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## Is this REALLY Elvis Presley At the Labor Day Festival?

by Frank DeBernardo

When you show up at the Labor Day Festival grounds on Sunday afternoon, you might feel that you have traveled back in time. The sounds coming from the main stage in front of the Aquatic and Fitness Center will take you back to 1957 or 1967 instead of 2007. When you look up at the stage to confirm your grasp on reality, your eyes may blink a bit in disbelief. Pinch yourself a few times before you succumb to the temptation to shriek in adolescent ecstasy: "It's Elvis!"

### Well, Almost

No, you aren't "All Shook Up" from watching children on the midway rides. On the Festival Main Stage between 1 and 4 p.m. on Sunday, September 2 will be one of America's foremost Elvis impersonators, Johnny Seaton, who hails from the Greenbelt area.

Seaton has played "The King of Rock and Roll" all over the globe for more than 30 years, beginning right here in Prince George's County. He won his first talent show as Elvis in 1976 when he was a sophomore at High Point High School.

More recently, he has appeared as Presley on The Today Show, Good Morning America,

CBS Early Show, Entertainment Tonight, The Regis and Kathy Lee Show. Seaton was a hit off-Broadway play entitled "Elvismania." He had the title role in "Elvis: An American Musical" which sold out venues across the country, including the Las Vegas Hilton, where the only other act to sell out was Elvis himself.

From local origins to the world stage – he comes back to his roots now at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival. Whether you remember Elvis from your teenage years in bobby socks or only from MTV retrospectives, you are sure to enjoy the show. Moreover, if you went to High Point in the 1970s, you might remember Johnny Seaton himself!

Johnny Seaton as Elvis is only one part of the weekend's entertainment at the 53rd annual Greenbelt Labor Day Festival. (A complete schedule of events was located in last week's News Review and online at [www.greenbelt.com/laborday](http://www.greenbelt.com/laborday).)

The Mary Shaver Band will offer sweet soul and blues ballads and some traditional hardcore blues between 4 and 6 p.m. A local DC-area blues favorite, Shaver was born and raised

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## Parkway Bridge Closings Bring Confusion and Delays

by James Giese

"It was mass confusion." That is how Greenbelt Police Chief James Craze described the traffic situation after the sudden closing of Greenbelt Road and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway at the Greenbelt Road bridge over the Parkway on Friday, August 24. National Park Service officials closed both roads as a precaution after being alerted that chunks of concrete had fallen from the bridge onto the Parkway. There was neither damage to vehicles nor injury to persons reported.

While the U.S. Park Police closed the Parkway to traffic, diverting northbound vehicles onto the Capital Beltway and southbound at Powder Mill Road and points north, the Park Service requested Greenbelt Police assistance to close Greenbelt Road. Eastbound traffic had to be diverted either onto Kenilworth Avenue, the southbound ramp to the Parkway or into Greenbelt Center. Westbound traffic had to be diverted at Hanover Parkway or onto the northbound ramp of the Parkway.

The sudden action resulted in massive traffic jams, stalled vehicles with no place to go and confused motorists.

With uncertainty as to how

long the closures would last, Craze called in off-duty officers to assist. Although taxed to the limit, the department was able to handle the matter without Maryland State Police assistance.

A principal difficulty in getting traffic to detour was the fact that many motorists did not know alternative routes to get to their destinations, hence many sought the advice of police. Craze reports that MPO George Mathews who handles media relations for the department spent 20 minutes walking across the front of Greenway Center because of all the questions asked of him. Mathews said that many motorists were bewildered and disoriented but remarkably patient on such a hot day.

Fortunately, the crisis lasted for only about three hours during mid-day. Traffic was quickly restored to all but the northbound Parkway lanes once it was determined that the bridge was structurally sound. It took longer to reopen the northbound lanes because additional loose concrete facing had to be removed from the bridge to prevent any more concrete falling onto the roadway.

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### Labor Day Festival

Friday, August 31

6:00 Carnival Opens  
6:30 Greenbelt Concert Band  
7:00 Opening Ceremony  
2007 Outstanding Citizen  
7:45 Miss Greenbelt Pageant Opens  
9:00 "Stoked" Concert

### Candidate Filing Deadline Is Sept. 24

The deadline for filing to be a candidate in the November 6 city election is Monday, September 24 at 5 p.m.

Any qualified voter of the city wishing to run for council may do so by submitting the following forms: a nomination petition, an acceptance of nomination and a financial disclosure statement.

### Blood Donations Urgently Needed

The Greater Chesapeake & Potomac Blood Services Region of the American Red Cross is reporting a dangerously low community blood supply. An immediate response from community blood donors is needed to ensure that blood is available for every patient who needs it. All eligible donors are encouraged to call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (448-3543) to schedule a donation appointment.

Low appointment schedules and no shows, most likely due to favorable weather conditions and family outings have resulted in very low donation rates. Declined blood collection is detrimental to an already vulnerable blood supply but the lack of scheduled appointments makes it particularly difficult for the American Red Cross to be prepared for future emergency needs. Each day, trauma victims, cancer patients, premature babies and surgical candidates rely on the availability of blood for transfusion.

### What Goes On

**Monday, September 3**  
City and GHI Offices Closed for Labor Day Holiday  
**10 a.m. to noon** – Parade down Crescent Road  
**Tuesday, September 4**  
**7 p.m.**, Arts Advisory Board Meeting, Community Center  
**Thursday, September 6**  
**7:30 p.m.**, GHI Board of Directors Meeting, GHI Board Room  
**Saturday, September 8**  
**11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**, Pooch Plunge, Outdoor Pool  
**1 to 3 p.m.**, Annual Senior Citizen Open Forum, Community Center Multipurpose Room

## Council Fine-tunes Building And Parking Code Revisions

by Thomas X. White

The Greenbelt City Council Wednesday, August 22 worksession was devoted to proposed revisions by the city's planning staff to Chapter 4 of the city code dealing with buildings and building regulations and to Chapter 11 of the code dealing with motor vehicle and traffic requirements and consideration of a citywide policy relating to homeowner encroachment on city land.

The staff-proposed update of the building code is intended to bring the city's building codes and regulations into conformance with the recommendations of the International Code Council, as well as adding new language to address recent concerns with portable storage units (PODs), dumpsters, sheds and accessory structures. Such a policy is intended to address encroachment issues raised several years ago along the city-maintained lake park path where private property owners in the Lakeside subdivision has encroached on city property.

The Building Code update and the proposed encroachment policy were the subject of an August 15, 2007, memorandum to council from City Manager Michael McLaughlin. The proposed revisions to the Motor Ve-

hicle and Traffic Code dealt with parking code changes and were made available to council at the worksession.

All of council with the exception of Councilmember Konrad Herling attended the meeting. City Manager Michael McLaughlin, Assistant City Manager David Moran, Assistant Director for Planning Terri Hruby and Assistant Director for Enforcement Jim Sterling were also present.

### Encroachment Policy

Following a Greenbelt Lake boundary survey in September 2004, encroachments were found to be minimal and consisted of fences, yard ornaments, furniture, planters and landscaped beds. At that time, city staff recommended a policy similar to that then being enforced for sheds found to be located on city property. However, that policy contained a "grandfather clause," which, allowed the encroachment to continue under certain conditions. Staff had been directed to develop a formal, city-wide encroachment policy.

In its approach to the development of a citywide encroachment policy, the city staff makes a distinction between Greenbelt

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## Recycling Committee Asks Greenbelt to "Go Organic"

by Maggie Cahalan, REAC Member

In July 2007 the Greenbelt Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee (REAC) adopted and transmitted to city council the results of their two-year study on pesticide use in Greenbelt. Over the past 24 months, REAC has invited experts on the topic to committee meetings and its members have studied the issue working cooperatively with Greenbelt Public Works staff. Findings were compiled into a full report entitled: "Public and Environmental Health Issues Regarding Pesticide Use and Recommendations for Adoption of Organic Land Care and Organic Pest Management (OPM) Practices for Greenbelt." A major recommendation of the report is that the City of Greenbelt set a goal of meeting Northeast Organic Farming Association Standards for Organic Land Care and adopting a program of OPM for all public lands in Greenbelt by January 2010.

### Background

In 2005 council requested that REAC undertake a study and develop recommendations. The request grew out of expressed citizen concern related to two specific incidents in Greenbelt – a broad-based spraying by GHI of an area around Hillside to control

invasive plants and a broad-based herbicide spraying by the city along the sidewalk on the route to the Metro along Cherrywood Lane. These residents expressed concern for their own health, the ecology of their neighborhood and the damage to wildlife, especially as some of the spraying was on slopes that drain directly into Indian Creek. It should be noted that both GHI and the city have reduced or eliminated the broad-based spraying that prompted the initial concern.

The request for the study also grew out of wider concerns for the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. The Chesapeake Bay Foundation has described the bay as "dangerously out of balance" and a "system in crisis." The Toxics 2000 Chesapeake Bay Program Agreement Strategy recommends the implementation of "projects and programs that reduce the use of pesticides, promote less toxic alternatives or employ other voluntary efforts that ultimately reduce pesticide loads to the watershed."

### Approach

In conducting the study REAC concentrated on public and environmental health concerns and

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# Letters to the Editor

## Wanted: Small Garden

A small-plot community garden dream for Greenbelt – I love gardening but when I retired and moved into Old Greenbelt, I could no longer handle a large garden plot and my new place was too shady for even a small one. Greenbelt does have three community gardens in sunny areas but at present they are not well suited for gardening by individuals. The plots are very large, often not well fenced and access to water is a problem. I became interested in Greenbelt having garden plots for its residents that would be much more user friendly.

I visited the Riderwood Community Garden and was impressed. All the plots are surrounded by a single eight foot link fence that keeps out deer and rodents. It enclosed 10 x 10 foot plots arranged in fours, making a 20 x 20 foot square with four foot crushed gravel pathways between. There are three hose taps with gray water and a small shed with tools for all to use. The plots are tilled by request. When I was there it was a lively place with dozens of residents gardening, picking flowers and vegetables and enjoying the outdoors.

What would it take to have something like this in Greenbelt? It would be best to have it in a place with nearby parking that is already being gardened and having sun and good soil. At Hamilton Place Community Garden, if just one 50 x 50 foot plot were fenced, marked and equipped similar to Riderwood's, it could hold 12 10 x 10 foot plots and a small shared tool shed. Water could be provided through a metered extension from GH. One gardener with a tiller would easily till plots as requested. The initial costs would include fencing, plot outlining and paths, tool shed and a water line.

Fortunately our great new Greenbelt Foundation accepts proposals for projects from Greenbelt clubs. The next deadline is September 15. People I have talked with in Greenbelt seem enthusiastic about the possibility of having small plots available in a sunny, accessible, user-friendly community garden. I think a well-equipped small-plot community garden would be a tremendous encouragement for more of our residents to garden for food, flowers and fun as well as exercise.

If anyone is interested in helping form a Small-plot Community Garden Club to submit a proposal to the Greenbelt Foundation, please contact me at 301-441-2207 or at hphelps@hers.com.

Harriette Phelps

## Compliments to City

My compliments to everybody who was responsible for bringing the Greenbelt Skate Park into existence. What a wonderful place where both teenagers and families can intermingle and enjoy it. Kudos to all the skaters at the park putting on a show, too! My 3-year-old daughter, my wife, my mother and I all enjoy going to the skate park to watch the people do tricks, practice and in general show their stuff in skating.

One comment about the littering close to the skate park and elsewhere in Greenbelt – I littered as a younger person, too. Somehow a fallacy was created that “this creates jobs for people to pick it up.” But littering really doesn't help anyone. Pieces of non-biodegradable plastic strewn about the park require someone, I imagine usually someone unpaid, to just pick up afterwards and not be rewarded for it. Even if someone really is paid to do this sometimes, any purposeful reduction of utility (in this case making the scenery slightly less pleasant) does not really create more happiness in the end. Thanks for trying your best to abstain!

Michael Yang

## Questions Statistics

I must admit that when I saw the headline of “Crime Continues to Drop Compared to Recent Years,” I was confused. I checked the date several times to make sure that it was not a surprise April 1 date and then I proceeded to read the article in disbelief. My next thought was perhaps crime rate statistics dropped because of less reporting.

How can it be front page news that crime has dropped when our citizens and the city think that we need greater police coverage? How is it that more and more people are avoiding places like Greenway Center, Beltway Plaza and Roosevelt Center? How is it that the “Police Blotter” seems to take up more and more space in the News Review? How is it that more people in Greenbelt have an overall general sense of dis-ease and increased fear than we had several years ago? Because crime has dropped?

Yes, some statistics and our senses just do not seem to match up properly except for the more detailed letter to the editor from Andy Carruthers. Thank you, Andy Carruthers for carefully researching our reality and sharing it with us.

Katrina Boverman

## News Review Office Closed Labor Day

On Monday, September 3 the News Review will be closed to allow staff to celebrate Labor Day and to make room for all that will be happening at the Community Center and adjoining areas. All articles, photos, editing and ad placement will have to be done on Tuesday, September 4 to meet the usual Tuesday night deadline and have the paper completed on time.

Please see that we receive all material intended for the September 6 issue on or before Tuesday, September 4, as Wednesday late submissions will be too late for inclusion and will have to be held for the September 13 issue.

## Corrections

In the page 12 article about this weekend's Artful Afternoon, our headline took liberties with the craft project to be designed under the leadership of artist-in-residence Gina Mai Denn. The announcement was for accessories, which fit very poorly in the space available for a headline and got shortened, alas, to jewelry – which is not what will be created. The project will be sunglasses and visors.

The News Review regrets the error and hopes participants will enjoy specially decorated sunglasses and visors every bit as much.

In last week's story about the Greenbelt pioneer who returned to visit 60 Court, the court in which she grew up, the location of 60 Court was omitted. It is 60 Court Crescent Road.

The Labor Day Festival insert in last week's News Review contained an error that mis-stated the opening time for the carnival and rides on Sunday, September 2. On Sunday, the carnival and rides will open at noon.

Are you registered?



## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

Week of Aug. 31

Once (R)

Becoming Jane (PG)

Friday

Once \*5:30, 7:30  
Becoming 9:30

Saturday

Once \*5:30, 7:30  
Becoming \*3:15, 9:30

Sunday & Monday

Once \*5:30, 7:30  
Becoming \*3:15

Tuesday – Thursday

Once 7:30  
Becoming \*5:15

\*These shows at \$6.00  
301-474-9744 • 301-474-9745  
129 Centerway  
www.pgtheatres.com

## Grin Belt



"Here are Astro-squirrels on a Labor Day Festival spree!"

## On Screen

### “Once” – Girl Meets Guy

“Once” stars real-life singer-songwriters Markéta Irglová and Glen Hansard as a girl and a guy who meet on the streets of Dublin and discover a deep musical connection. The film's low budget dictated the use of natural light and long camera shots which give it a documentary feel. Additionally the chemistry between the lead actors is authentic; the two are now dating and have released an album together. Irglová and Hansard wrote and performed most of the songs in the soundtrack, which are included in their entirety as part of the story.

The movie was written and directed by John Carney who once played in Hansard's band, “The Frames.” Winner of the Audience Award at Sundance, “Once” is rated R for strong language and runs 85 minutes.

– Cathy Jones

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

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



## PRELIMINARY AGENDA MEETING OF GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS Thursday, September 6, 2007 GHI BOARD ROOM, 7:30 PM

### Key Agenda Items:

- Proposed Modification of G/S Window to Entry Door, 54B Ridge Road
- Boiler Room Uses
- Employee Home Ownership Grant Program
- 2007 Garage Door Replacement Contract – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading
- Requests for Contributions
- Second Quarter Financial Statements
- Parcel B – Treatment of Invasive Plants
- Tax Appeal
- 2008 Salary and Benefits
- Proposal for Board Training – Meeting Facilitation Skills

Regular board meetings are open to members



# Community Events

## At the Library

**Storytimes**  
 Tuesday, September 4, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver; limit 15 babies.  
 Wednesday, September 5, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddler time for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver; limit 15 children.  
 Thursday, September 6, 10:30 a.m., Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5; limit 20 children.

## GHI Notes

**Monday September 3**, Labor Day, offices closed.  
**Tuesday, September 4**, 7:15 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation 7:30 p.m., Greener Greenbelt Initiative Steering Work Group  
**Thursday, September 6**, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting  
**Monday, September 10**, 7 p.m., Greener Greenbelt Initiative Charrette and Baseline and Benchmark Working Group  
**Tuesday, September 11**, 7 p.m., Member and Community Relations Committee Meeting  
**Thursday, September 13**, 7 p.m., Sustainable Design and Practices Committee Meeting  
 All events will take place in the Greenbelt Homes, Inc., Administration Building. Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

## Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald  
 Greenbelt is preparing for the Labor Day Festival and summer is coming to a close. Schools are back in session and we need to be extra cautious when driving. I heard a great slogan, "Let's give our children a brake." It's our job to help keep them safe.

We have good reports from two of our members. Ellie Rimar is doing well and Dee Ronchi is recuperating from a fall. Hope to see them back at meetings soon.  
 Yes, we are planning a yard sale and bake sale on September 29 at Roosevelt Center. Items may be delivered to the Senior Lounge at the Community Center. No books or clothes, please.

On September 12, Daryl Pennington will give information about Green Ridge House. He has a couple of interesting programs planned for September and October.

There are some great trips planned for this fall – apple picking, a craft show and even a doll museum trip. Come to meetings for more information and stop by the office to sign up.

Enjoy the Festival weekend and the parade on Monday. This is a real Greenbelt happening.

## Greenbriar/Glen Oaks Senior Luncheon

There will be a senior luncheon for Greenbriar and Glen Oaks residents and a guest, age 65 and older, on Tuesday, September 18 at noon in the Greenbriar Terrace Room.

RSVPs are requested by no later than Friday, September 14. For more information call Tiffane Rose at 301-441-1096, ext. 11.

## "Dearly Departed" Starts September 14

The Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) will present the comedy "Dearly Departed" by David Bottrell and Jessie Jones, directed by Lenora S. Dernoga, starting on September 14.

In the backwoods of the Bible Belt, meet the delightful, dysfunctional Turpin family who prove that living and dying in the South are seldom tidy and always hilarious. In addition to planning a funeral are feuds, marital flings and plenty of "joy, joy, joy down in our hearts!" By the time the Turpins sort through all the chaos, they've learned that coping with life's losses can turn out to be drop-dead funny.

Show dates are Friday and Saturday evenings, September 14 through October 6 at 8 p.m. with Sunday matinees on September 23 and 30 at 2 p.m. Performances will be at the Greenbelt Arts Center, 123 Centerway beneath the Co-op grocery store.

For more information or to reserve tickets call 301-441-8770, visit the website at [www.greenbeltartscenter.org](http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org) or email [info@greenbeltartscenter.org](mailto:info@greenbeltartscenter.org).

## Arts Advisory Board To Meet on Tuesday

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, September 4 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. The focus of discussion will be ideas for integrating the arts into the redevelopment of Greenbelt West. This meeting is open to the public. The Greenbelt Community Center is at 15 Crescent Road. For more information call Nicole DeWald, staff liaison, at 240-542-2057 or email [ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov).

## Seniors Sponsor Open Forum

On Saturday, September 8 Greenbelt residents of all ages will have a chance to express concerns about problems in the community and get feedback from city officials at the annual Open Forum sponsored by the Greenbelt Senior Citizens Advisory Committee. The meeting will be from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room on the second floor of the Community Center. Everyone is invited to attend; the forum is not just for seniors.

## Concert Band Plays Friday Night at 6:30

Greenbelt Concert Band supporters will want to know that the next performance of the band will be on Friday, August 31 at 6:30 p.m. in front of the Greenbelt Municipal Swimming Pool for the opening of the Labor Day Weekend Festivities.

Details are available at [www.greenbeltconcertband.org](http://www.greenbeltconcertband.org). In case of rain the band concert moves indoors to the Community Center.

## Astronomical Society Holds Star Party

On Saturday, September 1 Astronomical Society members will hold a star party at Northway Field.



Members of the society will begin to set up to view the moon and other celestial objects at approximately 8:30 p.m. In the event of rain or hopelessly cloudy skies the event will be cancelled without further notice.

Bring along a telescope and society members will help aspiring sky watchers become amateur astronomers.

Details are available at [www.greenbeltastro.org/events\\_shtml](http://www.greenbeltastro.org/events_shtml).

## CCRIC Bat Walk And Meeting

Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek (CCRIC) will hold a bat walk on Thursday, September 6 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. The group meets at the East Entrance of Buddy Attick Park, near St. Hugh's School on Crescent Road. The walk will include park trails to see bats, listen to their ultrasonic calls and observe other nocturnal animals.

The rain date is Friday, September 7 (thunderstorms clearing by 7 p.m. will not cancel the original walk date).

For more information call Lutz Rastaetter at 301-345-8449 or visit the website at [www.ccric.org](http://www.ccric.org).

### Next Meeting

The next meeting of CCRIC will be on Sunday, September 9 at 5 p.m. at the Community Center.

## Tennis Assn. Social At Greenbriar Sat.

On Saturday, September 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. the Greenbelt Tennis Association (GTA) will hold a social at the Greenbriar Community tennis courts, 7600 Hanover Park.

The social is free for GTA members and non-members. RSVP at the GTA website, [greenbelt.com/tennis](http://greenbelt.com/tennis) or just show up! The rain date is Sunday, September 2.

For more community events see page 7.

**Couldn't Afford the Gas to Get to the Beach?**  
 Come to  
**Greenbelt Baptist Church**  
 101 Greenhill Road • Greenbelt, MD 20770  
 on Sunday September 2nd to find rest for your soul!!

- ✿ Sunday School at 9:30 am
- ✿ Refreshments at 10:30 am
- ✿ Upeat Worship Service at 11:00 am

In case of rain, event will be held indoors

**LIVE BAND! LIVE MUSIC!**

## WALK, JOG, OR PUSH A STROLLER!

# Sunday, September 9, 2007

## Charity Walk

### Buddy Attick Park--Greenbelt, MD

555 Crescent Road, zip: 20770. Directions: [www.sidsurvivalguide.org](http://www.sidsurvivalguide.org)

...to have fun and to raise funds for SIDS research and support for families who have lost babies to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome and other causes.  
 Sponsored by Wawa Food Stores and CJ Foundation for SIDS.

**--Registration starts at 8:15 am--**

Most walkers will start at 9 am, but you can start anytime between 8:15 and 11 am. The walk is one and one-fourth miles around beautiful Greenbelt Lake, rain or shine. A light breakfast (bagels, cream cheese, rolls, juice, fruit, etc.) will be served.

**A magic-making, face-painting clown will entertain your kids!**

**Classic Rock Duo "TOSS" Will Perform!**

For directions or to register in advance, please call Joani Horchler at 301-322-2620, toll-free 1-877-WeLoveYou, cell 301-802-7445 or e-mail [sidses@aol.com](mailto:sidses@aol.com).

(Joani & Gabe lost their only son, Christian Gabriel, to SIDS in 1991.)

Free registration & T-Shirts, but tax-deductible donations are greatly needed and appreciated. Please be a walker or sponsor a walker, or send checks payable to CJ Foundation for SIDS to SIDS-ES at PO Box 2426, Hyattsville, MD 20784. To meet our goal, it would be great if each walker or family of walkers could voluntarily donate at least \$20 or get pledges totaling at least that amount. Thanks!

Meet Gabrielle Christian, star of "South of Nowhere" on the N Network, guest star on Nickelodeon's "Drake and Josh Show", etc. She lost her only brother to SIDS.

Gabi is a 2002 grad of Greenbelt's Roosevelt HS.

**Pets on leashes welcome.**

### Postal Services Available

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

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# Obituaries

## Clarissa M. Beall

Clarissa Minthorne Beall, 54, of Crescent Road died August 19, 2007, at her home.

Born in Washington, D.C., Ms. Beall moved to Greenbelt in 1992.

She earned a B.A. in psychology from Washington College, Chestertown, Md. and an M.A. in psychometry from the University of Georgia, Athens, Ga. She was a school psychometrist for county schools in Georgia.

She became an active advocate for organ transplantation after receiving a liver transplant in 1993 at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Following her transplant she was secretary for Greenbelt Community Church.

Ms. Beall was a board member of Martha's Closet. She wrote articles for the Washington Post, Greenbelt News Review and other local papers as an advocate for organ and tissue donation.

She is survived by a brother, Claiborne B. Beall, Arnold, Md.; sister Miranda P. Beall, Frederick, Md.; nieces Mariam Mastbrook, Bithynia Robinson and Elizabeth Beall; and great-niece Allison Mastbrook.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 1 at 11 a.m. at St. George's Church, 7010 Glenn Dale Road, Glenn Dale. Burial will be private at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church cemetery, Leeland, Md. Arrangements were made by Robert E. Evans Funeral Home, Bowie.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Johns Hopkins Transplant Center. Checks should be made payable to Johns Hopkins University, Attn.: Aimee Ladd, Fund for the Johns Hopkins Medicine, 1 Charles Center, 100 N. Charles Street, Suite 421A, Baltimore, MD 21201.

## James Patrick Kane

James Patrick "Jimmy" Kane, 46, formerly of Greenbelt, died Wednesday, August 22, 2007. Mr. Kane grew up in Greenbelt and attended schools here.

Until recently he lived in Oregon near his oldest son Joshua. Mr. Kane returned last year to Greenbelt, where he had spent most of his life.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Joanne and Pat Kane.

He is survived by his sons Joshua Kane and Nicholas Merritt; his sisters Patti Miller and her husband John Miller of Bowie and Julie Riddle of North Carolina; brothers Nick and Dennis and his wife Sharon; and nieces and nephews.

Services were held Sunday, August 26 in Bowie. Family and friends gathered to remember his smile, his jokes and his happy-go-lucky nature.

## Refuge Film Part Of Selichot Services

Mishkan Torah Synagogue's Selichot Services on Saturday, September 8 begin at 9:30 p.m. with a screening and discussion of the documentary film "The Forgotten Refugees."

The film, produced by the David Project and IsraTV, explores the history and destruction of Middle Eastern Jewish communities during the 20th century. Personal stories, archival footage and analysis by contemporary scholars tell the story of why the Jewish populations of Egypt, Yemen, Libya and Iraq have declined from one million in 1945 to several thousand today.

Services follow the free film at 11 p.m. Mishkan Torah is at 10 Ridge Road, telephone 301-474-4223.

## St. Hugh's School Opens September 4

Tuesday, September 4 is the day classes begin at St. Hugh's school. This is a change from previous years when the school opened before Labor Day.

School hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a noon dismissal on the first day of school only. This is also a change from previous years. Uniforms are required from the first day of school.

St. Hugh's school is comprised of grades kindergarten to eight with before and after school care. Back to School Night will be held on Wednesday, September 12 at 7 p.m. A few openings may still be available in most grades.

For more information call the school at 301-474-4071 or visit <http://www.sthughs.com/school/index.html>.

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

**ST. HUGH OF GRENABLE 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: Rev. Walter J. Tappe**  
**Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd**

*Following the Festival, the Baha'is of Greenbelt invite you to participate in a variety of events:*

**Presentation: "Introduction to the Baha'i Faith"**  
 Greenbelt Library, downstairs conference room Tuesday, September 4 7:30-8:30PM  
*("Use of library meeting space does not constitute endorsement of program/meeting or its content by the Prince George's County Memorial Library System.")*

**Study Circle: "Reflections on the Life of the Spirit"**  
 Begins Wednesday, September 5 7-8:30PM  
 Call Jim at 301-793-1015 for location

**Virtues Classes for Kids**  
**Greenbelt Community Center, Senior Classroom**  
 Saturdays, September 15 & 22 10:30AM-12noon  
 Age range: 5-11 years old

**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 7:30 PM*  
 Saturday morning services - 9:30 AM  
*Children's Education, Adult Education, Social Action, etc.*

*For further information call 301 474-4223 [www.mishkantorah.org](http://www.mishkantorah.org)  
 Conservative and Reconstructionist*

**ROSH HASHANAH** begins Wed. evening Sept. 12  
**YOM KIPPUR** begins Fri. evening Sept. 21

Selichot: Saturday, September 8 at 9:30 pm film & discussion followed by services "The Forgotten Refugees" - the story of the mass exodus of Jews from Arab countries in the 20th century

Historic synagogue dually affiliated with United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation

Sukkot - Dinner in the sukkah  
 Simchat Torah - Israeli dancing

Monthly Family Shabbat, Religious School, Choir, Social Action, Sisterhood & Men's Club

Non-member seating available

Moderate, flexible dues

**Mishkan Torah Synagogue** Greenbelt, Maryland  
*Liberal, egalitarian synagogue that respects tradition and acts as part of your extended family*

**(301) 474-4223 | [www.MishkanTorah.org](http://www.MishkanTorah.org) | [MishkanTorah@hotmail.com](mailto:MishkanTorah@hotmail.com)**

**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*

**September 2, 10 a.m.**  
 "Fruits of the Spirit"  
 by Alice Tyler, Vanessa Landau, Tasha O'Neil and Bonnie Schrack, Paint Branchers, with Bruce Baker, worship associate

- Barbara W. and Jaco B. ten Hove, co-ministers

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

**Summer Worship**  
 Sundays at 9:30 a.m.  
 (Memorial Day to Labor Day Weekend)

Fax 301-220-0694 • E-mail [myholycross@verizon.net](mailto:myholycross@verizon.net)

**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..."*

**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)

**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!*

**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](mailto:info@searchislam.org) or visit the website at [www.islamguide.com](http://www.islamguide.com).

**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 (Behind the Community Center)

**September 2: Joseph's Family Reunion**

Pastor Lou Redd  
 301-474-4499 410-340-8242 (cell)  
 ...living life together

**Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS**

Sundays 10 A.M.  
 Municipal Building



### Socially Responsible Investing Forum

On Sunday morning, September 9 at 11 a.m. Mishkan Torah Synagogue's Social Action Committee will hold a forum on socially responsible investing. In other words, how can one invest in the stock market or elsewhere, in such a way as to have a positive environmental effect, that is, investing in a green fashion. The forum will feature Stephen Siegel of First Affirmative Financial Network and Fran Teplitz, of Co-op America and the Social Investment Forum. There will be discussion of how socially responsible investing works and the different options and approaches; Jewish principles relating to the investment of individual and community assets; and the impact socially responsible investing has on local and global communities.

Mishkan Torah is located at 10 Ridge Road. There is no charge to attend the forum and it is open to the public.

### Smith Center Season Opens

The Clarice Smith Center for the Performing Arts at the University of Maryland presents its free season opening performance on Thursday, September 6 at 7 p.m. David Harrington, the audacious director of the Kronos Quartet, will share his latest musical discoveries, sources and inspirations in a session that kicks off Kronos' residency at the Smith Center. This event will take place in the Laboratory Theatre.

## Academy Stadium 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 August 31

FRI. - SUN.

Bourne Ultimatum, PG-13 (!)

12, 2:30, 5, 7:40, 10:10

Superbad, R (!)

12, 2:30, 5, 7:40, 10:10

Halloween, R (!)

12, 2:30, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20

War, R (!)

12:20, 2:40, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20

Balls of Fury, PG (!)

12:40, 2:50, 5:10, 7:20, 9:50

Death Sentence, R (!)

12:20, 2:40, 5:10, 7:30, 10

Rush Hour 3, PG-13 (!)

12:40, 2:50, 5:10, 7:20, 9:50

Resurrecting the Champ,

PG-13 (!)

12:20

Illegal Tender, R (!)

2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 10

MON. - THUR.

Bourne Ultimatum, PG-13 (!)

12, 2:30, 5, 7:40

Superbad, R (!)

12, 2:30, 5, 7:40

Halloween, R (!)

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# City Information

## Arts Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 4, 7:00pm

Greenbelt Community Center.

The focus of discussion will be ideas for integrating the arts into the redevelopment of Greenbelt West. This meeting is open to the public. Info: 240-542-2057 or ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov

## Public Hearing on FY 2008 Capital Projects

September 10, 2007 - 8 p.m.

On June 4, 2007, the Greenbelt City Council adopted the Fiscal Year 2008 budget, including a budget for Capital Projects. On July 16, Council met to prioritize Capital Projects for FY 2008. On September 10, Council will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed FY 2008 Capital Projects budget, prior to adoption of the ordinance. Listed below are the proposed projects, totaling \$1,653,600.

Project	Amount
Parking Lot Improvements .....	43,400
Roosevelt Center Camera Upgrade.....	39,500
Emergency Call Boxes .....	20,000
Bus Shelters .....	2,000
Gateway Entrance Signage .....	20,000
Street Resurfacing - Ridge & Greenhill .....	188,700
Sidewalk Maintenance - Miscellaneous.....	30,000
City Drainage Problems.....	10,000
Greenbrook Trails .....	11,000
Attick Park Master Plan Improvements.....	200,000
Astronomical Society of Greenbelt Observatory.....	500
Braden Field Storage Shed.....	13,000
Land Acquisition .....	500,000
Community Center Windows.....	18,000
Community Center Facility Needs.....	13,000
Playground Improvements .....	104,000
Mother & Child and Bas Reliefs.....	35,500
Braden Field Tennis Courts.....	200,000
Dredging Plan .....	45,000
Hillside Outfall Stabilization .....	140,000
Spellman Overpass Safety Improvements .....	20,000
Total .....	\$1,653,600

The Public Hearing will be held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. All Greenbelt citizens will have a reasonable opportunity to ask questions and to provide written or oral comments. If special accommodations are needed for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or send e-mail to the City Clerk at kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov.

## CITY ELECTION INFORMATION

### VOTER REGISTRATION

To vote in the City Council election on November 8, 2007, you must be a qualified Greenbelt voter by October 8.

If you need to change your address: If you are already registered to vote in Prince George's County but have moved within the county, you may pick up a change-of-address form in the City Clerk's Office in the Municipal Building to mail to the County Board of Elections. Or call the County Board of Elections at 301-430-8020.

If you live within the corporate boundaries of Greenbelt but are not registered to vote in Prince George's County: you may obtain the registration form from the City Clerk's office, the public library, the Web site of the state board of elections (<http://elections.state.md.us>), or the County Board of Elections at 16201 Trade Zone Avenue in Upper Marlboro. You must mail or deliver your form to be received by the County Board of Elections in Upper Marlboro no later than 4:30 p.m., Monday, October 8, 2007.

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

## CITY JOB OPENING

**Park Ranger:** \$8/hr. P/T. Varying daily hours, including week-ends. Patrol and inspect parks throughout the City; assist park visitors; enforce rules/regulations to ensure compliance; perform some conservation work such as nature interpretation and educational programs. H.S. Diploma or GED. College attendance desirable. Some knowledge/experience in park management, natural sciences, public relations or related subjects. Min. 18 yrs. of age with valid driver's license.

**Apply:** City of Greenbelt Personnel, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, call job-line 301-474-1872 or [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov) for required application. EOE.

## Greenbelt Municipal/Public Access Channel 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Tuesday & Thursday, September 4 & 6: 10am & 6pm "Ask the Expert," 6:30pm: "ACE Reading Club-Session 4" 7pm "A Grimm Night for Hans Christian Anderson" PUBLIC ACCESS(GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, September 5 & 7: 7pm "Oliver w/Maya Goldman"

## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Monday, September 3rd, in observance of Labor Day.

The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating.

## REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of September 3rd

Monday Route - Collected Tuesday

Tuesday Route - Collected Wednesday

Wednesday Route - Collected Thursday

Thursday Route - Collected Friday

There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, September 7th.

THE CITY OF GREENBELT: Community Relations Advisory Board, Public Safety Advisory Committee and the Youth Advisory Committee will hold

## OPEN FORUM

To receive comments on Public Safety Concerns and Solutions to Improve Public Safety in the Vicinity of Roosevelt Center, Gardenway, and the Spellman Overpass

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th at 11:00am  
Municipal Building-Council Room, 25 Crescent Road  
ALL ARE INVITED TO COME.

Comments may also be e-mailed to [charris@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:charris@greenbeltmd.gov) or [dmoran@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:dmoran@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."

Greenbelt City Council's Senior Citizen Advisory Committee presents

## ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZEN OPEN FORUM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

1:00-3:00pm

GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER  
Multi-Purpose Room-15 Crescent Road

This is your opportunity to speak and be heard about issues relating to seniors in Greenbelt.

## POOCH PLUNGE

(A swim/splash party for you and your canine pal!)



Saturday, September 8th

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness

Center (outdoor pool)

101 Centerway

Participation is limited to 75 dogs and 75 handlers  
Fee of \$5.00/ per dog (each dog must be accompanied by a handler) No Charge for dog handlers (must be 18 years of age or older) One dog per handler. All spectators welcome!  
Greenbelt Residents receive priority registration.  
YOU CAN PRE-REGISTER AT THE PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BOOTH AT THE LABOR DAY FESTIVAL!

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO THE DAVIDSONVILLE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

Come enjoy a day of paddle and play with your furry best friend!

For further details please call Animal Control at 301-474-6124 or visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)  
Sponsored by the City of Greenbelt Animal Control and the Recreation Department.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES  
Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.

Vacancies exist on the:

Arts Advisory Board

Employee Relations Board

Forest Preserve Advisory Board

Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee

Youth Advisory Committee

For more information, please call 301-474-8000.



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Homes, Inc. (GHI) property and all other privately owned property in the city. Staff notes that in a number of instances GHI yards and city rights-of-way overlap. The GHI encroachments range from small areas of a yard to portions of the original housing unit.

According to the city staff, the city has addressed such overlap conditions, particularly when doing street improvement projects, with entry agreements or other informal agreements.

Offered for council consideration is a proposed encroachment policy for other than GHI situations. The preamble notes that while it has been city staff's policy to prohibit new encroachments on city property and to "grandfather" existing encroachments that do not pose immediate public harm, danger, damage or impediment, staff has reconsidered that approach in light of county zoning regulations, concerns raised by council and the difficulty in ensuring compliance in the future (i.e., prior to the subsequent transfer of the property).

The proposed policy prohibits any encroachments on city property, with the exception of existing landscape improvements that are determined to be serving an environmental benefit. To avoid an extensive and disruptive effort to cause citywide removal of offending uses, staff recommends that encroachments be handled on a complaint basis and/or through the permitting review process.

Staff also notes that the risk with this approach is that offenders will feel that they are being picked on and would demand that all offenders be sought out and required to comply.

Upon identification and/or notification of a new encroachment being constructed, the property owner will be notified to cease all work immediately, remove the encroachment, restore the city's property and establish clear property boundaries. The property owner will be given 30 days to do so.

If it is determined that city trees were removed, damaged or destroyed, the property owner will be fined. In cases where the property owner fails to comply with the correction order, the city would take additional legal measures to eliminate the encroachment.

Where an encroachment is found to pose immediate public harm, danger, damage or impediment, the property owner will receive written notification requiring immediate removal of the encroachment.

In cases where an encroachment poses no immediate threat and is clearly a pre-existing condition, the property owner will be notified in writing of the found encroachment and be requested to schedule a site inspection within 30 days with a Community Development Inspector to discuss the nature of the encroachment, identify an acceptable course of action and establish a time period for removal of the encroachment. If agreed, a period up to 90 days will be given for the area to be restored to an acceptable condition.

If it were determined that within the first 30 days the property owner had no intention to remedy the situation, the property owner would then be ordered to remove the encroachment within 30 days or face enforcement action.

In those cases where the property owner continues to ignore the removal orders, the city staff would take measures to eliminate the encroachment, including initiation of city-led work to have the encroachment removed, including all costs required to remove the encroachment and restore the area.

Staff recommends that landscape improvements that happen to encroach on city property and are determined to be serving an environmental benefit, should be permitted to remain. Also, any previously "grandfathered" structures should be allowed to continue as long as it meets all of the conditions set forth in the current policy and that the use be discontinued and removed prior to a transfer of the property.

Council was not completely comfortable with a policy of grandfathering or taking a lax approach for existing encroachments. Staff argued that with a credible city policy, staff could act where actions were needed. Council noted that the proposed new policy could be discussed when meetings are held with the various homeowner or neighborhood community associations. Council also asked how the staff handles those rare situations where the city might encroach on an adjacent homeowner's property. Staff noted that they would advise the homeowner or the responsible homeowner's association, make them aware of the encroachment and secure a use easement to address the encroachment.

### Building Code

Staff proposes to better define the city's authority to issue stop-work orders when a permit has not been issued. The staff proposes a \$500 fine for failure to comply with a corrective order, stop-work order, violation notice or any other order issued by a code official.

Councilmembers discussed the possibility of raising the penalty to \$1,000 but later agreed with the lesser amount when it was explained that individual homeowners or their contractors would be subject to the fine.

Councilmembers also wanted to make sure that Greenbelt residents had information on what types of construction activity would need a permit. In response, Sterling indicated that informational brochures were available at the Planning and Community Development Offices and that their placement on the city's website was being considered.

The code defines Portable Storage Unit (or POD) as, "any structure, unit, enclosure, crate or the like used or intended to be used for the storage of property, materials, furniture, merchandise or other goods, which does not have a permanent foundation or utility service and is intended to be located either with or without the stored contents." The presence of PODs have been noticed throughout the community and are often associated with residential or business renovations, recent moves and deliveries of large items.

In the proposed update a new section is added to require "... that PODs shall conform in every way with the requirements of the Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance, as may be amended from time to time. Portable storage units are prohibited on all public property and public rights-of-way."

Following discussion, however, "... unless permitted by the city," was added to provide for some flexibility in application of the requirement.

Although council appeared to want a more aggressive stance for PODs, staff cautioned that it would be better for the city to rely on the county and Park and Planning officials for the legal requirements applicable to PODs. Currently the county provides 30 days for removal of PODs and city staff believe this is a reasonable period if the storage unit is used for its intended purpose. In response to a question regarding the occasional use of a parked semi-trailer for temporary storage, Sterling indicated that a week is generally allowed.

### Swimming Pools

A new section for swimming pool enclosures was proposed to incorporate current safety codes for private swimming pools, hot tubs and spas containing water more than 36 inches in depth. The regulation would require a fence or barrier at least 72 inches in height above the finished ground measured on the side of the barrier away from the pool.

Gates and doors for such enclosures shall be self-closing and self-latching. There is an exception for spas and hot tubs with safety covers that comply with American Society for Testing and Materials Standard F 1346.

Section 4-151.5 of the code has been updated to reflect current standards for security devices for doors, windows and hatchways for dwelling units, rented, leased or let. Such devices must secure the units from unauthorized entry.

The code section dealing with Rubbish and Garbage is proposed to be updated to include a new provision prohibiting refrigerators and similar equipment not in operation from being discarded, abandoned or stored on premises without first removing the doors.

### Dumpsters

Staff also proposes more specific language regarding dumpsters. The added language reads: "Garbage containers, including dumpsters, shall be emptied, cleaned and/or deodorized as necessary to prevent the container from becoming malodorous. Litter, refuse, waste and debris shall not be allowed to accumulate around the dumpster. All litter, refuse, waste and debris shall be deposited in such a manner as to prevent spilling or blowing out of the container.

"The garbage container must have a closeable top and doors (if applicable) and shall be maintained so that all openings are able to be closed and secured. All commercial garbage containers, including dumpsters, shall prominently display on the exterior of the container the name of the company responsible for service of the container, as well as a local phone number at which a party responsible for the service and maintenance of the container may be contacted." Dumpster placement, emanated odors, pest attraction and maintenance have been long-standing issues in areas of Roosevelt Center. Councilmembers grappled with how to deal effectively with these problems, especially because the dumpsters and other garbage and trash containers serving commercial establishments in Roosevelt Center are mainly on city property.

Suggested were adding fencing or screening to the provisions so that the dumpsters are at least out of sight. Vegetation/planting

screens were also supported. The planning staff will investigate these possibilities.

### Fire Safety

Extensive updating was proposed in fire safety requirements to reflect the most current recommendations of the International Fire Code. Included were updated provisions for smoke alarms in residential properties, new requirements for interconnection where more than one smoke alarm is required and new requirements relating to power sources.

There were a number of proposed revisions to "Occupancy Licenses" for rental dwelling units, nonresidential, commercial and institutional premises and also for a new use, "day care facility." The provision for occupancy licenses reads: "Upon a determination by the code official that the premises complies with all requirements of the city as set forth in the city code, an occupancy license shall be issued which will indicate that the subject premise complies with code requirements that are referenced herein."

"It shall be unlawful to allow occupancy of any premises without first securing from the city an occupancy license. All occupancy licenses shall be issued to the owner of the premises. Occupancy licenses shall be valid for a period of not more than one year."

### Parking Code

Although not part of the published agenda, staff was prepared to discuss proposed revisions to the Motor Vehicle and Traffic Code that would allow greater enforcement of out-of-state registration offenses as well as clarification of restrictions on storage of vehicles that are inoperative, unlicensed or fail to provide proper registration, including new requirements for vehicle immobilization (booting).

For out-of-state registration offenses the proposed code changes would allow the city to write a parking ticket instead of a municipal infraction, providing faster and more strict enforcement. The fine for the offense would be in-

creased from \$270 to \$280 (the state's current fine for out-of-state violators).

Council was also provided with several documents that would be used in patrol training and operations to increase effective enforcement of out-of-state violations. An information sheet and a warning sheet would advise potential out-of-state violators of the Maryland requirements.

Several changes are proposed to the code section 11.38.1 covering delinquent vehicles, multiple parking violations and vehicle immobilization devices and penalty. The changes are mainly intended to address problems occurring in some Greenbelt East neighborhoods where "car dealers" appear to be working out of their homes and are temporarily storing vehicles on the street without proper registration and licensing.

City staff has been trying to achieve greater enforcement in this area without success, because the dealers have been able to ignore simple citations since the car being ticketed would already have been sold by the time the citation was due. Staff believes that new language strengthening the booting provisions in the code will be a more effective deterrent for this kind of offense.

In addition a boot fee of \$100 would be included to defray the city's expense of booting. Although directed toward the informal car dealer situations, the new provisions would be applicable to any vehicle parked on any public street or parking lot; or road; stored on residential or commercial property except in an enclosed garage - that is, inoperative or disabled - or any vehicle for which registration is not valid.

These proposed revisions to the building and motor vehicle codes will be submitted to council in the form of ordinances, for introduction at a future council meeting. Similarly, the proposed new encroachment policy will be added to a future council meeting agenda for consideration and adoption.

## Enjoy the Festival!

In the flurry of a hectic lifestyle, who has time for church? Life is a temporary assignment and the time you've been given is a gift from God. All you have comes from Him and how you use your gift of time is like a thank-you card. Going to church is how you mail it.

**MAKE SUNDAY SCHOOL  
A PART OF YOUR CHILD'S LIFE!**

We have classes for ages 3 to adult  
Worship services at 8:15 and 10:30  
Sunday School from 9:30 to 10:15

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church**  
6905 Greenbelt Road  
Greenbelt, Maryland  
(301) 345-5111



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in Prince George's County and has several Wammie Award (the Washington, DC, area's version of the "Grammys") nominations to her credit.



On Sunday night, "oldies" will continue to inspire nostalgia when Wayne Brown & Second Conspiracy take the stage at the Festival once again, from 9 p.m. to midnight. You'll probably want to get up and dance – if you are not too tired from all the physical activities during the day on Sunday.

**Activities**

A slow-pitch tournament starts at 9 a.m. at the Greenbelt Softball Fields. At 5 p.m., you can join the Annual Larry Noel 15K Foot Race – starting line is at Northway and Woodland Way. If that distance is too daunting, try the 3K Fun Run which begins at 5:10 p.m. at Braden Field Tennis Courts. Both events have packet pick-up and late registration between 4 and 4:45 p.m. at the Youth Center.

For the more culturally-minded, Sunday's events also include two Artful Afternoon creative programs. From 1 to 3 p.m. join Artist-in-residence Gina Mai Denn to make some festive fashion accessories at the Community Center. From 1 to 5 p.m. in the Community Center Dark Room, photographer David Ashman will offer lessons and practice in printing black and white negatives (bring your own or use the ones on file).

The Community Center Art Studios will also feature an open house between 1 and 5 p.m., with displays of the works of the artists-in-residence there. Throughout the weekend, local artists' paintings, drawings, photos and sculptures will be on display as part of the Festival's art and photography shows.

Or you can browse through thousands of used books at the Greenbelt Elementary PTA's annual sale at the Youth Center, always a hot spot.

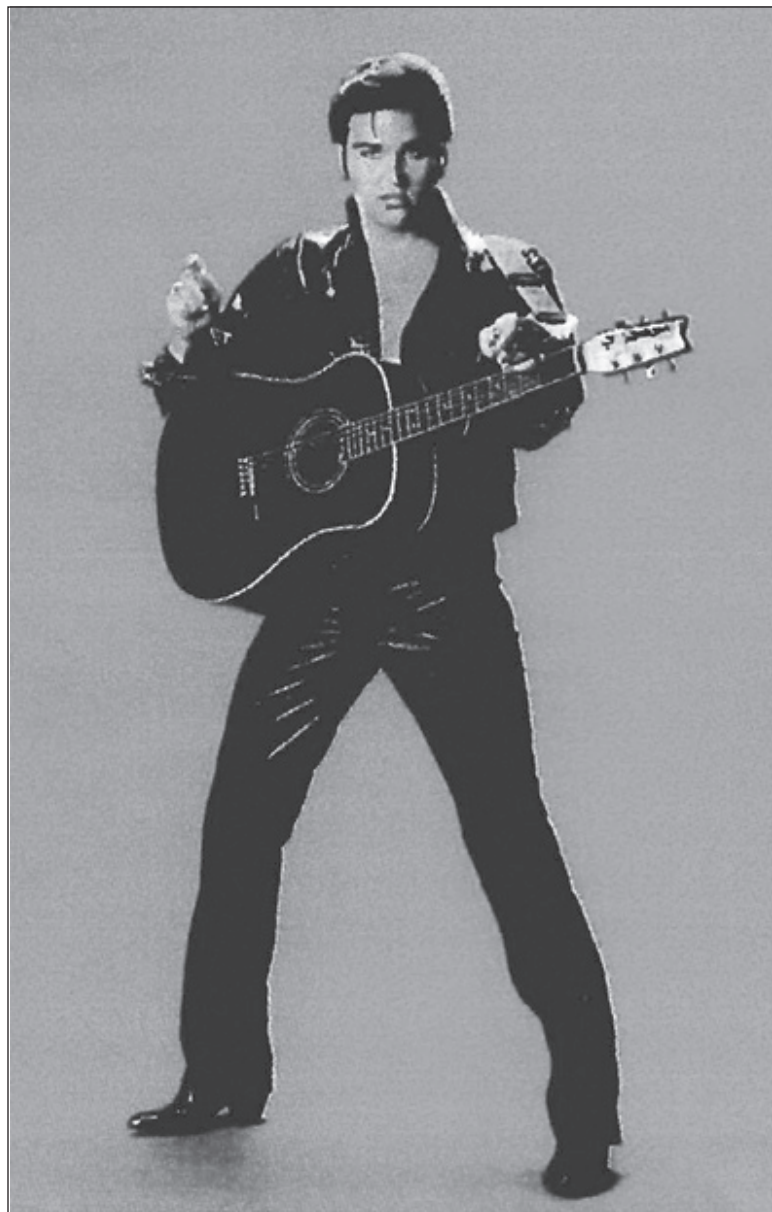
Between 6 and 9 p.m. on Sunday, you will have the last chance to see the Little Miss, Junior Miss and Miss Greenbelt contestants before one from each category is crowned on the Main Stage.

Save some energy for Monday, too! The Labor Day holiday may be a day off from work but if you are in Greenbelt, it is not a day spent in bed! If you have little ones at home, you might want to join the local Lions Club at the Mother and Child statue in Roosevelt Center for their "Decorated Bikes and Trikes" competition, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Following that event you can join the rest of the city's population as they line Crescent Road to watch the spectacular 53rd Annual Greenbelt Labor Day Parade, as it winds from Greenhill Road to the Reviewing Stand at Southway. Floats, bands, old-time cars, firetrucks, color guards, community groups, bagpipes and even Smokey Bear will all be led by this year's Outstanding Citizen as Grand Marshall. Awards for the Parade will be presented from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Main Stage.

Cap off your Festival experience with The Fabulous Hubcaps show, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. on the Main Stage. The seven-person group, which has performed at such varied venues as the White House, Orioles Park at Camden Yards, two Kentucky gubernatorial inaugurations and the Nantucket Yacht Club, will be dipping into their extensive repertoire of doo-wop group harmony, classic rock and roll, Rock-A-Billy, Motown and R & B music to close the Festival's stage activities.

Until next year, that is.



Nationally-acclaimed Elvis impersonator Johnny Seaton will perform from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, September 2.

**Community Events**



Our sympathy to the family and friends of Clarissa Minthorne Beall, who died on August 19, 2007.

Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of James Patrick "Jimmy" Kane, who died on August 22, 2007.

Condolences to the friends and family of Greenbelt pioneer Elizabeth Iseli, who died August 21, 2007. Mrs. Iseli and her late husband Vernon moved to an apartment on Crescent Road as a young couple and raised their family here. Three children survive, as well as 13 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and 16 great-great-grandchildren.

We were saddened to hear of the deaths this month of two men whose wives were daughters of Greenbelt pioneer families. Frank Good died August 14. His wife Patricia Bell Good, of Soddy Daisy, Tenn., graduated from Greenbelt High School in 1945. James ("Jingles") Flynn died August 18. His widow is Marilyn Eshbaugh Tastet Flynn of Greensboro, N.C., GHS '48.

Congratulations to Paul M. Durand, Jr., who graduated from Officer Candidate School (OCS) at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga., and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. The son of Jennifer and stepson of Timothy E. Tilghman of Lake Drive, he was a 2000 ERHS graduate and received a bachelor's degree in 2004 from the University of Maryland, College Park. Durand will be a field artillery officer.

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](mailto:newsreview@greenbelt.com) or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

Be sure that you are registered to vote!



**New Deal Art Needs Committee Members**

The Arts Committee at the New Deal Café is expanding its art program and is looking for help from local Greenbelters. The committee, headed by coordinator Kristin Stenson, is looking for three people to join the committee as well as volunteers who can help with individual events.

Those considered for the committee will need to be artists who can hang monthly shows. Other skills needed are general carpentry, marketing and general knowledge of art exhibit and gallery practices.

Others may volunteer who would like to contribute on an as-needed basis. All support is greatly appreciated, says Stenson.

The Arts Committee currently oversees hanging monthly shows in the Café, as well as organizing auctions and involving the community through arranging artists' openings and providing press releases for featured artists. Those interested may contact Kristin Stenson at [newdealcafeart@yahoo.com](mailto:newdealcafeart@yahoo.com) or 301-982-1154.


**GTA Autumn Glory Tourney Next Week**

The Greenbelt Tennis Association (GTA) will hold its annual Autumn Glory tournament on September 8 and 9, 15 and 16 at Braden Field Tennis Courts.



Tournament draws will be held for Womens and Mens, Singles and Doubles in the 50+, A, B, C, 16 and under categories (depending upon the number of entries). There is a fee, halved for GTA members. RSVP at the GTA website, [greenbelt.com/tennis](http://greenbelt.com/tennis), for more information. The draw deadline is September 4.

The GTA sponsors tournaments and socials each year and a tennis ladder to encourage competition and interaction among tennis players in the Greenbelt area. To become a member download a membership application from the GTA website or call Rich Majewski at 301-595-5744 or Emmett Jordan at 301-220-1025. There is a nominal annual membership fee.



**Greenbelt Federal Credit Union** will have an information table Saturday at the Labor Day Festival. Stop by and visit us. A credit union for those who live, work, attend school, or worship in Greenbelt and their families.

Savings federally insured to at least \$100,00 by NCUA, a US government agency.

**Join Scouting Night**

We are looking for young men from First through Fifth Grades and their parents to come join in the fun!!!



**September 13th, 7:00PM**  
Greenbelt Community Church; 1 Hillside Road

Cubmaster: Don Hoard 301.345.3379 [donpack202@aol.com](mailto:donpack202@aol.com)  
[www.pack202.org](http://www.pack202.org)

**The Greenbriar Community Association is seeking 100 individuals to participate in a bus trip to Hilton's Resort Casino in Atlantic City, New Jersey.** Metro Bus Tours and Travel will provide two deluxe motor coaches to depart from Greenbriar Community Building parking lot at 7:00am sharp on Saturday, September 15, 2007 and return at approximately 8:30pm the same day.

Hilton's Resort Casino features over 60,000 feet on the main casino floor, plus two state of the art gaming rooms for Poker and Asian Games located on the second floor. If the thought of all that gambling brings out your appetite, don't worry, Hilton's Resort Casino has multiple dining options!

The Greenbriar Community Association plans to make the bus trip to the casino entertaining in itself. Featuring movies, a light breakfast, door prizes and a raffle, this will be a fun filled event!

The fee for this event is \$32.00 with a \$21.00 casino bonus rebate. To reserve your seat you must bring your payment in the form of cash or money order, to the Greenbriar management office ASAP. Tickets are non-refundable and may not be reserved over the phone. \*Please note: If the second bus is not more than half filled by Friday, August 31, 2007, it will be cancelled.

For further information please call Greenbriar's Asst. to the Community Manager, Tiffane' Rose at (301) 441-1096 ext.11.



## BRIDGE continued from page 1



PHOTO BY BILL CORNETT

Local inspectors wait for the arrival of the federal bridge inspectors after chunks of concrete fell from the Greenbelt Road bridge onto the Parkway below. Three hours later the bridge was declared sound and the roadways reopened.

### Timing

Craze observed that it was fortunate that the incident had occurred when it did, before rush hour traffic and schools letting out. Also, quick notification to the media and traffic alerts helped to divert traffic before reaching Greenbelt. Mathews said the Prince George's Fire Board was aware of the blockage and he had not heard of any emergency situations impacted by the road closing.

This week the Park Service undertook partial closings of the Parkway for two days to further examine the bridge. The Greenbelt Road bridge actually consists of two bridge sections, the first built in 1954 when Greenbelt Road was only two lanes wide. The bridge was expanded to six lanes of traffic in about the late 1960s following the widening of Greenbelt Road to become the major east-west artery in this section of the county. Still later, the bridge was modified to accommodate pedestrian traffic. The bridge consists of steel construction with concrete and masonry facing to conform to the decorative design of other Parkway bridges.

Park officials suspect that rusting steel girders caused the concrete to crumble.

### Inconvenience

A long-term closure of the bridge would have caused considerable inconvenience to Greenbelt residents and other area residents. All east-west traffic would have had to be rerouted either onto Good Luck Road to the south or Powder Mill Road to the north. Both these roads are two-lane roads which would have been severely stressed by the extra traffic.

Of these two routes, the shorter way would be Good Luck Road. To go from Greenbelt West or Greenbelt Center to Greenbelt East on the other side of the Parkway one would have to go south on Kenilworth Avenue to Good Luck Road, east on that road to Hanover Parkway and then go either north on Hanover Parkway to reach Greenbelt Road or continue straight ahead to intersect Greenbelt Road further east.

To take Powder Mill Road from Greenbelt Center or West

one would head north on Kenilworth (which becomes Edmonston Road), turn right (east) onto Powder Mill Road and then go south on Soil Conservation Road. Because Goddard Space Flight Center has closed Soil Conservation Road through its facilities, one would continue to the southeast on the new bypass road which intersects Good Luck Road just north of Greenbelt East. (Beaverdam Road, which can be accessed from either Edmonston Road, Research Road or Soil Conservation Road would be shorter but it is very narrow, curvy, in poor condition and would quickly deteriorate from a heavy traffic load.)

For those in Greenbelt East, travel would be the opposite on the two alternative routes.

While it is difficult to comprehend the full extent of problems created by a long-term closing of the Greenbelt Road bridge, many become readily apparent. Greenbelt Center and West residents would have lost easy access to Greenway Center, all the medical offices on Hanover Parkway, Doctor's Hospital, Eleanor Roosevelt High School and Goddard Space Flight Center. Greenbelt East residents would lose easy access to the Greenbelt Metro station, Beltway Plaza Mall and city facilities in Greenbelt Center. Mayor Judith Davis and Councilmember Edward Putens would have to leave town and come back again in order to attend city council meetings. Many of the city's bus routes cross that bridge as do school buses, particularly those going to Eleanor Roosevelt. Many of the offices in Greenbelt have close working relationships with the space center that would be disrupted. Commuters, both from Greenbelt and elsewhere, would have their travel routes disrupted and could expect major travel delays.

### Bridge Is Okay

Fortunately, the Greenbelt Road bridge apparently has been determined to be structurally sound and Greenbelt residents will not face the same sort of disruptions that have been suffered in Minneapolis and on the west coast as a result of bridge collapses.

## DAR Lecture to Be In Bowie Sept. 11

A Second Tuesday lecture on digging up the past will be held at Belair Mansion at 7:30 p.m. on September 11. This is a chance to explore Prince George's County's underground past and dig deep into history's mysteries.

Prince George's history has come a long way from arrowheads to aerospace. County Archaeologist Don Creveling (M-NCPPC) will take a look at history below the soil, discoveries made in some of the county's most ancient places, populated long before the rocket scientists arrived.

Belair Mansion is located at 12207 Tulip Grove Drive in Bowie. There is a nominal fee, waived for DAR/FOBE/HHS members.

For further information call 301-809-3089 or email [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

## Road Block – A Mystery to Me

by Virginia Beauchamp

It was just going to be a short errand – to mail a package at the Greenbelt Post Office. Since I live in Old Greenbelt, I would usually take it to the part-time office in the Municipal Building. But this week, the attendant is away, I presume for a short holiday. What was going to be a brief, unremarkable event, turned out instead to involve me in Friday's drama involving the closing of Greenbelt Road. It was clear when I turned onto Southway that I couldn't get to the post office from where I was. All traffic was blocked by a police car in the left hand lane and willy-nilly forced to turn right. Several other police cars were blocking

Greenbelt Road just at the edge of the Parkway overpass.

The whole affair was a mystery, so I drove into the Armory lot, left my car and hoped to find out what was going on. I may be a reporter but I guess not very intrepid. The lack of sidewalks on that stretch of Southway, coupled with deep gulfs in the greensward along the street and prickly plantings of rose bushes through the median were too much of a barrier for this octogenarian.

Had my mailing been urgent, I could, of course, have proceeded down to the Riverdale Post Office. But the sad truth is that I just went home.

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## HELP US FIND THIS MAN!

Dr. Waldir M. Pedersoli, of 9408 Presley Place in Lanham, has been missing since about 5:00 p.m. Friday, August 24. Prince George's County Police are handling the case and, along with the volunteers of Mid-Atlantic Search and Rescue, have done an exceptional job of looking for his whereabouts.

Dr. Pedersoli is a retired researcher with the USDA/DVMR/FDA in Beltsville and was a Professor of Veterinary Medicine at Auburn University in Alabama. Several years ago he began developing Alzheimer's and it has steadily progressed.

On Friday afternoon he wandered out of his home and was tracked by bloodhounds to the intersection of Good Luck Rd and 94th Ave in Lanham where the trail went cold. Search has been done with helicopter and with the volunteers of Mid-Atlantic Search and Rescue, but no trace has shown up in the Lanham-Seabrook neighborhood. He is in very poor health and is without his medications; he will seem dazed and confused and has also reverted to his native tongue of Portuguese. At the time he was wearing gray pants and either a light green long sleeved shirt or a white T-shirt, and black plastic slip-ons. He was also wearing a navy blue cap and glasses. Dr. Pedersoli may have been trying to get to Greenbelt, where his son resides or to the University of Maryland.

Dr. Pedersoli may have been picked up by a motorist along Good Luck Rd or possibly assisted onto a Metro bus although he had no cash, credit cards or ATM card. His only identification is a medical alert bracelet from the Alzheimer's Association Safe Return which has a toll free phone number – 1-800-572-1122.

Please call the following phone numbers with any information about Dr. Pedersoli: John Pedersoli at 301-982-4544 or cell: 240-603-8887. Heleni Pedersoli at 301-577-7852 or cell 301-806-6119. The PG County police 301-390-2100 or Greenbelt police 301-474-7200.

**SAFETY is important to all of us!**



# Police Blotter

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

## Robberies

August 22, 9:28 p.m., 7619 Greenbelt Road, the victim advised that three men entered the Exxon Service Station; one of them displayed a rifle and announced a robbery. After obtaining money the man with the rifle struck the victim in the head with the butt of the gun, resulting in a laceration. The men fled the scene in a vehicle described as a small silver passenger vehicle bearing D.C. tags. The victim was transported to the hospital for treatment. Two suspects are described as a black male, tall with a slim build, brown eyes and black hair in long braids, wearing a gray long sleeved shirt and a black male, tall with a slim build, wearing dark clothing and a dark colored mask.

## Carjacking

August 23, 2:29 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road, a cab driver reported that he picked up two men in New Carrollton and drove them to the 9300 block of Edmonston Road. One of them produced a handgun and demanded money from the cab driver. After giving one man money and his debit card the cab driver was forced into the back seat, while the second man drove them to the Bank of America in the 6000 block of Greenbelt Road, where they attempted to withdraw money from the cab driver's account, using his debit card at the ATM machine. They could not make a withdrawal, as the cab driver provided an incorrect PIN number. He was then driven to the Bank of America in the 7500 block of Ora Glen Drive, where he withdrew money, then passed a note to a teller advising that the men were attempting to rob him. The suspects fled the area in the victim's cab, a 1999 Ford Crown Victoria 4-door. The vehicle was recovered a short time later, abandoned in the 7900 block of Mandan Road. The suspects are described as a black male 18 to 19 years of age, 5'10", 160 pounds with black hair in braids and brown eyes, wearing a black sweater, blue jeans, brown boots and earrings and a black male 19 years of age, 5'8", 165 pounds with hair in braids and brown eyes, wearing a gray sweater, blue jeans, brown boots.

## Assault

August 18, 2:59 p.m., Beltway Plaza, the victims reported that they were involved in a verbal dispute with a man over a parking space when the man assaulted the victims, slapping both of them in the face. One of them suffered a minor injury to her lip. The suspect fled the scene in a vehicle described as a black 4-door passenger car. The suspect is described as a black male, 5'5" to 5'10", 180 to 200 pounds, bald, wearing a white T-shirt and gray shorts.

August 19, 8:39 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, a man re-

ported that he answered a knock at his door, at which time two men forced their way inside his residence and pushed him through a sliding glass door, resulting in a cut to his arm. The men then fled the scene. The victim was transported by ambulance to a hospital for treatment. The suspects are described as a black male 20 to 29 years of age, 6' to 6'1", 160 pounds with black hair and brown eyes, wearing all dark, baggy clothing and a hooded sweatshirt, and a black male 20 to 29 years of age, 5'11", 160 pounds, wearing all dark, baggy clothing.

## Kidnapping

August 24, 12:03 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, a man reported that he was walking home in the area of Breezewood Drive and Cherrywood Terrace when a van pulled up behind him. The two men exited the vehicle, one armed with a "long" gun and the other a handgun. The victim was forced into the vehicle, at which time the men took his wallet and cell phone. After finding no money in the victim's wallet, the men dropped him off in the 6100 block of Breezewood Court and fled the scene. The suspects are described as a black male, 5'10" with short black hair, wearing black clothing and a black ski mask and a black male, 6' with black hair in long braids, wearing dark clothing. The suspect vehicle is described as an older van, possibly a Ford, with a raised roof and an unknown type decal in the rear window.

## Disorderly Conduct

August 19, 6:09 p.m., Greenbelt Skate Park, a resident man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after he was ejected from the park for violating park rules. He returned to the skate park and became disorderly, screaming and kicking the gate. The suspect was released on citation pending trial.

August 19, 6:42 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, a resident man was arrested and charged with drunk and disorderly when he was observed intoxicated in the common area of the apartment complex, attempting to fight with a group of people. He was told to go to his residence and at first complied but returned a short time later, shouting. The man was released on citation pending trial.

## Theft

August 18, Beltway Plaza, a resident man was arrested and charged with auto theft and theft after police observed a suspicious occupied vehicle. A computer check revealed that the vehicle, a 2003 Dodge Stratus 4-door, had been reported stolen. The man stopped the vehicle in the plaza parking lot and attempted to flee the scene on foot. He ran directly in front of a responding police car, causing the officer to swerve and strike a parked vehicle. The

officer then exited his vehicle and began to pursue the man on foot across Greenbelt Road, at which time the officer was hit and slightly injured by another vehicle. That vehicle and driver fled the scene without stopping. The suspect was apprehended on foot in the area of Greenbelt Road and Cunningham Street.

## Vandalism

August 20, 7:57 a.m., 24 Court Ridge Road, unknown person(s) used spray paint to vandalize the fence of a residence.

August 24, 9:36 a.m., Greenbelt Skate Park, unknown person(s) spray painted graffiti inside the skate park area.

## Burglary

August 12, noon, Greenbelt Baptist Church, a check was taken. The next day a warrant was obtained charging a man of no fixed address with fourth-degree burglary, theft over \$500 and attempted theft over \$500.

August 19, 8:30 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Court, entry was gained by way of an unlocked sliding glass door. A laptop computer and a wallet were taken.

August 24, 7:33 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road, unknown person(s) used unknown means to enter a residence. A printer was taken.

## Vehicle Crimes

Two vehicles were reported as stolen: a beige 1999 Ford Contour 4-door, Texas tags F77GFV from the 9100 block Edmonston Court and a blue 2001 Cadillac DHS 4-door, Maryland tags 8BLZ39 from the 6100 block Springhill Terrace. A white 2007 BMW X3 SUV, Maryland tags 937M506 was taken for unauthorized use from the 6100 block Breezewood Court.

Five vehicles were recovered, two by Greenbelt police with no arrests, two by outside police with an arrest in one recovery. One vehicle was recovered by its owner.

Vandalism and theft to vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7500 block Hanover Parkway, 7400 block Morrison Drive, 6400 block Ivy Lane, 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive, 7800 block Walker Drive, 9100 and 9200 blocks Edmonston Road and 6100 Breezewood Court.

## Hoyer Describes Law Enforcement Funding

Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (D-Md.) announced that the fiscal year 2008 Commerce, Science and Justice Appropriations bill, approved by the House of Representatives July 26, includes significant investments for law enforcement agencies and first responders in Maryland's Fifth Congressional District.

The Hyattsville Regional Data and Communications Project will receive \$500,000 to establish a regional data and communications center between five municipal police departments (Hyattsville, Bladensburg, Greenbelt, Mount Rainier and Riverdale Park) to integrate records management and communication. These funds will increase public safety by establishing a combined communications center, utilizing computer-aided dispatch, mobile data access and processing and interoperable radios for all departments.

"This legislation contains critical investments for equipping law enforcement agencies and first responders with the resources they need to protect our citizens and keep our communities safe," stated Hoyer. "Arguably, one of the most critical tools for law enforcement and first responders is the ability to communicate and share information in a timely and effective manner," he said.

The House Commerce, Science and Justice Appropriations bill must now be reconciled with the Senate appropriations bill before returning to the House for a final vote.

## P.I.E. Offers Chance To Explore the World

Pacific Intercultural Exchange (P.I.E.) is a nonprofit student exchange organization that is often described in the News Review as looking for school-year homes here for foreign exchange students. The organization also arranges for U.S. students to travel and study in other countries including Brazil, Italy, Spain, France, Germany, South Korea, Australia, England and Ireland.

Students looking for an experience of a lifetime, ready to form lifelong friendships in foreign countries, seeking an opportunity to stand at the top of the Eiffel tower, learning to surf in Australia or visit the Roman Coliseum could study abroad through P.I.E. to make those dreams a reality.

Call 1-888-PIEUSA1 (743-8721) or visit [www.pieusa.org](http://www.pieusa.org).

## City Notes

Planning staff reports Springhill Lake Apartments experienced an electrical power outage to four buildings due to a broken underground electrical cable; the cable was excavated and repaired.

Public Works reports there has been some relief from the drought conditions but people should keep in mind that without additional rain they will need to keep watering trees and shrubs.

Facilities Maintenance crew changed all the lamps over the indoor pool and assisted the Aquatic and Fitness Center staff while the facility was closed for annual maintenance and cleaning and assisted the contractor installing the new security cameras in the Roosevelt Center.

## CARES

Assistant City Manager David Moran and Community Resource Advocate Christal Batey were interviewed by Washington Post Reporter Lori Anatani for an article on aging in place. Anatani will also be contacting Leonie Penney, Friends of the Resource Advocate (FORA) chairperson, for additional information from a senior perspective. The article is scheduled for the Metro section in mid-September.

Judye Hering attended a meeting for GED instructors to discuss the challenges facing adult students and educators, the changing faces of and languages spoken by the unsuccessful student and an overview of textbooks that can be used in teaching and motivating these students.

## Free Activities In Old Bowie Sat.

Bring the family – spend an hour or spend the day. Saturday, September 1 from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. A&M Cycle, 13002 Ninth Street, will offer a free bicycle map for all state and local bicycle trails.

From 2 to 4 p.m. there will be a summer jazz concert by the "2nd Coming" at the Village Green.

The Railroad Museum offers tours of a 1992 caboose from noon to 4 p.m. while visitors also enjoy trains passing by from the observation station. The Old Town Bowie Welcome Center Heritage and Children's Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information call Michael DeNardo at 301-262-4343.

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# A Greener Greenbelt for All, Not Just GHI

by Jim Cohen

"If I don't live in GHI, why should I be interested in the Greener Greenbelt Initiative (GGI)?"

That question is one of the most common ones asked by Greenbelters about the visioning project for the historic core of Greenbelt which was kicked off this year by its co-sponsors Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) and the Potomac Valley Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. Many non-GHI citizens assume that they have no role or stake in the project, yet nothing can be further from the truth.

The scope of the project extends far beyond the borders of GHI homes and land. In fact, its geographic range is for all the land in the historic town core. (For the purposes of the GGI, the historic core of Greenbelt is being defined as the section of town north of Greenbelt Road/Beltway and south of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, east of Route 201 and west of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.) Even if you live in the parts of Greenbelt outside these boundaries, the GGI is still important.

The GGI is summed up neatly in its slogan, "Your Ideas, Our Future." The goal of the program is not to "sell" ideas or projects to people but, instead, to listen to the ideas that citizens have for building a better future

together. Essential to the success of our collective future as a city will be participation by all sectors of the population. Without the participation of everyone, the GGI will not be about "our future."

If you shop or recreate at the Roosevelt Center, the GGI needs to know what you think about how it might be improved for more enjoyable use. If you like to stroll or picnic at Buddy Attick Park, the GGI would like to hear your experiences of how you use and appreciate the natural heritage of Greenbelt. Even if you never get a chance to come to "Old Greenbelt" because it may be difficult to travel across our city's huge crossroads, the GGI wants to hear about what would make your transportation needs more easily met.

Additionally, any new projects that the GGI may recommend could affect the lives of all Greenbelters, not just those in GHI or the town center. Many urban planning issues involve subjects that do not follow strict geographical boundaries: pollution, noise, traffic, education, recreation, wildlife, water management, to name a few. Decisions regarding issues like these in one part of town can potentially have effects in other parts of town.

The centerpiece of the GGI is a weekend-long charrette, or gathering of citizens, designers, and planners to discuss and envision new features for the com-

munity. It is up to those who attend the weekend to propose the topics and agenda for discussion. The charrette weekend will be "tracked" into four different topic areas: 1) GHI homes and lands; 2) the Roosevelt Center; 3) the Old Greenbelt community; 4) Greenbelt in the context of its surrounding area. So, in fact, three of the four sections at the charrette will involve areas and issues in which all Greenbelters have an interest, not just GHI residents.

The charrette is being held on the weekend of September 28-30 at Greenbelt Elementary School, 66 Ridge Road.

So what are you concerned about when you think of the future of Greenbelt? What dreams do you have about making your town more livable, affordable and sustainable, while still maintaining its historic significance? What types of recreational facilities would benefit you? What types of roads and walkways would make it easier for you to get around? What would make Greenbelt a better place to raise your family? How can it be a better place for those who wish to spend their retirement years here?

These are questions for all Greenbelters, not just GHI residents. If you have some answers or even some further questions, stop by the charrette sometime during the last weekend in September. All Greenbelters are welcome!

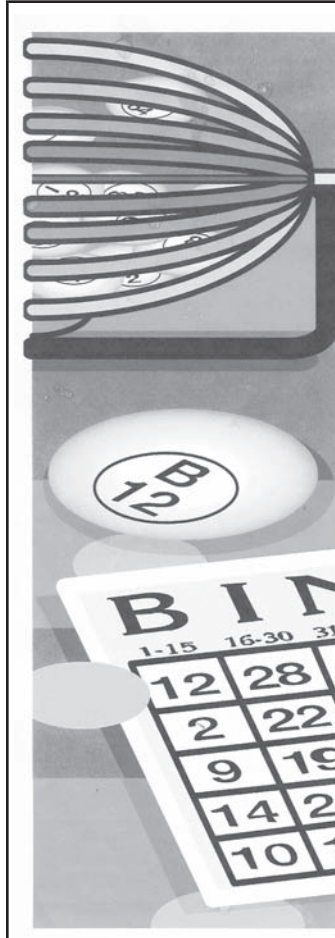
## Arboretum Exhibits Bowie Bonsai

The Bowie Bonsai Club will exhibit members' trees at the National Arboretum from Saturday, September 8 through Sunday, September 16, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. From 1 to 2:30 p.m. on the final day of the exhibit a club member will present a free introductory demonstration for beginners. No registration is required. Call 202-245-4523 or visit [www.usna.usda.gov/Education](http://www.usna.usda.gov/Education) for details.

## Gas Saving Tip

Change that commute! Sitting in rush hour traffic burns gas and gets the driver nowhere. If possible, adjust work schedules to avoid rush hour traffic. Those whose employers allow should think about telecommuting. Even those who cannot telecommute full-time can try for one or two days a week.

- Sierra Club



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# Some People Don't Smile in Pictures . . .

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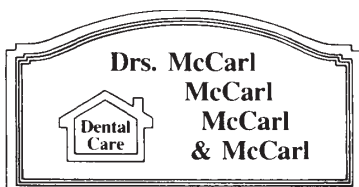


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## ERHS Principal McNeill Aims for Shared Success

by Carol Griffith

The enthusiasm of the group gathered in the cafeteria on Thursday, August 23 was evident. None of the approximately 150 parents, supporters and school staff members seemed to mind waiting outside on a muggy evening for their turn to talk to the new principal of Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS), Reginald McNeill.

The event began with a reception line to speak with McNeill. Tables of light refreshments and informative materials were well attended.

McNeill began his remarks by introducing himself, his wife and high-school-age son. He has been an educator for 15 years, beginning his career by teaching fifth-grade math and science. After serving as assistant principal and QUEST coordinator at ERHS, Mc-

Neill has spent the last three years as senior assistant principal.

A native of North Carolina, McNeill holds a bachelor of arts degree from North Carolina A&T University and a master's degree in administration and supervision from Bowie State University. He commented that "the students are wonderful, the parents supportive and the staff is great." He said he realized that there is a certain amount of apprehension with any change but reassured the group that he has been working closely with previous administrations.

McNeill praised the efforts of new Prince George's County School Superintendent John Deasy and his core beliefs. He said he wants every student to "feel part of the success of Eleanor Roosevelt High School."

## Public Input Asked on Maryland HSAs

Five regional public hearings have been set by the State Board of Education for the public to provide comment on the Maryland High School Assessments (HSAs).

The one in the Washington, D.C., region will be on Monday, September 10 at 7 p.m. at the Charles Herbert Flowers High School at 10001 Ardwick-Ardmore Road, Springdale.

The board will only be able to hear testimony on the HSAs. Individuals and organizations will be allotted three minutes each. Typed or clearly printed copies of the speaker's testimony will be appreciated. To speak, people must sign up on site beginning at 6:15 p.m. People wishing to submit written testimony may do so the evening of the meeting or by mailing to the Maryland State Board of Education, 20 W. Baltimore Street, Baltimore, MD

21201; by emailing to [stateboard-hsa@msde.state.md.us](mailto:stateboard-hsa@msde.state.md.us); or by fax to 410-333-2275 by September 20.

Although State Board members and education officials will not respond to any comments during these hearings, they will listen and take all comments into consideration as they deliberate on established education policy relative to HSAs. Approximately 40 speaker opportunities will be available at each hearing.

Appropriate accommodations for individuals with disabilities will be provided if requested 48 hours prior to the event. Language translation services requested 96 hours prior to the event will be provided to the extent practicable. Call Deneice Yarborough at 410-767-0469 or TTY 410-333-3045 so that arrangements can be made.

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used a systematic approach with six specific steps: 1) identify the possible threat, 2) identify what is known and what is not known about the threat, 3) reframe the problem to describe what needs to be done, 4) assess alternatives, 5) determine the course of action, 6) monitor and follow up. The full report includes a separate city Public Works staff report on land care pesticide use in Greenbelt, information from a number of other sources documenting public health concerns, as well as examples of positive alternatives from other municipalities.

### Public Health Concerns

According to Centers for Disease Control studies, most people in the U.S. have pesticides in their bodies many times above what EPA considers safe. After a comprehensive review of the literature, the Ontario College of Family Physicians in April of 2004 strongly recommended that people reduce their exposure to pesticides whenever possible because of serious illnesses. The study also shows that children are particularly vulnerable to pesticides.

### IPM Legislation

REAC also reviewed the 1999 Maryland state legislation mandating that schools in Maryland follow an integrated pest management program (IPM) in which "pesticides are only to be considered an option when non-toxic options are unreasonable or have been exhausted." Richard Stack, IPM supervisor for Montgomery County schools, notes that "pesticides are 99 percent unnecessary."

REAC found a number of successful alternatives to pesticide use in municipalities across the United States and Canada and that the landscape industry appears to be changing rapidly in response to a growing demand for organic practices.

### Recommendations

REAC included 12 recommendations in the report that will be considered by council:

1. Adoption of Organic Land

Care Standards and Organic Pest Management for Care of Public Lands and phasing out of chemical pesticides by 2010.

2. City council set a goal to phase out the cosmetic use of chemical pesticides on public lands by 2010 and provide city staff with adequate resources to do so.

3. City council instruct REAC to establish a citizen Organic Land Care and Pesticide Use Working and Monitoring Group tasked with supporting and monitoring the implementation of Organic Land Care practices within the city.

4. City staff develop a formal written policy and procedures with regard to pesticide use by Public Works staff that is consistent with goals noted.

5. Greenbelt require best Organic Pest Management and Organic Land Care practices among its contractors.

6. City staff be required to report to the public on a yearly basis the details, amount and frequency of use of any pesticides applied to public lands within Greenbelt by the city staff or city contractors and that this be publicized in a widely read publication, such as the News Review, well ahead of dates of application.

7. Council provide funding for adequate training and professional development for city staff in Organic Land Care methods.

8. The City of Greenbelt partner wherever possible with federal, state, other local governments,

national and local environmental and watershed groups and other interested civic groups in obtaining funding, technical support and volunteers to help achieve the goal of Organic Land Care for Greenbelt by 2010.

9. The city seek funding and/or volunteers to conduct a comprehensive study to assess impact from Greenbelt on the Chesapeake Bay Watershed and develop specific goals, metrics and practices that will be necessary to reduce the ongoing environmental degradation.

10. The comprehensive study should also address the impact of land care practices and pesticide use by private citizens and businesses within Greenbelt. As the REAC study proceeded, the group became convinced that addressing citizen use on private property must be a significant part of any effort to reduce overall usage.

11. The city and partners engage in a strong public education campaign designed to inform residents of Bay-friendly Organic Land Care and to provide interested citizens with knowledge of alternatives to pesticide use.

12. City staff be given appreciation, encouragement and rewards for their efforts to transition the city to Organic Land Care and help to restore the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

The full REAC report can be accessed at the following website address: <http://www.cheers.org/publications/fulltext/Pesticidereportreac7907.pdf>.

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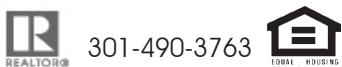
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**Snowden Oaks**  
Rambler in Laurel with large family room addition. Den can be used as a 4th bedroom. **\$0 down & \$0 closing** for qualified buyers. \$359,900

**3 Bedroom Brick Townhome**  
Hardwood flooring upstairs; new carpet and vinyl flooring on the main level. Freshly painted. Walking distance to Roosevelt Center. \$242,900

**Greenbriar**  
This is the best-priced 2 bedroom townhome on the market! Lots of improvements - priced thousands below the competition! \$189,900

**Large Corner Lot**  
2 br townhome with fenced yard. Hardwood flooring, updated bathroom & kitchen with new appliances. Washer and Dryer included. \$196,000





## Linda Siadys' "A la Carte" Photo Show at the Café

by Erin Whiting

Linda Siadys, photographer, brings her "A la Carte" exhibit to the New Deal Café for the coming month. Her body of work focuses on nature, contemporary art and photojournalism, especially sports. The show will include a sampling of each.

A reception for the artist will be held Sunday, September 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Café. The art show is co-sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café Art, with support from Prince George's County.

In 2001 Siadys picked up a camera and, with no formal education in photography or art but a desire to be a good photographer, decided with a free spirit to photograph whatever she wanted. This approach has led to a solid portfolio in three different styles. More importantly she discovered for the first time her true calling.

Although a lot of her images

are straightforward, many are abstract and artistic. A common thread is her focus on the symbolism or archetype nested in an image. She has always been fascinated with symbolism because she feels it invites and engages not just the mind but the unconscious and senses to experience what lies beyond the visual.

Her work now hangs in the D.C. Department of Forestry, the D.C. Art Bank and is currently being shown in the Two Rivers Gala supporting the Two Rivers School and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. Recent showings of her work were at the Patuxent Wildlife Visitors Center and the U.S. Federal District Court in Greenbelt.

To view more of her work, visit her website at [www.lindasiadys.com](http://www.lindasiadys.com) or her collections at her online gallery: <http://photodawgl.sm>.

## Paul Downs Art Medium Is Nature Down the Path

by Susan Barnett

"A Little Ways Down the Path . . ."

Yes, that's right, just past the garden and down the path some. There you might find a branch in the path. Not just any branch. This one has a certain color, maybe a hint of silver or red. And, over there, some clay and a few small pebbles. Keep going and you'll see more of the gifts the forest path offers. As you leave the forest and enter the fields you may find grasses of various hues. Look out there and you just might see someone else – someone looking closely at roadside bushes, seemingly searching for a gem where others may pass by without a second glance. That would be local artist Paul Downs engaging with his medium.

"A Little Ways Down the Path . . ." Paul Downs' new show at the New Deal Café, displays his exquisite ability to bring nature to observers. His work, in the medium of found natural materi-

als, brings the viewer refreshing and enticing images of a life lived without the trappings of modern times. Down this path you may see a canoe paddling by, a serpent slithering through, a falcon in a steep dive or you may hear the lone whistle of a train passing in the night, the crackle of a story-time campfire, someone splashing into the water, maybe the voice of the "King" or . . . the silence in the spaces between.

### Reception

So come a "little ways down the path" to the New Deal Café through September 26. And make a point of coming by on Sunday, September 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. for an artist reception to meet Paul Downs at the New Deal Café.

This art show is co-sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts and was made possible in part by the Prince George's Arts Council and Prince George's County.

## National Peace Vigil Held in Greenbelt



PHOTOS BY MARGE OWENS

About 30 people attended a vigil for peace at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, August 28. Many of the Greenbelt residents held candles as they observed a period of silence. Similar neighborhood vigils were held throughout the country. MoveOn.org sent emails a few days prior to the planned date to their list of members. They asked people to invite friends to participate in a vigil to balance the large ad campaign just announced by proponents of maintaining current U.S. military commitment in Iraq. Senator Paul Pinsky arrived as those in the crowd not already on the MoveOn list began signing the forms available.

## Recreation Dept. Promotes Activities for Health

While serving on the Maryland Recreation and Parks Association's committee reviewing the new Physical Activity and Nutrition survey, Assistant Director Julie McHale of the city's Recreation Department was amazed to learn the correlation between youth obesity and many severe, life-threatening, chronic illnesses. McHale felt it was the perfect time for the department to step up to serve the community by battling this serious epidemic.

Starting last spring during their budget work sessions with the mayor and council, the department began the process of developing a health and wellness program.

As part of the department's "Get Active Greenbelt" initiative, a "Reach the Beach" program was implemented for all campers age 5 to 14 participating in the city's summer camps. Pedometers were distributed and each camper was encouraged to do at least 60 minutes and/or 10,000 steps a day of physical activity.

Counselors logged the campers' progress on a map (where parents, counselors and campers could see it) from Greenbelt to Ocean City. Prizes and certificates were awarded to over 240 Creative Kids Camp participants who were able to "Reach the Beach" during their time at camp.

For pre-schoolers, a "Walk Around and Around the Lake" program was developed and instituted. The goal of this program was to see how many times the young campers walked around the lake in Greenbelt. Prizes and certificates were awarded to approximately 50 youth during two weeks of Kinder Camp.

McHale also felt strongly about developing a similar plan for those employed by the City of Greenbelt. After reviewing what other organizations were doing for their employees, McHale decided she would become the ambassador in this area for the City of Greenbelt. Thanks to the support of the director of recreation, the city

administration and direction from city council, the City of Greenbelt is now in the process of launching a new wellness program for all classified employees.

Surveys were sent out to all full-time employees to see what programs staff preferred and what times best suited them. After evaluation of the surveys, a brochure of offerings has been established for the classified employees' health and wellness program, titled "Be Happy, Be Healthy," which is set to begin following Labor Day. Over the summer, however, all staff were encouraged to join "Get Active Greenbelt" and the President's Challenge on Physical Fitness by logging their activity over a six-week period. Prizes (donated by one of the city workmen's compensation organizations), awards and certificates were given to those who succeeded in the program.

For more information or to share stories, email [jmchale@greenbeltnet.gov](mailto:jmchale@greenbeltnet.gov) or call 240-542-2192.

## Art Contest Focuses On Local Reservoirs

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) is sponsoring an art contest that focuses on life at Triadelphia and Rocky Gorge Reservoirs. The two reservoirs are home to wildlife, provide recreational opportunities for the public and are an essential source of water for WSSC customers.

The contest is open to anyone with artistic ability. Each contestant may submit one original work in each of the following categories: animal life, plant life, recreation and water use by people, each at the reservoirs.

Artists may choose their medium – oil, water colors, pastels, pencil, pen and ink, charcoal, etc. For complete contest rules contact Dawn Forsythe at 301-206-8233 or [dforsyt@wsscwater.com](mailto:dforsyt@wsscwater.com). Contestants must submit entries before October 31, 2007.

There will be monetary prizes in each category and the artwork may be used in WSSC webpages and educational material.

## Service Academy Applications Due Soon

Congressman Steny H. Hoyer reminds all 5th Congressional District students age 17 to 22 that the deadline to submit a service academy application packet is approaching.

Each year Hoyer nominates students in his congressional district for appointment to the four U.S. service academies, which requires congressional nomination. This year Hoyer nominated 43 students, 15 of whom were offered service academy appointments. Those interested in obtaining an application packet can visit Hoyer's website at [www.hoyer.house.gov](http://www.hoyer.house.gov) or call Betty Rogers in the Greenbelt office at 301-474-0119.

The deadline for submitting completed applications is October 15. Once the pack is successfully completed and submitted, the student will be contacted about an interview in November.