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PHOTO BY MELANIE HENNIGAN

A large group of GHI members participate in the roundtable discussion of energy alternatives and design possibilities for dwellings, buildings and grounds.

## Hundreds Imagine Greenbelt's Future at Weekend Charrette

by Marat Moore and Robin Everly

Last weekend was spectacular – blue skies, crisp fall air – but hundreds of city residents headed inside Greenbelt Elementary School to attend the Greener Greenbelt Charrette, where visions of the city's future unfolded in a dizzying array of more than 100 drawings, sketches and diagrams – and a full wooden model of Roosevelt Center. The designs, displayed alongside historic photos and drawings, were created from intense discussions going on

in all four corners of the school's gym during the two-and-a-half day event.

Nearly 400 Greenbelt residents; architects and designers; city, county and state officials; and students and faculty from the University of Maryland participated in the charrette, engaging in small-group discussions that generated hundreds of ideas listed on flip-chart pages that lined the walls. Children participated in a special mini-charrette.

"I would give the overall effort a solid A+," said Carl Elefante, an architect from the Potomac Valley chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA-PV) and chair of the charrette.

"The charrette was very large for the size of the community," he said. "Goodwill and positive energy prevailed. Many tough, 'you-can't-talk-about-that' issues were talked about – and options

See CHARRETTE, page 8

## Rodney Roberts Seeks 9th Term On Greenbelt City Council

Seven candidates have been certified to run for the five council seats in the Tuesday, November 6 election. The biographies of Ed Putens, Judith Davis, Leta Mach and Konrad Herling, prepared by the candidates themselves, have appeared in previous issues. Biographies from challengers Ruth Kastner and Kelly Ivy will appear in future issues.

### Biography

Rodney M. Roberts, 49 years old, is a life-long Greenbelt resident. He attended Greenbelt schools and was active in sports with the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club. Roberts is the sole proprietor of a small business that specializes in on-site repairs of various types of equipment and vehicles.

Roberts is serving his eighth term on council; the last three terms as Mayor Pro Tem. He attended nearly every council meeting during the four years prior to his being elected to the Greenbelt City Council in 1991, becoming known as an outspoken community activist. During his 16 years on council, Roberts has only missed one council meeting (a work session). In 1991, Roberts proposed and worked through



Rodney Roberts

to implementation community policing and police bicycle patrols. Since then, he has worked to increase bike patrols throughout the city. Roberts was a leader in the citizen movement that resulted in the city's acquisition of 184 acres of woodland, part of the original green belt. Roberts continued to advocate for long-term protection of our city-owned forests. This resulted in the 2003 passage of a city ordinance establishing a Greenbelt Forest Preserve consisting initially of 225 acres. Roberts often testifies on behalf of the city before state and county

officials concerning development, transportation, recreational, environmental and fiscal issues. In 2004 he testified before the State Board of Public Works (consisting of the comptroller, governor and treasurer). Overcoming initial opposition from Comptroller William D. Schaefer and Governor Ehrlich, he secured \$648,000 in Open Space Funds for the purchase of 10 acres known as the "Sunrise Property" in Greenbelt East – now one of the city's newest forest preserves. Roberts has consistently opposed yearly city tax increases for nonessential hiring and other items.

Roberts has enjoyed volunteering his practical skills to groups such as Greenbelt Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) and New Deal Café, among others. Roberts served as a member of the Metro Area Sector Planning Group. He is a member of the Council of Governments Transportation Planning Board, City Council Liaison to the Youth Advisory Board and Arts Advisory Board. Roberts is a member and former chair of the Committee to Save the Green Belt and a founding member of the Greenbelt Foundation for the Arts.

### Breaking News

## SHL Arson Suspect Held

The man whom the Prince George's County Fire Department investigators believe is responsible for setting 15 fires in various apartment buildings in Springhill Lake Apartments earlier this year is now in custody. Officials expressed in a Wednesday press conference their need to tell local residents at Springhill Lake that they could feel safe now, reassured the string of arsons has been ended. Investigation is continuing.

## Candidates Explain Goals In First of Four Questions

In last week's paper we posed four questions to the seven candidates seeking election to the Greenbelt City Council on November 6. The responses were limited to 300 words. The order in which the responses are published was determined by lot. This week we publish their answers to our first question:

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

### Ruth Kastner



I'd like to address recent concerns about crime in Greenbelt by strengthening community. Among the root causes of crime are alienation, feelings of disenfranchisement, and lack of community. I would work on revitalizing Roosevelt Center as a means to revitalize community, by exploring a possible public-private partnership with community-oriented co-ops and businesses such as the New Deal Café. Such a partnership would foster a local, sustainable economic base that would allow outreach to the newer parts of Greenbelt. This would give citizens in those areas greater access to community resources such as creative and performing arts, locally grown and prepared nutritious food, and a vibrant nightlife.

See QUESTION 1, page 12

## Defendants and Plaintiffs Set Forth Positions on ICC

by James Giese

U.S. District Court Judge Alexander Williams, Jr., heard oral arguments on October 1 on the suit by the Audubon Naturalist Society of the Central Atlantic States and others against the United States Federal Highway Administration and the Army Corps of Engineers concerning their approvals of plans for the Intercounty Connector (ICC). The ICC is a multi-lane toll highway to cross Montgomery County from I-270 eastward to Prince George's County, where it will end south of Laurel at U.S. Route 1.

Joining in the litigation in support of the plaintiffs were 39 local area politicians, including all members of the Prince George's County Council and the Greenbelt City Council, who filed an amicus curiae memorandum accepted by Williams on September 26. Joining in support of the defendants was the Maryland Department of Transportation, builder of the ICC.

Judge Williams announced he would hand down a written deci-

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### What Goes On

**Saturday, October 6**

**2 to 6 p.m.,** Fall Festival, Schrom Hills Park

**Sunday, October 7**

**1 to 5 p.m.,** Artful Afternoon, Celebration of Greenbelt Museum 20th Anniversary

**Monday, October 8** – Last Day to Register to Vote

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

**Thursday, October 11**

**7:30 p.m.,** Council Candidates' Forum, Municipal Building

**Saturday, October 13**

**8 a.m. to noon.,** Free Shredding, Municipal Parking Lot Behind Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, 112 Centerway

**9 to 11 a.m.,** Buddy Attick Park Clean Up



## Letters

### Greenbelt Is Great!

We want to thank our fabulous neighbors at 22 Court Hillside Road (Diane, JoAnne, Shannon, Dave and our historian and work supervisor Jim) and Bryan Crick's thoughtful, professional GHI maintenance crew for caring, quick thinking and thorough work over the weekend of September 15-16. We were in Philadelphia for the weekend when our neighbor, thank goodness, heard some ominous gurgling in the pipes, went inside our unit to find a yucky sewer eruption and called the emergency maintenance number. Our neighbors lived without water during much of the weekend while the fine crew spent many long hours, late into the night, searching for the troublesome clog and putting the comfort of our neighbors before their own.

It's amazing, especially in this day and age, to live someplace where folks care so much for one another. Our deep and heartfelt thanks to all the fine folks who helped us that weekend!

Bob Garber, Isobel Taylorch and Susan Taylor

### THANKS!

The Greener Greenbelt charrette last weekend was an extraordinary event. As chair of the Greener Greenbelt steering committee, I want to thank the nearly 400 Greenbelt residents who offered their creative ideas for Greenbelt's future and all the skillful volunteers - from the University of Maryland and the Potomac Valley chapter of the American Institute of Architects - who converted many of those ideas into drawings.

Thanks to all the resident volunteers who helped out prior to the event (through outreach) and during it. I also want thank our hosts, Greenbelt Elementary School, who were so accommodating in giving us a convenient space for the event.

Special thanks as well to Atlanta Bread Co. in Beltway Plaza who provided discounted lunches for all participants on Saturday and to the Silver Diner in Beltway Plaza who provided us with discount dinners on Saturday evening.

Jim Cohen, Chair, Greener Greenbelt Steering Committee

## Festival to Show Historic Films at Greenbelt Library

by Barbara Simon

The opening program for the Utopia Film Festival 2007 will feature two historic documentaries and a selection of animated shorts, on Saturday, October 13 at the Greenbelt Library. Produced in co-operation with the Prince George's County Memorial Library System, this free program at the library will screen "The Plow That Broke the Plains" (1936) and "The River" (1938) by Pare Lorentz. Lorentz, who headed the New Deal's film campaign for the Department of Agriculture and the Resettlement Administration, is familiar to Greenbelters: it was his assistant, Willard Van Dyke, who later made "The City," which featured Greenbelt, for the film division, and it was Lorentz who created its narration.

"The Plow That Broke the Plains" and "The River" were produced to persuade the American public of the value of New Deal public projects such as the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). Lorentz saw the potential that films had to explore social issues and he had a vision that he could make films that would be both powerful as propaganda and artistic as well. As an example, he worked closely with the composer Virgil Thompson, who had been commissioned to write the music for both films, so that the music and visual content would work well together, cutting his footage when necessary to fit the score. Both films were critically acclaimed at the time and "The River" won Best Documentary

at the 1938 Venice Film Festival, beating out Leni Riefenstahl's famous "Olympia."

Kent Moore, head of the Media Department for the library system, will screen these films using the new DVD released last year, which includes striking new features such as commentary by documentary filmmaker George Stoney, who showed "The River" often while he worked at the Farm Security Administration.

"The Plow That Broke the Plains" and "The River" will be shown twice on October 13, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

### Cartoon Time

The second half of the program is geared to all ages. Kent Moore has chosen some historical animation from the library's collection to screen - selected Disney shorts from the 1920s such as "Alice's Adventures in Cartoonland" and "Steamboat Willie," Disney's first sound animation, as well as "Felix the Cat" and "Gerald McBoing Boing's Symphony" (UPA 1953). George Kochelle, instructor for GAVA/GATE's Animation Program, will be the host as well: he will screen some recent short animated works by students in his animation classes.

This portion of the program will also be shown twice, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2:30 to 4 p.m. All GAVA/GATE Animation programs are supported by funding from Prince George's County.

## Raiders Football Report

by Coach Jim Inzeo

The 65 lb. Raider team fell to 1-3, losing to the Glenarden Bulldogs 13-6. The three losses have been by a combined total of 10 points. The 65 lb. team's next game is at Lanham on Saturday, October 6 at 4:30 p.m.

The 95 lb. Raider team evened its record at 1-1 with a thumping of Palmer Park this past Saturday. The final score was Greenbelt 21, Palmer Park 7. Next up for the 95 lb. team was the KLM on Wednesday, then Upper Marlboro at Sasscer Field on Saturday, October 6 at 12:45 p.m.

The 85 lb. Raider team improved to 1-1 with a 20-0 victory over Kentland. The Raiders took

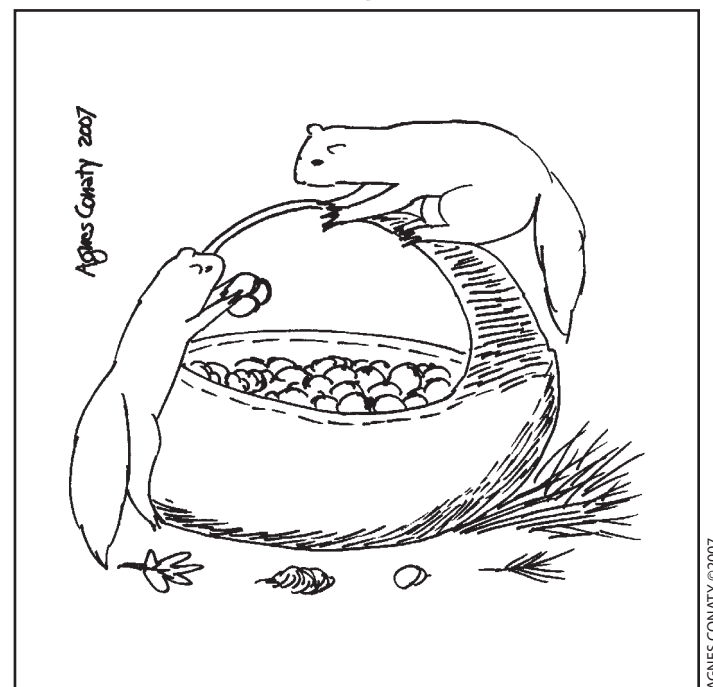
on KLM on Wednesday, then play Upper Marlboro at Sasscer Field on Saturday, October 6 at 11:30 a.m.

The 75 lb. Raider team dropped to 1-1 after its defeat by KLM 31-0. The Raiders await word on a possible forfeit by South Bowie for failing to appear at its game this past Saturday. Next up is Glenarden at Braden Field on Friday, October 5 at 6:30 p.m.

The 150 lb. Raider team opens its regular season this weekend. At this time, its opponent and location of the game is unknown.

Come out and support Greenbelt Raider football.

## Grin Belt



"This is my iPod player and inside each of these acorns is an MP3 song . . . ."

## On Screen

### War Is Hell

Starting Friday at the Old Greenbelt Theatre, Susan Sarandon and Tommy Lee Jones portray parents of a soldier who returns home from Iraq, only to disappear stateside. Desperate to find out what happened to his son, the father teams up with a detective played by Charlize Theron. The movie's title hints at how difficult their quest is - according to the Bible, the Valley of Elah is where David fought Goliath.

More than just a murder mystery, "In the Valley of Elah" examines the toll war takes on the soldiers, their loved ones and their country. Written and directed by Paul Haggis, who won academy awards for "Crash" and "Million Dollar Baby," the film runs 124 minutes and is rated R for violence, nudity and language.

- Cathy Jones

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### Correction

In last week's article by Sandra Lange about a performance of the documentary "The City" at the Clarice Smith Center on October 14, the telephone number for box office reservations was incorrect. The correct number is 301-405-2787.

## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

### WEEK OF OCT 5

### In the Valley of Elah (R)

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

Saturday  
\*2:30, \*5, 7:30, 9:45

Sunday  
\*2:30, \*5, 7:30

Monday - Thursday  
\*5:15, 7:30

\*These shows at \$6.00

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## Your Vote IS Your Voice



Last Day to Register is Oct. 8



# Community Events

## Computer Club Meets Thursday

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its October monthly meeting on Thursday, October 11 at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 103 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. All are welcome.

## Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Agers have done it again. On Saturday we had a great yard sale-bake sale at Roosevelt Center. Many thanks to all who worked and baked to make this such a success. Thanks to Public Works for their help – the weather was perfect, too. It seems to me this is what the Club is all about, working together and everyone pitching in to make things happen and have a good time along the way and raise some money.

On October 10 we will have a piano player and a sing-along. Dr. Trifoglio had to cancel out but we will reschedule later in the year.

We had over 70 people at our September 26 meeting to hear "Medicare Made Clear." It was an excellent presentation with slides and a singer and snacks. They are going to send us some more of the "Medicare Made Clear" booklets. Check in the office in about a week. We are sending our cheery thoughts to Cathy Holecombe (broken elbow), Ellie Rimar, Shirleyann Eginreider and Pearl Siegel (heart problem).

Condolences and sympathy to the family of Joe Wilkinson. He was a longtime member and active in the Lions. Joe was living at Riderwood.

## Shred-It Day Will Be Next Saturday

The Credit Union and the City of Greenbelt will sponsor a Fall Shred-It Day on Saturday, October 13 behind the Credit Union from 8 a.m. to noon. Credit Union members and everyone in the community can bring their personal papers for shredding.

## Volksmarchers Hold Greenbelt Stroll Wed.

All are invited to an afternoon/evening stroll in historic Old Greenbelt on Wednesday, October 10. The Great Greenbelt Volksmarchers, a walking club, has planned a walk on paved sidewalks and natural trails. Registration is from 3 to 5 p.m. with the walk to be finished by 8 p.m.

The event starts and ends at the Greenbelt Community Center in Room 103. Pets are invited but must be on leash and owners must clean up any pet messes. The walk is free except for a small event fee for those who want IVV credit for distance and/or for the event.

Call walking club president Salva J. Holloman at 301-937-3549 or email salva\_h@yahoo.com.

## At the Library

Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories:

Tuesday, October 9, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

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

Thursday, October 11, 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.

### Book Discussion

Wednesday, October 10, 6:30 p.m. Bookids Book Discussion led by a librarian for ages 8 to 13. Call Greenbelt Library for details 301-345-5800.

## 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 Tuesday, October 9 through Friday, October 12 include:

Monday – All sites closed for Columbus Day holiday

Tuesday – Orange juice, sliced turkey cutlet with gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, mixed fruit cup.

Wednesday – Cream of celery soup, veal and cheese patty with tomato sauce, wild rice, apple sauce.

Thursday – Cranberry juice, baked chicken with gravy, black eyed peas, chopped collards, lemon parfait.

Friday – Orange juice, baked farm salmon with creamy dill sauce, home-fried potatoes, peas and carrots, sliced peaches.

## GHI Notes

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

Tuesday, October 9, 7 p.m., Greener Greenbelt Initiative Steering Committee meeting

Thursday, October 11, 7 p.m., Sustainable Design and Practices Committee meeting

Saturday, October 13, 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., Fall Migratory Bird Walk, Northway Fields

Sunday, October 14, 12:30 to 4 p.m., Community-wide Open House, Roosevelt Center

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

## Explorations to Show Film on Pyramids

On Friday, October 12 Explorations Unlimited will show the video "Mysteries of the Pyramids." This Goodhill video, narrated by Omar Sharif, helps unlock the mystic secrets of ancient Egypt. Viewers journey with Sharif down a long-forgotten secret passageway into never-before-seen sanctums of the Great Pyramids of Giza. The film shows famous treasure-filled tombs and centuries-old mummies.

The film meets experts who to this day spend their lives trying to uncover the secrets of the pyramids. How were they built? What was their purpose? Did the Sphinx hide a secret passageway to a library from a long-lost civilization?

Why did the Egyptians mummify their dead? What is the truth behind the ominous "Curse of the Pharaohs?" Marvel at the majesty of the greatest of the seven wonders of the ancient world as Sharif guides viewers in unlocking the mysteries of the pyramids.

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

## Migratory Bird Walk October 13

A Fall Migratory Bird Walk sponsored by the GHI Woodlands Committee will be held on Saturday, October 13 from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Come look for fall migratory songbirds and hawks with GHI Woodlands Committee naturalist Pete Blank. Bring binoculars and wear shoes appropriate for walking on woodland trails. Meet at the parking lot by the Northway Fields. The bird walk is open to all.

## Bird Club Offers Talk On the Bumblebee

Members of the Prince George's Audubon Society and Patuxent Bird Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 9 at the College Park Airport Annex for a free slideshow/talk by Sam Droege on "The Plight of the Bumblebee."

The plight of the bumblebee, a prime pollinator, is a hot topic of concern to gardeners, birders and beekeepers. Droege, a Patuxent Wildlife Research Center biologist, studies native bee populations and the development of online bee identification guides. He is also an avid birder.

The College Park Airport Annex is at 1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Drive. For more information call Maureen Blades at 301-262-5148.

## GAIL, CARES Offer Discussion Group

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program (GAIL) and Greenbelt CARES will present an eight-week discussion group for people age 61 and under who are disabled. "Differently Abled Unite: Moving Toward a Brighter Tomorrow" will meet on Mondays and will focus on sharing feelings with others and receiving the tools needed for self-improvement.

The first meeting will take place on Monday, October 15 and continue each Monday through December 3 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the Green Ridge House dining area.

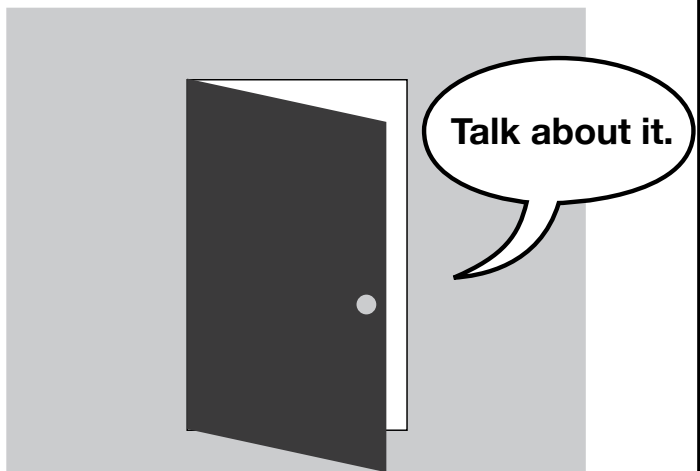
Space is limited. Those who would like to participate are asked to call Kate Daney at 240-542-2036 by October 10 to reserve a seat.

### The Bus

Seniors and Disabled Customers RIDE FREE

**GreenBELT Pride celebrates National Coming Out Day 7-10 p.m. Thursday, October 11, 2007 The Roosevelt Center Centerway, Greenbelt, MD 20770**

**Michelle Swan**, a Washington-area urban acoustic folk favorite, will perform live at the event.  
**Dan Furmansky**, the executive director of Equality Maryland, the statewide organization for gblt rights will speak.



Sponsored by GreenBELT Pride, the city's social organization for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender people and their supporters. For information, contact Frank DeBernardo, (240) 432-2489, or visit www.greenbeltpride.org.

National Coming Out Day, which honors the complex and joyous process through which gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (gblt) people become aware of and affirm their sexual orientations and identities, will be celebrated with storytelling, music, and fun in Greenbelt's Roosevelt Center, at the intersection of Crescent Road and Southway, on Thursday, October 11, 2007, 7-10 p.m.

For more  
community events  
see page 7.

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to take part  
in the 2008  
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**Car Wash &  
Bake Sale**  
**Saturday, Oct. 6,**  
**10 to 2**  
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Parking lot on  
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Decals also  
available.

## Academy Stadium Theatres

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301-220-1155

All shows starting before 5 p.m.  
Are **ONLY \$5.50**  
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**Week of October 5**

**FRI. - SAT.**  
**Rush Hour 3, PG-13 (!)**  
12:20, 2:35, 5:05, 7:35, 10:10  
**Game Plan, PG (!)**  
12:10, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:30  
**Kingdom, R (!)**  
12:10, 1, 2:45, 4, 5:15, 7:20, 7:45,  
10, 10:30  
**Resident Evil: Extinction, R (!)**  
12:30, 2:50, 5, 7:20, 9:45  
**Feel the Noise, PG-13 (!)**  
12:20, 2:35, 5:05, 7:35, 10:10  
**The Heartbreak Kid, R (!)**  
1, 4, 7:20, 9:45  
**Seeker: The Dark is Rising, PG (!)**  
12:30, 2:50, 5, 7:20, 9:45

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**Rush Hour 3, PG-13 (!)**  
12:20, 2:35, 5:05, 7:35  
**Game Plan, PG (!)**  
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**Kingdom, R (!)**  
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**Resident Evil: Extinction, R (!)**  
12:30, 2:50, 5, 7:15  
**Feel the Noise, PG-13 (!)**  
12:20, 2:35, 5:05, 7:35  
**The Heartbreak Kid, R (!)**  
1, 4, 7:20  
**Seeker: The Dark is Rising, PG (!)**  
12:30, 2:50, 5, 7:15

**MON. - THUR.**  
**Rush Hour 3, PG-13 (!)**  
1:40, 4:30, 6:45, 9  
**Game Plan, PG (!)**  
1:20, 4, 6:30, 9  
**Kingdom, R (!)**  
1, 1:20, 3:30, 4, 6:15, 6:30, 8:45, 9  
**Resident Evil: Extinction, R (!)**  
1:20, 4, 7, 9:15  
**Feel the Noise, PG-13 (!)**  
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**The Heartbreak Kid, R (!)**  
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### Postal Services Available

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

## Fall Fest

at Schrom Hills Park  
**Saturday, Oct. 6**  
**from 2 to 6 p.m.**

Tons of fun for the  
entire family.  
For details see  
ad on page 5.



# Obituaries

## Joseph Wilkinson

Joseph Eugene Wilkinson, longtime resident, died peacefully September 25, 2007, at Riderwood Village in Silver Spring. He suffered from dementia but the immediate cause of death was cachexia. Mr. Wilkinson was preceded in death by his wife Virginia (Jinny) Gehauf Wilkinson on March 31, 1994. They had been married for 52 years.

Mr. Wilkinson was born April 4, 1921, in Cumberland, Md., the youngest of five sons born to Ethel (nee Robinson) and William Wilkinson. William died in 1933 from cancer after which the eldest son, Jack, supported the family and was like a father to the youngest. Joe was an acolyte at Emmanuel church and attended Allegany High School where he was a stand-out in football and track. When he graduated in 1939 a veteran, perhaps relieved, teacher wrote in his yearbook, "the last of the Wilkinsons," which he was to the end; his fourth brother died last year.

After high school, Mr. Wilkinson worked at Celanese Corporation and enjoyed life before the coming war. He courted Virginia Gehauf, the youngest daughter of another large Cumberland family. She declined his initial telephone calls because she confused him with another one of those Wilkinson boys. He was a war-groom. They married in Cumberland in June 1942, just before Mr. Wilkinson was shipped out to McCook, Neb., for service in the Army Air Force. His wife followed him and they lived together off-base for a while before he was transferred, alone, to bases in Blythe, Calif and Alamogordo, N.M. He rose to the rank of Master Sergeant and worked in ordnance. He was preparing for deployment in the Pacific theatre when Japan surrendered.

Mr. Wilkinson was discharged in 1946 and took advantage of the GI Bill to attend the University of Maryland, College Park. He graduated in June 1950 with a bachelor of science degree in business administration. For enrichment he took courses on golf that he justified by claiming more business is conducted on golf courses than anywhere else.

After graduation, the Wilkin-

sons moved to Greenbelt with their infant son. Mr. Wilkinson started his career with an independent insurance agency in Washington, D.C. Three more children soon followed. They resided in a GHI townhouse at 15 Court Laurel Hill Road and the family was active in the court life there, forming friendships that lasted a lifetime. In 1960 Mr. Wilkinson accepted a job with the University of Maryland book store where he worked first as an accountant and later as assistant manager. For a number of years, he worked evenings as a manager at Giant Food to build savings for a larger home and for the children's college fund.

In 1967 the family moved to Northway. Mr. Wilkinson retired from the University of Maryland in January 1984 after 24 years of service.

The Wilkinsons were able to enjoy just a few years of comfortable retirement and travel. Mrs Wilkinson had been diagnosed with Inclusion Body Myositis and Mr. Wilkinson's full-time job became caring for his ailing wife as her body was slowly debilitated by the disease.

He cared for her at home and

## Barbara Tanen

Barbara Tanen, formerly of Greenbelt, died on October 3, 2007, in Cincinnati, Ohio. Graveside service will be held at George Washington Cemetery, 9500 Riggs Road in Adelphi at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 7. No flowers.

## John Krob

John Krob died of a heart attack on Wednesday, October 3, 2007.

A viewing will take place on Tuesday, October 9 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Gasch's Funeral Home with services that evening from 7 to 9 p.m. The burial will be private.

was at her side for 10 years until she died. Mr. Wilkinson remained in the family home in Greenbelt until March 2006 when he moved to an assisted-living facility at Riderwood Village in Silver Spring.

Mr. Wilkinson was an energetic and effective community

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**Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church**  
 40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt  
*Open heart, Open minds, Open doors*  
 www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410  
 Rev. Dr. Paul C. Kim, Pastor  
 Sunday School 9:45 am  
 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 | 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!

**Congregation Mishkan Torah**  
 10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 301-474-4223

**Simchat Torah Begins Thurs., Oct. 4**  
 Services and Israeli dancing for the entire family, 7:30 p.m.

Shabbat services: Friday evening at 8:00 PM, except 1st Friday of the month, i.e. family service at 7:30 PM. Saturday morning services at 9:30 AM.  
 Educational programs for children K-12 and for adults.  
 Combined innovative full family educational program for parents and children.  
 Conversion classes. Concert choir. Social Action program.  
 Opportunity for leadership development.  
 Moderate, flexible dues. High holiday seating for visitors.  
 Sisterhood. Men's Club. Other Social Activities.  
 Interfaith families are welcome. www.mishkantorah.org

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

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

*Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community*

**October 7, 10 a.m.**  
 "God Loses an Argument"  
 by Guest Preacher Rabbi Jonathan Cohen from Mishkan Torah Synagogue  
 with Tasha O'Neal, worship associate  
 (The Chalice Dancers will perform.)  
 - Barbara W. and Jacob B. ten Hove, co-ministers

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

**Welcome!**

**Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School**  
**Sunday 11:00 am Worship Service**  
**Wednesday 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting/Bible Study**

**ALL are Welcome!**  
*"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

**Greenbelt Community Church**  
 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

*"A church of the open mind, the warm heart, the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."*

**Ramadan Fast Explained**

**Learn About Islam**

Muslims are observing the lunar month of Ramadan (mid-Sept. to mid-Oct.) by fasting. This is explained by God as a blessing in the following verse, "Ramadan is the month in which was sent down the Qur'an, as a guide to mankind, also clear (signs) for guidance and judgment (between right and wrong). So every one of you who witnesses this month, should spend it in fasting, but if anyone is ill or on a journey, (then they may not fast and) the prescribed period (should be made up) by days later. God intends ease for you; He does not intend hardship for you. (He wants you) to complete the prescribed period and to glorify Him, in that He has guided you; and perchance you shall be grateful." -The Holy Qur'an, 2:185

To learn more about Ramadan and Islam in general, please email us at info@searchislam.org or call 301-982-9463 or visit the website www.searchislam.org.

**Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS**

Sundays 10 A.M.  
 Municipal Building

**Baha'i Faith**

"If thine eyes be turned toward justice, choose thou for thy neighbor that which thou chooseth for thyself"  
 - Bahá'u'lláh

**Greenbelt Baha'i Community**  
 P.O. Box 245  
 Greenbelt, MD 20770  
 1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918  
 www.bci.org/greenbeltbahai  
 www.bahai.us

**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)

**Oct. 7: Stewardship**  
 Pastor Lou Redd  
 301-474-4499 410-340-8242 (cell)  
 ...living life together





# City Information

## GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL

October 8, 2007– 8:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting-Municipal Building

### COMMUNICATIONS

#### Presentations

Abitibi Consolidated Recycling Award

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

#### \*Committee Reports

-Advisory Committee on Education, Report #1-07 (Paperclips Project Referral)

-Advisory Committee on Trees, 8/30/2007 Communication (Use of CMA Instead of Salt for Deicing)

### LEGISLATION

- A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of Grass and Landscape Maintenance Services with the Brickman Group of Lanham, Maryland (2nd Reading, Adoption)

- 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 (2nd Reading, Adoption)

-A Resolution to Adopt a Revised Charter for the Advisory Committee on Education (1st Reading)

### OTHER BUSINESS

Award of Purchase – Public Works Department Front-End Loader

Award of Purchase – Police Department Mobile Data Computers (MDCs)

Community Survey - Demonstration of Web Version

Update on Options for Buddy Attick Park Restrooms

\*Reappointments to Advisory Groups

\* 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.**

### SHRED-IT

SATURDAY,

OCTOBER 13TH

8a.m. – 12p.m.

Bring your personal papers to the Shred-It truck located in the Municipal Parking lot behind the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, 112 Centerway, to have them shredded FREE.

No business or commercial material will be accepted!

*Shredding your personal papers is one of the best ways to protect yourself against identity theft.*

Sponsored by  
Greenbelt Federal Credit Union and  
City of Greenbelt

## CITY ELECTION INFORMATION

### ANY REGISTERED GREENBELT VOTER MAY CHOOSE TO VOTE ABSENTEE

This is the second municipal election in which any qualified voter of the City of Greenbelt may choose to vote by absentee ballot in municipal elections. There is no longer any need to present an excuse for why you wish to be absent from your polling place on Election Day.

The purpose of the change is to give an additional option to voters and make it easier to vote in City elections. If you prefer to come to your polling place on Election Day, meet up with your neighbors, talk with the candidates, and use a voting machine, you may still do so, just as before. But if you prefer to vote early, or if you like the idea of voting by mail or using a paper ballot instead of a voting machine, you now have more choices. Just be sure to vote. No more excuses!

First, request a ballot in one of two ways. Each individual requesting a ballot must submit a separate, signed application form or letter.

- Fill out an application form that you may 1) pick up in the City Clerk's office, 2) request from the City Clerk by phone at 301-474-8000 or by e-mail at [kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov), or 3) print from the City's Web site at <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov>; or
- Write a letter of application to the City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, including your full name, domicile address in Greenbelt, signature, and telephone number.

Military service members, their families, and other U.S. citizens abroad who are covered under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act may also use the Federal Post Card Application (<http://www.fvap.gov>) to request an absentee ballot for City election.

Applications to receive absentee ballots will be received from Wednesday, October 17, until noon on Monday, November 5, 2007. The completed ballot must be received by the City Clerk no later than 6 p.m. the day of the regular election, November 6, 2007. No absentee ballots will be distributed prior to October 17.

Return your executed absentee ballot by 1) sending it through the U.S. mail in time to arrive by November 6, 2) hand-delivering it to the City Clerk's office, or 3) placing it in the locked drop-box at the east door of the Municipal Building at 25 Crescent Road. Questions? Call the City Clerk at 301-474-8000, or send email to [kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov).

### CITY JOB OPENING

**SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS & GROUNDS:** The City of Greenbelt, MD, a progressive and culturally diverse community of 21,456, ten miles outside of Washington, DC, is looking for someone to add to its Public Works management team.

The ideal candidate will direct the Parks and Grounds area of the Public Works Department; manage complex and multi-disciplinary activities; exercise independent judgment in working with division heads and department managers on projects and issues; and coordinate activities and special projects with all department divisions.

Position requires seven years experience managing or administering operations; especially in the areas of maintenance and construction of City playgrounds; care of turf in parks, athletic fields and right of ways, construction of parks fixtures and facilities; design and installation of landscaping on City rights of way, building grounds and park grounds; and planning for and maintenance of the City's urban forest.

Work requires graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with major course work in horticulture, forestry, park management or related field and at least seven years supervisory or management experience in the park, landscape or forestry field or any equivalent combination of education and experience. The ideal candidate will have demonstrated a proven record of personnel development and the ability to manage multiple staff and City priorities. The ideal candidate will also have vast experience with horticulture.

Salary range: \$49,836-\$75,524, DOQ. Excellent benefits. EOE.

Applicants must submit a City application. It can be obtained on the internet at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov) or call our Job Line at 301-474-1872.

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

### 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."

### LAKE PARK CLEAN-UP

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Saturday, October 13th

9AM – 11AM

Join members of the Recycling and Environment Committee remove litter and other debris from the shoreline and path at Buddy Attick Park.

- Bring your work gloves.
- Wear comfortable clothing and boots or old shoes.

Attention Students – Community Service Hours will be given. Bring your forms!!

**For more information, call the Public Works Office at 301-474-8004.**

### Celebrate the Greenbelt Museum's 20th Anniversary at An Artful Afternoon

Sunday, October 7th from 1-5pm

Greenbelt Community Center

**Dance with the Big Band Tradition:** 3-3:30pm-Free Dance Lesson. 3-5pm: Dance to music of real live Big Band!

**Recent Relics Exhibit:** Community Center Art Gallery. Reception from 1-3pm. Talk at 1:30pm.

**Walking Tour: 2:15pm,** Depart from Community Center on a 45 minute guided tour offered by the Greenbelt Museum: Roosevelt Center, Inner Walkways, Underpasses and the Museum's historic home.

**Historic Home Tour:** The Museum house illustrates every day, middle-class life in the 1930s-40s Greenbelt. Free today!

**Record Greenbelt History:** Archivist Joe Harris videotapes oral histories of Greenbelt. Advance appointments: call 240-542-2057 before October 4th.

**Hands-On Project:** 1-4pm, Create your own commemorative art tile with Artist in Residence Mary Gawlik.

**Sublime on a Dime:** Museum Exhibit at Community Center.

Greenbelt CARES

ANGER

MANAGEMENT

SKILLS

TRAINING GROUP

Adults 18 and up

Mondays from 7-8:15pm

Beginning October 15

Greenbelt CARES

Offices-25 Crescent Rd.

\$21 fee for Workbook

You must register by October

8th. For registration information call 301-345-6660. Certificates of completion will be issued with attendance at

ALL NINE SESSIONS



## Werner Steinle, 83, Dies – One of Greenbelt's Pioneers

by Kathleen McFarland

Werner Steinle, 83, eldest son of one of Greenbelt's first pioneer families, died September 17, 2007, in Roanoke, Va. The Steinle family, consisting of parents David and Elsie Steinle along with Werner and his younger sister and brother, moved to 56-H Crescent Road in September 1937. They were the fifth family to move into Greenbelt. Mr. Steinle had brought the family from Nebraska to Washington, D.C., in 1935 to take a job as a guard at the Smithsonian Museum. In those Depression years, they were happy and proud to be accepted as residents of the new town. (A picture of the family can be seen on page 84 of the book "Greenbelt – History of a New Town.")

As the first boy his age in town, Werner became the first paper boy of Greenbelt, signing up new subscribers to the Washington Star as new families moved in. Later, while attending Greenbelt High School, he worked at the gas station. He also played the oboe in the Greenbelt Community Band. After WWII was declared, he joined the Army Air Corps hoping to become a pilot but was rejected for pilot training because of poor eyesight and instead was trained as a mechanic on B-29s. He served on Saipan and in the Mariana Islands and was still in the Pacific when Japan surrendered.

Returning to Greenbelt after the war, Werner and two friends from Greenbelt High's class of 1942, Dick Bates and Robert ("Bud") Gray, became volunteer firemen. (The fire department was then located at the Center near Gardenway, where Domino's Pizza and Greenbelt Auto & Truck Repair are today.) They saw the need for a local rescue squad and pooled their mustering-out pay from the service to put a down payment on Greenbelt's first ambulance. Mrs. Gray sewed sheets for the gurneys from full-size bedsheets and Mrs. Steinle washed the



sheets after each use. Werner's sister Louise says, "I'll never forget when the siren went off how quickly Werner hopped into his emergency jumpsuit and boots, clumping down the stairs and probably getting to the firehouse before the siren stopped

wailing."

Werner received a degree in aeronautical engineering from Catholic University in June 1949 and a few days later married Eldora Zimmerman. His first job after college was at the David Taylor Model Basin. Later he worked at the Naval Ordnance Laboratory in White Oak and then at NASA where he was technical assistant to the director of research. He was active in his Lutheran church in Silver Spring, holding several offices and crafting a harpischord, chancel furniture and other wood pieces for the church and helping to install a pipe organ.

After taking early retirement in 1972 Werner worked at a hardware store to gain knowledge he knew he would need to build his own home. In 1975 he bought five acres of land on the side of a mountain in Otto, N.C., and built that home. That accomplished, he began doing woodcrafting and custom building of furniture for churches and homes. In Otto he was a founder of a new Lutheran church in the small town, using proceeds from his crafts business to support the new mission church.

In 1990 Werner and his wife Eldora moved to Roanoke where they continued their involvement in the ministry of the local Lutheran church in spite of Werner's increasing vision problems. Since 1997 they had lived at the Brandon Oaks Lutheran Retirement Community in Roanoke. Eldora died there five months ago.

Werner Steinle is survived by two children, Susan of Rockville, Md., and Mark of Roanoke, Va., and his sister and brother-in-law Louise and Arthur Winker of Umatilla, Fla., and their family. His younger brother, Walter, died

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at a later date. He hopes to offer a combined opinion two weeks following the hearing on a second suit raising air quality issues that is to be heard on October 29. However, he gave the defendants an opportunity to request an earlier date.

The state, anxious to proceed with construction, is currently negotiating with the plaintiffs on a list of activities to undertake pending the court's ruling. If the state proceeds without the plaintiffs' concurrence, they threaten an injunction against the state.

Williams noted he had already reviewed an extensive record consisting of the permit documents issued and three volumes of documents relating to the Final Environmental Impact Study and public comment. Before hearing arguments, he said he had a very limited and narrow scope in which to make a determination.

He is charged with determining whether the federal agencies have complied with all procedural requirements for issuing their permits and, if so, to uphold the agency decisions. He is not to substitute his judgment as to whether he agrees or disagrees with the actions taken, only if they have complied with the federal process for granting permits.

### Arguments

The plaintiffs' attorney Langley Shook challenged the approval process, claiming that the Federal Highway Administration had so narrowly defined the scope, purpose and need of the project during the environmental review process that the outcome was predetermined; and that it failed to consider reasonable alternatives. In particular, Shook claimed that FHA had failed to properly identify and assess the project's reasonably anticipated environmental impacts – whether the project would threaten endangered species and habitat and would increase noise to park land and other resources along the roadway. He also charged that it failed to consider adequate mitigation of expected environmental harms.

Over defendants' objections, the judge was shown a five-minute video of scenes along the road right-of-way that included photos of homes, schools, a day-care center, stream valleys and wildlife.

In addition, Environmental Defense and Sierra Club attorney Erik Bluemel charged that the U.S. Corps of Engineers, in issuing a CWA section 404 permit to fill in wetlands and other water bodies for the ICC, failed to consider any reasonable alternatives to filling wetlands other than two highway alignments, relied on a legally inadequate analysis when approving alternatives and relied on deficient environmental and other analyses when concluding that the anticipated public benefits of the road outweighed the anticipated damages.

Representing the local politicians, Andrea Ferster contended that the environmental impact study erred in stating that there was support from all jurisdictions. The Prince George's County Council was in opposition and is legally responsible for adopting land use plans, she said, not the county executive who supports the ICC. The 1990 designated east-west highway was no longer part of the county plan and the ICC will divert development

away from targeted development areas.

### Rebuttal

Wells Burgess, attorney for the Federal Highway Administration, contended that the record demonstrates extreme responses to comments made during the environmental impact study. He told the court the FHA was moving for summary judgment.

Burgess said there were a substantial number of hoops the agency had to jump through before it could render approval to the roadway, that it had done so and had demonstrated full compliance with the law.

For most of the parks impacted by the right-of-way for this road, the designation of right-of-way in the 1960s preceded park acquisition and the future road was included in parking planning, Burgess said.

Signs have marked the designated right-of-way on existing roads for years, he said, and new buyers were required to sign affidavits of their awareness of the planned road. Only two deviations had been made to the original road alignment, both to circumvent wetlands and minimize impact on stream valleys.

Unlike previous efforts to obtain road approval, there was unanimity among all agencies in the process, Burgess contended. He noted that the ICC was part of the Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments' regional transportation plan and that it is also part of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission plan and transportation plans of Montgomery and Prince George's Counties.

The highway is of the latest design to minimize environmental impacts, he said, and the federal government is requiring \$370,000,000 in mitigation expenditures by the state.

Everything the plaintiffs are arguing about, Burgess said, are in the record of the approval process. That record, he continued, demonstrates a rational basis for decisions reached. Other court decisions make clear that the approval process provides a sufficient basis for this court to deny the plaintiff's petition.

Burgess also noted that originally there were 300 design alternatives, that these were reduced to 18 and then to the final three studied – the approved route, a more northern route and a no-build alternative.

### Corps of Engineers

Cynthia Morris represented the Corps of Engineers. She told the court that the Corps had fully participated in the process for approval of the state's application to build the road. The Corps has many detailed requirements to assure mitigation of any impact.

In issuing the 404 permit for modifying federal waterways, the Corps followed a three-step process, she said. First it looked at how disturbance could be avoided. That could not be done, however, in any alternative.

Then it looked at how the impact could be minimized. The changing of the road alignment to minimize wetland impact was one such example. Lastly, it sought to mitigate these impacts.

There are 21 separate mitigation sites, she noted. She concluded by telling Williams, "This is not your father's ICC." That's why the Corps approved the road, she said.

Gary Kuc represented the state. He said that the governor, a majority of the General Assembly, the Maryland Historic Trust and other agencies had all approved the road project. This is a state highway, MD 200, not a local road.

Besides addressing impacts caused by this construction, the project addresses impacts that were caused by other development in the area. Much of the road cost is due to avoidance, minimization and mitigation.

Kuc said there is a half-million population in this area and that development had occurred here based on the premise that there would be a cross-county road. It complies with smart growth policies, he contended.

Without the road, children in day care would stay late because parents were stuck in traffic, cars stalled in traffic would be creating more pollution and the overuse of local roads would increase traffic accidents.

Following the arguments, Williams again asked for time to reach a joint decision on both cases two weeks following the October 29 hearing on air quality issues. It was agreed that the parties would notify the judge if this time schedule was not feasible.

### The Scene

The session began with a filled courtroom including the jury box (since this was not a jury trial) and people sitting on chairs brought in, on the floor and standing in back. About half the spectators wore business suits. A cluster of about a dozen in back on one side were from Leisure World. No politicians were apparent. Two Greenbelt residents, besides this reporter, were in attendance.

The session, which began about 20 minutes after 2 p.m., was supposed to be two hours long. Shook assured the judge that his side, represented by five attorneys, would not take that much time and requested an extra ten minutes for rebuttal.

The plaintiff's presentation took an hour-and-a-half. Following a break, the defendants, represented by nine attorneys, took nearly two hours to present their case. By the time the court adjourned, the courtroom was half empty.

## Opera Concert Oct. 13 At Berwyn Church

Berwyn Presbyterian Church will present soprano Meghan McCall, tenor Alvaro Rodriguez and pianist Danielle DeSwert in a program of favorite opera arias in the church sanctuary at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 13.

There is no admission although a free-will offering will be collected. Ample parking is available.

Berwyn Presbyterian Church is located at 6301 Greenbelt Road.

## Co. Councilmember Holds Town Meeting

Prince George's County Councilmember Ingrid Turner will hold a Townhall Meeting in Glenn Dale on Thursday, October 11 at 7 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Glenn Dale Community Center, 11901 Glenn Dale Blvd., located near the Splash Park and across the road from the Glenn Dale Fire Department.

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volunteer who was dedicated to improving the lives of others. He served the City of Greenbelt in a number of ways: PTA president, Boys and Girls Club president and 30 years on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. For the Greenbelt Lion's Club, he served multiple terms as president and treasurer, took key roles in White Cane (for the blind) and the pancake breakfast fundraisers. He took special pride in managing the Lions' annual "Toys for Needy Children" campaign over the holiday season. Under his leadership this grew to a large effort, distributing toys to disadvantaged children throughout Prince George's County. In 2003 he was named a Melvin Jones Fellow, the highest honor bestowed to a Lion. Mr. Wilkinson was also active in the Patuxent Widowed Persons Service. He worshipped at St. John's Episcopal Church in Beltsville where he

served on the vestry and helped with bookkeeping and annual fund-raisers.

Friends and family knew him as a considerate, generous and gracious man. He would never fail to remember a birthday or anniversary and, when a family member was involved, attended all the ball games, dance recitals, concerts or plays he possibly could. He delighted in surprising people and took care to select the perfect card or present. He was always there for his family with support and encouragement. The last of the Wilkinson brothers set a fine example and will be missed.

Mr. Wilkinson is survived by his four children, Robert Wilkinson, of Springfield, Pa.; Christa Leckliter, of King George, Va.; Beth Wilkinson, of Haddon Township, N.J.; and Kevin Wilkinson, of Sunnyvale, Calif.; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



# Community Events

## Co-op Store Seeks Board Candidates

The Greenbelt Consumer Co-operative will hold elections for two positions on its board of Directors. Candidates will be presented and voting will take place at the cooperative's annual meeting to be held Saturday, November 3 in the Community Center Multipurpose Room.

Any voting member of the Co-op may be nominated for a position on the board. Those interested need to fill out a nominating form, available from the cooperative's office and obtain the signatures of at least five voting members who support their candidacy. The completed forms must be returned to the store office by October 22. Board members are responsible for the operation of the supermarket and meet once a month. For further information call Tom Moran (301-345-1429) or the store office (301-474-0522).

## Climate Action Network to Meet

The Greenbelt Climate Action Network will hold its next monthly meeting to raise grassroots support to fight global warming on Wednesday, October 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center. They will plan details for a Town Hall Meeting to be held next month.

The group wants the Maryland legislature to pass, and the governor to support and sign, the proposed Global Warming Solutions Act, a science-based solution to fight global warming. Everyone who wants to have input into the agenda and details of this Town Hall Meeting is invited to attend.

Contact Steve Kane at [sr.kane@verizon.net](mailto:sr.kane@verizon.net) for more information.

## ERHS Orchestra Car Wash, Bake Sale

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) Wind Ensemble has been invited to take part in the Olympic ceremonies next year in Beijing, if they can raise funds for the trip. Join the ERHS Wind Ensemble for a Car Wash and Bake Sale on Saturday, October 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the NASA Federal Credit Union parking lot, located at on Greenbelt Road beyond the Good Luck Road intersection.

ERHS decals are also being sold to support the Wind Ensemble's trip. The decals are clings for inside the car and can be easily moved or removed.

## Astronomical Society Holds Star Party

On Saturday, October 6 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 7 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).

## Registration Open For Tennis Tourney

The Greenbelt Tennis Association (GTA) will hold its annual David Craig Memorial Tournament on October 13-14 and 20-21 at Braden Field Tennis Courts in Old Greenbelt.

Proceeds from the tournament will go toward the GTA annual contribution to the David Craig Scholarship Fund. GTA hopes to exceed its contribution of \$500 in 2006.

Tournament draws will be held for Women's and Men's, Singles and Doubles, in the 50+, A, B, C and the 16 and under categories (depending upon the number of entries).

There is a fee for each event, with a reduction for GTA members. To register visit the GTA website at <http://greenbelt.com/tennis>. The deadline to register for a draw is Wednesday, October 10.

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

## Greenbelt Pride Celebrates NCO Day

National Coming Out Day, which honors the process through which gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) people become aware of and affirm their sexual orientations and identities, will be celebrated with storytelling, music and fun in Roosevelt Center on Thursday, October 11 from 7 to 10 p.m. The event is sponsored by GreenBeLT Pride, the city's social organization for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender people and their supporters.

Michelle Swan, a Washington-area urban acoustic folk favorite, will perform live at the event. Dan Furmansky, the executive director of Equality Maryland, the statewide organization for gblt rights, will speak.

GreenBeLT Pride members and friends will also share their own "coming out" stories at an open microphone throughout the evening. "Coming Out" is derived from the phrase "coming out of the closet," a term that GLBT people use to describe their willingness to let their sexual orientation and identity be known to others.

As part of Greenbelt's celebration, a large closet door will be available through which speakers will emerge to share their personal stories.

Similarly, as a way to illustrate that "closets" are only for clothes, attendees at the event are encouraged to bring clothing to donate to a charitable organization. This year collected clothing will be donated to Damien Ministries, a Washington, D.C. group which works with economically deprived people with HIV/AIDS.

For more information on the event call Frank DeBernardo at 240-432-2489 or visit the group's website at [www.greenbeltpride.org](http://www.greenbeltpride.org).

## Still Creek Holds Campout Saturday

Friends of Still Creek invites interested community members to their first annual "Sleepless in Still Creek Campout" at Greenbelt National Park on Saturday night, October 6. Meet at 6 p.m. at the Greenbelt Park campground. There is no fee for the campsite. Participants should bring their own tents and sleeping bags. A limited number of tents are available for overnight use for those without them. Bring something for dinner or join the group at a local restaurant after tents are set up. A pancake breakfast will be provided. Call Alan at 301-385-0484 with questions.

## Simchat Torah At Mishkan Torah

On October 4 at 7:30 p.m. Simchat Torah services will be held at Mishkan Torah. Part of the celebration will consist of a march around "A" block of historic Greenbelt followed by a short block dance in front of the synagogue. This has become a tradition at Mishkan Torah.

How that tradition evolved is interesting. During the "cold war" Jewish worship was discouraged in the Soviet Union. During Simchat Torah crowds would gather outside of the synagogues of the larger Soviet cities but it was the Moscow synagogue which became famous for the size of the crowds in spite of the KGB. As a result the holiday took on a different meaning. At Mishkan Torah around 1970 the congregation modified the traditional Simchat Torah service to remind their membership of their support of suppressed Jewry.

What happened next was the emotional impact of the tradition upon the Holocaust survivors and refugees from middle eastern countries who were forced to leave their homes for elsewhere from 1949 to 1970 and later. The sight of Greenbelt Police blocking traffic and protecting people instead of harassing them was more impressive to them than the activities of the march and block dance going on around them. So Mishkan Torah decided to retain the tradition.



We were sorry to hear of the death on September 17, 2007, of Werner Steinle, a pioneer Greenbelter. His sister Louise Winker wishes to let friends know that she and her husband will be coming to Greenbelt on October 14 to attend the performance of the documentary movie "The City" at the Clarice Smith Center and the reception in our Community Center.

Greenbelters were saddened to learn of the death of longtime Northway resident Joseph Wilkinson who died on September 25, 2007.

Our sympathy to Craddock Road residents Patrick and Cornelia Kennedy and family on the death of his mother, Frances L. Kennedy, of Ocean City, who died at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury on September 12, 2007, due to complications of heart surgery.

Congratulations to city police officer Sgt. Carl Schinner on his election as secretary of the Chesapeake Region Law Enforcement Accreditation Alliance.

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

## St. Gregory Hosts Russian Singers

The public is invited to hear Lyra, a vocal ensemble from St. Petersburg, Russia sing the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom in the Old Slavonic language at 10 a.m. on Sunday, October 7 at St. Gregory Byzantine Catholic Church, 12420 Old Gunpowder Road Spur in Beltsville.

All the singers are professional musicians and some are soloists at musical theaters in St. Petersburg. An informal social with finger foods and desserts will follow. People of all denominations are invited to attend.

There is no fee but a free will offering will be collected to defray Lyra's expenses. For more information call 301-953-9323 or go to [www.stgregoryofnyssa.net](http://www.stgregoryofnyssa.net).

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were identified and some priorities emerged.”

### Engaged

The president of AIA-PV, Melanie Hennigan, said she was amazed at “how excited and engaged residents were when they saw their ideas transformed into two- and three-dimensional drawings by the volunteer architects. I heard several residents gasp in delight at the options they saw for improving their living space.”

Sylvia Lewis, president of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI), which partnered with AIA-PV to produce the charrette, agreed. “It was fabulous,” she said. “The energy and ideas of this charrette will power our planning process as we move forward and look at specific recommendations in the months ahead.”

University of Maryland’s Architecture Planning and Preservation professors and students were very involved. Students in three classes have worked this semester on planning and design concepts for Greenbelt.

“The charrette was a huge success because of the great ideas suggested by the resident participants and the skillful rendering of those ideas by the AIA and University of Maryland volunteers,” added Jim Cohen, chair of GHI’s Green Ribbon Task Force. GHI volunteers held dozens of meetings to prepare for the event.

The ideas and designs will be published in a report by AIA-PV as part of its 150th anniversary project on Greenbelt as its selection as a “Blueprint for America” town. The results will be shared in the next several months with the GHI board of directors, which will consider specific recommendations for actions coming out of the charrette.

But that will take some time. After working nearly a year on planning and then focusing night and day during the charrette weekend, the GHI and AIA-PV organizers need a breather before coming back to make sense of this massive creative output.

### Plenary Session

On Friday night the school’s parking lot was nearly filled as more than 100 people came to hear the opening plenary session. The focus topics were affordability, livability, sustainability and historic preservation. These topics were all addressed in discussions grouped by size and scale, from smallest to largest: 1) dwellings, buildings and grounds; 2) Roosevelt Center; 3) Old Greenbelt, including the lake; and 4) Greater Greenbelt, including all areas of the city, its transportation system, planned developments and other aspects.

On Saturday morning the roundtables began and as ideas proliferated, session recorders tore through flip-charts to capture residents’ suggestions. In the discussion on GHI dwellings, buildings and grounds, more than 60 residents, with standing-room only, discussed a host of topics including greener energy strategies to reduce costs and environmental impact and the need for GHI additions that are compatible structurally but functional for growing families and older people wanting to age in place. The design team came up with half a dozen ideas for each GHI

## NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION (NASA)

NOTICE: 07-GSFC-01

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA): Roadway and Security Upgrades at NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center (NASA’s GSFC), Greenbelt, Maryland.

AGENCY: NASA’s GSFC

ACTION: Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

SUMMARY: Pursuant to NEPA of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and NASA Regulations (14 CFR Part 1216 Subpart 1216.3), NASA has made a Finding of No Significant Impact with respect to the proposed Roadway and Security Upgrades. The proposed action would be construction of a segment of the campus loop road to provide a north-south roadway on the eastern side of campus and construction of a relocated North Gate with a truck inspection station on Hubble Road.

ADDRESSES: The Final Roadway and Security Upgrades Environmental Assessment (Final EA) that supports this FONSI may be reviewed at:

NASA’s GSFC

- GSFC Visitor Center, Soil Conservation Road, Greenbelt, MD 20771
- Homer E. Newell Library, GSFC, Building 21, Room L 100, Greenbelt, MD 20771

Public Libraries within the Prince George’s County Memorial Library System:

- Greenbelt Branch, 11 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
- Bowie Branch, 15210 Annapolis Road, Bowie, MD 20716
- New Carrollton Branch, 7414 Riverdale Road, New Carrollton, MD 20784

A limited number of copies of the Final EA are available by contacting Ms. Lizabeth Montgomery at the telephone number indicated herein or by mail at:

Ms. Lizabeth R. Montgomery  
Safety & Environmental Division, Code 250  
NASA Goddard Space Flight Center  
Greenbelt, MD 20771  
Phone: (301) 286-0469

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

A Draft EA was released for public comment to GSFC employees and the local community in May 2007, for a period of 30 days. Comments were received from several organizations and agencies and from one individual. The comments were regarding tree loss, impact on transportation, and guidance on project implementation. Comments received were taken into consideration in the Final EA.

NASA has reviewed the Final EA prepared for the Roadway and Security Upgrades and has determined that it represents an accurate and adequate analysis of the scope and level of associated environmental impacts. The Final EA is hereby incorporated by reference in this FONSI.

The Final EA considers the environmental impacts of constructing a relocated North Gate with a truck inspection station on Hubble Road and constructing a segment of a loop road to provide a north-south roadway on the eastern side of campus. The proposed roadway would extend Explorer Road from ICESat Road near the South Gate to connect with Cobe Road to the north. The analysis considers two options, the build alternative (construction of the improvements) and a no-action alternative.

The purpose of the new roadway is to provide a connection between the northern and southern portions of the east campus and to allow for improved traffic circulation around the entire GSFC campus. The purpose of the checkpoint along Hubble Road is to improve overall campus safety and security by providing an appropriate location to inspect all trucks and commercial vehicles entering the campus.

The Final EA addresses the no-action alternative and build alternative for the Explorer Road extension and the North Gate relocation and upgrade. The assessment considers the environmental impacts of the road construction, the construction of the relocated North Gate, the operation of the inspection area, the removal of two existing guard houses and two structures within the road alignment, as well as the location of two staging areas during the construction phase. The build alternative would be effective in meeting the purpose for the proposed action of improving traffic circulation and campus security.

The Final EA addresses the potential for environmental impacts upon GSFC’s Facilities Master Plan, population, land use, cultural and historic resources, employment conditions, environmental justice conditions, transportation, noise, waste management, air quality, soils and geology, groundwater, slopes, open space, forest stands, wetlands, flood plains, stormwater management, animal communities, endangered species, infrastructure, and safety. Included in the Final EA is an assessment of cumulative impacts.

During the construction and operation of the roadway and security upgrades, there are no anticipated impacts to the surrounding population, cultural resources, employment, environmental justice communities, groundwater, endangered species/animal communities, wetlands, floodplains, soils and geology, Landfill B, or utility infrastructure of the campus. Minimal impacts are anticipated to land use, open space, forest stands, slopes, stormwater management, waste management, air quality, noise, transportation, and safety and security.

Land use as a research center would not change, however, limited areas would change from forest/open space to roadway within GSFC’s campus. Traffic, pedestrian, and bicycle patterns would improve on the campus. There would be a small positive impact to air quality due to a reduction of congestion and idling. There would be noise associated with construction. There would be a small increase in waste generation during construction. Transportation routes for waste streams would be improved by the roadway. Portions of forest stands would be removed to make way for the roadway. There would be an increase in impervious surface. Storm water flow would drain into approved storm water management facilities that include water quality treatment, as appropriate. Safety and security would be improved by the new gate security measures and the provision of adequate facilities for truck inspection.

On the basis of The Final EA, NASA has determined that the environmental impacts associated with the extension of Explorer Road to provide a north-south roadway on the eastern side of campus and construction of a relocated North Gate with a truck inspection station on Hubble Road will not individually or cumulatively have a significant impact on the quality of the natural or human environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement is not required.

Edward J. Weiler  
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# Police Blotter

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Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

## Carjacking

September 24, 4:02 a.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway, a man reported that he was exiting his vehicle in a parking lot when he was approached by two men, who punched him in the face and took his car keys. The men then entered the victim's vehicle, a 2005 Chrysler 300 4-door, and fled the scene. The suspects are described as a black male, 5'9" with black hair in dreadlocks and brown eyes, wearing blue jeans; and a black male with black hair and brown eyes, wearing a dark jacket. The vehicle was recovered the same day by the Prince George's County police.

## Robbery

September 23, 7:23 a.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, a man reported that he was walking on a sidewalk when he was struck from behind by an unknown assailant and rendered unconscious. When the man regained consciousness he discovered that his wallet was missing. He was transported to the hospital for treatment.

## Assaults

September 22, 1:56 a.m., 7300 block Hanover Parkway, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with two counts of first-degree assault, two counts of second-degree assault, theft and false statement. The victims reported that they observed the suspect on the Beltway when the vehicle he was driving struck another car and fled the scene. The victims called police and followed the man to a parking lot in the 7300 block of Hanover Parkway. He exited his vehicle and approached them while holding a handgun. They fled the area, as did the man. Police saw the suspect vehicle a short time later and attempted to stop it. The man refused to stop and was followed to the 6900 block of Hanover Parkway, where he exited his vehicle and attempted to flee the area on foot. He was apprehended after a short foot chase with the assistance of a Taser. The suspect was arrested and gave officers a false name. He was later found to be in possession of a police cell phone that he had taken from the police cruiser and concealed. The suspect was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner. An officer was treated for minor injuries sustained during the foot chase.

September 23, 4:27 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Terrace, a Greenbelt youth was arrested for first-degree assault, second-degree assault and resisting arrest after police responded to a report of an assault. A man reported that he was threatened by several people, one armed with a knife. Police saw several youths nearby matching the description given and, as they approached the youths, the suspect attempted to flee the scene on foot. He was detained and identified as the youth who threatened the victim. As the youth was being placed under arrest, he began making verbal threats

and resisted attempts to be placed into custody. He was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

## Reckless Endangerment

September 23, 11:46 a.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, unknown person(s) fired several shots into an apartment dwelling from the common hallway area. No one was injured. Witnesses saw three black males running from the area shortly after the shots were heard. The suspects entered a vehicle described as a maroon colored truck and fled the scene. No other description is available.

## Drug Arrests

September 21, 11:35 p.m., 6900 block Greenbelt Road, a nonresident woman was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and driving under the influence of alcohol after she was stopped during a sobriety checkpoint. The woman was arrested and a quantity of suspected marijuana was located in her purse. She was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

September 21, 4:37 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia. Police saw a suspicious person in a parking lot and upon approaching him, police detected the odor of what was believed to be marijuana. He was found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to smoke marijuana and was released on citation pending trial.

September 22, 1:06 a.m., 6900 block Greenbelt Road, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with driving while impaired by drugs and driving while impaired by a controlled dangerous substance after he was stopped during a sobriety checkpoint. A quantity of prescription medication was located in his vehicle; he was released on citation pending trial. On September 24 a criminal summons was obtained charging him with two counts of possession of a controlled dangerous substance.

September 24, 4:44 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia and possession of distribution paraphernalia. Police saw three people loitering and as the officer approached them on foot, one of them fled the area on a bicycle. Upon speaking with one of the people still on the scene, the officer detected the odor of what he believed to be marijuana. The man was found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana and several other pieces of paraphernalia commonly used to distribute marijuana. He was released on citation pending trial.

September 28, 12:30 a.m., Kenilworth Avenue and Greenbelt Road, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia and driving without a license after

police stopped a vehicle for an equipment violation. A computer check revealed that the driver had no license; he was arrested and was found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana. He was released on citation pending trial.

## Disorderly Conduct

September 23, 8:46 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, trespass and resisting arrest. Police responded to a report of a disorderly person inside Target. The man was located and was told by management and police that he had to leave the premises. He then made an aggressive move toward the police and was advised that he was under arrest. The man resisted and had to forcibly placed into custody with the assistance of a Taser. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

## Trespass

September 23, 10:04 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road, a nonresident youth was arrested for trespass and possession of paraphernalia after police responded to a report of a suspicious person. The youth was located and was recognized as having been previously banned from the complex by agents of the property. The youth was arrested and found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana. The youth was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

September 25, 6:03 a.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with trespass. Police responded to several reports of a person knocking on doors asking for money. He was located and was recognized as having been banned from the complex by agents of the property. The man was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

## School Disruption

September 24, 9:48 a.m., Eleanor Roosevelt School, a non-resident youth was arrested for disruption of school activities after he was questioned by a school resource officer regarding possible stolen property in his possession. When he was advised that he was going to have to provide proof of ownership, the youth grabbed the property and refused to release it. After several more requests by the officer to release the property, he was arrested and released to a parent pending action by the Board of Education and the juvenile justice system.

## Malicious Destruction

September 25, 8:20 a.m., 7200 block Hanover Parkway, four resident youths were arrested for malicious destruction after they were observed throwing rocks and apples at the window of a business office, causing it to break. The youths were located and were positively identified by a witness. They were released to parents pending action by the juvenile

justice system.

## Vandalism

September 21, 3:44 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, unknown person(s) used unknown means to break out the bedroom window of a residence.

September 25, 8:35 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, unknown person(s) threw a rock through the bedroom window of a residence, shattering it.

September 26, 10:56 a.m., 8200 block Canning Terrace, unknown person(s) damaged the backyard fencing of a residence.

## Burglaries

September 25, 10:34 a.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway, unknown person(s) forced open the door of a vacant residence, damaging the lock.

September 26, 3:33 p.m., 7900 block Greenwalk Drive, unknown person(s) entered the residence by breaking out a sliding glass door. Several watches were taken.

September 26, 11:48 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road, unknown person(s) used unknown means to enter a residence. Among the items taken were a video game player, video games, a digital camera, a video camera, CDs and DVDs.

## Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported as stolen: a 2001 Honda Civic 4-door from the 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive; a 1996 Cadillac Deville 4-door from the 100 block Lastner Lane; a silver 2001 Mitsubishi Mirage 4-door, bearing unknown D.C. tags from the from the 6100 block Breezewood Drive; a blue 1997 Dodge Neon 4-door, Maryland tags 6CNR41 from the 6200 block Breezewood Drive; a vehicle from the 6100 block Springhill Terrace; and a 2002 Subaru Forester from the 100 block Centerway.

Vandalism to and theft from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 6200 block Breezewood Drive, 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, 6100 block Springhill Terrace (two incidents), 6400 block Ivy Lane, 8100 block Lakecrest Drive, Crescent Road at Parkway and 7200 block Hanover Parkway.

## Lack of Address Voids Petition

by Carol A. Griffith

Following a closed-door meeting, the city Board of Elections met publicly at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, October 2 to hear the appeal of William Orleans from City Clerk Kathleen Gallagher's decision to deny his petition to run for city council. After some discussion, the board voted to dismiss the appeal and refuse the petition for lack of a permanent address.

Robert Manzi, attorney for the city, read the portion of the city code which requires a person wishing to run for an elected position to furnish "name, address and date of birth." He explained that, in situations in which city law is unclear, state law would apply and that it also required petitioners to furnish an address to prove residency.

Orleans, in his remarks, said he would defer to the law but asserted that although there was no "physical structure" he could use as an address, he is a resident and "Greenbelt is my home."

Board Chairperson Judith Ott said that the clerk's decision was in compliance with the law and that the board "had no leeway," before calling for a vote. The vote to dismiss was unanimous.

Orleans stated that he intended to pursue the matter and that he has "a substantial case."

## Schinner Elected To CRLEAA Board

The Greenbelt Police Department has announced that Sergeant Carl Schinner has been elected secretary of the Chesapeake Region Law Enforcement Accreditation Alliance (CRLEAA). CRLEAA is made up of 51 police agencies from Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia. The Alliance is a not-for-profit organization created in the 1980s as a network of law enforcement professionals supporting accreditation through effective communication, mutual cooperation and shared resources.

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floor plan, including innovative additions and modifications to allow for maximum use of solar energy.

Concerns about landscaping, common areas and the woodlands were also discussed, as well as suggestions for common storage areas and places where court members could gather as a group. The need for improved lighting in common areas and along some pathways was expressed.

On Sunday afternoon team leader and architect Mike Poness presented to the entire charrette the “three big ideas” that emerged from the discussions on dwellings: 1) improve energy performance of GHI units; 2) develop a “pattern book” of design prototypes for GHI additions; and 3) develop recommendations to maintain and improve open space.

“One size does not fit all,” Elefante said in the charrette’s concluding session, referring to GHI units. “The brick, block and frame units are all fine, viable structures. But they’re all different in their orientation in the landscape, tree canopy and in other ways.”

He also noted that GHI has “character-defining spaces” such as the section near the Greenbelt Museum and suggested that residents in those areas may want to be cautious about adding on to structures in those core historic areas.

**Think Creatively**

The charrette’s purpose was to invite stakeholders to think creatively – and to break through

comfort zones. High-rises in Roosevelt Center? An amphitheatre on the slope behind the Mother and Child statue? Three-story additions on some block units with terraced gardens and solar panels? Parking behind Roosevelt Center covered by a deck planted with trees and shrubs?

Those were some of the most provocative ideas – but there were hundreds of practical, smaller-scale proposals for the town center, including improved signage, more street furniture and bike racks, better lighting in the underpasses and elsewhere and marking of pedestrian crosswalks in confusing areas such as the corner of Crescent and Gardenway in front of the Sunoco station.

Brian Kelly, chair of the University of Maryland’s Department of Architecture, facilitated discussion on Roosevelt Center and described the organic parts of Roosevelt Center.

“There’s the commercial area (businesses), the civic area (municipal building and community center) and then there’s the ‘brain’ (library) and the ‘body’ (aquatic and fitness center, ballfields, tennis courts, skateboard park and youth center) – but where’s the soul?” he asked. Prior to the charrette some of the architects toured the Center and talked with merchants and watched official and unofficial activities – “like smoking marijuana in the area behind the town square. The design encourages that type of activity,” he said.

Other ideas tossed out for consideration related to the Center were the creation of a “community living room” in a new building that would serve as a site for large celebrations, a visitors’ center for tourists, an annex of the Greenbelt Museum and a hospitality service for out-of-town family members and other guests.

The design team studying the current layout of the Roosevelt Center concluded that there were more paved areas than green in at the Center. “Should we make cars happy or people happy?” Kelly asked. The team of designers and residents tried to identify easier pedestrian routes to connect parts of Roosevelt Center such as the Co-op, the Library, the Aquatic Center, the Municipal Building and the Community Center.

“The truth is that Greenbelt has changed significantly from 1937,” said Kelly. “The question is whether change in the future will be planned or unplanned.”

Architect Chris Morrison reported on the group discussion of Historic Greenbelt issues, including the possibility of historic district designation, smart-growth improvements, connectivity in terms of traffic patterns and transportation options and infrastructure needs related to power, sewage, water and gas.

The theme of connectivity for transportation and wildlife that began in the historic Greenbelt group was among top regional

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Members of the audience contributed ideas and asked questions during small group sessions.

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- J promoted the Tree City designation for Greenbelt
- J is working towards resolution of Greenbelt Lake problems



## *“Committed to Community”*

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as well as internship and employment opportunities. I think there is a lot more Greenbelt can do to bring people in to patronize our businesses and services, which are historically, culturally, and ecologically grounded. Sustained growth of these businesses could allow similar ventures to propagate into Greenbelt's newer areas, whose residents pay City taxes but don't always feel they have equal access to the community-oriented benefits of living in Greenbelt.

Crime also tends to increase with urbanization. There are a lot of pressures right now to urbanize Greenbelt, and we must resist them – Greenbelt was specifically created to avoid the urban environment, and for good reason. One possible security measure for the immediate concern about Spellman overpass is a gate, closed only during certain hours decided by the community, with a call box that could open it by remote control. Those wanting to cross for criminal activity would not want to advertise their presence by activating the gate. We have a first-rate Police force here in Greenbelt, but in addition to asking them to provide security measures such as this, we have to make their job easier by resisting urbanization and strengthening our community.

### Judith Davis



What I want most to accomplish is what I have worked towards every year I have served on Council – maintaining and enhancing the services that make Greenbelt the unique place it is. Through the years, our residents have asked and paid for programs and facilities they believe create a better way of life. None of these city services are frivolous, as they reflect Greenbelt's sense of the richness and purpose of community life.

All ages can find social, artistic, and physical activities in our many recreational facilities, such as our Community and Aquatic Fitness centers, which our citizens voted to acquire and maintain. They have consistently stated they want a highly trained, well-equipped police force to ensure their safety. Our Police Department, through its CALEA accreditation, has proved it is second to none in the Metropolitan area. Our Public Works Department prides itself on landscaping and swift snow removal, among much more that often goes unnoticed. Our 70-year old infrastructure needs constant attention. CARES provides critical social services for our youth, our troubled adults, and those who wish to age in Greenbelt. All this, and much more, is what attracts new residents and keeps many of us from leaving.

It is my responsibility as a council member to listen to our residents. Every year during the budget process, citizen concerns and requests are balanced against our financial resources. Through the ingenuity of competent staff, services are adapted and improved to meet ever-changing needs. While our residents expect efficiency and excellence, they have not demanded a reduction or elimination of any service.

Our residents often say how great it is to live in Greenbelt.

This high quality of life is difficult to uphold, but it is what I want our City to provide.

### Leta Mach



Probably the most crucial thing happening in Greenbelt right now is the expansion of our city – the development and potential development in Greenbelt West. Development in Greenbelt West and College Park will bring more students. The question remains of where these children will go to school.

What I would most like to accomplish in the next Council term is a resolution of the Greenbelt schools issue.

Schools are a big part of the Springhill Lake redevelopment discussions. The redevelopment will help address safety issues facing the complex and provide the opportunity for owner-occupied units. Although moving and replacing the elementary school no longer appears to be an option, we still need to determine where potential additional students will go to school.

In the meantime, Greenbelt Middle School has been on the capital improvement program (CIP) list for renovation since 1988. Repeatedly postponed, it now appears to be moving forward. However, the current design leaves several questions about design, capacity and use unanswered. The school has been designated a Middle School International Baccalaureate Program, a program that includes grades 6 to 8. Yet, only one feeder school for Greenbelt Middle currently sends sixth graders to the school. The proposed new school would not have room for the sixth graders from all feeder schools. Another question is whether the new Greenbelt Middle School should be a K-8 school. These questions need to be seriously considered before moving forward.

Another school to watch is Eleanor Roosevelt. Redevelopment could overcrowd it. The city's agreement with the county provides that Greenbelt's students will attend that high school and that overcrowding will be addressed with an addition if necessary.

We should work with the School Board and the County Council to establish a county-wide schools task force that includes a Greenbelt-area sub-committee to examine these issues.

### Edward Putens



In the next Council term, my highest priority is strengthening our public safety. This reflects my long-standing and successful advocacy for hiring more police and for other crime-control and safety measures.

We have one of Maryland's best police departments. Yet recent developments have raised my concern. One is the apparent increase in crime in GHI and in Greenbelt East. This is reflected in serious criminal assaults, burglaries, and vehicle vandalism on both sides of the Spellman Overpass connecting GHI and Greenbriar. The Public Safety Advisory Board and Community Relations Advisory Board have held joint hearings on this. I favor surveillance cameras covering

both sides of the overpass, with informational signs for deterrence purposes, and an emergency call box. I prefer to avoid closing or limiting the hours of the overpass, which is needed by many people, but I am open to all possible solutions.

The camera in Roosevelt Center did not work for a long time, but no one told the Council. A new system was just installed and is operating. Keeping our police force at full strength is difficult, and there are public concerns about police responsiveness, which I take seriously. I favor part-time employment of retired police officers, to offset temporary manpower shortages and provide other help. Such officers cost considerably less than regular officers.

Everyone reading News Review crime reports sees that most criminal incidents still occur at Springhill Lake, with robberies and assaults especially common. I have been the loudest advocate for rebuilding Springhill Lake, to upgrade this area and reduce crime. The plans include resident-owned housing that will bring more stability to the SHL community. However, this project lacks final City approval due to housing density, environmental, and school facilities issues, and so is delayed. Both the city and the owners need this project implemented.

### Rodney Roberts



Perhaps the most important thing I can do is to continue to hold fast to my strong belief in the ideas and ideals upon which our city was founded. I would like to inject a huge dose of our Greenbelt ideals into the proposed redevelopment of Springhill Lake. Then, we can build a stable community that has a reasonable density, owner-occupied homes, new schools of adequate capacity, adequate public recreational facilities, public safety, open space, etc., etc.; instead of just another huge apartment complex.

### Konrad Herling



My top goal is a difficult, but important one: to unify the community through an effective intra-city transportation program.

A comprehensive, coordinated intra-city transportation program would make it easier for all Greenbelters to safely access the many recreational, educational, commercial, and cultural opportunities available throughout town. The more our residents can take advantage of these fine offerings, particularly if they don't use a car, the greater the number of experiences can be shared by residents from all areas of town. Making use of reliable, frequent, alternative modes of intra-city travel could be a significant part of a "Greenbelt way of life." The benefits of reducing air pollution and our dependence on fossil fuel give us two very good additional reasons to pursue this course.

In order to facilitate this process, I have been working, in concert with Council and staff, to secure a grant from the Washington Council of Governments. If approved, funding will go to-

## Kelly Ivy Declines Joining Candidate Sign Agreement

by James Giese

Campaign signs will soon pop up in yards all over the city. A few are in place now. Greenbelt City Council candidate Kelly Ivy announced at the drawing of names for position on the ballot that he did not intend to participate in the voluntary agreement of candidates to not place signs in yards according to Greenbelt City Clerk Kathleen Gallagher, who is the city elections administrator. This voluntary agreement has worked for more than a decade with the cooperation of the city. The city has provided 15 locations on public property, five each in Greenbelt East, West and Center, where candidates may place their signs upon the same city-provided support posts, according to Gallagher. The city charges a nominal fee to use its posts, she said. Normally, public jurisdictions do not permit the placing of campaign signs on public property.

When Kelly Ivy unsuccessfully ran two years ago, he joined in the agreement with all the other candidates. This year he chose not to. "I feel it makes for a more active election," he said. "I like the old time stuff," referring to past city campaigns where candidate signs were placed in yards all over town with many yards having multiple signs, particularly if they were at a busy street intersection.

Ivy said that in the last election many individuals came up to him offering to put his sign in their yard. After deciding to do so this year, he claimed he was bombarded with requests for yard signs. He said that he has had so many requests that he had to order 200 signs for which he is awaiting delivery.

In justifying his action Ivy said "The present policy gives incumbents an advantage." While

not joining the agreement, Ivy said he still might consider placing signs at the 15 city locations, noting that he has been urged to do so.

Mayor Judith Davis, also a candidate in the November 6 city election, said that even though Kelly was up front in announcing his decision not to participate in the sign agreement she disagreed with it. Because he did not join the agreement, he does not have an assigned position on the city posts and will have to put his signs wherever space remains, she said.

Asked if that would change the way other candidates campaign, she said that it would not, at least for this election. "It's a waste of paper and wood and an eyesore" to put up signs throughout the city, she said, and not good for the environment.

During the 14 years that she has sought election, Davis said there has been good feelings between the candidates. Before the sign agreement, she said, signs were scattered all over town. She noted that candidates and their supporters had removed other candidate's signs on more than one occasion and that this had caused acrimony in the election campaigns.

"I think that most people are appreciative that campaign signs are not all over the city," she said. "For me, I will never do yard signs."

Davis noted that in other years, some candidate signs appeared in various locations other than the yard. Some signs popped up in windows. One candidate decorated a car with signs. Another candidate, who abided by the agreement, had some supporters who did not and put up signs supporting him on their own, she said.

wards developing a plan, derived from a community charrette, that would streamline and possibly enhance current bus services, re-define connecting roads, as well as improve and expand routes for bicyclists and pedestrians. Working together as a community we can develop approaches to make our underpasses and overpasses lighted and safe connections, a means by which we connect with destinations and people, not as dreary points to avoid. In addition, but equally important in the overall equation, the needs of our children, and disabled and aging communities ought to be taken into far greater consideration than they have to this point.

Finally, such a plan should be considered as part of the 2008 Prince George's County transportation plan, essential to converting the idea into a reality for Greenbelt, and a model for other communities in the region.

### Kelly Ivy



It is difficult to choose one "important" thing, as there are many things I would like to accomplish if elected to council. In choosing one, I would have to say taxes are a very important issue. Greenbelt is so lucky to have all of the wonderful services

we have. Without a doubt, we have premier services. However, I believe we need to restructure and reorganize, making sure every penny is used wisely. We need to explore if there are any weaknesses in the budget. Is more being spent than coming in? Input from the citizens is just as important! What services would they like to see implemented and which ones can we do without? Are our departments working as efficiently as possible? What weaknesses and strengths are in our departments? Having each department head restructure, reorganize and find a way to save money over last year's budget would be one way to achieve lower taxes.

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# CHARRETTE continued from page 11 Charrette Draws on Knowledge, Creativity

by Mary Moien

issues reported out by Jim Cohen who facilitated the Greater Greenbelt focus group. Other issues this group discussed were environmental protection, crime and safety, education and a stronger voice for Greenbelt in the county's planning and development. Yvonne Johnson, with the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and a co-facilitator of the group, stated, "Greenbelt residents need to understand more about the county's planning process." Many of the changes favored by residents require working with county officials.

### Next Steps

Although the charrette is now over, work is far from complete. AIA-PV is committed to working on this project through 2008. The charrette proposals and de-

signs will be consolidated and re-recorded by AIA-PV and that group will create a final presentation to display this information on dwellings, Roosevelt Center, historic Greenbelt and Greater Greenbelt to the GHI board of directors. That information is expected to be put together before the end of the year, said Elefante.

This envisioning of the future is closely linked to the city's historic legacy. As Elefante noted, "The charrette recognized and celebrated the strong legacy of idealism that characterizes much of Greenbelt's community life today and articulated visions of preserving Greenbelt's affordability and defining qualities, increasing its livability and accessibility and setting the course for Greenbelt's transformation into a truly sustainable community."

University of Maryland architect professors and students played a large role in the charrette. Professor Peter Noonan was heard discussing ways to slow down traffic on Ridge Road and make it more bike and pedestrian friendly. As many as 25 to 30 students from the Architecture Department and the Historical Preservation Department worked non-stop from Friday to Sunday. They were taking residents' ideas and drawing prototypes. They were also using their own ideas and ideas from the drawings of other planned communities that were on display.

Other planned communities on display included Reston, Va., Kentlands, Md., and Celebration, Fla. It was said that the students were so enthusiastic that they asked if they could stay in the school building all night to continue their work. That, however, was not possible.

### Energy Ideas

One energy idea that this reporter had not heard before was to try to team Greenbelt with BARC (Beltsville Agriculture Research Center) and have solar panes or windmill generators on some of the huge open fields that are right next to Greenbelt. Greenbelt has shade; BARC has lots of open space.

More details, reflections and photographs from the charrette will be forthcoming.



Members of the design team developed drawings based upon residents' proposals and ideas.



Children have fun at a separate mini-charrette while their parents participate in discussions.

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A University of Maryland student finds a free spot on the floor to work on her creation.

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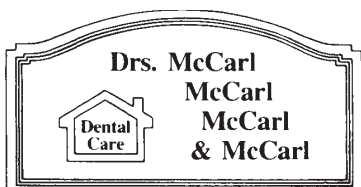
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