change in status was a mathematical certainty when I arrived in May, my executive team and I immediately developed a plan to accelerate our students' academic achievements," said Dr. John E. Deasy, chief executive officer. "Many new initiatives were implemented at the beginning of the current school year and others will come online next year. I also plan to pursue additional guidance and support from the state as we continue our work to make sure all students achieve at high levels."

With an official request from State Superintendent of Schools Dr. Nancy S. Grasmick, the State Board of Education placed PGCPS in Corrective Action during the October 25 meeting in Baltimore as required according to the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 13A.01.04.08B. The failure to achieve AYP across all three grade bands (elementary, middle and high school) within one reported area is the criterion for a school system in System Improvement to move to the next stage of improvement as required by COMAR.

Prior to the state board's meeting Grasmick stated that she was very aware of the aggressive work being led by Deasy to bring about significant innovations and reformations for PGCPS, many of which are commensurate with corrective actions outlined in state regulations and the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB). Since he was hired last spring, Deasy has made changes in school leadership and in the central office and put in place a Balanced Scorecard to track system progress and accountability.

With Prince George's County Board of Education approval, Deasy and the administration developed a Business Plan for Children Come First and began implementing several new initiatives in time for the current school year. The first two phases of the plan are underway and include the following improvements: School and System Accountability; High School Assessment (HSA) Strategic Plan; Intensive Support and Intervention Schools (ISIS) pro-

gram; Advanced Placement (AP) programs with at least eight core course offerings in every high school at the start of the next school year and teachers trained this year by the College Board; International Baccalaureate (IB) program support and expansion with supporting programs at the middle school level; SAT preparation programs; Pupil Personnel Workers Plan; Comprehensive Parent and Community Engagement Plan; and Library Media Centers Improvement Initiative.

Without imposing sanctions, Grasmick pointed out that curricular and organizational changes made by PGCPS in some instances are similar to corrective actions listed in the regulation and federal law. Grasmick specifically commended PGCPS for its intervention to turn around low performing schools. The state plans to make a final determination on corrective actions by no later than the February 2007 State Board of Education meeting.

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# Forest Preserve Report Lauded at Worksession

by Eli Flam

At a worksession October 25 Greenbelt City Councilmembers lauded the final report of the Forest Preserve Task Force. In a straw vote they agreed with the recommendation to form a Forest Preserve Advisory Committee.

The 64-page final document was "almost on the order of the Magna Carta," said Mayor Judith Davis with a smile. "You really did it," said Councilmember Ed Putens. Many thanks were offered across the table both to the nine-member advisory committee and to Celia Craze, director of the city's planning and community development department.

At its start the report (available at the Municipal Building) says that "the work of managing, maintaining and protecting these, as well as other valuable wooded areas, has only begun." It emphasized the early need for "much work . . . to reclaim the area of the South Preserve between Gardenway and Hamilton Place," damaged by a "trend of misuse." Cited as "vitaly important" was "communication and coordination between the city, the GHI woodlands committee, the federal government and private property owners."

"We must educate our fellow citizens," the report went on, "how to experience a forest preserve without damaging it or changing the delicate ecological balance." Data is needed,

as well, to better deal with "threats from pests, disease and environmental impacts which compromise the health of the forest."

Four of nine parcels the city holds as open space were recommended for inclusion in existing forest preserves, mostly on the eastern reaches of old Greenbelt: Parcel 7 (Boxwood Preserve), Parcel 15 (Belle Point), the Sunrise Property in Greenbelt East and Parcel 12, next to the North Preserve.

Concerns for these areas are detailed in the report's section, Contingencies. Also included in this section are the community gardens, the Hamilton cemetery, the Northway fields, handicap access, the yard waste compost facility (relocation is not seen as viable) and the observatory ("should be considered as acceptable").

The five parcels not recommended for inclusion are park areas that could be kept as wooded: Schrom Hills Park, Greenbriar Park, Lakewood Stream Valley, Buddy Attick Park and Indian Springs Park.

At the worksession, Task Force Chair Keith Chernikoff said there were only four or five contested votes in their 18 monthly meetings: "I'm real proud of everybody's work." This included many visits to the existing forest preserves and to nine suggested parcels.

Davis brought up the report's section on the annual

Pumpkin Walk in the South Preserve, which in the past had been used as a political event. After discussion, it was agreed that city staff should work with event organizers to rule out such a use.

### No Trails

When Davis said that GHI was talking of clearing a trail through its wooded area with a chainsaw and was willing to continue it into the forest preserve, Chernikoff responded, "Absolutely not!" Calling it "a well-meaning intention," he said private improvements and clean-up were out of bounds for forest preserves.

A recommendation on trails was accepted from Doug Love - one of four people in the audience. He recommended that wording should be changed from "Hiking . . . on a vertical slope" to "a steep slope."

When questions of handicap access were raised, Council member Rodney Roberts said these days it can't be assumed that handicapped people want paved trails. Four pages in the report and subsequent discussion addressed such access. Davis took note of a suggestion from the audience that a member of a handicapped group being formed in Greenbelt should be on any advisory committee.

Chernikoff called attention to the Invasive Species section's final point - that management in this area was a science and "should (not be) driven by emotional reactions to alien plant species."

In discussing the parcels, Council member Leta Mach said that a neighborhood playground in Belle Point should be excluded. Others agreed.

It also was noted that the Greenbelt West situation, considered "still fluid," should be studied further. Ordinances for action on the four recommended parcels were included in the final report, as were relevant maps. Missing in the maps was Spellman Overpass, which can be added, said Charles Jackman, filling in for task force member Robert Trumbule.

Other task force members, all present, were Vice Chair Marc Siegel, John Cooper, Valerie Elliott, Susan Gregerson, Ruth Kastner, Virginia Mudrock and Luisa Robles.

## Children's Show At Science Center

The Howard B. Owens Science Center at 9601 Greenbelt Road will present a planetarium program, "The Little Star That Could," on Friday, November 10 at 7:30 p.m.

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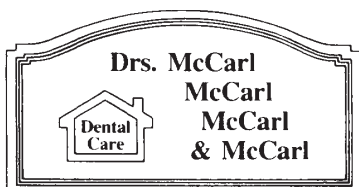
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# Little, Big Folks Don Costumes in the Halloween Parade at the Youth Center



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Saturday, November 11, noon Dino-Mania – No bones about it, kids and adults alike will enjoy pretending to be a paleontologist and explore fossils and footprints.

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## Registered Voters Come and Go

by Mary Moien

How does Prince George's county get new registered voters? Looking at data from this past August, 2,502 people registered in that month alone. Forty-three percent of the people (1,079) registered at the motor vehicle administration. The next highest proportion (12 percent) transferred from another jurisdiction in Maryland; others registered through the mail or through volunteer sign-ups.

Almost the same number of registered voters were dropped from the rolls in August - 2,533. Fifty-five percent of those people moved to a different county in the state and five percent moved out of state. Another 39 percent were removed following a failed mail verification of their county address.

Of the newly registered, 68 percent registered as Democrats, 11 percent as Republicans and 19 percent were not affiliated with any political party. The political diversity among Maryland counties is shown when comparing Prince George's County with rural Eastern Shore Queen Anne's County. Of the 410 people who registered there in August, Republicans outnumbered Democrats by about 1.5 to 1 (almost 50 percent Republicans compared with 32 percent Democrats).

### *The 2006 Pumpkin Poll*

## In Halloween Poll, Batman Edges Out "I Don't Know!"

by Doug Love

As usual I spent Halloween on my service-side porch, with my dog and a big bowl of chocolate eyeballs in my lap. Everyone who came for candy (or yellow tomatoes) who was too young to vote was asked, "If you could vote next Tuesday, who would you vote for?" Many wanted to know who the choices were. I left it open to their imaginations, as my pumpkin doesn't look at all like Kevin Zeese. As usual some didn't understand but their responses were more inventive than the me-too's that put Batman at the top this year.

The prize goes to the little fellow who was speechless with amazement for several minutes, then said "okay" when I suggested that his vote might be "didn't say." Nevertheless, nobody seemed scared by the responsibility and one young lady will register with the County Election Board

next year. That makes it all worthwhile for me!

Here are the complete results, listed by response, number of votes and comments (in parentheses):

Batman, 14 (in costume, changed from O'Malley-Brown. Dracula concurs); "I don't know," 11; George Carlin, 4 (Best comedian. Sophisticated kids!); Mommy, 3 (from teenagers!); O'Malley-Brown, 3 (only ones actually running that got votes); "Thank you," 3; no answer, 3; Frankenstein, 2; Michael Jackson, 2 (not meant to be the sheriff candidate); dura, 1 (???); mmm, 1; "uh," 1; Spiderman, 1 (to counter Batman's lead); "the eyeball," 1 (Happy Halloween!); Cinderella, 1 (another myself?); "the cat," 1 (misidentification of my Pomeranian?); "the dog," 1 (that's better); "myself," 1 (himself); "not Bush," 1 (ah, a politician); "naasin," 1, (again, ???).



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# VOTE GREEN PARTY

## Ten Key Values

- ✓ **Ecologic Wisdom**
- ✓ **Social Justice**
- ✓ **Grassroots Democracy**
- ✓ **Nonviolence**
- ✓ **Community Cooperative Economics**
- ✓ **Respect for Diversity**
- ✓ **Feminism**
- ✓ **Decentralization**
- ✓ **Personal & Global Responsibility**
- ✓ **Future Focus/Sustainability**

Ed Boyd	Governor
James Madigan	Lt. Governor
Kevin Zeese	U.S. Senator
Bob Auerbach	Comptroller (Write-in)
Steve Warner	Congress, 5th District

# Stop the Iraq War!

Greenbelt Greens meet the second Monday of each month and the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in or near the New Deal Café, opposite Old Greenbelt Theatre.

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