

Council Meets New Owners Of Capital Office Park Complex

by Thomas X. White

On Wednesday, August 1 the Greenbelt City Council conducted a stakeholder worksession with representatives of Mack-Cali Realty Corporation, new owners of the Capital Office Park. This was their first meeting with council since Mack-Cali purchased the existing office park in March 2006. At the time of the purchase the agreement also included an option for Mack-Cali to acquire approximately 43 acres of adjacent undeveloped land for future development. That purchase was consummated last month.

When council last met with the previous owners of the office park in July 2005, there was no indication that the office park holdings were for sale. But months later, in late November 2005, a contract with Mack-Cali for purchase of the developed portion of the property for approximately \$161.7 million was announced. (See the News Review issue of August 2, 2007, for details of the acquisitions.)

After introductions and a brief discussion of the transition to new ownership the main focus of the stakeholder session was the new owner's plans for future

development in the three undeveloped sites they now control. All members of council were present, along with City Manager Michael McLaughlin and Assistant City Manager David Moran.

Representing the new owners were John Adderly, vice president for the Mid-Atlantic region of Mack-Cali, and Michael Hueston, the new property manager for Capital Office Park. The Mack-Cali representatives let council know that they were pleased to take over the office park and, like council, believe it to be one of the best office park developments in Prince George's County.

The company has made no staff changes at the property and is planning several upgrades in services to the business occupants and landscaping for the property. The current estimate for occupancy is approximately 89 percent, up from 84 percent at the time of purchase in March.

This news was tempered, however, by the expected loss of major tenant Hewlett-Packard in the coming year due to that firm's plans to consolidate their offices in the region closer to Bethesda/Gaithersburg.

Future Plans

Following questions from council, Adderly provided the plans underway for the three undeveloped sites within the property. Most surprising to council was Mack-Cali's announcement that a ground lease had been entered into with Old Line Bank to locate a branch on the small lot at the intersection of Ivy Lane and Route 201 (Kenilworth Avenue).

Mayor Judith Davis and council were clearly unhappy with that development. They told the Mack-Cali representatives that, for quite a long time, previous councils had tried on numerous occasions to convince the previous owners that that lot should be maintained as an esthetic buffer for the entrance to the office park.

Councils had considered a variety of incentives to persuade earlier owners to forego development of that site that, in earlier plans, had been targeted for a gas service station. When the current council last met with the previous owners in July 2005, the mayor

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Crime Continues to Drop Compared to Recent Years

by James Giese

Upon the completion of the first six months of the calendar year, Greenbelt continues to experience a significant drop in the number of crimes being committed as compared to recent previous years. Overall, crime for the seven categories of Class I (major) crimes has dropped 14 percent for the first six months (592), as compared to the same period last year (692) and by 23 percent as compared to the first six months of 2003 when a high of 766 crimes were reported.

Even more encouraging is that the number of crimes against persons (murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assaults) has dropped as well. In past years, the numbers of these crimes continued to increase even as the more numerous crimes against property (breaking and entering, larceny and motor vehicle theft) diminished. For example, the 40 reported robberies that have occurred this year in the city in the first six months is less than half the 88 reported for the same

period last year.

Of the seven crime categories, only one this year, rape, has had more occurrences than in 2006. The six reported is still fewer than the seven recorded in 2005, however.

Greenbelt, like Prince George's County, continually experiences a high rate of auto theft crimes. However, for the first half of the year the 116 reported represents a five-year low and a 45 percent drop from the 209 reported in 2004.

Along with the number of crimes diminishing, the number of arrests made by Greenbelt police officers also dropped. In the first half of this year the department reported 263 adult and 71 juvenile arrests and warrants. This represents a 35 percent reduction for adults and a 67 percent reduction for juveniles as compared to the city's highest arrest year of 2004.

While making fewer arrests the

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City Solicitor Raises Doubts About Joining ICC Lawsuits

by James Giese

Greenbelt City Solicitor Robert A. Manzi has raised serious doubts about the city's ability or desire to file a friend of the court brief on behalf of the opponents challenging the decision by the State of Maryland to build the Intercounty Connector (ICC). Manzi had agreed to explore the possibility of the city becoming a friendly party to the suit, although he also informed the council that if a decision was made to do so his firm would be in a position of conflict of interest, as it also represents the City of Laurel whose city council supports the construction of this highway running from I-270 in Montgomery County to U.S. 1 south of Laurel.

Manzi reported to City Manager Michael McLaughlin in a July 30 memorandum that seeking information on this suit has been "one of the most frustrating exercises I have encountered in 37 years of practicing law." He and his staff have spent "hours trying to speak with the attorneys involved in the lawsuit concerning the ICC," he said.

He reported that the lawyers have changed several times and each one has suggested he contact someone else involved, someone

who never returns Manzi's calls. Once, Manzi said, he made an appointment with an attorney in the Midwest who is reportedly the leader for the team of attorneys to confer via telephone. He failed to call in.

Manzi concluded that "it does not seem as if any of the plaintiffs consider the city a necessary or beneficial party."

Manzi pointed out to McLaughlin the reasons for this conclusion. Greenbelt is not close enough to the ICC to really argue much negative impact. The city appears to be in excess of five miles from the proposed road. Manzi also expressed the view that because it would be difficult for the city to show an "obvious and specific interest (i.e., different from the public in general)," he was not even sure the court would allow the city to file a brief.

Because of his firm's conflict position, he felt that it would be necessary for the city to retain special counsel with a big law firm. That would be costly to the city, he noted.

McLaughlin referred Manzi's memorandum to the city council with a request for its further direction on the matter.

Over most of the time that the Intercounty Connector has been in the discussion stage as a divided highway to be built across Montgomery County north of the Capital Beltway, the city councils of Greenbelt have consistently expressed opposition to the idea. It has been the belief of councilmembers that by the road terminating at U.S. 1, it would funnel more traffic to the Greenbelt area.

Supporting that concern has been Maryland State Highway Administration proposals to extend Kenilworth Avenue as a divided highway from Ivy Lane in Greenbelt to the Intercounty Connector at a point west of U.S. 1. Presently Kenilworth transposes into long established Edmonston Road which continues northward on a route east of U.S. 1 to Muirkirk Road, where it is known as Old Baltimore Pike. For a new road to be built as proposed would require construction across sensitive floodplains of Indian Creek and overpasses across the CSX Railroad tracks and U.S. 1 as well as intersections or crossings of Sunnyside, Powder Mill, Amendale, Muirkirk and possibly Virginia Manor Roads.

"Greenbelt in Focus" Debuts In Academy Theatre No. 1

by Eli Flam

In a new outreach for hometown filmmaking, "Greenbelt in Focus" – a 7-1/2 minute pilot program – debuted at Beltway Plaza Friday, August 3. The combination of newsreel and several animated shorts is to be shown prior to the feature film in the Academy Stadium Movie Theatre number one through the month. A second production is due September 1 and on from there monthly.

A couple of dozen filmmakers and supporters warmed in advance of the occasion late in the afternoon of August 3 with complimentary pizza at Three Brothers in Beltway Plaza. Marc "Kap" Kapastin, general counsel for Plaza-owners Quantum Companies, said the newly installed DVD projector needed for the showings cost some \$10,000. (There's been talk of similar action at Old Greenbelt Theatre.) Then all trekked to the theater

to see the pilot, put together by Greenbelt Access Television (GATE) and Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA) – programs started in the 1980s for young people 10 and up (many of whom come from outside Greenbelt).

Four brief, brightly colored shorts made in recent years led the way. "Roffle's First Flight," by Tucker Bane, shoots a space-age creature up and what goes up Taylor D'Ottavi's "Heads Up!" features two cartoonish characters. "Look!" urges the first, pointing up. "What is it?" asks the second – and soon gets a weighty answer.

"Grizzly's Lunch," by Caleb Valentich, takes on a pizza, plus take-out carton, from a different angle and Donna Gureckas's "The Adventures of BoBo & PeeWee" follows the fate of two smallish

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What Goes On

Friday, August 10 through Monday, August 20

Municipal Building Post Office will be closed.

Saturday, August 11

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

Monday, August 13

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

Tuesday, August 14

7 p.m., Public Safety Advisory Committee, Community Center, Room 103

Letters to the Editor

Yearbooks Wanted

Greenbelt High School alumni have been remembering Jane Stone Runow, whose obituary was published in the News Review last week. Jane was an outstanding member of the GHS class of 1943 and was editor-in-chief of that year's Pylon, the school yearbook.

Over the years I have acquired quite a few Pylons from the 12-year existence of Greenbelt High. The most recent additions to my collection are the 1944 yearbooks and class rings of the late Homer and Mary Lou (Jarboe) Jordan, high-school sweethearts, which their daughter sent to me. I have talked to Jill St. John, the curator of the Greenbelt Museum, about donating the Pylons to the museum. She happily agreed to accept them, so now I'm seeking to make the collection complete.

The years needed are 1940, 1946, 1948, 1950 and 1951. If anyone is willing to part with their Pylon from any of those years or knows where I can obtain one, please call me at 301-474-6892.

*Kathleen (Scott) McFarland
GHS Class of '44*

A Night to Remember

More than 200 tickets were purchased for last Friday evening's performance of "Inside The Frame, Outside The Box," the first-ever scholarship show presented by the Greenbelt Recreation Department's summer camp staff to raise money for camp scholarships. The capacity crowd enjoyed a terrific performance, which raised more than \$1,200, including funds raised by the sale of some of the original artworks used as set pieces in the show. All proceeds will go to the scholarship fund, helping families of limited means send their children to camp next summer.

The generosity of the audience was matched by the generosity of the performers, who donated dozens of hours to the project, rehearsing before and after the camp day and on weekends, on their own time. Using an art museum as the unifying theme was the brilliant idea of Creative Kids Camp (CKC) counselor Colleen Arnold, who poured herself into directing the show and achieved magnificent results. Camp Encore counselor and Parade Camp art teacher Matt McLaughlin, who served as head scenic artist, spent many hours in the studio painting and supervising the creation of the set. CKC intern Scott Kincaid's professional lighting and sound and CKC counselor Maia McWilliams' tireless work in the dance studio gave the show a terrific, polished look.

Many thanks to the following camp staffers, who served as performers, scenic artists, carpenters, stage managers and technicians: Brian King, Mason Trappio, Scott Kincaid, Sarah Aclander, Mary Fominaya, Danielle Green, Dina Goldberg-Strassler, Colleen Arnold, Ann Fraistat, Chris Cherry, Ian Brown-Gorrell, Chris Fominaya, Jesse Folks, Samantha Fitschen, Tiffany Harris, Stefan Brodd, Matt McLaughlin, Teresa Trozzo, Sarah Loutsch and Melissa Boucarut.

Thanks also to family members Vinny Rojas-Trozzo, Kate Arnold, Susan June and Karen

Arnold who pitched in on the set and to Community Center staffers Lisa Adams, Carol Mealey, Di Quynn-Reno, Rebekah Sutfin, Kim DeAngelis and Sheila Major who served as box office and house managers.

Lastly, let's all give thanks for Greenbelt, a community that creates art and raises artists who create community.

*Chris Cherry
Greenbelt Recreation
Department*

Overpass Debate Seems Racist

Prince George's County, despite its racial diversity, remains largely segregated by both class and, more clearly, race. While some neighborhoods enjoy a large degree of racial mixing, most are overwhelmingly one race or another. According to the 2000 Census, Greenbelt was made up of relatively equal numbers of whites and African Americans, about 40 percent of each. Yet when I look around "Old Greenbelt," where I live, I rarely see a non-white face. If I walk over to "new Greenbelt" or to the Springhill Lake apartments, the situation is reversed.

Services for residents are located in the center of Old Greenbelt. The library, town hall and the Community Center are all located on the other side of a major road from the rest of the community of Greenbelt. The only way to get to them without getting in a car or braving a walk down a four-lane road with fast traffic is to walk over the Spellman Overpass. Historically in many communities services have been intentionally situated to prevent the minority population from accessing them, thereby placing a de facto "whites only" sign on the door. While it didn't happen that way in Greenbelt, you can't tell that from the demographics of our neighborhoods.

The debate over the bridge is fast becoming a throwback to these earlier times of "redlining," "restrictive zoning" laws and institutionalized de facto segregation. Instead of making restrictions on the intermixing of racial, economic and city residents, we should be encouraging people to know one another and feel comfortable amongst each other. Most importantly, we should, through every means at our disposal, encourage every community member to take full advantage of the services located in the center of our city and be an active and engaged community member – and without getting into a car or onto a bus. Certainly, something must be done to curb the violence that is presently associated with the overpass but simply putting up barriers in our community is not the answer. Barriers only increase animosity and estrangement between residents.

While closing the overpass will surely make it more difficult for a few people with bad intentions to get from one neighborhood to another and most problematically, to escape police, it will also once again increase the racial segregation of the community of Greenbelt.

Shanna Pearson-Merkowitz

Birding in Greenbelt

It's all well and good to write an article about birding in Greenbelt but here are two observations:

First: the Woody Woodpecker bird is either the pileated or the yellow shafted flicker (commonly called a "willy-wicker" by Eastern shore residents due to its call).

Secondly there is a severe drought/heat wave. Bird behavior has become abnormal. Second broods are not raised! The woods have fallen silent – the peewee, towhee, catbird, wood thrush, mockingbird, chickadee, titmouse, woodpeckers, cardinals have all fallen silent! The robin no longer sings his lovely evening song! Nor can the robin seek its food. Due to the dry conditions, the earthworms have gone underground.

This is the time to think of remediation not observation. Place trays of water on the ground to supply water to the birds and other animals – voles, shrews, toads, snakes, turtles, insects – all of them are in dire need, in desperation. (I have eight trays on the garden side, three trays in the woodlands and three trays in the service side). Freshen the water every day because birds will take baths and dirty the water. So first thing tomorrow, place water trays in your yard. Assist some suffering animals. They will thank you, all life is interconnected and their life will enhance yours.

Glory K. Houck

Questions APB Views

In response to the article "Board Briefed on the Latest Greener Greenbelt Initiative," by Brian St. George, News Review, July 26, 2007.

On July 17, Friends of the Greenbelt Museum sponsored a lecture at the New Deal Café on the Greener Greenbelt Initiative (GGI). Representatives of the American Institute of Architects and the GHI Green Ribbon Task Force talked about ensuring the housing cooperative's continued viability and livability. The talk centered on upgrading and rehabilitating existing structures to make them more energy efficient.

The next day, this same group gave their talk to Greenbelt's Advisory Planning Board (APB). After reading the News Review article summarizing this second activity, I have some real concerns about the APB planning my future!

Statements such as these in the article concern me greatly:

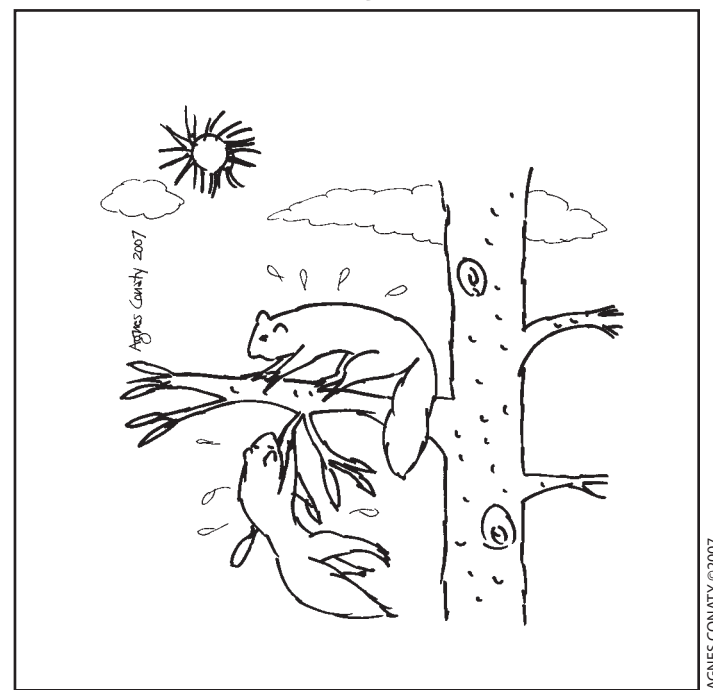
1. "GHI units are not applicable to 21st century standards of living."
2. "Residential housing should be considered for Roosevelt Center in order to draw more people to the Center."
3. "The town needs more variety in housing."

These statements are reinforced by –

- * Conversations with "affluent citizens of Washington," and
- * Suggestions that Greenbelters are physically too large for their homes, perhaps "due to eating fast food."

As if these weren't bad enough, we also find that "Most members (I assume the board members are referring to themselves) felt that

Grin Belt



"I don't understand why they call it 'dog days of summer.' The heat is hard on us, too!"

Corrections

In the Woody Woodpecker article by Don Comis on page 16 last week, the captions for the two woodpeckers were inadvertently the same. The woodpecker at the top of the page was correctly labeled as a red-bellied woodpecker; while the woodpecker at the bottom left was actually the pileated woodpecker. In addition, cartoon purists from the early days will have us know that the correct full name of that cartoon character is Woody Woodpecker . . . no self-respecting child in the early years would've dreamed of inserting the word "the" and we should not have, either.

In shortening Mat Amberg's reminiscence published in the City College of New York (CCNY) alumnus magazine, the News Review omitted much and made an error that Amberg wished to correct. After being expelled from CCNY, he was admitted to Earlham College which he attended for the 1935-36 school year. In 1936 he was readmitted to CCNY and remained there, completing his studies in 1941.

Amberg would like readers to know that a copy of the CCNY alumnus magazine is in the Greenbelt Library for anyone who would like to know the whole story.

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Community Events

Senior Softballers Take Three of Four as the Season Winds Down

The Greenbelters entered this last month of the season in the Baltimore Beltway Senior Softball League with three wins in their last four games. First they split a doubleheader at home, beating Dundalk 6-3 behind pitcher/manager Ray Reed, then losing 14-8. They followed by topping Bowie Gold at home 24-9 and coming from behind (5-1) to beat Gold at Bowie, 16-7.

Against Bowie, outfielder John Horstkamp led off with six hits in his last two games of the season – and speared two shoestring catches in the finale – before returning to teaching. Fred Bohle got eight hits, Larry Dandridge seven, Mac McNamara six, Harlan Park and Willie White five each, Jim Dugan and Reed four, Paul Williams and Dave Kerr three (Kerr with two triples), Lefty Smith two and one apiece for Burt Kerr, Irv Salzberg, John Strekel, Jim Harbaugh and Eli Flam, back in the last game after two months out with a broken finger.

After the season ends August 22, Greenbelt takes part in a series of playoff games that start September 5.

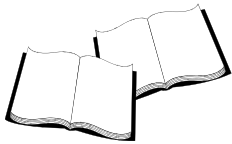
At the Library

Storytimes

Tuesday, August 14, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver; limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, August 15, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver; limit 15 children.

Thursday, August 16, 10:30 a.m., Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5; limit 20 children.



Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

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, August 13 through Friday, August 17 include:

Monday – Grape juice, vegetable lasagna, field greens salad with cucumbers, onions, chick peas, tomatoes and dressing, banana pudding.

Tuesday – Orange juice, veal patty with tomato sauce, scalloped potatoes with cheese, peas & carrots, fresh plum.

Wednesday – Orange juice, baked chicken with gravy, cornbread dressing, Italian mixed vegetables, frozen yogurt cup.

Thursday – Chicken noodle soup with crackers, tuna salad on wheat roll, lettuce & tomato salad with dressing, four-bean salad, slice of wrapped watermelon.

Friday – Cranapple juice, sliced turkey with gravy, black beans, mixed greens, canned peas.



The 2007 Greenbelt team of the Baltimore Beltway Senior Softball League. From left, front: John Horstkamp, Ray Reed (manager), Lefty Smith, Irv Salzberg. Back: Dave Kerr, Fred Bohle, Paul Williams, Mac McNamara, John Strekel, Larry Dandridge, Willie White, Burt Kerr, Harlan Park, Jim Dugan. Above: Eli Flam (left), Rodney Hull. – photo by Toric White

Explore Tornadoes, Volcanoes on Film

On Friday, August 17 Explorations Unlimited concludes its summer travel and nature videos with a bang. The first video shown will be “Tornadoes.” Viewers will witness 46 tornadoes over the past 40 years with up close and personal action, fused with riveting, image-enhancing music.

Next, if tornadoes weren’t enough, the show that follows, “America’s Volcanoes” provides edge-of-the-seat action. Always threatening and always on the horizon, Native Americans called them “fire mountains;” we call them volcanoes. The brooding American mountains, pregnant with fire, can be as terrifying as any in the world. In the 18th century, Hawaii’s Kilauea belched a cloud of suffocating ash and gas that destroyed part of an army marching against King Kamehameha.

On May 18, 1980, Washington’s Mt. St. Helens blew its top, 1,300 feet of it. The explosion was 27,000 times greater than the atom bomb that fell on Hiroshima in World War II. To most, volcanoes are frightening and mesmerizing. Some have been worshiped as gods, others as devils. Science sees them as proof that the planet is spunky, still kicking. People see them as destroyers but volcanoes are really creators. They do not destroy the land, they transform it. This video reveals the story of America’s volcanoes, most of which are only quiet, not dead. Included are Mt. St. Helens, Mt. Rainier, Craters of the Moon and Yellowstone National Park.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center in the Senior Lounge, Room 111. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Greenbriar/Glen Oaks Kids Picnic Thursday

On Thursday, August 16 from 6 to 8 p.m. the Greenbriar Community Association will host a back-to-school picnic for Greenbriar/Glen Oaks children of all ages.

For information call Tiffane Rose at 301-441-1096, ext. 11.

Climate Action Meets On Global Warming

The Greenbelt Climate Action Network will meet in Room 112 at the Community Center from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 15 to discuss what people can do about global warming. There will be a discussion of how to help pass legislation in Maryland to assist in reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

The Low Carbon Diet Program will also be introduced at the meeting. The program is a project for Greenbelters to meet at individual’s homes for four weeks to discuss how to reduce carbon output and energy costs.

For more information call Steve Kane at 301-345-2571.

Aerobics to Resume On Monday, Aug. 20

Those who love high/low impact aerobics, kickboxing, toning, step and weights will be glad to know Fit ‘N’ Fun Aerobics class will start back up for the summer on August 20 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. Babysitting services are available to registered participants only. Children’s information must be included on the registration form. No drop-in babysitting is allowed. Fees for babysitting allow for two children with a fee for each additional child. Online registration is not available for this class.

For details call 240-542-2056.

Art Supplies Sought For Youth Programs

Clear the house and support the arts! The Greenbelt Community Center is seeking donations of supplies for its youth art programs. They are currently in need of knitting and crochet needles, skeins of yarn, old 35-mm cameras, sewing machines, a toaster-oven, blender and pasta-press. To donate or for more information call Monica Mische at 240-542-2060 or email mmische@greenbeltmd.gov.

Greenbelt Disability Connection Meets

The Greenbelt Disability Connection will hold its second meeting this Sunday, August 12 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the New Deal Café. A representative from the Greener Greenbelt Initiative has been asked to come and give a brief talk about how members of the disabled community can help develop a more livable community.

The group received word from Nicole DeWald, arts supervisor with the Recreation Department. She wrote, “On Wednesday mornings starting in September, we will be providing a ceramic hand-building class taught in American Sign Language. The class will be taught by Loraine DiPietro, a very talented artist-in-residence at the Greenbelt Community Center who is fluent in ASL.” She cannot attend the meeting but said she would try to get another member of the staff to come answer questions. At the meeting there will also be a discussion of other activities members would like to see and participate in.

There was a good showing of enthusiastic people at the first meeting and the group is looking forward to continuing the momentum. Come join the fun and create an organization!

City Offers Employees Grants to Buy Homes

One perk of being employees of the city is that they may receive a one-time \$2,000 grant to purchase a home in Greenbelt. The program is not limited to first-time buyers. Grantees who leave city employment or sell their home within five years of receiving the grant must repay it within 30 days.

At the present time seven city employees including two police officers have received such grants. Two of these employees left city employment and repaid the grant.

Blood Drive Aug. 23 At Doctors Hospital

Doctors Community Hospital and the Greenbelt Lions Club in partnership with American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Thursday, August 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the hospital campus at 8118 Good Luck Road in the DSE room on the 5th floor of the Medical Office Building. To schedule a time to donate call 301-552-8060.

To be eligible to donate blood people must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good general health. It only takes 20 minutes to donate; it is a simple, safe, life-saving and selfless gift.

Labor Day Festival Used Book Sale

Raising funds for:
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Large donation pickup available
For information call:
301-474-2041

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

Week of Aug. 10
La Vie en Rose (PG-13)

Friday
*4:45, 7:30, 9:55
Saturday
*2, *4:45, 7:30, 9:55
Sunday
*2, *4:45, 7:30
Monday – Thursday
*4:45, 7:30
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Week of August 10 FRI. – THURS.

The Simpsons Movie, PG (!)
12:30, 2:50, 5:20, 7:30, 9:45
Daddy Day Camp, PG (!)
12:30, 2:50, 5:20, 7:30, 9:45
Underdog, PG (!)
12:45, 3, 5, 7, 9:30
Who’s Your Caddy, PG-13 (!)
12:15
Bourne Ultimatum, PG-13 (!)
12, 2:25, 5, 7:50, 10:20
Hairspray, PG (!)
12, 2:35, 5:10, 7:45, 10:20
Rush Hour 3, PG-13 (!)
12:15, 12:45, 2:30, 3, 4:40,
5:40, 6:45, 8:05, 9:30, 10:30
El Cantante, PG-13 (!)
2:30, 5, 7:45, 10:20

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Take Out and Catering

Help with Memory Book for Helen Oring

Former long-time Greenbelt resident Helen Oring Nichols will be 100 years old on August 30, 2007. Her son Lewis and daughter-in-law Kay are putting together a memory book for her birthday. They invite all of her Greenbelt friends to send cards, letters, stories and photos to assemble the book in time for her birthday. They may be reached at Lewis and Kay Oring, 508-570 Stoney Lane, Susanville, CA 96130, phone: 530-825-3386, email: keoring@hotmail.com.

Helen and Irving Oring with their three sons, Stuart (now of Owings, Md.), Lewis (Susanville, Ca.) and Robert (Eaton Rapids, Mich.) moved to Greenbelt in the fall of 1940. They lived on Westway until the early 1970s. Helen and Irving moved to Ridge Rd. Irving died in 1988. Helen married Harvey Nichols in 1992. They remained in Greenbelt until 2002 when Harvey's ill health forced them to move. Helen went to Michigan to be near her son Robert. She had an apartment next to him until spring 2007 when she moved to Ingham Regional Assisted Living Center.

During her years in Greenbelt, Helen was active in community affairs. She sang with the Greenbelt choir in the early years. After retiring from the University of Maryland, she sang with The Seasoned Players. She was honored several times for her community service.


Muscular Dystrophy Safeway Fundraiser

During August, Safeway stores will be collecting for muscular dystrophy in a fundraising campaign for "Jerry's Kids" to raise money and draw attention to the need to support research of neuromuscular diseases. Since 2003 Safeway has collected donations at checkstands, conducted individual store fundraising events and through its "Aisles of Smiles" program has raised more than \$25 million to help the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). The goal of this year's nationwide effort is to surpass the 2006 MDA campaign total of \$4.7 million.

At the end of the campaign, Safeway Executive Vice President Larree Renda will present the funds raised at the annual Jerry Lewis MDA Labor Day Telethon on behalf of Safeway's customers and employees.

Puppet Show At Patuxent

The "Ruby's Journey" puppet show will be presented Thursday, August 16 at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. for all ages at Patuxent Wildlife Refuge. Registration is not required. Follow the ruby-throated hummingbird, one of the world's smallest birds, as it travels on one of the longest migration routes. For further information, call 301-497-5887.



Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

Our Neighbors

Congratulations to the following Greenbelt residents, August 2 graduates of Beltsville's TESST College of Technology with certificates and associate degrees in high-demand technical jobs: computer business management certificate, Sedat Onel; network information technology certificate, Jacqueline Turner; electrician certificate, Ibrahim Bah, Darien Holloway and Robert Pandohie; medical assistant certificate, Mary Clements and Arethia Thomas.

Congratulations to Irene Hensel on being the first person featured in a new series "Who's Who in the Fairland Seniors Program" published by the Fairland Community Center. The article, complete with picture, highlights Irene's 33 years as a "people person" speaking out for justice and equality in the city of Greenbelt. Irene is now residing on New Hampshire Avenue in Silver Spring; she participates in programs at Fairland

and does volunteer work at several other places.

Three huge cheers for the Wells Discomaniacs figure skating team, which prevailed in Chicago, beating production teams from Missouri, Ohio, Texas, Iowa and Connecticut! (See News Review article page 8, July 19.) The team celebrated winning the gold in Chicago, as various members were leaving for travel to Germany, Paris, Montana, Canada and New York following the competition. Team members Alice Murphy, Christina Field, Joe Simmons and Carrie Scott also won medals for individual and pairs events.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We'd especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Springhill Lake. To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

- Kathleen McFarland

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church
3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi
Phone: 301-937-3666 www.pbuuc.org

Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community

August 12, 10 a.m.
"What Does a U.U. Theologian Eat for Breakfast?"
by Jaco B. ten Hove, co-minister, with Michael Leger, worship associate
("Summer Fun" multi-age gathering for children ages 5+, Kelly Room)
- Barbara W. and Jaco B. ten Hove, co-ministers

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church
40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
Open heart, Open minds, Open doors
www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410
Rev. Dr. Paul C. Kim, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 am (Recess in July-Aug.)
Worship Service 11:00 am Prayer Meeting Sun. 9:45 am
Pray conditioned Air conditioned

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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: Rev. Walter J. Tappe
Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd

Mishkan Torah Congregation
10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
Rabbi Jonathan Cohen Cantor Phil Greenfield

Friday evening services 8:00 PM
except first Friday of the month, when children's service begins at 7:00 PM
Saturday morning services - 9:30 AM
Sunday minyon - 9:30 AM
Children's Education, Adult Education, Social Action, etc.
For further information call 301 474-4223 www.mishkantorah.org
Conservative and Reconstructionist

STOP, LOOK and LISTEN

STOP

As we see the flowers bloom and trees turn green, it reminds us of the one who created the serene nature in perfect harmony. It is our job now to keep this harmony in our dealings as well, as the Creator reminds us: "The sun and the moon follow courses (exactly) computed; and the herbs and the trees bow in adoration. And the skies He (God) has raised high, and He has set up the balance (of justice), in order that you may not transgress due balance. So establish weight with justice and fall not short in the balance!" - The Holy Qur'an, 55:5-10

This is the guidance sent forth to mankind by God through the last Prophet, Muhammad (peace be upon him). For more information about Islam, call 301-982-9463 or e-mail info@searchislam.org or visit the website at www.islamguide.com.

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Greenbelt Baptist Church
101 Greenhill Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770 - (301) 474-4212
www.greenbeltbaptist.org

Welcomes!

Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School
Sunday 11:00 am Worship Service
Wednesday 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study
All are Welcome!

Summer Hours

"Helping People Connect with Christ and His Family Through Loving Service"

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Summer Worship
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Fax 301-220-0694 • E-mail myholycross@verizon.net

What did Baha'u'llah teach? (Part 1)
Baha'u'llah taught that there is only one God and one human family, that all religions represent progressive stages in the revelation of God's Will and that humanity is reaching its long-awaited stage of maturity, when a peaceful and just world order can finally be realized.

The central idea of the Bahá'í Faith is that of unity and that all people should work together for the common benefit of humanity.

Greenbelt Bahá'í Community
PO Box 245, Greenbelt, MD 20770
1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918
www.bci.org/greenbeltbahai www.bahai.us

Greenbelt Community Church
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Hillside & Crescent Roads
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings
www.greenbelt.com/gccucc/
Sunday Worship
10:15 a.m.
Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

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

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

An inclusive congregation!

Hope Fellowship
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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 (Behind the Community Center)
August 12: Joseph's Conspiracy
Pastor Lou Redd
301-474-4499 410-340-8242 (cell)
...living life together



City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL

August 13, 2007 – 8:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting-Municipal Building

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

- Recognition of State Senator Douglas J. J. Peters
- MML Award of Excellence – Artful Afternoon, Nicole DeWald
- Introduction of New CARES Staff

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

*Committee Reports

- Advisory Committee on Education, 7/30/07 Communication (Letter to Ingrid Turner)
- Community Relations Advisory Board, Report #2007-1 (Request from Keith Chernikoff – Paperclips Project)
- Community Relations Advisory Board, Report #2007-2 (Request from Larry Yore)
- Recycling & Environment Advisory Committee, Report #2007-02 (Pesticide Use)

LEGISLATION

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 8, “Elections,” of the Greenbelt City Code, in Order to Revise Section 8-4, “Absentee Voting,” to Empower the Board of Elections to Determine Whether a Ballot Submitted Without a Sealed “Secrecy” Envelope Should Be Deemed Invalid (2nd Reading, Adoption)

A Resolution to Amend Section 31, Titled “Election of Council,” of the Charter of the City of Greenbelt to Clarify a Certain Requirement for Holding a Runoff Election (2nd Reading, Adoption)

A Resolution to Amend Section 21, Titled “Campaign Financial Reports,” of the Charter of the City of Greenbelt to Empower the City Council to Require Reporting of Contributions and Expenditures Made for the Purpose of Furtherance of or Opposition to Any Ballot Question (2nd Reading, Adoption)

A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Certain Goods and Services from Various Vendors as Enumerated Herein When Total Fiscal Year Purchases from Each Vendor Exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) (2nd Reading, Adoption)

An Ordinance to Amend the Capital Projects Budget for Fiscal Year 2008 (1st Reading)

A Resolution to Establish a Living Wage Policy for the City of Greenbelt (1st Reading)

OTHER BUSINESS

- Agreement – New Deal Café
- Campaign Signs on City Property
- Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement Among Five Municipalities
- Award of Purchase - Public Works Vehicle
- Award of Purchase – Public Works Skid Steer Loader
- Award of Contract for FY 2008 Street Construction Work
- Deadline for Requesting Local & BiCounty Bills
- *- Adoption of Board of Appeals Variance Resolution #07-001-V

* Items on the Consent Agenda, indicated by an asterisk, will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.

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

THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING POST OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

Friday, August 10, 2007 thru Monday, August 20, 2007

We apologize for any inconvenience.

Meetings for August 13-17

Monday, August 13, 8:00pm, Regular City Council Meeting at Municipal Building. (Live on Channel 71)

Tuesday, August 14th, 7:00pm, Public Safety Advisory Committee at the Greenbelt Community Center, Room 103. All interested persons are welcome to attend. Info: 240-542-2023

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

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION NOMINATIONS FOR 2007 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

In accordance with Section 14 of the City Charter, a regular election will be held in the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, on Tuesday, November 6, 2007, to elect the five members of the City Council.

Any qualified voter of the City may be nominated for the office of Member of Council upon filing a nomination petition with the City Clerk (signed by not fewer than 50 Greenbelt resident voters), a written acceptance of the nomination, and other statements that are required by the City Charter or by law. Required forms and information are available in the City Clerk’s office, 25 Crescent Road, beginning Monday, August 20, from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

**NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM
MONDAY, AUGUST 20 THROUGH
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2007.**

For additional information, call Kathleen Gallagher, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000, or send e-mail to kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov.

FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD

At its May 29 Regular Meeting, the City Council adopted changes to the Forest Preserve article of the City Code and approved the formation of a standing Forest Preserve Advisory Board. Residents interested in serving on the new board may call 301-474-8000 for an application form and booklet or find the form and information on the City Web site under “Boards and Committees.”



YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

(4-5 Year Olds)

Register now at the Greenbelt Youth Center or through Greenbelt RecLink at www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation/reclink.htm

This league is a perfect opportunity for young children to get oriented with the sport of soccer in an atmosphere emphasizing sportsmanship and having fun. Children will be divided into teams based upon their age. Each team will have one practice and one game per week. The season will run for six weeks. Each player will receive a team shirt. All players will also receive a trophy at the conclusion of the season.

When: Wednesday Practices; Saturday Games (Practices begin Wednesday, September 19)

Where: Braden Field #2 (Outfield Grass)

Fee: Resident \$40 Non-Resident \$50

QUESTIONS??

Contact Andrew Phelan, Sports Coordinator. 240-542-2194 or aphelan@greenbeltmd.gov

Visit

www.greenbeltmd.gov

for City information, services, and events.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups. Vacancies exist on the: Arts Advisory Board Forest Preserve Advisory Board Youth Advisory Committee For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

DONATION DROP-OFF

American Rescue Workers Saturday, August 11th 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Parking lot between the City Office and the Community Center For further information contact the City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8303.

Attention Greenbelt Skatepark Members!

The lower portion of the Greenbelt Skatepark will be closed for skate board classes Monday thru Friday from 4:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. thru August 17th. The park will remain open at all other times depending on weather conditions. The upper portion, the “Big Bowl,” will remain open to the public during these times. For further information, please contact the Greenbelt Recreation Department at 301-397-2200.

Greenbelt Municipal/ Public Access Channel 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Monday, August 13 at 8pm: City Council Meeting (live) Tuesday & Thursday, August 14 & 16: 10am & 6pm “Ask the Expert,” 6:30pm: ACE Reading Club – Session 2,” 7:00pm “Camp Pine Tree Talent Show 2007,” 7:30pm “The Pheobe & Rachel Show” presented by Video Camp Session 2, 8:00pm Replay of City Council Meeting of 8/13

PUBLIC ACCESS(GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, August 15 & 17: 7pm GAVA/GATE Animation and “Greenbelt in Focus,” 7:30pm Out of the Black Box Theater Company presents “Volpone,” 9:00pm GAVA/GATE Animation and “Greenbelt in Focus”

GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

The GAFC indoor pool will be closed for annual cleaning.....August 19th at 8:00pm and will re-open August 27th at 6:00am. During this time the outdoor pool will be open weekdays from 6:00am to 10:15pm and weekends from 8:00am to 9:45pm.

The fitness wing will also be closed for cleaning August 21, 22 and 23. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Summer Session III~Adult Water Aerobics Classes ONLY

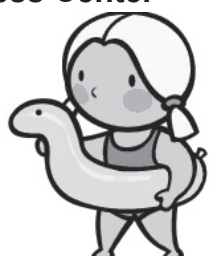
Session Dates: August 27 – Sept. 21~Register NOW until classes fill. Sorry! No Adult swimming lessons this Session. All lessons will resume in the Fall.

Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center FAMILY SWIM NIGHT

Friday, August 24th, 8-10pm
Bring your pool toys and the

whole family for an evening of fun!

Admittance to the pool is \$3.00 per family, residents or non-residents. Entering families must have at least one adult. Families will be charged \$1 for each additional non-family member, with a limit of 3 non-family members per group. For more information call 301-397-2204



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advised them that council would be interested in acquiring the undeveloped lot. Although the owners were aware of that interest, they apparently did not follow up in any way with the city before entering into the purchase contract with Mack-Cali.

Clearly disappointed that there would now be no opportunity to save that green buffer at the intersection, council nevertheless urged Mack-Cali to consider ways to limit the loss of the tree buffer at the site. They hoped that the city would be able to work with the bank on their construction plans.

Old Line Bank, currently a tenant in the office park at 6301 Ivy Lane, is developing plans to locate a new branch at the intersection.

Another undeveloped parcel lies further north near the intersection of Kenilworth Avenue and Cherrywood Lane behind the State Highway Administration's salt dome. Although there are no immediate plans for that site, Mack-Cali is looking for possible tenants for a single office building of approximately 40,000 square feet.

This site had also been considered for development by the previous owners but they were never successful in finding a suitable tenant. Council registered concern here also and asked the Mack-Cali representatives to keep in mind the need to maintain a good buffer between the parcel and the nearby city cemetery, as well as the tree buffer on Kenilworth Av-

enue.

Largest Parcel

The largest undeveloped parcel is the relatively flat land fronting on Cherrywood Lane, just east of the Federal Court complex. Made up of three distinct parcels that have remained undeveloped since the original plans for the office park were approved, the three parcels have a development cap of approximately 540,000 square feet. If developed, they would closely match the style and architecture of the existing buildings.

Members of council confirmed that the new owners were aware of the floodplain and wetland restrictions on the borders of the three developable lots. Davis also put in a plug for the new owners to keep "green architecture" in mind for any new development.

Councilmember Konrad Herling made his pitch for the new owners to consider a role in possible development of more reliable and coherent local transportation for that area of West Greenbelt and its connections with Greenbelt Center and Greenbelt East. Councilmember Leta Mach, noting the strength of the Greenbelt community, urged the new owners to participate in the larger community and consider opportunities for their staff and tenants to get involved in the life of the community and enjoy its benefits.

Adderly and Hueston said they appreciated council's suggestions. Both indicated that they look forward to working

with council as they proceed with specific projects.

The new owners also indicated they will be re-instituting the "Park Bench" newsletter for the park's employers and employees. They said this can provide a vehicle for information on greater Greenbelt activities that may be of interest to the people who work there. This was appreciated by members of council, because, when the Park Bench had previously been made available for council, they welcomed the information it contained.

CRIME RATE

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department has issued more motor vehicle summons and parking tickets. The department has also increased its issuance of warning tickets and repair orders.

Other good news from the police six-month report relates to traffic accidents. The number continues to drop, as it has for each of the past four years, both for the number involving property damage and for personal injury. In neither this nor the previous first six months of 2006 has there been a traffic fatality.

In other police statistics, hours spent foot patrolling (3,518) has increased by 78 percent, the number of K-9 calls (98) decreased by 60 percent and the hours of bike patrolling (191) increased by seven percent.

"FOCUS"

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critters assailed by a much bigger one. Screen credits showed George Kochelle and Olakuntbo Betiku as animation instructors (Kochelle also is producer) and long-active Barbara Simon as volunteer program administrator.

Time now for "Greenbelt in Focus," keyed by an easy-flowing montage of scenes at Greenbelt Lake, Roosevelt Center (Mother & Child sculpture, Old Greenbelt Theatre's marquee) and in a park playground.

Then Little Miss Greenbelt 2006, sunny Molly Jankowski, invites one and all to Labor Day Festival 2007. Scenes of a previous parade, games, food, performers, book sale and other high-jinks wrap up with Molly's big smile and thumbs-up back at Greenbelt Lake. Malia Murray edited and did the photography; background music was by Konrad Herling (who was at the debut with fellow Councilmember Leta Mach and Mayor Judith Davis).

The volunteer committee behind the new program includes Kapastin, Plaza marketing director Angela Hughes, Kochelle, Paul Sanchez (manager of Old Greenbelt Theatre and the Plaza's Academy Theaters), Simon, Murray and Herling, who says other producers, directors, editors and camera operators will be needed to report on other community activities.

City Notes

The Streets crew completed the asphalt base repair to the Gardenway pathway leading to the Spellman Overpass.

The Refuse and Recycling crew collected 32.99 tons of refuse and 14.45 tons of co-mingled recyclable materials. The quarterly Electronics Recycling was held on Saturday. Residents brought more than 50 televisions to be recycled in addition to other electronics items.

Administration and Recreation staff met with the president of the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club to review details of the family event scheduled at Schrom Hills Park on Sunday, August 12 from 1 to 6 p.m.

A new photography exhibit was mounted at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center displaying photographs of the 2006 Greenbelt Labor Day Festival by Greenbelt resident James McCann.

The Parks crew conducted the monthly playground inspections and repaired or replaced equipment at various playgrounds.

Twilight Tram Tour At Patuxent Refuge

On Tuesday, August 14 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., enjoy a 40-minute guided tour through the habitats of Patuxent Research Refuge on an all-electric, open-air tram. All ages are welcome. Participants will discover the story of how the land has changed over time and how Patuxent is managing habitats for wildlife. There is a nominal fee; exact change is required. Space is limited.

To pre-register call 301-497-5887

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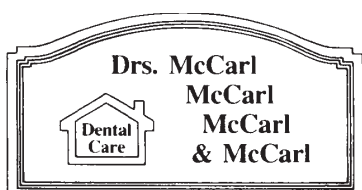


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**Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket
5x16**

Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department,
<http://www.greenbeltd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report"
 or http://www.greenbeltd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf.
 Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robberies

July 31, 10:13 p.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway, a woman reported that as she entered the hallway of a condominium building and started to climb the stairs she was approached from behind by a man who was armed with a handgun. A robbery was announced and after taking the woman's purse the man fled the scene on foot. The woman followed him in her vehicle and last saw him running toward the 7000 block of Hanover Parkway. The robber is described as a black male 16 to 20 years of age, 5'7" to 5'8" with close cropped black hair, wearing dark shorts, dark socks, dark high top shoes and a white shirt. A second man, who witnesses say may have been acting as a lookout during the robbery, is described as a black male, 16 to 20 years of age with black hair in dreadlocks and brown eyes, wearing a dark sweat suit.

July 31, 10:57 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, a man reported that he was walking near the swimming pool on Cherrywood Terrace when he was approached by four men. One of the men punched him in the face and demanded money. He attempted to run away, but was grabbed by the other men and thrown to the ground. They took money from the victim's wallet, threw the wallet to the ground and then fled the area. The men are described as a black male in his 30s, 6' tall with a medium build, wearing a white T-shirt and blue jeans, with a brace or cast on his arm; a black male 29 years of age, 5'8" with a medium build, wearing a white T-shirt and blue jeans; a black male 19 years of age, 5'7" with a stocky build, wearing a white T-shirt and blue jeans; and a black male, 20 years of age, 6'2" with a thin build, and hair in short braids, wearing a dark colored shirt and blue jeans.

August 1, 7:57 a.m., 7200 block Hanover Parkway, a man reported that he was inside his office when a man walked in and knocked him to the floor. The man then produced a handgun and demanded money. He tied the victim up and ransacked the office, taking two laptop computers, money and prescription medication and then fled on foot. The robber is described as a black male 20 to 30 years of age, 5'8" to 5'10", 180 to 200 pounds with black hair, wearing dark pants and a dark shirt. He had some sort of gauze over his eyes and was carrying a red bag.

Kidnapping

July 29, 9:08 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a taxi driver reported that he picked up two men in the area of the Giant Food Store. At Kenilworth Avenue and Pontiac Street they told the driver to turn onto Westchester Park Drive, at which time the men brandished knives and demanded the taxi driver's credit card and PIN number. They then forced the taxi driver into the back seat of the taxi and drove to an unknown ATM machine, where

they withdrew money using the victim's card. The men then drove to the 9300 block of Edmonston Road, where they fled the scene on foot. The victim was not injured. The two men are described as two black males in their teens, one with a dark complexion, wearing a black skull cap and a black T-shirt. The other had a dark complexion and was wearing a gray T-shirt and blue jeans.

Vandalisms

July 30, 2:49 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Lane, the bedroom window of a residence was broken.

July 31, 6 p.m., Roosevelt Center, someone used a marker to vandalize doors and steps in the Center.

Burglaries

July 27, 5:12 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, a woman reported that she was in her residence when a man entered her apartment through an unlocked sliding glass door, grabbed her purse and left the apartment through the front door. The suspect is described as a black male in his 20s, wearing a white T-shirt and khaki pants.

July 28, 3:50 p.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace, a man reported that when he came home and attempted to enter his front door he felt someone from inside pushing the door closed and locking it. He ran around to the rear of the apartment building and saw two youths running from his apartment. They are described as two black males in their teens; one was wearing a black T-shirt, black shorts and white shoes, carrying a backpack; the other left the area on a bicycle.

July 30, 2:22 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane, a residence was entered. Among the items taken were a VCR and a home theater system.

July 28, 2:41 p.m., 6800 block Landon Court, someone entered a residence through an unlocked sliding glass door. Among the items taken were a computer monitor, a camera, money and jewelry.

Vehicle Crimes

Two vehicles were reported stolen: a green 1994 Honda Accord 4-door, Maryland tags 6AZY73 from the 6800 block Green Crescent Court; and a red 1998 Chevrolet Cavalier 2-door, Maryland tags 4DEM66 from the 9100 block Springhill Lane.

Two vehicles were recovered by Greenbelt police with no arrest in either recovery. Two vehicles were recovered by Metropolitan police with one arrest made. One tag, Maryland 1D8247, is still out as missing.

Theft from, vandalism to and attempted theft of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 6200 block Breezewood Drive, 9100 block Edmonston Road, 6000 block Springhill Drive, 6100 block Springhill Terrace, 7700 block Lakecrest Drive, Roosevelt Center, 38 and 46 Courts Ridge Road, Hamilton Place, Woodland Way and 7900 block Mandan Road.

AG's Office Warns Of Defective Tires

The Maryland Attorney General is warning consumers about potentially dangerous tires that may have been sold to Maryland drivers and could create a potential safety hazard for those riding in light trucks, sports utility vehicles and vans equipped with the tires. The tires were manufactured by the Chinese tire company Hangzhou Zhongce Rubber Co. and imported into the U.S. by Foreign Tire Sales, Inc. (FTS) of Union, N.J. The affected tires may be susceptible to tread separation, which can cause serious accidents.

The potentially dangerous tires were sold from 2002 to 2006 and were distributed in the United States under the names Westlake, Compass and YKS. Consumers who believe they own the affected tires should have them inspected by their tire dealer as soon as possible. If that dealer is located more than 50 miles away, they should contact another tire dealer and ask them to inspect the tires.

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Rash of Robberies Occur at Two ATMs

A spate of ATM robberies with several similarities has occurred in Greenbelt in the past two weeks. On July 27 at approximately 11:02 p.m., a man reported that he was inside the ATM lobby area of the Bank of America at 7587 Glen Ora Drive when a man entered the lobby, displayed a knife and announced a robbery. The two men struggled over the knife, resulting in a minor cut to the victim's hand. After obtaining money the suspect left the area on foot toward Frankfort Drive. A short time later the victim observed a vehicle described as a green Cadillac leave the area at a high rate of speed. The suspect is described as a black male 20 years of age, 6', 180 pounds with a light complexion, wearing blue shorts, a tan skull cap-type hat and a tan jacket.

On July 28 at about 7:30 a.m., a man reported that he was inside the ATM lobby area of the same bank when a man approached him from behind, displayed a knife and announced a robbery. After obtaining money from the victim he left the area in a vehicle described as a gold Nissan Maxima bearing unknown Maryland tags. The suspect is described as a black male 20 to 30 years of age, 6' to 6'2", 180 to 200 pounds, with brown eyes and a thin mustache, wearing dark blue running shorts, a dark blue jacket and a blue pull down cap.

At approximately 10:14 p.m. on August 1, a man reported that he had walked inside the ATM lobby of the Bank of America at Beltway Plaza, followed by a

man. Once inside the man displayed a knife and announced a robbery. He demanded the victim's PIN number and withdrew money from that account. He fled the area on foot toward the 5900 block of Greenbelt Road. The suspect is described as a black male 18 to 22 years of age, 170 to 200 pounds, wearing a gray long-sleeved uniform style shirt, dark grey uniform style pants and a black knit cap.

In a previous Police Blotter (News Review August 2, 2007) another ATM robbery was reported at Bank of America in Beltway Plaza. On July 22 at about 12:20 a.m., a man who had completed a transaction at the ATM exited the lobby. He was approached by a man who produced a handgun and announced a robbery; he forced the victim to re-enter the lobby and withdraw money for him. The suspect fled on foot. The suspect is described as a black male in his 20s, 5'7" with a medium build and short black hair, wearing a dark-colored shirt and blue jeans.

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GHI frame units would need to be replaced.” This statements might have something to do with the fact that one of the board members compared GHI frame homes with decrepit military housing somewhere in Lanham! Another board member seems to think that Greenbelt provides nothing for teenagers except the skate park, while another seems only to focus on attracting more 30-year-olds to Roosevelt Center. These comments represent shallow thinking at best.

Greenbelt already is a vibrant community with historic roots, looking for ideas to keep it that way. Architectural variety is present in its brick, block and frame homes, with more than 20 floor plans to choose from on the inside plus “honeymoon cottages,” prefab homes and homes for larger families. Types of the above housing as well as apartments now ring Roosevelt Center; where would more housing be needed and for what purpose?

Roosevelt Center does need attractive commercial services and diverse activities that will attract all ages. The APB needs to start brainstorming anew as well as reviewing and celebrating what is already in place. (With no effort at all, I thought of 25 more Greenbelt-provided activities and services already provided for teens!)

If the APB really is interested in seeing Greenbelt continue to be vibrant, it should concentrate on some of the real issues that need to be addressed for preservation of the historic housing – and lose their mindset of eliminating our housing. A few examples come to mind:

1. Improve insulation.
2. Find efficient ways to heat and cool the homes.
3. Remediate mold.

4. Maintain or upgrade sewer pipes.

5. Improve drainage.

6. Bring the homes up to present building codes.

7. Upgrade or heavy-up electrical work where needed.

8. Provide architectural designs or options for additions that will add space for growing or aging families, yet still blend with the historic character of the homes.

9. Address ways to gain space and to showcase existing space innovations. (Many homeowners already have implemented great ideas.)

10. Seek partnerships with homeowners rather than dictating to them or assuming what they want or need.

11. Promote what is great about the Greenbelt community.

12. Remind everyone that Greenbelt draws visitors from all over the world because it is unique. Over and beyond visionary government planning, it is people who have made Greenbelt work all these years. It is people who will keep it vibrant 30 years from now, when I hope to wear my “See You in 2037” T-shirt to community celebrations.

Bonnie L. Shields

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A Review

"Oliver!" – A Masterful Work Is Arts Center Season Opener

by Carol Griffith

The 2007-08 season is going to be another year of wonderful theater at the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) if its first production is any indication. "Oliver!" now playing at GAC, is masterfully performed.

Based on Charles Dickens' novel "Oliver Twist," the musical had a long and popular run on Broadway, earning a Tony award, and was made into a movie. Many of the songs from the show are established in our culture and everyone will recognize a few of them, such as "Consider Yourself" and "I'd Do Anything."

At GAC, "Oliver!" has made the transition well to a small stage. The sets are simple yet effective. In particular, the set for the pickpocket school in which 12 boys "sleep" is a work of art by John Decker and Sigi Degutis.

The outstanding orchestra consists of piano, flute, violin, clarinet, drums and trumpet and plays at just the perfect volume to accompany, yet not overpower, the singers. Dance numbers are choreographed well and make the most of the small stage; the child and adult ensembles are obviously well-rehearsed.

"Oliver!" tells the story of the orphaned Oliver Twist as he is sold from the workhouse to a funeral business and runs away, only to fall in with pickpockets. Satisfyingly there's a happy ending to his story.



Oliver (Maya Goldman) wonders "Where is Love?"

Two actors (one female) play Oliver; on opening night Jonas Ventimiglia performed the role. He is an amazing young actor, with a clear sweet voice. On the whole, the actors are great and appear to be genuinely having fun with their roles.

Stephen Yednock as Mr. Bumble, the owner of the workhouse, has a great sense of comedy and earns a lot of laughs from the audience, especially in his scenes with his real-life sister, Meg Yednock. Complete with a blackened tooth or two, Meg is a perfect shrew.

Roman Gusso, also director of the production, is a most villainous Bill Sykes and Rosalie Vasquez-Yetter well portrays all the emotions of Nancy, Oliver's protector. Ted Schneider as Fagin, leader and teacher of the pickpocket children, is excellent but perhaps not as evil and sinister as expected.

If there's one criticism to be made, it would be that with the removal of some of the dialogue of the original production, some points of the plot are not obvious so that the second act appears a bit rushed in tying up the loose ends.

The new lighting system, with even a spotlight for solos, and the redecoration of the stage area, a real cause for celebration, add nicely to the show and promise great performances yet to come from Greenbelt Arts Center.

"Oliver!" will play on the Friday and Saturday evenings of August 10 and 11, 17 and 18 and 24 and 25, at 8 p.m. Three Sunday matinees are scheduled for August 12, 19 and 26 at 2 p.m. Reservations may be made through the box office at 301-441-8770 or at the Greenbelt Arts Center, located at 123 Centerway, beneath the Co-op supermarket.

Festival of Music To Benefit Café

There will be music on Saturday, August 18 to benefit the New Deal Café. Unlike other music events, a donation is requested for this evening of music. Named Rob Fest, the musical talent on the Café's west wing stage will include Ali Michelle, Adam Day, Ashraf Dawod, Andy Luttrell, Rowan Corbett and Lea, followed by an appearance of ilyAIMY (ill YAY' mee) at 10 p.m.

Music will be offered to benefit the Café from 6 to 11:10 p.m. The doors will open for seating at 5:45 p.m.

Greenbelt's New Deal Café has been a home to ilyAIMY's music for a long time. Now that the Café can use some help, the band has decided to give something back. Rob Hinkle of ilyAIMY along with Ashraf Dawod re-imagined their planned August 18 show as a benefit for the New Deal and pulled in a bunch of their favorite artists to put them on stage.

They encourage everyone to come and have dinner, order a smoothie (their fan base is referred to as "the Brain Freeze Crowd" by the establishment because of smoothie tastes) and, well, stuff! There will be raffles during intermissions including advance copies of the new CD "Between Lover and Twilight" (which will be officially released August 31).

Program

Among the artists playing will be:

- Ali Michelle, who has been studying music in Nashville, honing her performance and songwriting skills.

- Rowan Corbett, who's normally known as a member of ilyAIMY and as a member of the Celtic-rock group Tinsmith.

- Andy Luttrell, who is currently winning accolades from Emergenza and the International Songwriting Competition.

- Adam Day, who has been studying music in Ithaca, N.Y., and has discovered the music profession is a lot of work.

- Ashraf Dawod, who is a writer of beautiful Middle Eastern-inspired tunes woven with an exotic voice and an unconventional tribal sense of rhythm.

- Lea, whose sultry sweet jazz and folk and funk rolled into a deep, honeyed voice, sings songs that run from romance to the joys of motherhood to hard political issues.

- Headlining is ilyAIMY, fronted by acoustic guitars and tightly interwoven male/female harmonies, which offers a live percussive performance.

All donations will be tax deductible and will help pay for new music equipment, as well as go to support FONDCA's Arts & Music Sustaining Fund which helps to defray costs of the arts/music spaces. Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA) is a nonprofit organization which supports the arts at the New Deal Café and in Roosevelt Center.

The New Deal Café is located in Roosevelt Center in the center of Old Greenbelt.

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