

## Help Create Greenbelt's Future At a Charrette on Sept. 28-30

by Marat Moore

Next weekend, September 28-30 – from Friday evening through Sunday afternoon – everyone in Greenbelt is invited to join neighbors, local leaders, architects and designers at Greenbelt Elementary School to brainstorm ideas about Greenbelt's future. Throughout the weekend everyone can come to early-morning coffee hours, join small-group discussions and enjoy conversations with their neighbors. On Friday night people can join the wide-ranging discussion of the question, "What makes a community sustainable?"

On Saturday morning kids can sample the "children's charrette" activities as their parents engage in roundtable discussions. There will also be creative "scenario planning" sessions. (See detailed schedule in the ad on page 16.) Lunch is provided on Saturday. (Call 301-474-4161 ext. 0 to reserve a box lunch.) On Sunday the creative results of this intensive process may be viewed as it all comes together in "synthesis workshops" ending in a closing plenary before the charrette ends at 2:30 p.m.

For anyone interested in the affordability, livability, sustainability and historic preservation of Greenbelt, the charrette will explore these topics on four levels of scale, from smaller to larger in size. Topics include: 1) cooperative units, courts and grounds; 2) the Roosevelt Center area, including the fields, library and municipal buildings; 3) Old Greenbelt – residential areas, open spaces, woodlands and Buddy Attick Lake Park; and 4) Greater Greenbelt, including all the city's residential areas, transportation, schools, watersheds, and growth and development issues.

Participants are invited to the charrette for an hour, a day – or the whole weekend – to help chart the future course of this vibrant community. Greeters will welcome everyone at the school, located at 66 Ridge Road, and help orient people to the charrette unfolding inside. As attendees join small-group discussions, designers and architects will be busy taking down ideas and then working in the design room to come up with visual representa-

tions of suggestions. Words and thoughts will be transformed into drawings that will be brought out for further feedback and revisions. It will be a fluid, fun, creative process that may provide a different way of thinking about what is possible in the years to come.

The Greener Greenbelt Charrette has been months in the making. The architects – from the American Institute of Architects, Potomac Valley chapter (AIA-PV) – have been boning up on the town's history. They have pored over maps, drawings, and planning documents on everything from the design of GHI cooperative units to the local watershed and forest preserve. They have read the results of the Greener Greenbelt surveys in which residents have identified the most important issues that need to be discussed at the charrette.

They have held long meetings with representatives of the local Green Ribbon Task Force, formed by Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) as part of its partnership with

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## Leta Mach Is Newest Candidate To Seek Election to City Council

The third member of the Greenbelt City Council to file in the forthcoming November election is Leta Mach, now completing her second term. Since the last election she has earned a designation as a Fellow of the Academy for Excellence in Local Government established by the Institute for Government Service.

Mach has represented the city on numerous local, state and national committees, including the Maryland Municipal League Communications Committee, the National League of Cities Human Development Steering Committee and the board of Clean Air Partners. She is also Maryland vice chair for the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee and secretary of the Prince George's Elected Municipal Women. In addition, she served on the steering committee that established the National Agricultural Research Alliance-Beltsville to help support the mission of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center.

In 2000 Mach was honored as Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen. This recognition followed years of community service in a variety of positions with many different community organizations.

She first became involved in Greenbelt when her children joined the Greenbelt Cooperative Nursery School. She became a member of the cooperative's



Leta Mach

board of directors as chair of the Housekeeping and Bylaw Revision Committees and treasurer. Later she served as president of the PTA at both Greenbelt Elementary School and Eleanor Roosevelt High School. After her children graduated she continued to be involved in the school and served on the Eleanor Roosevelt Community of Schools Community Advisory Board.

In 1995 when the city council established the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE), Mach was appointed to the committee and elected chair by its members. Until her election to the city council in 2003, she continued to serve as chair of ACE, helping to guide the development of

programs to benefit Greenbelt's schools.

Because of her interest in communications and writing she volunteered to help at the News Review soon after moving to Greenbelt. She served as a reporter, editor and proofreader for many years. In 1979 she joined the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee as vice president of facilities. The next year she became publicity chair and continued in that position or as assistant until 1992.

Mach's work experience also reflects her dual interests in communications and education. From 1969-73, she taught Early Western Civilization, Modern European History, Asian Area Studies and Soviet Area Studies at Suitland Senior High School. From 1981-87, she was the Information Specialist at Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI). She was responsible for media releases, brochures, hotline messages, advertisements, audio-visual materials, a newsletter, annual reports, corporation minutes and monthly information and educational programs.

During this period, she served on a committee for the formation of the Greenbelt Museum, where she later volunteered as a docent. For Greenbelt's 50th anniversary, she chaired the Greenbelt Oral

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## We Again Ask Questions Of Council Candidates

Monday, September 24 is the last day for filing nominating petitions for candidates seeking election to the Greenbelt City Council. Those who haven't already filed, as well as those who have, are now forewarned that the News Review will once again be asking questions of them, the answers to which will be published in future issues of the paper before the November 6 city election.

This year we will be asking four questions. Answers to the questions will be published during the month of October with the first question's answers published October 4, the second question's answers published October 11, etc. Candidates are required to submit their answers to the News Review offices before 9 p.m. on the Monday preceding the question's publication date, preferably on disk or by email. Answers will be limited to 300 words. If an answer exceeds the limit, the answer will be cut off at that point.

All candidates who have successfully filed for the office of city councilmember will receive all four questions by the September 27 issue. However, in order to allow more time for the candidates to prepare their answers to the first question due October 4, we now pose that question:

**1. What is the most important thing you would like to accomplish if elected to council? Explain.**

## "Doing Nothing" Not an Option For Speakers at Safety Forum

by Thomas X. White

Repeating their effort to gather community input on crime and public safety issues in Roosevelt Center, Gardenway and Spellman Overpass areas, the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC), Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB) and the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) hosted their second public forum on Saturday, September 15 at the Municipal Building in Roosevelt Center.

In several ways the forum was similar to the first forum held at the Greenbriar Community Building on August 28. The format and ground rules were employed to maximize citizen input.

The forum was led by Silke Pope, chairperson of PSAC; Mary Crawford, also of PSAC; and Kevin Hammett of CRAB. All members of CRAB and PSAC were in attendance and the coun-

cil meeting room was nearly full with interested citizens.

Even the mix of citizens attending was similar to that in the first forum, with representation from Greenbelt East, the Gardenway neighborhoods and other neighborhoods of Greenbelt Center. Overall the location for the second forum seemed to favor Greenbelt Center attendance.

Like the first forum, no members of YAC attended. It was explained that most members of that group were now away attending college. The moderators noted that YAC members had participated in planning for the forums and would be involved in preparation of the report and recommendations that will be prepared.

There were also a few repeat

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### What Goes On

#### Monday, September 24

**7:30 p.m.**, Drawing to determine order of placement on the ballot for the November election.

**8 p.m.**, Regular City Council Meeting, Municipal Building (Live on Channel 71)

**Monday, September 24 to November 17** – Adult Swimming Lessons Registration until Classes Fill, Aquatic and Fitness Center.

#### Wednesday, September 26

**11 a.m.**, "Medicare Made Clear" Free Program, Community Center  
**7:30 p.m.**, Senior Citizen Advisory Committee, Community Center, Senior Lounge

**Thursday, September 27 and Friday, September 28** – Skate Park Closed for Repair Work

#### Friday, September 28

**2 p.m.**, Registration for Children's Swimming Lessons, Aquatic and Fitness Center

**Friday, September 28 to Sunday, September 30** – Charrette at Greenbelt Elementary School



# Letters to the Editor

## THANKS!

Once again, the Labor Day Committee finds itself in the position to thank a great number of people. This year's Labor Day Festival was a great success! The weather was fantastic and Greenbelters showed up in droves to enjoy the Festival. Although it is still early, all preliminary reports from the participating non-profit organizations indicate that everyone had a superior year.

While the all-volunteer committee organizes all aspects of the festival each year, we do so with the support of many professionals from City of Greenbelt offices. The Labor Day Committee would particularly like to thank the Public Works, Recreation and the Police and Fire Departments. Lastly, we would like to thank the residents of Greenbelt for your support. The Labor Day Festival was originally designed and continues to be a festival that supports the community and its organizations.

What makes this event so unique and completely Greenbelt is that it is ordinary citizens voluntarily working together which makes it a reality each year. The Labor Day Committee will soon begin planning for next year and we would like to invite you to join us. If you are interested in helping, please email [laborday@greenbelt.com](mailto:laborday@greenbelt.com).

Thank you, Greenbelt, and see you next year.

*John Winfrey*  
Greenbelt Labor Day Festival  
Booth Co-chairman

## THANKS

On Monday night, September 17 I attended the first "Reel and Meal at the New Deal," a free monthly film series exploring important environmental and social issues over a specially-priced but optional vegan meal at the New Deal Café. I really enjoyed the evening and was thrilled to see more than 45 people in attendance (which I understand raised about \$360 for the Café!). The vegan meal deal (vegan chili, salad, bread, choice of lemonade or ice tea and cookie) was great and the movie "The Power of Community" was very interesting and the perfect opening film to complement Greenbelt's cooperative spirit!

Thanks to all of the local groups who organized the event: Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group; the Chesapeake Education, Arts, Research Society; Greenbelt Climate Action Network; Greenbelt Green Man Festival Committee; Global Consciousness Press, Inc.; and Prince George's County Peace & Justice Coalition. A special thanks to the Café volunteers who made the fundraiser possible.

## NEW DEAL CAFE TO STAY OPEN

The Café thanks all for your support! Members voted to help the Café stay open by pledging member loans over \$500 to the Café for one year at 7% interest, making contributions to FONDCA'S tax deductible Arts & Music Fund to pay the café's bills or to volunteer to help paid staff in return for a 10% discount the following month. Your Café needs your help:

- Contributions (open to all) - Send or drop off check to FONDCA (mark check for Arts and Music Fund), 37H Ridge Rd.
  - Loan Pledges - Send or drop off check to NDC (mark check as loan) or pledge to NDC Fund, 60F Crescent Rd.
  - Volunteer - Sign up with the Volunteer Coordinating Committee, [DonaldComis@msn.com](mailto:DonaldComis@msn.com), or cell: 301-752-9535.
- You will receive an acknowledgment and/or promissory note.

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I look forward to next month's "Reel & Meal at the New Deal!"

*Dorian Winterfeld*

## THANKS

Thanks to all who donated blood on September 18 at the Greenbelt Youth Center. The blood collected at the drive will help the American Red Cross continue its service in the face of the nation's severe blood shortage. Thanks are given to the Red Cross personnel and volunteers for their outstanding service.

The next scheduled blood drive is Friday, November 16 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center.

Walk-ins will be accepted to fill spaces for people who do not appear for their appointments. Those who have not been contacted by the Red Cross should call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212 to make an appointment.

*Janet Goldberg*  
Recreation Coordinator

## Voter Registration For City Election

Registering to vote is the first step to qualify either to run for office or to vote for a candidate in the November 6 city council regular election. Although the county Board of Elections will handle all registrations, registration forms may be picked up during regular office hours at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road or at the Greenbelt Library on Crescent Road. Voters may call the Board of Elections at 301-430-8020 to request a form by mail or print one from the website at <http://www.elections.state.md.us/citizens/registration/application.html>.

All completed forms must be received by the Board of Elections in Upper Marlboro by 4 p.m. October 8. Residents may also register to vote at Motor Vehicle Administration offices from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or at the Board of Elections, 16201 Trade Zone Ave., Suite 108, Upper Marlboro from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### Qualifications

In order to vote in Greenbelt and to be registered with Prince George's County one must be a citizen of the United States of America, at least 18 years of age as of November 6, 2007, domiciled within the corporate limits of the City of Greenbelt as of the date of registration, not convicted more than once of an infamous crime and not currently under a sentence imposed pursuant to a conviction of an infamous crime and not under guardianship for mental disability. All questions about these requirements should be directed to the election office at 301-430-8020.

## Mowatt Holds Wellness Fair

On Saturday, September 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mowatt Memorial UM Church will host a free Health & Wellness Fair for body, heart and soul. Information will be offered about health and fitness products and services. The church computer lab will be open for guided internet health searches.

Lunch and baked goods will be offered for sale (see ad on page 3).

For more information call Betty at 301-577-4673.

## Bereavement Group Starts September 20

The next six-week support group for widowed men and women begins today in Greenbelt. The program is led by trained volunteers from the Patuxent Widowed Persons Service and is co-sponsored by AARP and the Greenbelt Senior Citizens' Advisory Committee. It is open to men and women of all ages, races and creeds. There is no fee.

The sessions will be held on Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Senior Lounge at the Greenbelt Community Center, through October 25. During this time the group shares experiences and exchanges practical information while discussing published materials prepared by bereavement specialists. Many persons struggling to adapt to their new circumstances after losing a spouse have found great benefits from the emotional support and friendship provided in such groups.

Pre-registration is required. For information and/or registration call Leonie Penney at 301-474-8943 or Kathleen McFarland at 301-474-6892.

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

## Correction

In the Hagelgans - Li Wedding announcement on page 12 last week, the News Review omitted the intended photo credit. The wedding party photo was taken by professional photographer Mary Kate McKenna. Our apologies for the oversight.

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**In the Shadow  
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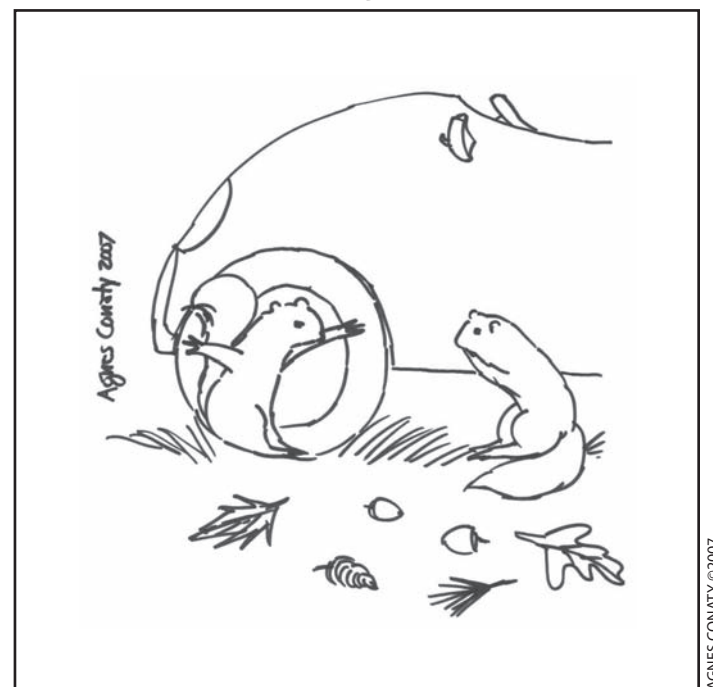
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## On Screen

### Audiences Like Moon

Using footage shot and narrated by the astronauts, as well as film from Mission Control painstakingly married to the original audio tracks, "In the Shadow of the Moon" gives a more complete picture of America's lunar exploits than has ever been available.

Buzz Aldrin and seven of his colleagues - at least one astronaut from each lunar Apollo mission - are captured on film in candid interviews. Neil Armstrong, known for his reclusiveness, does not appear on camera but comes alive in the stories the others share. The film won the audience award at the Sundance Film Festival.

Before taking on this project, director David Sington worked on several episodes of Nova; the film is produced by Ron Howard. With a runtime of 100 minutes, "In the Shadow of the Moon" is rated PG for mild language and smoking.

- Cathy Jones

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



# Community Events

## At the Library

Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories:

Tuesday, September 25, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, September 26, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children.

Thursday, September 27, 10:30 a.m., Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 children.

Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children's Desk.

## GHI Notes

Tuesday, September 25, 8:30 a.m., Yardline Committee meeting

7 p.m., GGI Steering Committee Working Group meeting

Wednesday, September 26, 7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee meeting

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, September 28 - 30, Greener Greenbelt Charrette at Greenbelt Elementary School

Tuesday, October 2, 7 p.m., Member and Community Relations meeting

Thursday, October 4, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors meeting

Saturday, October 6, 11:15 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation

All events will take place in the Greenbelt Homes, Inc., Administration Building. Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

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

Meals are served beginning at noon. All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and one percent milk. Menus for Monday, September 24 through Friday, September 28 include:

Monday - Vegetable soup with crackers, BBQ pork on a bun, broccoli slaw, chopped spinach, brownie.

Tuesday - Orange juice, meatloaf with mushroom gravy, sweet potatoes, broccoli, fresh plums.

Wednesday - Orange-pineapple juice, Polish sausage on a bun with sauerkraut and mustard, warm German potato salad, mixed greens, slice of gingerbread.

Thursday - Creamy broccoli soup, tuna salad, pasta salad, carrot-raisin salad, applesauce.

Friday - Grape juice, sliced ham with fruit sauce, mashed sweet potatoes, asparagus tips, lemon parfait.

## Football Homecoming

Saturday, September 22 Greenbelt's Boys and Girls Club opens its 2007 football season. Homecoming games will be played at Braden Field - 85 lb. team at 9 a.m., 95 lb. team at 10:15 a.m., 75 lb. team at 11:30 a.m. and the 65 lb. team at 12:45 p.m.

For more information call Coach Jim Inzeo, 301-441-2426.

## Explore Motion At Explorations

On Friday, September 28 Explorations Unlimited will open its fall season with a presentation by Gretchen Dunn, a retired occupational therapist now focusing on her long interest in human movement. Dunn is a Certified Movement Analyst and a dancer with Quick Silver, a senior improvisation group. She is also a Prince George's Community College SAGE instructor and is teaching an "Improving Your Moving" class at the Greenbelt Community Center beginning October 8.

Dunn's presentation will focus on making everyday movement easier, including balance improvement and how to counteract some of the losses individuals suffer due to the aging process.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom, Room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

## Greenbelters Win Third Playoff Game

Led by acting manager John Strekel, the Greenbelters of the Baltimore Beltway Senior Softball League won their third of four playoff games, 17-12 against Bowie Bronze on Monday, September 17. Strekel pitched and got two timely hits. The second drove in the lead run in the seventh inning after Bowie tied the score at 9-9. Key defensive plays by outfielders Dave Kerr and Lefty Smith, plus infielders Jim Harbaugh, Paul Williams and Larry Dandridge, kept home team Bronze at bay.

Eli Flam doubled twice and singled, Dave Kerr tripled and doubled, Jim Dugan and Willie White doubled and singled, Williams had two hits and Jim Coles, Dandridge, Irv Salzberg and Smith all singled; Harbaugh drew a walk.

The last game of the playoffs and the season was on Wednesday at Dundalk after the News Review copy deadline.

## Tutors Needed At SHL Center

The Greenbelt Elementary School Tutoring and Homework Program and the Greenbelt Moving Ahead Program (GMA) at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center is so popular that additional tutors are needed.

The elementary school program (grades 1 to 6) and the GMA (grades 7 to 12) meet Saturdays during the school year from 9:30 a.m. to noon. The programs are free.

For more information or to volunteer call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212.



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## Senior Driver Safety Course Offered

From 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, September 27 and 28, Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) is sponsoring its next class of the AARP Driver Safety Program. The class will be held in room 202 of the Greenbelt Community Center. The AARP 55 Alive/Driver Safety Program is an eight-hour classroom refresher course designed specifically for drivers 55 or older. However drivers under 55 may enroll in this class. Upon completion of this course a driver may qualify for a reduction or discount in his or her auto insurance premium. There is a fee, payable by cash but preferably by check made out to the AARP. This fee will be collected at the beginning of the first day of class.

Pre-registration is required. Call 301-507-6580 to register. Registration is on a "first call, first registered" basis. Class size is limited to 25 students. Additional requesters will be put on a waiting list in the order their calls are taken and will be given first opportunity to enroll in the next class should vacancies occur.

## Park Celebrates Public Lands Day

Greenbelt Park is holding a National Public Lands Day on Saturday, September 29 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. National Public Lands Day is the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance public lands Americans enjoy.

Volunteers will help clean the Still Creek watershed or participate in a trail maintenance project. Meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area located near the entrance of the park. For information call 301-344-3944 or visit <http://www.nps.gov/gree/>.

**Free Health and Wellness Fair for Body, Heart and Soul**  
Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church  
40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt  
Saturday, September 22, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Information about health and fitness products and services  
Lunch and baked goods for sale.  
For more information contact Betty 301-577-4673

**Golden Age Club**  
**Yard Sale - Bake Sale**  
**September 29, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm**  
**Roosevelt Center**

## GREENBRIAR COMMUNITY YARD SALE

**Saturday, October 13th, 2007**  
**9:00am to 2:00pm**  
**(Rain or Shine)**  
**7600 Hanover Parkway**  
**(301) 441-1096**

**There will be up to 20 vendors present along with a hot dog stand and other light refreshments for sale.**

## Co-op Supermarket Survey Seeks Input

The Greenbelt Consumer Co-operative is seeking feedback from members and customers. To receive opinions, the Co-op designed a short survey regarding its products and services, and is asking what its customers want to see in the future.

"Now that we have a bit more control over our future," said Co-op Chair Dorrie Bates, "we have to figure out how best to serve our members and our community. The Co-op Board hopes this survey will help us do that." Results of the survey will be presented at the Co-op's annual meeting in November.

The survey will be available until October 20 in both paper and online formats. The paper version of the survey is available in the store and can be returned to the Customer Service window at any time before the deadline. The online survey is at [www.tinyurl.com/2wpnsw](http://www.tinyurl.com/2wpnsw).

## Moon Festival to Be Celebrated at Lake

A program celebrating the Chinese Moon Festival will be held on Tuesday, September 25 from 7 to 8 p.m. at the bandstand at "Buddy" Attick Park. Come hear Yuli Wang play the flute and drum, Liyang Li on the 21-string zither and the Chinese xylophone and Qiong Wang on the pipa, sometimes called the Chinese lute. Elizabeth Barber will sing.

The Moon Festival is an important tradition in Chinese culture. It is celebrated during the full moon by holding family get-togethers, eating moon cakes and singing moon poems.

The festival is free and the public is invited.

## Astronomical Society Holds Star Parties

On Saturday, September 22 Astronomical Society members will hold a star party at Northway Field. On Sunday, September 23 the Society will hold a sidewalk astronomy party at Roosevelt Center near the New Deal Café.



Members of the society will begin to set up to view the moon and other celestial objects at approximately 8 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.

## Academy Stadium Theatres

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### Week of Sept. 21

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Balls of Fury, PG-13 (!)  
12:20, 2:40

Rush Hour 3, PG-13 (!)  
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Good Luck Chuck, R (!)  
12:20, 2:30, 5, 7:15, 9:45

Dragon Wars, PG-13 (!)  
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The Brave One, R (!)  
1, 4, 7:15, 10

Resident Evil: Extinction, R (!)  
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### Del. Ross Named To AELR Committee

Maryland House of Delegates Speaker Michael E. Busch has announced the appointment of Greenbelt's Delegate Justin Ross to the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review (AELR), where he will succeed former Delegate Nancy King in this role.

The AELR provides legislative oversight of state agency regulations and acts in a legislative advisory role for the Code of Maryland Regulations. The committee consists of 10 senators and 10 delegates with the chairmanship alternating each year between the chambers.

"Delegate Ross brings a passion for public service and incredible energy to the House of Delegates," said Busch. "He will be a tremendous asset to the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review."

Ross has represented Prince George's County's 22nd district since January 8, 2003. He is the Chief Deputy Majority Whip and a member of the Ways and Means Committee, where he serves on the education and election law subcommittees.

### Glass Show, Sale At DuVal Oct. 6-7

The Del-Mar-Va Depression Glass Club 72nd Semi-Annual Early American through Mid-20th Century Pattern, Elegant and Depression-era Glassware, Kitchenware, China and Pottery Show and Sale will be held Saturday and Sunday, October 6 and 7 at DuVal High School in Lanham. Show hours will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday.

Dealers will display and offer a variety of quality American-made pattern (EAPG) elegant and depression-era glassware, china, ceramics, kitchenware and pottery. These specialist dealers are well known for their knowledge of the collectibles for sale in their booths.

Club spokesmen say sometimes the most interesting items are those brought in for identification by attendees. The club will continue its free glass identification service to those attending the show. Identification is by knowledgeable club members and dealers using the club's extensive library of books containing information about patterns, designs, artists and imaginative creations.

DuVal High School is at the corner of Greenbelt Road and Good Luck Road in Lanham. There is a fee for admission to the show.

For more information call 301-565-2361, 410-263-4192 or email [ybrian@juno.com](mailto:ybrian@juno.com).

### Garden Club Meets Next Wednesday

The Beltsville Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, September 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the James E. Duckworth School in Beltsville. Speaker Justin Banford will talk about "Aquatic Water Features." Banford won the Beltsville Garden Club scholarship award in 2005 and works in the family landscaping business, The Sharper Cut, Inc. All are invited to this free event.

For information call Louise DeJames at 301-890-4733 or visit [www.beltsvillegardenclub.org](http://www.beltsvillegardenclub.org).

### Our Neighbors

Our condolences to News Review staffer Eve Gresser on the death of her daughter Rachel Baker on September 12, 2007.

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

**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 23, 10 a.m.**  
 Annual Public Education Sunday  
 "Seeing Spirit: The Eyes as Spiritual Guides"  
 by Barbara W. ten Hove, co-minister, with Pat Tompkins, worship associate  
 (Worship Associates Installation Ceremony in the service.)  
 - Barbara W. and Jacob B. ten Hove, co-ministers

**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**  
**Worship Service 11:00 am Prayer Meeting Sun. 9:45 am**  
*Pray conditioned Air conditioned*

**ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
 135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
 301-474-4322  
**Mass Schedule:**  
**Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.**  
**Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.**  
**Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.**  
**Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.**  
**Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe**  
**Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd**

**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

**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  
**Sukkot Begins:** Wed., Sept. 26  
 Dairy pot-luck dinner 6 pm; services 7:30 pm  
**Simchat Torah Begins:** Thurs., Oct. 4  
 Services and Israeli dancing for the entire family at 7:30 pm  
 Historic synagogue dually affiliated with United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation  
 Monthly Family Shabbat, Innovative Religious School, Choir, Adult Education, Social Action, Sisterhood and 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)

**Catholic Community of Greenbelt**  
**SUNDAY MASS, 10:00 AM**  
**MUNICIPAL BUILDING**  
 SERVE BREAKFAST AT S.O.M.E.  
 Sunday, September 30  
 Meet at St. Hugh's School  
 Parking Lot. 6:00 AM

**Greenbelt Baptist Church**  
 101 Greenhill Road  
 Greenbelt, MD 20770 - (301) 474-4212  
[www.greenbeltbaptist.org](http://www.greenbeltbaptist.org)  
**Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School**  
**Sunday 11:00 am Worship Service**  
**Wednesday 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study**  
 All are Welcome!  
 Summer Hours  
 "Helping People Connect with Christ and His Family Through Loving Service"

**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
 6905 Greenbelt Road • 301-345-5111  
 Sunday 8:15 am Worship Service  
 9:15 am Sunday School/Bible Study  
 10:30 am Worship Service  
 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..."*

Grammy-nominated children's artist  
**Red Grammer in Concert!**  
 An Event for the Entire Family  
**Saturday September 22 at 1 pm**  
 UMD Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center  
 Dekelboum Concert Hall  
 for tickets call 301-405-2787  
 or go to [www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu](http://www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu)  
**Greenbelt Bahá'í Community**  
 1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918  
[www.bci.org/greenbeltbahai](http://www.bci.org/greenbeltbahai) [www.bahai.us](http://www.bahai.us)

**Learn About Islam**  
**Ramadan Fast Begins**  
 Muslims began our celebration of the lunar month of Ramadan on Thursday, September 13, by fasting all day from dawn to dusk. This helps us attain spiritual closeness to our Lord. Fasting is a practice that was taught by all prophets to their people as God tells us in the Qur'an, "O you who believe! Fasting has been prescribed to you as it was prescribed to those before you, that you may (learn) self-restraint."  
 -The Holy Qur'an, 2:183  
 To learn more about Ramadan and Islam in general, please email us at [info@searchislam.org](mailto:info@searchislam.org) or call 301-982-9463 or visit the website [www.searchislam.org](http://www.searchislam.org).

**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)  
**Sept. 23: The Rapture and What We Should Do (Part 1)**  
 Pastor Lou Redd  
 301-474-4499 410-340-8242 (cell)  
 ...living life together



### City Recycling Efforts Pay Off

The City of Greenbelt's recycler, Abitibi Consolidated, held a four-month contest from May 1 through August 31 called "What's Your Goal." The goals cited were to increase local recycling efforts by either 20 percent or 40 percent over the past year's May through August number. Thanks to the entries by Recycling Coordinator Cindy Murray, both the Greenbelt paper recycling drop off locations (Hanover Parkway and Buddy Attick Park) were registered to participate.

Hanover Parkway had collected 16.7 tons during the 2006 May through August time frame. To meet the 20 percent milestone for 2007, 20.4 tons over the four months would need to be collected and 23.38 tons to reach 40 percent. Hanover Parkway collected a total of 79.49 tons during the contest or an increase of 210 percent.

Abitibi Consolidated will award the top cash prize of \$1,000 to the City of Greenbelt at the city's council meeting on Monday, October 8.

### Maryland Delegation Tours BARC Labs

Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (D-Md.), U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns and Senator Ben Cardin (D-Md.) toured the Henry Wallace Beltsville Agriculture Research Center (BARC) on Monday, September 10 and received briefings by researchers on projects underway at the world-class facility.

The tour, said Hoyer, "underscored how vital BARC is to so many of our nation's most critical interests."

The visitors learned about research to confront the growing problem of soybean rust and BARC's key role in the monitoring, identification of and protection against harmful invasive species. The three also visited a dairy barn where transgenic cows play a role in developing therapies for bovine bacterial infections that result in loss of milk production. Near a beehive a talk was given on BARC's role in tackling Colony Collapse Disorder, which has led to a reduction in honeybees.

Hoyer has helped secure more than \$138 million for renovation and modernization of BARC facilities and the almost 6,500 acres of forest and farmland on its property. He expressed pride in BARC's role as, in his view, the world's premier agricultural research facility.

### Friday Discounts At Science Center

The Maryland Science Center and the National Aquarium in Baltimore bring back the "Fridays After Five" program.

Each Friday in September from 5 until 8 p.m., Maryland residents will enjoy buy-one get-one free admission in addition to the already reduced ticket price.

From October 5 through March 14, 2008, visitors can purchase tickets at a discounted price on Fridays after 5 p.m.

The Maryland Science Center is located at 601 Light Street at Baltimore's Inner Harbor. For information and tickets, visit [www.marylandsciencecenter.org](http://www.marylandsciencecenter.org) or call the 24-hour information line at 410-685-5225, TTD: 410-962-0223.



# City Information

## GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL

September 24, 2007- 8:00 p.m.  
Regular Meeting-Municipal Building

### COMMUNICATIONS

#### Presentations

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

#### \*Committee Reports

### LEGISLATION

- An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 4, "Buildings and Building Regulations," of the Greenbelt City Code in Order to Update Language to Be Consistent with Amendments to the International Code Council International Building Code, to Establish Requirements for the Use of Dumpsters and of Portable On-Demand Storage (PODS) Units, and to Reinstate the Requirement to Issue A Paper Inspection License (2nd Reading, Adoption)
- An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 11, "Motor Vehicles and Traffic," Article III, "Stopping, Standing, and Parking," of the Greenbelt City Code for the Purpose of Increasing Enforcement Regarding Out-of-State Registration, Clarifying Improper Storage of Vehicles that Are Inoperative, Unlicensed, Delinquent, or Not Displaying Proper Registration, and Establishing Additional Requirements for Vehicle Immobilization (2nd Reading, Adoption)
- A Resolution to Amend Section 4 of the Charter of the City of Greenbelt to Provide That the Mayor Shall Receive a Salary of \$12,000 Per Annum and That the Other Members of the City Council Shall Each Receive a Salary of \$10,000 Per Annum (2nd Reading, Adoption)
- A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of Grass and Landscape Maintenance Services with the Brickman Group of Lanham, Maryland (1st Reading)
- A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of Construction and Renovation Work at the Public Works Facility with Gardner & Gardner General Contractors, LLC, of Crofton, Maryland (1st Reading)

### OTHER BUSINESS

- Greenhill/Hillside Roads Outfall Stabilization and Stream Restoration Project - Conceptual Plans
- Encroachment Policy
- M-NCPPC Subregion I Preliminary Master Plan and Proposed Sectional Map Amendment
- Draft 2007 Community Questionnaire

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

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

### 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.

### GREENBELT SKATEPARK CLOSING

The Greenbelt Skate Park will be closed on **SEPTEMBER 27th & 28th** for repair work. For more information, call the Recreation Department at 301-397-2200.

### MEDICARE MADE CLEAR

Wednesday, September 26 at 11am  
Greenbelt Community Center  
15 Crescent Road-301-397-2208

Learn the basics of Medicare. We'll answer questions, dispel myths and get down to what you really need to know about Medicare Part A, Part B, Part C: Medicare Advantage, and Part D: Prescription Coverage. FREE! Food, Entertainment, Fun, and Prizes!

For City Information, Events, and Services visit [Greenbelt CityLink at www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)

### Meetings for September 24-28

Monday, September 24, 8:00pm, Regular City Council Meeting at Municipal Building. (live on Channel 71)

Wednesday, September 26, 7:30pm, Senior Citizens' Advisory Committee, at Greenbelt Community Center, Senior Lounge. Info: 301-397-2208.

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

### CITY ELECTION INFORMATION

#### DRAWING FOR ORDER OF BALLOT PLACEMENT

A drawing to determine the order of candidates' names on the ballot for the November 6th election will take place in the City Council Room of the Municipal Building on Monday, September 24, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. Immediately following, a drawing will be held to determine the order for placement of campaign signs on public property for any candidates choosing to participate in that program. For more information, call Kathleen Gallagher, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000, or send e-mail to [kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov).

### CITY JOB OPENING

#### TEMPORARY POSITION VACANCY

A person is being sought to work 30 to 40 hours per week from mid-October until early January 2008 to handle clerical duties, assist with answering phones and aiding the public in the City Manager's office at the City of Greenbelt. Knowledge of Greenbelt in general is preferred, but not necessary. Prefer one person to fill position, but job sharing will be considered. \$12.00 per hour.

Interested persons must complete a City application available at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov), by mail by calling the jobline 301-474-1872, or at City of Greenbelt Human Resources Office, 25 Crescent Rd, Greenbelt, MD 20770. EOE.

### Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center 101 Centerway~301-397-2204

Fall Session Class Dates September 24-November 17

#### ADULT SWIM LESSONS

Open Registration until classes fill.

#### CHILDREN SWIM LESSONS

Register now until 9/28 at 2pm

For class listings visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)

### Greenbelt Municipal/Public Access Channel 71

**MUNICIPAL ACCESS:** 301-474-8000: Monday, September 24: 8pm Regular City Council Meeting "live" Tuesday & Thursday, September 25 & 27: 6pm "Miss Greenbelt Pageant 2007," 9pm "Replay of Council Meeting"  
**PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE):** 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, September 26 & 28: Call for schedule.

City of Greenbelt's

## FALL FEST

Saturday, October 6th from 2-6pm

Schrom Hills Park

6915 Hanover Parkway



Enjoy an afternoon of Family Fun including: Pumpkin Patch, Tie-Dye T-Shirts, Kidcare IDs, Adopt-a-Pet, Moonbounces & Inflatables, Hayrides, Recycling Games, Face Painting, Carnival Games and Prizes, Information Tables. Entertainment by "Just Us" featuring Greenbelt's own Paula Clinedinst. Fantastic Food at affordable prices to benefit community groups. Including Harris Orchard, Burgers & Hot Dogs, Nachos, Sodas & Water, Caramel Popcorn, Apples and more.

Info: 301-397-2208

Weather Hotline: 301-474-5525



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appearances by people who had spoken at the previous forum and the testimony from all covered mainly the same ground as that at the Greenbriar forum. However, a few new suggestions were offered. From this reporter's perspective, the tone and demeanor of the speakers at Saturday's forum were a bit more focused and pointed.

### Meeting Tone

Perhaps the tone was set by the day's first speaker. The resident of Ridge Road near the Gardenway and Ridge intersection started off by stating, "Doing nothing is not an option! And destroying the overpass is also not an option but between those two extremes the city council has a range of choices that would be relatively inexpensive and prudent."

She went on to offer a new choice to consider, describing a system of large turnstile-type structures that would afford 24-hour access for pedestrians, strollers and bicycles to the overpass but would serve in her words to "slow down the miscreants."

Another speaker (who had spoken at the first forum) reiterated his view that the issue is not about access but, rather, is a matter of public safety. He listed five incidents of violent or otherwise criminal assaults occurring on Gardenway and in the vicinity of the Spellman Overpass during the past year. He noted that the list appeared in a flyer that was recently distributed in the adjacent neighborhoods.

The existence of the flyer, with the header "Spellman Overpass Solutions (SOS) 1-2-3," was a surprise to the members of the advisory committees. There was a bit of a stir at this point in the meeting as several individuals went to the entrance table to get a copy.

The flyer, which had no official attribution, contained the notation that the SOS 1-2-3 policy proposal is endorsed by the Old Greenbelt Neighborhood Watch (OGNW). The SOS 1-2-3 refers to, "A Camera, A Callbox & Closed At Night," as three steps that should be taken immediately to protect the area. The flyer urges readers to send an email to city officials and to attend the forum.

On the reverse side of the flyer are accounts of criminal incidents reported in the area on February 24, April 16, April 30 and two on June 29, which were taken from the Greenbelt Police Department's Weekly Activity Reports.

A family member of one of the victims was in attendance and spoke of the very violent nature of the attack by as many as 10 suspects. She described the situation as "lawbreakers preying upon law abiders." She urged that the bridge be closed except for Eleanor Roosevelt High School

activities.

### Gate Closure

This speaker was followed by another who cautioned that "closing a gate will not solve what is a larger social issue." The speaker noted that part of the problem is the obvious disparity in available city services among the several sectors of Greenbelt. Closing a gate to cut off access to the Center, this speaker said, would only exacerbate this perception of disparate treatment.

Another speaker worried about the fairly indiscriminate use of labels applied to people encountered in the community, such as "miscreants," "wrongdoers" and "homeless," noting that such a suspicious climate does not help and is counter to what the Greenbelt community wants to project.

Several speakers echoed concerns about closure of the overpass at night. They noted that the overpass receives a lot of use by pedestrians, bicyclists and workers at late hours. For some the overpass is like a lifeline and a much safer route than taking Route 193 (Greenbelt Rd).

Several other speakers spoke in favor of investigating the turnstile approach to maintain access and offered additional suggestions to address the issues of potential crime. One suggestion was to invest creatively in better and more painful vegetation choices for areas leading up to the overpass to make escape through the woods a very uncomfortable choice for someone fleeing the police – sort of a briarpatch and thorn approach in plant selection.

This suggestion got a friendly reception from the audience as well as the advisory groups.

### Police Patrols

Other suggestions involved investment in a motorcycle option for police patrols in that area, more police presence in the Hanover Parkway areas, more police interaction with young people using the overpass and hanging out in the area, improving sight lines for the path leading from Gardenway to the overpass by realigning the path and a general feeling that teenagers in the community need to be involved in any solutions.

By the end of the forum, it seemed to come down to the basic premise mentioned by the first speaker; namely, something has to be done by the city government to address the issues that have been raised.

Moderators expressed appreciation for all of the testimony provided at both forums, urged the citizens to provide any additional commentary in writing to the city office or via email to Assistant City Manager David Moran at moran@greenbeltmd.gov. The advisory committees will review all information provided and submit a written report to the city council.

### Guaneri Quartet Holds Open Rehearsal

On Wednesday, September 26 at 5 p.m. the Guarneri String Quartet will hold an Open Rehearsal.

Now in its 26th year in residence at the University of Maryland School of Music, the quartet continues its popular tradition of free on-campus public rehearsals in Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

### Smith Center Offers Student Production

Four free performances of a staged reading of an original student work will take place in the coming week in the Laboratory Theatre of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. "Off Center" by Zachary Fernebok will be offered at 8 p.m. Saturday, September 22, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Sunday, September 23 and 7 p.m. Monday, September 24. Limited seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

## CHARRETTE

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AIA-PV in this project.

The outcome will be recommendations to be considered by the GHI Board of Directors and studied by city and county officials in their future planning.

Seventy years ago an intensive effort by committed citizens, government planners and architects created Greenbelt – which now stands alone in the United States as a New Deal-era "greentown" that has held fast to its cooperative identity in the face of great odds.

Next weekend residents can help envision where we go from here.

### Help Needed

Volunteers are needed to help during the charrette weekend for a variety of tasks – registering and greeting people at the school's main entrance and in the breakout rooms, putting out beverages and food, helping with the children's charrette activities, running last-minute errands and helping to clean up. Anyone who can volunteer an hour on Friday, Saturday or Sunday is asked to call 301-474-4161 ext. 0 or sign up online at greenergreenbelt@yahoo.com. Volunteers are asked to work no more than one hour on any day so they can participate fully in the charrette.

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History Committee that collected video oral histories. She also participated in the book project by writing chapter two of "Greenbelt: History of a New Town."

From 1987-2003 she worked at the National Cooperative Business Association as director of communications and cooperative education. Today, she runs her own communications business as well as being an independent skin care consultant.

Her other cooperative service includes chair of the GHI Audit Committee from 1988-89 and secretary of the board of the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative from 1993 to 2003. Beyond Greenbelt, she is president of Parent Cooperative Preschools International and 2008 Institute chair for the Cooperative Communicators Association, the only national professional association for communicators working in cooperatives. In 2002 she was honored with that association's highest award, the H.E. Klinefelter award. In 1995 she received the national Co-op Month Award for Communications.

Mach grew up in a military family that was stationed overseas and in several U.S. states. While she was in high school her father was stationed in Washington, D.C., and she graduated from a Prince George's County school – Bladensburg. Mach attended Michigan State University, where she met her husband. In 1969, she received a B.A. with honor with a major in history and minors in English and education.

Mach and her husband, Darrell, moved to Greenbelt in 1974. They have two married children – Ryan and Amy and three granddaughters.

(Biographies are prepared by the candidates.)

## Novosat – Brooks Wedding



On July 21, 2007, the union of Rebecca L. Novosat and Jason N. Brooks was celebrated at Christ Chapel in Woodbridge, Va. The ceremony was performed by Reverend Joel Flower with Reverend Stephan Weber administering communion. Reverend Paul Miklich read from the Word of God.

Molly Owens, sister of the bride, was the matron of honor. The brother of the groom, Marcus Brooks, was the best man. The couple chose the bride's niece and nephew, Hannah Uber and David Maxwell, as flower girl and ring bearer.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at Montclair Country Club. The couple honeymooned in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

Rebecca is the daughter of James Novosat of Saint Mary's, Pa. and Sally Novosat, also of St. Mary's, Pa. She is a 2000 graduate of St. Mary's Area High School and a 2004 graduate of Valley Forge Christian College where she earned a degree in elementary education. She is currently employed as a third grade teacher at Christ Chapel Academy. Jason is the son of Eleana Brooks of Greenbelt. He is a 1999 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School and a 2004 graduate of the University of Md. with a degree in communication. He is currently employed as a branch manager for Enterprise Car Rental. The couple now resides in Woodbridge, Va.

### College Park Arts Exchange Arts Workshops

At the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Rd., College Park

**MAKING MALI MUDCLOTH** with Julie Geschwind  
October 13, 11 am to 3 pm. Register by October 1.

**COILED PAPER BASKETRY** with Elizabeth Morissette  
November 3, 10 am. Register by October 15.

To register send a check for \$15 per workshop to CPAE,  
PO Box 784, College Park, MD 20740

301-927-3013 info@cpae.org www.cpae.org

CPAE is funded in part by the City of College Park and the Prince George's Arts Council

## Branchville V.F.D.

# BINGO

**\$1,000 Jackpot**

**\*NON-SMOKING\***

**Free Food and Drinks**

**Monday: doors open 11 a.m., starts 12:15 p.m.**

**Monday & Friday: doors open 5:45 p.m., starts 7 p.m.**

**Sunday: doors open 3:45 p.m., starts 5 p.m.**

**4905 Branchville Rd., College Park**

**BINGO HOT LINE 301-982-3317**



# Labor Day Festival Held Fun for All!



Above, the Round Up spun young and old. Often a carnival favorite the ride was busy for much of the weekend.

– photo by Helen Sydavar



Above, festival-goers flocked to the bingo tables in large numbers.

– photo by Margaret Smith

At right, another favorite, the mini roller coaster this year was decked out in dragon attire.

– photo by Bill Edwards



Below, festival-goers peruse used books that were gathered by Greenbelt Elementary School PTA. The annual book sale is another festival highlight for many in attendance. Profits from the sale are used for school activities throughout the year.

– photo by Helen Sydavar

**Many thanks to all of the volunteers and staff members who work hard to make the Labor Day Festival the highlight of our summer.**

Below, legs dangle as festival-goers anticipated a harrowing drop from this ride tower.

– photo by Bill Edwards



**The 53rd Annual Greenbelt Labor Day Festival was sponsored by the City of Greenbelt and a host of other businesses and individuals whose contributions are invaluable to the entire community.**





# Council Plans Its Strategy for Strategic Goal Setting

by Brian St. George

On August 20 the Greenbelt City Council, City Manager Mike McLaughlin and Assistant City Manager David Moran assembled in council chambers to consider how to go about setting strategic goals for Greenbelt. One Greenbelt citizen was also present and others may have been watching on cable.

The previous goal-setting and departmental briefings had been in February 2002. At that time after considerable discussion council identified seven primary goals: improve and enhance public safety, preserve and enhance the greenbelt (including improving parks and ballfields), enhance sense of community (including Greenbelt West and changing demographic goals), fiscal sustainability, invest in Greenbelt youth, enhance and facilitate cultural and artistic programs and provide quality-of-life programs for Greenbelt seniors.

McLaughlin provided a chart outlining the seven earlier goals, originally set in 1998, and progress made toward those goals in 2002. Each goal was then further analyzed by responses or solutions, action steps, status and responsibility.

According to McLaughlin, the goals had been achieved or were in an ongoing phase, for the most part, which he termed encouraging.

A primary difference between 1998 and 2002 was the additional attention given to art

and cultural programs. Though not mentioned at this meeting, Greenbelt's arts supervisor Nicole DeWald had been given an "award of excellence" at the 2007 Maryland Municipal League convention for the Artful Afternoon program she has created.

The primary issue under discussion on August 20 was community involvement in the planning and envisioning process. Councilmember Konrad Herling proposed in writing a "forum for the input of our citizens and advisory boards" to recommend goals for the city for the next decade and means to reach those goals. He also suggested the city "take advantage" of the Greener Greenbelt Initiative (GGI) and "recommendations derived from that experience."

Mayor Judith Davis, referring to the GGI, concurred. "We need to hold on to that (GGI information) and see how we can use it." Davis and Councilmember Leta Mach suggested that council consider performance measurements for the goals. Mach questioned how it might be possible to get greater community involvement in the process.

Councilmember Ed Putens agreed that the community should not be excluded from the process.

### Different Process

The city manager, expressing knowledge of the strong effort being put forth by the GGI, said he did not want citizens to

think this planning process was a duplication of efforts. The GGI is focused on architectural, energy and land use issues and other related items designed to keep Greenbelt a sustainable livable community over the next 30 years.

The city's strategic planning, on the other hand, looks at city government services and responsibilities and how they meet or exceed the needs of residents in Greenbelt East, West and the historic center.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts suggested that "core issues be set. Otherwise, without parameters, discussions will expand into capital projects."

Another issue of concern was that city goals might possibly conflict with county goals. In such a case, council felt they would want to understand that conflict and how it might be used to a positive end.

Councilmembers agreed that they should have three events, in Greenbelt West, Historic Greenbelt and Greenbelt East, at different times to discuss and envision key issues and concerns. This would be the opportunity for citizens to take part in the city's strategic goal planning process and have their opinions heard.

Further information will be forthcoming from the city manager's office on when the city-wide forums will be scheduled. At this time January 2008 is the target month for the events. The forums will provide an opportunity for residents to interact

with various city departments in a casual atmosphere and to share their vision with people who can make it happen.

### Inter-County Connector

A short discussion concerned the issue of the Intercounty Connector (ICC) and the role of City Attorney Robert Manzi. Roberts asked why Manzi could not join an amicus brief opposing the ICC. In answer he was told that Manzi also represents the city of Laurel, which favors the ICC, and that he therefore would have a conflict of interest.

Hiring an attorney for the purpose of opposing the ICC would be costly and deemed not fiscally responsible at this time.

Roberts suggested that the current city attorney situation may need to be discussed for future issues like these.

## City Notes


Animal Control removed a bat from a home on Ridge Road; removed an aggressive dog from its home and transported it to a county facility; returned one cat running at large; and removed a snake from a basement in Boxwood.

Public Works Parks Crew cut off bolts on the underside of the slide platform that were too long and also made repairs to the playground at Greenwood Village and tightened screws and adjusted support poles on the rock wall climber at the playground near Frankfort.


The Department of Recreation skatepark signs were repaired this week. The skatepark will be closed on September 27 and 28 so the general contractor can make repairs identified in the "punch list." Staff met with the general contractor on the window project to review progress. It is expected that this project will be substantially complete by the end of September.

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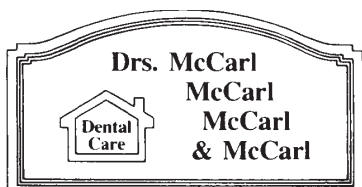


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# Police Blotter

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.

## Robbery

September 9, 8:48 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, a resident man was arrested and charged with two counts of robbery, two counts of first-degree assault, two counts of possession of paraphernalia and one count of false statement. The victims reported that they were walking to a residence when they were approached by the man who displayed a handgun and announced a robbery. After obtaining the victims' wallets and a cell phone, he fled the scene on foot toward Breezewood Drive. The victims got into a vehicle and followed the suspect to the 5500 block of Cherrywood Lane where they flagged down police. The man was stopped and positively identified as the person who robbed them. The man gave police a false name and a computer check revealed that the suspect had open warrants with the Delaware and the Maryland State police. He was also found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to ingest "crack" cocaine and was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

September 11, 1:30 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, a woman reported that she was in the hallway area of an apartment building when she was approached from behind by a man, who grabbed her and took her purse. She broke free from the man who then fled the area on foot. The suspect is described as a black male, 5'10", 170 pounds with black hair and brown eyes, wearing a black T-shirt, blue jeans and a dark hat.

September 12, 4 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, a man reported that he was walking to a residence when he was approached from behind by a young man. He attempted to run from the young man, who followed him into an apartment building hallway and robbed him at gunpoint. After taking a wallet from the man the suspect fled the area on foot. He is described as a black male 16 to 22 years of age, 5'9", 140 to 170 pounds with black hair, wearing a white T-shirt, dark jeans and a dark baseball style cap.

September 13, 4:11 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, a woman reported that she was walking up the stairs of an apartment building when a man approached her from behind and removed her purse from her shoulder. She turned and saw the man holding a handgun. He fled the area on foot. The suspect is described as a black male 20 to 25 years of age, 5'10" with a thin build, black hair, brown eyes and a goatee, wearing a white T-shirt, blue jean shorts and a dark colored hat.

September 14, 12:27 a.m.,

6000 block Cherrywood Court, the victims reported that they were walking into the entrance of an apartment building when they were approached from behind by a man who was armed with a handgun. A robbery was announced and after obtaining a purse, a wallet and a bag of food from the victims, he fled the scene on foot. The suspect is described as a black male 19 to 25 years of age, 6'2", 160 pounds, black hair in a short Afro and brown eyes, wearing a light colored shirt and blue jeans.

## Drug Arrests

September 7, 11:25 p.m., in reference to a suspicious person investigation September 6 in the 6400 block of Capitol Drive, an arrest warrant has been obtained charging a nonresident man with possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia.

September 9, 7:12 p.m., Kenilworth Avenue and the Beltway, a nonresident woman was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia after police observed a disabled vehicle on the side of the road, with the woman inside. Paraphernalia commonly used to ingest crack cocaine was in plain view. A computer check revealed that the woman had an open warrant with the United States Marshal's Service. She was arrested and was found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to ingest crack cocaine. The suspect was released on citation to the Department of Corrections for service of the warrant.

September 12, 9:24 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and two counts of possession of paraphernalia after police responded to a report of several people smoking marijuana in a parked vehicle. Police observed the people returning to the vehicle in question and paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana was in plain view inside the vehicle. The owner was found to be in possession of the same type of paraphernalia and a quantity of suspected marijuana. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

## Prescription Fraud

September 8, 3:07 p.m., Greenway Center, a nonresident woman was arrested and charged with prescription fraud after she allegedly attempted to pass a fraudulent prescription at the CVS Pharmacy. She was arrested and transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

## Disorderly Conduct

September 11, 5:41 p.m., Roosevelt Center, a resident man was arrested and charged with

disorderly conduct after police observed him urinating in public. He was released on citation pending trial.

## Open Alcohol

September 7, 8:46 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of an open alcoholic beverage after he was observed drinking a beer in the common area of an apartment complex. He was released on citation pending trial.

## Trespass

September 7, 6:30 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, a nonresident youth was arrested and charged with trespass and a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia. Police observed a group of people loitering at the building and one of the youths was recognized as having been banned from the property by agents of the property. The man was found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana. The youth was released on citation pending action by the juvenile justice system and the man was released on citation pending trial.

September 9, 3:22 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a 14-year-old girl was arrested for trespass after she was stopped by a store manager at the Rave clothing store for shoplifting. Investigation revealed that she had been banned from the mall by agents of the property. She was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

## Burglaries

September 7, 6:45 a.m., Greenway Center, an attempted commercial burglary was reported.

September 7, 9:53 a.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, a man reported that he was inside his residence when he heard someone using keys in an attempt to enter his residence. He confronted a man who stated that he thought the apartment was vacant. The suspect left the area in a vehicle described as a red Cadillac. He is described as a black male, 6' with a heavy build, brown eyes and a beard, wearing either an orange T-shirt or hat.

September 7, 10:45 a.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road, unknown person(s) used unknown means to enter a residence. Jewelry was taken.

September 10, 10:40 a.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road, a man reported that he was at home when an unknown person forced open the sliding glass door of his residence and reached inside. The man yelled out, at which time the suspect fled the scene. There was no description given for the suspect and nothing was taken.

September 10, 6 a.m., Springhill Lake Recreation Center, a recreation center employee re-

## Two New Officers Join Force, Canines Receive Masks



Mayor Judith Davis administers the oath of office to the city's newest police officers, Timothy Lawrence White and Carl Chi-Ho Lui. White lives in Glen Burnie with his wife and three children. He was formerly employed as a police officer with the Anne Arundel County Police Department. He has an associate degree from Anne Arundel Community College and is in the process of completing a four-year degree in business administration. Lui is currently a resident of Brooklyn, Md. He graduated from the University of Maryland Police Academy in June 2005 and also earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University. He previously worked for the City of Bowie's police department.



Cigo eagerly accepts four sets of oxygen masks from GHI's Animal Companion Committee for use by the city's police canines. This committee has previously provided local fire departments with oxygen masks to aid in animal rescues. Also in photo, left to right are Cam Mc Queen, Kris White, Debbie Cooley, Cpl. Robert Musterman, Cigo, Capt. Thomas Kemp and Amethyst Dwyer.

— photos by Beverly Palau

ported that she observed a young man inside the center, which was closed for business. The young man ran from the building and fled the area. Nothing was taken. The suspect is described as a black male in his teens, 5'8", 160 pounds, wearing a white T-shirt and blue jeans.

September 11, 3:12 p.m., Parkway, a key was possibly used to enter a residence. A computer and monitor were taken.

September 14, 3:13 a.m., 7400 block Greenbelt Road, a commercial burglary was reported.

## Vehicle Crimes

Two vehicles were reported as stolen: a 2006 Chrysler PT Cruiser from the 100 block Lastner Lane and a red 2000 Honda Civic 2-door, Maryland tags HCF632 from Beltway Plaza.

Two vehicles were recovered by outside police departments with no arrests made in either recovery.

Theft from and vandalism to vehicles were reported in the following areas: Beltway Plaza, 6200 block Breezewood Court, 6200 block Springhill Drive, 7400 block Greenbelt Road and 7400 block Greenway Center Drive.

## Police to Hold Friday Night Sobriety Stops

The Greenbelt Police Department, along with the Prince George's Municipal Drunk Driving Reduction Task Force, will conduct a sobriety checkpoint in Greenbelt on Friday, September 21 in conjunction with Checkpoint Strikeforce, a national campaign to reduce impaired driving.

It is estimated that three of every 10 Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash in their lifetime. Alcohol-related crashes cost the public an estimated \$114.3 billion dollars annually.

National statistics show that in 2006 there were 17,602 alcohol-related fatalities and that 13,470 fatalities involved a driver or motorcycle operator with an illegal blood alcohol concentration of .08 or higher. Last year in Maryland 41 percent of the 651 traffic fatalities were alcohol-related.

Surveys show that 87 percent of Americans support the use of sobriety checkpoints to check for drunk drivers. Forty states and Washington, D.C. use sobriety checkpoints to educate the public about impaired driving.

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



# Fido Makes a Splash at Annual Pooch Plunge

On Saturday, September 8 Greenbelt Animal Control and the Recreation Department held the sixth annual Pooch Plunge at the Aquatic and Fitness Center's outdoor pool. The seasonal closing of the pool after Labor Day has made this popular event possible. This year over 125 well-behaved pooches and their owners enjoyed an afternoon of splashing, playing and socializing – a unique opportunity that proved to be fun for all!



Sunday takes a ride on Jacqui Waters' back. – photo by Beverly Palau



Canines and their caretakers wait their turns to take the plunge into the pool. – photo by Helen Sydavar



Above, Tevya plays with a frisbee. – photo by Helen Sydavar

At left, swimming wasn't the only thing on the agenda for these three pooches. Below, not every animal participant was thrilled about the dip. – photos by Beverly Palau



Above, Beth Gardner and Lola played with a tennis ball. Below, Lola enjoys keeping the ball from her friend in hot pursuit. – photos by Beverly Palau





## A Review

# "Dearly Departed" at GAC Has Lots of Laughs

by Carol A. Griffith

The Greenbelt Arts Center's second production of the 2007-2008 season, "Dearly Departed," is hilarious entertainment with lots of belly laughs for all. It's a fun and loving poke at contemporary Southern culture. The play, first performed in New York in 1991, is produced at GAC by Beatriz Mayoral and directed by Lenora Dernoga. As always, the lighting, sound, sets and costumes are of professional quality.

The plot is simple – Bud, patriarch of the dysfunctional Turpin family who live "in the Baptist backwoods of the Bible Belt," dies suddenly in Scene 1. The play concerns his family's reactions to his death and the funeral in light of their Southern culture and problems the family is already facing.

Bud's wife Raynelle (Phyllis Kay) is, on the surface, a genteel Southern woman. But she has secrets. Older son Ray-Bud (Mark Fulco), the rock of the family, is married to the down-to-earth Lucille (Jenna Jones). Junior (Jeff Landou), the younger son, is a hapless inventor. His wife Suzanne (Sharon Miller) is a would-be singer who decides to use her talent, so to speak, at the funeral.

The youngest child, the teen-aged Delightful (Meg Yednock), is most unfittingly named. Bud's shrewish sister Marguerite (Erica Drezek), her backwoods philosopher of a son, Royce (Bob Kleinberg), and the town preacher (Mark Granfors-Hunt) round out the major characters.

The characters are played to broad stereotypes of Southerners. Royce keeps his cigarettes rolled in his T-shirt sleeve. There's a joke about having a sofa in the front yard. The ladies of the family serve corn dogs at the wake. The women hold the

families together and the men are incompetent. One character is a stereotypical never-married mother of eight, engaged to a man named Rebel.

The acting is perfect. All the characters are played beautifully, with the actors making the most of their opportunities for comedy. It would be hard to single out any actor over the others but Erica Drezek as Marguerite is outstanding. Viewers will never think of the word "harlot" in quite the same way after seeing her performance.

Meg Yednock often steals the show in portraying Delightful's antics. The scene showing the preacher making his weekly radio show broadcast, which features less-than-perfect backup singers, is absolutely hilarious, yet respectful.

If one took the play too seriously, it's possible to be somewhat offended by the humor at the expense of a mentally challenged character and a male character who is sick and senile (very well portrayed by Glen Nelson) while cared for like a child by his wife. But because there's an innocence and light-heartedness about these additions to the cast of characters, it's easy to enjoy the humor and the great performances.

All told, "Dearly Departed" is, as they say down South, "finer than frogs' hair."

"Dearly Departed" will play on the Friday and Saturday evenings of September 21 and 22, 28 and 29 and October 5 and 6, at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees are scheduled for September 23 and 30 at 2 p.m.

Reservations may be made through the box office at 301-441-8770 or at the Arts Center at 123 Centerway, located beneath the Co-op supermarket.



PHOTOS BY PENNY MARTIN

Suzanne and Junior "drive" to the funeral in "Dearly Departed." Below, some of the town's characters support the Turpins at the funeral.



## Greenbelt Pioneers Hold a Reunion



PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

Left to right, Mike Cockill, C.J. Falcon, John Schaffer, Susan Cockill, Marshall Gerstel, Elmer Hershberger, Larry Holien, Bruce MacEwen and John Flynn.

On September 7 a group of former Greenbelters (pioneer children) held a reunion in Greenbelt. They were greeted by Councilmember Leta Mach and Museum Curator Jill St. John. The group made a leisurely stroll through the city, visited the Community Center and the Museum and had lunch together.

The group's first reunion was 20 years ago when Greenbelt celebrated its 50th anniversary. Since then, this group of friends gets together every couple of years in different locations such as Los Angeles, Ocean City and Florida. Others who could not make it this year include Charlie Howey, Donald Walker, Jan (Rogers) Davis and John Bonnar. Commented Howey, "Growing up in Greenbelt with these friends is something we will always remember. God bless them all!"

## Two Locals Make Big Time with New Game

by Paula Clinedinst

What happens when a guy who is interested in board games meets a guy who loves trivia? For Dominic Crapuchettes and Satish Pillalamarri, they create a game called Wits & Wagers that gets picked up nationally by Target. Then last month, a Hollywood talent agency contacts their Greenbelt office for North Star Games – in Crapuchettes' apartment – about developing Wits & Wagers into a television game show.

"Parents love Wits and Wagers," says Crapuchettes, "because it is the only trivia game that children can win, even when they are playing with their parents and grandparents." Players make wild guesses to fun questions like "In what year did the bikini swimsuit make its first appearance?" or "How many feet wide is an NFL football field?" After placing the guesses face up on a betting mat, players bet on the guess they think is closest to being right.

And players do not have to bet on their own guess, while the more outrageous answers are worth more points. So players can win by making educated guesses by knowing the interests of their friends or by playing the odds and hoping to get lucky.

To promote their game Crapuchettes and Pillalamarri host large game show events where people can play Wits & Wagers in teams. I ventured out to the monthly event at the Mayorga Coffee House in Silver Spring.

When I got to Mayorga the first round of play was winding up. About 20 people were mostly in "teams" of three or four people. For the second round I was partnered with Luke Warren, who knew how to play. There also were single players (including the bartender) as well as a



PHOTO BY LINDA SIADYS

Satish Pillalamarri and Dominic Crapuchettes are the makers of "Wits & Wagers" which is now on the shelves at Target stores and more recently caught the eye of television game show moguls.

family with a young child.

We were given two poker chips, rules were explained and the game began with "What year did the Nevada state legislature legalize gambling?" Luke and I picked 1932.

Once the answers were all in, betting began. We placed one chip each on "1927" and "1937." The answer: 1931, and we won with 4-to-1 odds on "1927" because it was the guess "closest without going over." In the end – seven questions later – we were the champions with 54 chips.

The second place team had only 28. "Winnings" are \$5 worth of "Funny Money" for each person on the team. This "Funny Money" can be pooled together to purchase any North Star board game.

The "Mocha with Cream" team – Shauna Canner, Christy Carr and Nadira Isaacs – had one newcomer, and said they planned to come back. The consensus in the crowd was: a fun game and an enjoyable night.

Crapuchettes and Pillalamarri were lively hosts who clearly enjoyed interacting with the crowd, which responded enthusiastically

when the hosts announced that their game would go on sale in Target stores everywhere this September. According to the inventors, the Target buying team members play Wits & Wagers on their lunch breaks because it is their favorite game.

It's the duo's most popular game. Their first one, Cluzzle, was introduced in 2004 as friends helped collate 2,500 Cluzzle game boxes, enticed with "we'll buy the beer, you come colate." There were 30,000 Wits & Wagers games produced; this time, friends helped by providing feedback and criticism but production of this magnitude was not possible in a Greenbelt living room.

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## Greener Greenbelt Initiative: Your Ideas, Our Future

**Your Ideas** - Expressed through a visioning process to help make Old Greenbelt even better than it is now. The original community is now 70 years old.

**Our Future** - Brainstorming together about what we can do to make things better; not only for tomorrow, but over the next 30 years - for Greenbelt's 100th anniversary.

Working in partnership, GHI and the American Institute of Architects, Potomac Valley Chapter (AIA-PV) are seeking input from residents about what features of their homes and community they would like to see improved.

**Come for an hour, a day, or the whole weekend!  
Your ideas are vital to our community's future!**

### The Charrette

The charrette is a highly interactive event in which residents, business and civic leaders, and design professionals come together to consider viable options for the future of our community. Through data, discussion and drawings — we will develop a long-range plan that reflects a shared vision. The Greener Greenbelt Initiative is about Greenbelt's sustainability, livability, affordability, and historic preservation, and the charrette will be organized into 4 focus areas or scales:

- 1) GHI units, courts, and grounds
- 2) The Roosevelt Center area – the shopping plaza, library, fields, municipal buildings, etc.
- 3) Old Greenbelt - the residential areas, open spaces, woodlands, and lake
- 4) Greater Greenbelt - the issues affecting our entire city and region (e.g. transportation, schools, watersheds, growth and development, etc)

#### 10 Principles of Livable Communities

- Design on a Human Scale
- Provide Choices
- Encourage Mixed-Use Development
- Preserve Urban Centers
- Vary Transportation Options
- Build Vibrant Public Spaces
- Create a Neighborhood Identity
- Protect Environmental Resources
- Conserve Landscapes
- Design Matters

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### Schedule of Events

#### Friday Night, September 28th

- 6:30 AM - 7:00 PM **Registration**
- 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM **Opening Plenary**  
Welcome & Introductions  
Overview of charrette process & schedule  
Introduction of charrette themes  
Introduction of focus session scales & topics  
Panel discussion: What makes communities sustainable?

#### Saturday, September 29th

- 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM **Registration**
- 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM **Roundtable Discussions**  
GHI Units, Courts & Ground  
Roosevelt Center Area  
Old Greenbelt  
Greater Greenbelt & Region
- 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM **Plenary Session** - Reporting of focus session discussions
- 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM **Lunch & Keynote Speaker (Lunch Provided \*See Below)**  
- A Special Keynote speaker will speak about a topic related to Greenbelt and the Charrette
- 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM **Scenario Planning Sessions**  
GHI Units, Courts & Grounds  
Roosevelt Center Area  
Old Greenbelt  
Greater Greenbelt & Region
- 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Dinner break (on your own)
- 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM **Plenary Session** - Reporting of focus topic scenarios

**Children's Charrette**  
8:30 to 11:00 am, Saturday  
Elementary aged students are welcome to join this special session while parents and guardians attend the main program.

#### Sunday, September 30th

- 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM **Registration**
- 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM **Organizing of synthesis workshop topics & teams**
- 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM **Synthesis workshops**
- 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM Lunch break (on your own)
- 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM **Closing Plenary**  
Reporting out of synthesis sessions  
Summary of charrette discussions & recommendations  
Overview of charrette follow-up
- 2:30 PM **Adjournment of Charrette**

### Additional Information:

- [www.greenergreenbelt.org](http://www.greenergreenbelt.org) or Jim Cohen 301-405-6795, jimcohen@umd.edu.
- For hearing-impaired attendees, please contact Dionne Collins by 9/24 to arrange Interpretation. 202-474-4161 x 0 or dcollins@ghi.coop.
- Transportation to Greenbelt Elementary School, 66 Ridge Road via Metro Bus R12 or T16/17 on Friday and Saturday. Call-A-Bus 301-499-8603(M-F). Sunday via Greenbelt Connection at 301-474-4100, or Metro Access.
- Child Care - not provided. A charrette for elementary school aged children will occur on Saturday 8:30 to 11:00 am.
- Lunch provided free on Saturday, Sept. 29th for all charrette participants. \*Please call 301-474-4161 x 0 by 9/25 to reserve your free lunch.



Thank you to the City of Greenbelt, MNCPPC, Prince Georges County, Greenbelt Elementary School, Greenbelt Museum, News Review, UMD, and COOP Grocery Store for the support and information that went into putting this event together.