

While Candidate's Views Differ, Campaign Lacks Controversy

by James Giese

Next Tuesday, November 6, is the date for Greenbelt's 36th city council election. Residents will choose up to five names from a list of seven candidates to serve for the next two years on the five-member Greenbelt City Council. Write-in votes are permitted.

The five candidates receiving the most votes will be elected. A run-off election is only possible if three or more candidates receive less than 40 percent of the vote cast. There has not been a run off election since 1965.

Barring a run-off election, the newly elected councilmembers will take their oaths of office on Monday, November 12 at 7 p.m., an hour earlier than the normal council meeting time. The council's first duty following the members taking office will be to elect the next term's mayor. By charter the mayor is one of the five members of council and can be elected by a council majority. By long-standing tradition, council selects as its mayor the councilmember who received the most votes at the city-wide

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election. This is not, however, a legal requirement.

A mayor pro tem, who serves as mayor in the absence of the mayor, is also selected by council. Again, by tradition, that person is the member receiving the second greatest number of votes.

Greenbelt has a council-manager government. The city manager, a professional in the field of public management, is the city's chief administrative officer and

has been appointed by the council. City managers are appointed for indefinite terms by majority vote of the entire council and serve at the pleasure of council.

Candidates

This year seven candidates are vying for the five seats. All incumbent members of council are seeking reelection: Judith F. Davis, Rodney M. Roberts, Edward V. J. Putens, Konrad E. Herling, and Leta M. Mach. Two challengers Kelly P. Ivy, Sr. and Ruth Kastner seek to replace someone on council.

As election campaigns go, this one has been typical of those in recent times. While each candidate has staked out individual positions and indicated differing goals for their term in office, little controversy has developed over issues.

At the two candidates nights preceding the writing of this article, the candidates treated each other with courtesy and respect, unlike the nasty name-calling now taking place in a Fairfax

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City Registration Figures

As of October 11, 2007

Precinct	November 2003	November 2005	October 2007	Change 2005-07
3 - Center	2,589	2,649	2,592	-2.2%
6 - North End	2,114	2,132	2,105	-1.3%
8 - Springhill Lake	2,132	2,278	1,931	-15.2%
13 - Greenbelt East	4,024	4,291	4,052	-5.6%
TOTAL	10,859	11,350	10,680	-5.9%

Seven Council Candidates Vie for Slots in Election

by Mary Moien

Again this year, there will be a real election for the Greenbelt City Council. On Tuesday, November 6 over 10,000 registered voters of Greenbelt will have the opportunity to go to the polls to elect all five members of the Greenbelt City Council.

On the campaign trail are all five incumbents – long-timers Judith F. Davis, Rodney M. Roberts and Edward V.J. Putens and relative newcomers Leta M. Mach and Konrad E. Herling. Added to the mix are Kelly Ivy and Ruth Kastner. Both have unsuccessfully sought council seats in the past.

No referendum issues are on this year's ballot. However, as in previous years, voters will be able to complete questionnaires pertaining to city services. (See page 7.)

Eligible to vote in the city's four precincts will be 10,680 residents. The 2005 election had the lowest turnout – 18.4 percent – of any municipal election in more than a decade. The highest voter turnout in recent history was 25.1 percent in 1995. Not even the referendum on collective bargaining for city police increased voting in the last election.

Contributing to the low turnouts over recent years were the dismal numbers of persons voting in Springhill Lake's Precinct 8 (just 2.7 percent of the 2,278 voters registered in the precinct in 2005) and the fact that city elections, which are held in off-presidential years, usually produce lower voter registration and turnouts.

Absentee Voting

There are no longer restric-

tions on asking for an absentee ballot. Any registered voter can vote absentee. Ballots must be applied for by Monday noon. See complete story on page 2.

Signs

Under voluntary sign restrictions that were agreed to in 1991, candidates are encouraged to display small signs on wooden poles constructed and placed at public locations by the city. Signs are currently posted at nine public locations. Ivy, citing that it was traditional to place signs in yards, is not participating in the voluntary process. Kastner is participating and her signs have joined those of the incumbents.

Voter Statistics

At the close of voter registration this year 10,680 city residents are eligible to vote in next Tuesday's election, a decrease of 5.9 percent from 2005. Greenbelt East's Precinct 13, with its 4,052 eligible voters, is the largest of the city's four precincts (as measured by registered persons).

Second largest, with 2,592 registered voters, is Center's Precinct 3. These are followed by the 2,105 in North End's Precinct 6 and 1,931 in Springhill Lake's Precinct 8.

All precincts have a decreased voter registration from 2005. Not surprisingly, Precinct 8 (Springhill Lake) had the largest decrease – over 15 percent. All other precincts decreased substantially less.

The Prince George's County board of elections commented that substantial purges

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Roosevelt's Wind Ensemble Selected for Festival in China

by Vicki Kriz

This school year, students of the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Wind Ensemble are not only learning to perfect their musical ability, they are also developing a talent for salesmanship as the students of this select band raise funds for their expected June trip to China.

The ERHS band, directed by Sally Wagner for the past 27 years, is fervently working to raise \$4,000 per person for the trip that would be an exciting precursor to the summer Olympics in Beijing.

The ensemble was invited to play in China as a part of a pre-Olympic traveling band festival in three Chinese cities: Beijing, Shanghai, and Xi'an. Kingsway International, a Colorado-based organization that has organized many other performance festivals, appointed John Wakefield, University of Maryland band director and department head for 40 years before retiring in 2005, to select musical groups from the Washington, D.C. area. He will act as conductor when the festival culminates in a mass band per-

formance in the Forbidden City at the heart of Beijing.

"I only invited outstanding groups," Wakefield said: i.e., the ERHS band, Oxon Hill High School band and a band from Hampton Roads Academy in Newport News, Va.

A band from California's Palos Verdes Estate High School will accompany the Washington area group because the band is unable to attend the trip on the dates for bands selected from the West Coast.

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PHOTO BY BILL CORNETT

ERHS Band Director Sally Wagner rehearses the ERHS Wind Ensemble, currently raising funds for a trip to China for an international pre-Olympic music festival.

What Goes On

Saturday, November 3

9 a.m., Volunteers needed to help with Reconstruction of Community Playground at South Ora Court

10 a.m., Co-op Annual Meeting, Community Center

Sunday, November 4,

1 to 5 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center

Tuesday, November 6

7 a.m. to 8 p.m., City Election (See City Ad on page 11 for Polling Places)

7 p.m., Arts Advisory Board Meeting, Community Center

7:30 p.m., Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Community Center

Wednesday, November 7

7 p.m., Town Hall Meeting on Global Warming, Greenbelt Elementary School

Letters

THANKS

A hearty "Thank You!" for the professional delivery of the News Review. The way you packed our copies inside a plastic bag – within another plastic bag. Professionalism! You kept our issues neat and legibly dry, despite the drought-breaking, welcome heavy rains.

Because of this weekend's Utopia Film Festival 2007, the latest News Review is especially important. Another "Thank You!" for the directory of movie showings, titles, times and locations.

Christopher K. Scherer

Note: The News Review does not provide plastic bags to its carriers. Mr. Scherer is fortunate to have a carrier who goes the extra mile.

THANKS

Thank you for supporting the National Alzheimer's walk.

I was encouraged to participate in the Alzheimer's Walk by a good friend of mine who had lost her mother-in-law to the disease. My goal was to raise \$200. My fundraising efforts took me to Safeway, Greenbelt Co-op, University of Maryland University College and to friends and family. I would like to thank all of the people who so generously supported my effort. I took part in the walk on Saturday, October 27 and really was amazed at how many people braved the elements to be there. I was able to raise \$300 toward finding a cure to end Alzheimer's.

Thank you to all for your support.

Bernie Gormally

THANKS

A big thank you to all the people who had anything to do with putting on the Utopia Film Festival. Your Herculean efforts paid off! What a rich and wonderful experience you gave us. The only complaints I have heard were from people who weren't able to see all the movies that they wanted to see.

Is there any way that the two "Labor Heroines" movies could be shown at the Old Greenbelt Theatre over Labor Day in 2008? Mother Jones gave a great perspective of the plight of miners in the early 20th century and "Made in L.A." made it clear that many people are still struggling for the right to earn a decent wage and are still not treated with the dignity and respect that their labor deserves. These movies could be an added reminder of what Labor Day commemorates and honors.

"Subdivided: Isolation and Community in America" is another movie that warrants more exposure in Greenbelt, as it emphasizes what being a community is all about.

By picking out these three movies I in no way mean to slight the other offerings, most of which I was not able to see. Thank you Utopia Film Festival Committee for giving us such a feast!

Sylvia J. Lewis

Voting – Where and When

The Greenbelt City Council Election is Tuesday, November 6. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the four precincts which serve the city.

Precinct 3 – Center City
Municipal Building
25 Crescent Road

Precinct 6 – North End
Police Station
550 Crescent Road

Precinct 8 – Springhill Lake
SHL Recreation Center
6101 Cherry wood Lane

Precinct 13 – Greenbelt East
Greenbriar Community Center
7600 Hanover Parkway

Any registered voters who have doubts about whether they are registered should call the County Board of Elections at 301-952-3270.

Anyone Can Vote Absentee

by Mary Moien

Although it's only a few days to the election, it is not too late to vote by absentee ballot. Registered voters can come to the city offices during office hours until noon on Monday to pick up an absentee ballot. They can vote right then if they wish or can take the ballot home and bring it back by 6 p.m. on election day, November 6.

There is no longer a need to state that one is ill or will be out of town on election day. To increase voter turnout any registered voter can vote absentee. If a voter does not want to stand in line or wants to have more time to decide who to vote for, he or she can pick up a ballot on Monday morning and take all day to decide. For those who may not feel comfortable with electronic voting machines, the absentee ballots are paper ballots.

History

For many years Greenbelt had a separate registration process for voting in municipal elections. Then in 1991, the Universal Registration law required the city registration process to be merged with registration for the presidential and congressional elections.

Since that time, the percent of registered voters who actually voted in the city election has taken a precipitous slide. In 1989, before the change, 65 percent of city-registered voters turned out. By 2003, using the expanded rolls, less than 20 percent voted. The change in absentee voting rules for the next election did not reverse the slide. In 2005 only 18 percent voted – a new low.

Any last minute questions can be directed to the city clerk at 301-474-8000.

MVA Offers New Driver Tutorial

The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) has launched an interactive Maryland Drivers Test Tutorial online to help new drivers prepare for the written law test all drivers must pass to get a license.

The program, located at the MVA website www.marylandmva.com, is designed as a practice guide for anyone preparing for a learner's permit. Those who take the tutorial have a choice of taking an untimed version or a 15-minute timed version simulating the actual timed test. The online tutorial poses a series of 20 randomly selected questions with multiple-choice answers. The tutorial indicates immediately whether or not the correct answer was selected for those taking the untimed version and indicates where the correct answer can be found in the Maryland Driver's Handbook. A summary of correct answers is shown at the end for those taking the timed version.

H.S. Choirs Perform

On Wednesday, November 7 at 7:30 p.m. the University of Maryland School of Music hosts its 6th annual free concert of talented high school choirs from throughout the region. This event will take place in Dekelbom Concert Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

Native Plants Save Money

Native plants have been growing and evolving in this area for thousands of years and, as a result, have adapted to local soils and climate. As a result they are more likely to thrive with minimal care, unlike exotic plants. That can mean less need for water, fertilizer and pesticides. Additional info on green landscaping techniques can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/reg3esd1/garden/>. Information on local native plants can be found at www.mdflora.org, the website of the Maryland Native Plant Society.

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Owens Center Offers Harry Potter Theme

The Howard B. Owens Science Center will hold a special Harry Potter theme night with "The Stars Over Hogwarts" on Friday, November 9 at 7 p.m.

Early in Harry Potter's career he was introduced to the wonders of the night sky, especially the planets. Professor Sinistra will guide attendees through a sample lesson from the astronomy tower. Included will be references to astronomical objects from the books. Special activities take place before the lesson and doors open early at a special time 7 p.m.

There is a nominal fee with a reduction for students and seniors.

Howard B. Owens Science Center is located at 9601 Green-

belt Road in Lanham. For more information call 301-918-8750 during school hours.

Smith Center Hosts Indian Cello Project

The North American Indian Cello Project will be showcased on Tuesday, November 6 at 5:30 p.m. at the University of Maryland. Contemporary Native American composers' creations for cello, piano, percussion and string ensembles will be performed.

This event will take place at Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. This event is free of charge.

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

Community Events



Set your clocks back one hour on Sunday at 2 a.m.

At the Library

Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories:

Tuesday, November 6, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, November 7, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddler time for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children.

Thursday, November 8, 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.

Synagogue Holds Blood Drive Sun.

Mishkan Torah Congregation will host an American Red Cross blood drive on Sunday, November 4 from noon to 5 p.m.

Donors are asked to email Ben-ton Parks at benparks58@yahoo.com to schedule an appointment.

Mishkan Torah is located at 10 Ridge Road.

Arts Advisory Board Meets

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, November 6 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. The board will be joined by Celia Craze, director of Planning and Community Development, for an update on redevelopment projects in Greenbelt West. The Community Center is located at 15 Crescent Road.

Dance Is Artful Afternoon Theme

Artful Afternoon will be held on Sunday, November 4 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. Activities will include a free collage workshop (1 to 3 p.m.), a free performance by Jane Franklin Dance (3 p.m.), Greenbelt Museum historic house tours and an artists' studio open house (1 to 5 p.m.). Exhibits open for viewing include "Recent Relics: Mysterious Objects from the Greenbelt Museum Collection" and "Sublime on a Dime: Fashion from the Great Depression and World War II."

Activities are free, open to the public and suitable for all ages. Artful Afternoons are a monthly program of the Greenbelt Recreation Department. For more information call 301-397-2208.

Dues Paid Legion Members' Dinner

On Sunday, November 4 the American Legion Greenbelt Post 136 will hold a "Free Early Bird" spaghetti dinner from 1 to 4 p.m. for all members who have paid their 2008 dues. The membership chairs from Legionnaires, SAL and Auxiliary will be on hand to accept dues that day. The dinner is an added bonus from the Legion Family to thank members for paying dues early.

"Greek Wedding" Is Free Senior Movie

On Tuesday, November 6 at 1 p.m., the monthly senior movie will be shown in the Senior Lounge at the Greenbelt Community Center. Although the monthly movies are designated for seniors, all ages are welcome to join this free program.

The November movie will be "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" (2002, directed by Tom Hanks), starring Tola Portakalos (Nia Vardalos) who feels trapped in her large Greek family, where women are expected to do only three things: "marry Greek men, have Greek babies and feed everyone until the day they die." Rebellious against this fate, Tola quits the family restaurant, goes to college, fixes her hair and falls in love with Ian (John Corbett), a guy who is way-too-good-to-be-true and not Greek.

This horrifies Tola's Greek culture-crazed father (Michael Constantine) and sets off a major culture clash between her loud, eccentric family and Ian's subdued, over-civilized Anglo-Saxon parents. Based on Vardalos' own autobiographical one-woman play, "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" is a romantic comedy that trusts its simple, human story and does not resort to Hollywood sentimentality. It is filled with big, fat, crowd-pleasing laughs, making it a wedding most worth attending. For further information call 301-397-2208.

Explorations to Visit Geography of Disease

On Friday, November 9 Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation by Paul Sabol, a retired meteorologist with 38 years of federal experience, primarily with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Sabol will discuss his research paper, "An Examination of Malaria Imported into the United States" written for his M.A. in geography at the University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP).

Basic ideas of the paper include life-cycle of mosquitoes, importance of hydrology and malaria imported from Latin America.

His presentation will also examine other items, such as wave mechanics and diseases, plague pandemics and presence of plague in the United States, geographic distribution of malaria by infective species of the pathogen and the role of air transportation in the dissemination of insects and pathogens, which were not included in his final paper.

The third of eight children, Sabol is a first-generation college graduate, earning a B.S. in Meteorology and an M.S. with a major in meteorology and minor in mathematics from the University of Utah. After his retirement Sabol earned a second master's degree through the State of Maryland Golden Age ID Card Program at UMCP.

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

Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

Sunday, November 4 Jim Stinson plays the lute (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.) with soothing brunch music and from 7 to 9 p.m., there will be an opening for the art show by Darryl Bennet and Rafael Corzo. Everyone is invited to meet the artists, have refreshments and see Corzo sculptures only on public display during the reception.

Thursday, November 8 will feature an open microphone night with James - Uncertainty's Wild Party from 7 to 8:45 p.m.

Friday, November 9 from 8 to 10:45 p.m. performers will be Scrub Pines with alt-country and tunes and Raincrow with good old stompin' Hill Country holler and Gospel.

On Saturday, November 10 Midge will be blending an eclectic mix of musical styles from the moody to the mystical from 8 to 10:45 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 11

Magic Ray Jazz will play soothing brunch music from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. From 5 to 7 p.m. Midnight Bob and Friends will present funky 60s-style folk music.

At 7:15 p.m. there will be a special membership meeting. Members will discuss new options for financing to permit the Café to continue as a coffee shop/restaurant and community living room featuring community arts and music.

For more information call 301-474-5642 or visit www.newdealcafe.com to see what the Café has to offer.

For more community events see page 10.

St. Hugh's Holds Christmas Bazaar

On Saturday, November 3 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. St. Hugh's annual Christmas Bazaar is returning to Grenoble Hall with an added bonus - an extra day, Sunday, November 4 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

There will be games, baked goods, religious items and plants for sale, food from Santa's Kitchen, White Elephant Sale (a/k/a The Village Store) and a door prize every hour. Various vendors and crafters have gifts for those anxious to get started on their Christmas list. Bring along family and friends and see what Yuletide treasures are waiting.

St. Hugh's is located at 135 Crescent Road in Greenbelt.

Computer Club Meets Nov. 8

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

Community Meeting On Governor's Budget

A town meeting will be held on Saturday, November 3 at 10 a.m. at the Greenbelt Community Church. The meeting, sponsored by the Southern Christian Leadership Council of Prince George's County, will focus on Governor Martin O'Malley's proposed budget. According to spokesperson McArthur Bishop, the purpose of the meeting is to educate the public and allow their input.

Elected officials from Greenbelt, the Prince George's County Executive's Office, the Governor's office and local ministers have been invited to attend.

There will be an opportunity for individuals to sign up to speak. For more information call 301-773-1274.

You Are Invited

to stop by Holy Cross Lutheran Church to sample our **Fair Trade Handicrafts** in the parlor of the church **from 10 am to 2 pm on Saturday, November 10th.** We have many beautiful items from artisans around the world, a collection of coffee, tea, chocolate, some crafts from our own Holy Cross artists, and cards.



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Town Hall Meeting On Global Warming

Come hear scientists tell why they think people have to act now to reduce global warming. Dr. Chris Barnet, an atmospheric scientist who lives in Greenbelt will present a talk and slide show at the Greenbelt Elementary School on Wednesday, November 7 at 7 p.m. A panel of several other local climate change scientists will be there to answer questions.

Other speakers include Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis, Greenbelt's State Senator Paul Pinsky and Brad Heavener from Environment Maryland. Maryland state legislators and other local elected officials will be there to answer questions on the proposed Maryland Global Warming Initiative legislation and listen to attendees' points of view. Several environmental organizations will exhibit at the event.

The Greenbelt Elementary School is located at 66 Ridge Road. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. For further information visit the website at www.greenbeltclimateaction.org.

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(!) = No pass, No Discount Ticket

Week of November 2

FRI. - SAT.
30 Days of Night, R (!)
12:30, 3:15, 6:20, 9:30
Tyler Perry's: Why Did I Get Married, PG-13 (!)
12, 2:35, 5:15, 7:50, 10:30
Saw 4, R (!)
12:30, 2:45, 5, 8, 10:15
American Gangster, R (!)
11:40, 12:20, 3, 3:40, 6:20, 7, 9:40, 10:20
Game Plan, PG-13 (!)
12:10, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:30
Bee Movie, PG (!)
12, 12:45, 2:15, 3:15, 4:30, 5:30, 6:45, 8, 9:15, 10:15

SUN.
30 Days of Night, R (!)
1, 3:35, 6:45, 9:30
Tyler Perry's: Why Did I Get Married, PG-13 (!)
12, 2:35, 5:15, 7:50
Saw 4, R (!)
12:20, 2:45, 5:30, 8
American Gangster, R (!)
11:40, 12:20, 3, 3:40, 6:20, 7:30
Game Plan, PG-13 (!)
12:10, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45
Bee Movie, PG (!)
12, 12:45, 2:15, 3:15, 4:30, 5:30, 6:45, 8

MON. - THUR.
30 Days of Night, R (!)
1, 3:35, 5:30, 9
Tyler Perry's: Why Did I Get Married, PG-13 (!)
1:20, 4, 6:45, 9:15
Saw 4, R (!)
1, 3:20, 6:30, 9:15
American Gangster, R (!)
12:40, 1, 4:20, 4:30, 7:45, 8
Game Plan, PG-13 (!)
1:20, 4, 6:30, 9
Bee Movie, PG (!)
12:45, 1:10, 3:30, 3:40, 5:50, 6:45, 8, 9

Obituaries

George W. Loutsch

George W. Loutsch, 90, died on Wednesday, October 24, 2007.

Mr. Loutsch grew up on a farm in Minnesota. In World War II he became a navigator for ACE, an air force bomber group in England. He flew on 29 missions and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

After the war he returned to Minnesota and he and his wife Maree were married. They resided in St. Louis for 18 years before moving to Greenbelt.

Mr. Loutsch worked as a meat inspector in a meat packing house in the 50s. He became the head of a joint council of meat inspectors and negotiated the first contract with the federal government, AFGE (American Federation of Government Employees). (Unions were not yet popular.) Later he worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Beltsville, Hyattsville and Washington, D.C. He was promoted to Deputy Director of Personnel for Labor Relations. He also negotiated a contract with Social Security in Baltimore.

Mr. Loutsch and his family moved to Maplewood Court in July 1963 and lived there 35 years. He was active in the Lakeside Citizens Association. He also worked actively in St. Hugh's Church.

He lived in Riderwood for the past eight years.

His wife Maree died on January 26, 1999. Also preceding him in death was a son John who died in an automobile accident at the age of four.

He is survived by sons Donald of Hollywood, Fla., Richard of Greenbelt, Tom of Adelphi, George of Petaluma, Calif., and James of Berwyn Heights; daughters Marcie Hargrove of Adelphi and Kathy Watkins of Berwyn Heights; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at Resurrection Church at Riderwood Village on Tuesday, October 30. Interment with full military honors will be at Arlington National Cemetery on Friday, December 14 at 9 a.m.

Memorial contributions may be sent to St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church, 135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

Phoebe H. Tharp

Phoebe H. Tharp, a 53 year Greenbelt resident, died at Valley View Assisted Living Home for the Deaf in Elwyn, Penna., on October 13, 2007, at age 91, one month shy of her 92nd birthday.



She was very active in the deaf community in the Washington area outside of Greenbelt,

especially St. Barnabas Episcopal Church of the Deaf in Chevy Chase, Md., where she served on the Altar Guild. She was also active with the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf and Gallaudet University, where she was a student in the 1930s.

Burial of her ashes was at Fort Lincoln Cemetery on Friday, October 19 and a memorial service was held for her at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church of the Deaf in Chevy Chase on Saturday, October 20.

She is survived by her sons Robert of Greenbelt and William of Wolverine, Mich., and three grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be sent to St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, 6701 Wisconsin Ave., Chevy Chase, MD 20815.



Kenneth W. Keeney

Kenneth William Keeney, 92, a resident of Sunrise Independent Living in Severna Park since 2004, a 55-year former resident of Greenbelt, died suddenly on October 26, 2007, of a cerebral hemorrhage at Baltimore Washington Medical Center.

Born in Baltimore on September 11, 1915, he attended Glen Burnie High School. He dropped out of high school during the depression to help supplement family income. He later attended night school to receive his GED and studied accounting at American University.

Mr. Keeney enlisted in the Army in May 1941. After Pearl Harbor, he was assigned to England and later served in a Headquarters Unit under General

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November 4, 10 a.m.

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with Pat Tompkins and Don Henderson, worship associates

— Barbara W. and Jacob B. ten Hove, co-ministers



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40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

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Rev. Dr. Paul C. Kim, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 am

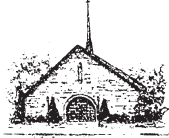
Worship Service 11:00 am Prayer Meeting Sun. 9:45 am

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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

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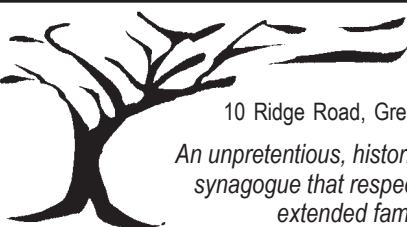
Sunday 8:15 am Worship Service

9:15 am Sunday School/Bible Study

10:30 am Worship Service



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Educational programs for children K-12 and for adults.

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A free, fun experience for kids ages 5 to 10.
Helping them to understand and develop virtues.

"God's purpose in sending His Prophets unto men is twofold. The first is to liberate the children of men from the darkness of ignorance. The second is to ensure the peace and tranquility of mankind, and provide all the means by which they can be established. — Bahá'u'lláh

Greenbelt Bahá'í Community

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www.bci.org/greenbeltbahai www.bahai.us

Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Hillside & Crescent Roads
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings

www.greenbelt.com/gccucc/

Sunday Worship

10:15 a.m.

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Whenever we feel lonely, when we feel no one cares, when we need someone to rely on, when no one has time for us, we should always remember God. He is always there for us, waiting for us to call on Him, so that He may give to us. He says, "When My servants ask concerning Me, I am indeed close (to them); I listen to the prayer of every caller when he calls on Me; let them also, with a will, listen to My call and believe in Me; that they may walk in the right way."

—The Holy Qur'an, 2:186

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



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)

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City Information

NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

City of Greenbelt, Maryland

November 6, 2007

Specimen Ballot

MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL
(VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN 5)

KONRAD E. HERLING	<input type="checkbox"/>
KELLY P. IVY, SR.	<input type="checkbox"/>
RUTH E. KASTNER	<input type="checkbox"/>
EDWARD V. J. PUTENS	<input type="checkbox"/>
RODNEY M. ROBERTS	<input type="checkbox"/>
LETA M. MACH	<input type="checkbox"/>
JUDITH F. DAVIS	<input type="checkbox"/>
WRITE-IN (Up to 5 allowed)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Precinct 3 Community Center, 15 Crescent Road
Precinct 6 Police Department, 550 Crescent Road
Precinct 8 Springhill Lake Recreation Center
 6111 Cherrywood Lane
Precinct 13 Greenbriar Community Building
 7600 Hanover Parkway

For more information, call the City Clerk at 301-474-8000.

CITY OF GREENBELT ELECTION INFORMATION TRANSPORTATION TO POLLING PLACES

On Tuesday, November 6, 2007, the Greenbelt Connection will provide free transportation to polling locations for City voters between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Citizens who wish to avail themselves of this service should call:

GREENBELT CONNECTION: 301-474-4100

to schedule their transportation. In addition, the City bus will make scheduled pick-ups at **GREEN RIDGE HOUSE** at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

and will return to Green Ridge House after the voters have cast their ballots at the Community Center.

The Greenbelt Community Questionnaire is available to fill out on line at www.greenbeltmd.gov.

Greenbelt CityLink
www.greenbeltmd.gov

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.

Vacancies exist on the:

- Arts Advisory Board
- Forest Preserve Advisory Board
- Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF COMMUNITY PLAYGROUND AT SOUTH ORA COURT

(Off of Ora Glen Drive)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD

BEGINNING AT 9:00AM

All are welcome. High School students can earn community service hours! Bring your forms!

This playground is partially being rebuilt through a grant from KABOOM and Home Depot. It was designed by the community, the Windsor Green Playground Committee and City Staff. KABOOM is a national organization which provides grants and training for a grassroots effort to build a playground within a ten minute walk of every child.

For more information contact Bill Phelan at 240-542-2151 or bphelan@greenbeltmd.gov



NEW WEATHER & INFORMATION HOTLINE FOR THE GREENBELT RECREATION DEPARTMENT. FOR UPDATED INFORMATION ON PROGRAM AND FACILITY SCHEDULE CHANGES CALL

301-474-0646

MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER 5-9

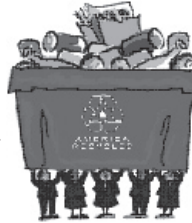
Tuesday, November 6th, 7:00pm, **ARTS ADVISORY BOARD**, at the Greenbelt Community Center. Director of Planning and Community Development, Celia Craze will give an update on redevelopment projects in Greenbelt West.

Wednesday, November 7th, 7:30pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD**, at Greenbelt Community Center, Room 103. **AGENDA:** I. Call to Order, II. Approval of Agenda, III. Review of Site Plan for Old Line Bank, Capital Office Park, IV. Discussion of APB's initiative to draft a pedestrian/bicycle plan for the City, V. Adjourn

Please note change in meeting location. This agenda is subject to change. For confirmation that the meeting is being held and/or for questions regarding scheduled items please call 301-345-5417.

"WIN WITH YOUR BIN"

You can win prizes just by properly preparing your residential recycling bin during the next few weeks. Five winners will be selected: one winner from each of the four City Recycling Collection Routes and one winner from a Contractual Recycling Collection Route. Just make sure that you have clean, properly prepared recyclables set out on your collection day!



Part of the **AMERICA RECYCLES DAY** Celebration. Sponsored by the City of Greenbelt and the Metropolitan Council of Governments. For more information call the City Recycling Office



Greenbelt Municipal/Public Access Channel 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Monday, November 5th: CANDIDATES FORUMS 10am GEAC, 12pm Environmental Group, 2pm, Roosevelt Center Merchants, 4pm GEAC, 6pm Environmental Group, 8pm Roosevelt Merchants Tuesday & Thursday, November 6 & 8: 10am & 6pm "Ask the Expert", 6:30pm: "Labor Day Parade 2007" 8:00pm "Johnny Seaton" Election Results will be posted on Tuesday, November 6th as soon as they are available.

PUBLIC ACCESS(GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, November 7 & 9: 7pm Labor Day FilmWorks Festival 2004, 8:30pm "Witness for the Prosecution."

COSTUME CONTEST AND PARADE 2007

The Greenbelt Recreation Department held its annual Costume Contest and Parade on Friday, October 26. For the second straight year the event was moved from Roosevelt Center to the Youth Center because of rain. Despite the poor weather, a good-sized crowd of around 200 people packed into the Youth Center gymnasium for the event. Amongst the crowd were numerous creative costumes. At the conclusion of the parade, the winners were announced and Greg May entertained the crowd with his "Magical Mayhem Circus."



The following were the winners from each category:

- 18 month & Under,** Sofie Jones as a Snail;
- 1.5 - 3 Years,** Eden Burke as The Statue of Liberty;
- 4 - 5 Years,** Layla Nordrum as Carmen Miranda;
- 6 - 7 Years,** Drew Wallace as a Bride and Shawn Murphy as a Groom;
- 8 - 9 Years,** Marzien Branyan as Thing 1 and Catherine Peterson as Thing 2 ;
- 10 -12 Years,** Kelley Jo Wallace as a Go-Go Girl; **Family,** Julia Shapiro (mother) as Grandma and Mila Shapiro (daughter) as Little Red Riding Hood.

The Greenbelt Recreation Department would like to thank Pleasant Touch, Greenbelt OM, Cross Law Office, and Greenbelt Family Practice for their interest in participating in the event had it been held at Roosevelt Center. A special thanks to Curves, Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, Co-Op Supermarket, Maria's Beauty Salon, Realty 1, and Mary's Place for sending representatives to distribute candy inside the Youth Center.

LEAF VACUUM SCHEDULE 2007 - 2008

The City Public Works Department will be collecting loose leaves with the leaf vacuum beginning November 5, 2007 and ending January 18, 2008.

- Rake leaves to the curb... NOT into the street.
- Keep leaf piles free of sticks and stones...These can damage the machine.
- Keep leaf pile accessible to vacuum.....Don't park in front of piles during your collection weeks.

WEEK OF:

- November 5 - 9:** Lakeside
- November 13 - 16:** Boxwood
- November 19-21:** Woodland Hills, Greenbrook Village & Estates, & Windsor Green
- November 26 - 30:** Lakewood
- December 3 - 7:** Lakeside & Greenspring I & II
- December 10 - 14:** Boxwood
- December 17 - 21:** Woodland Hill, Greenbrook Village & Estates
- December 26 - 28:** Lakewood, Greenspring I & II
- December 31 - January 4:** Lakeside & Windsor Green
- January 7 - 11:** All areas
- January 14 - 18:** All areas

AN ARTFUL AFTERNOON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4th from 1-5pm Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road ~ Info: 240-542-2062

1-3: Free Collage workshop
 3:00: Performance by Jane Franklin Dance
 On Display: *Recent Relics: Mysterious Objects from the Greenbelt Museum Collection and Sublime on a Dime: Fashion from the Great Depression and World War II*
 Also: Artists' Open Studios and Greenbelt Museum Tours
 All activities are open to the general public and suited for all ages. A monthly program of the Recreation Dept.

City Candidates Gather to Address Roosevelt Merchants Association

by Brian St. George

On October 29 in the council chambers of the Municipal Building all the candidates for city council, except Ed Putens, who was called out of town on business, responded to five questions generated by the Roosevelt Center Merchants Association (RCMA). There were about 20 Greenbelters in attendance. Kim Kash, president of the association, opened the meeting and read each question aloud. The candidates were given three minutes to answer each question.

Question 1: "The original part of Roosevelt Center is held by an absentee owner. Given the importance of the Center to the surrounding community, could you envision the city helping to start a development corporation and/or Revenue Authority to reclaim local ownership of the center or have the city purchase the center and hire outside management?"

Rodney Roberts, the first responder, suggested that George Christakos, the landlord who owns parts of the Center, should be treated with respect as "we would anyone else." He indicated the city does not have funds to purchase the center and that local merchants might want to consider buying their own units. He suggested moving the city's planning and zoning departments from the Community Center into Roosevelt Center to increase the

number of full-time tenants.

Ruth Kastner was up next. She saw a lack of communication between city, tenants and Christakos and said that everyone would be better off if "people here own it."

Kelly Ivy, after a conversation with Christakos in Greek, said that "Mr. Christakos is a businessman and if he makes improvements he's going to raise the rent." Ivy said a cultural arts center would draw more people into Roosevelt Center.

Judith Davis was not for the city buying the Center. It could cost an estimated \$1.5 million and additional staffing would be a great financial burden.

Leta Mach also saw purchasing the Center as too expensive but she was in favor of a public/private marketing focus such as a historic main street program. She said the city is not in the business of telling tenants they are or are not appropriate for the Center.

Konrad Herling said he proposed a Economic Development Corporation in 1989 to Council and that Christakos is only one of four different developers involved with Roosevelt Center. Several years ago, he said, another developer struck a deal with Christakos to buy him out but they could not get city approval and no deal was reached.

Question 2: "What would

make the Roosevelt Center's environment a more pleasant place for shoppers, residents, and senior citizens? How would you make those changes?"

Roberts indicated a regular police presence is necessary.

Kastner agreed a more regular police presence, one that does not "fade away," would eliminate some behavioral issues. She also felt that having some small space for the homeless would take them out of the Center.

Ivy said he didn't have a problem telling rude individuals in the Center - there were probably only one or two "bad ones" - to move on.

Davis said the Center is well maintained by a public works employee on a daily basis. She added that the city could enforce the bike and skateboard code, especially with adults; add bike racks, an information kiosk, street banners and hold the merchants responsible to keep their windows clean and looking good.

Mach agreed that security is a subjective thing. She also advocated a stronger police presence or possibly a park ranger.

Herling wanted more programming to augment the merchant operations, with an overarching authority to create "marketing, security, lighting and programming

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Obituary

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George Patton in North Africa and Sicily, and under General Mark Clark in Italy. He served along with three brothers during the war. He was honorably discharged from the service as a Master Sergeant in August 1945.

He married Pearl Marie Hazelton of Annapolis Junction on March 30, 1942, during the war, prior to shipping overseas. The wedding was delayed a day as a result of the March 29 Palm Sunday 22 inch snowstorm, a date still recognized as one of the top five snow storms in the Baltimore area.

After the war he was employed as a budget analyst for several agencies within the Department of Defense and retired from the Defense Supply Agency in 1976 after a total of 35 years of federal service.

He was brother to the late Donald Keeney, long time owner of Keeney's Music Store on West Street in Annapolis. Music played an important part of his life, playing the trumpet semi-professionally for several years and singing in church choirs in Greenbelt and Berwyn for over 50 years. In his younger years he also enjoyed square dancing, softball and bowling. Mr. Keeney also enjoyed many family gatherings and vacation trips over the years including participating in a family badminton game as recently as September. He lived for 55 years on Lakeside Drive and was an active member of Greenbelt Community Church.

In addition to Pearl, his wife of 65 years, Mr. Keeney is survived by two daughters, Theresa Mae Romanek of Jefferson, Md.; Kendra Lynn Hurt of Arnold; his brother Wilbur Keeney of Pinecrest, Fla.; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church in Severna Park on October 30, followed by interment at Crownsville Veterans Cemetery in Millersville, Md.

Online condolences may be made at www.barrancofuneral-home.com

Government Employees

You can now donate to the Greenbelt Elementary School PTA through the Combined Federal Campaign (enter 41859 on your CFC form).

Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution of a few dollars per pay period.

For more information call Jeff Morissette, 240-432-0087

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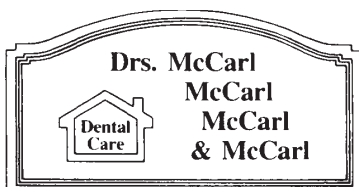


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28 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770-0717



Greenbelt Community Questionnaire 2007

At election time, residents are asked to take a few minutes to complete the following questionnaire. The information obtained will be useful to the newly elected City Council and City staff. Your confidential responses will be consolidated in a report for general distribution. If a question is not applicable, please leave it blank. Please place completed questionnaires in the box provided at the polling location or send it to the City Office at 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770. **OR... YOU MAY GO TO WWW.GREENBELTMD.GOV AND FILL IT OUT ON LINE...NO MAILING REQUIRED!**

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Residency:
___ Apartment ___ Townhouse
___ GHI ___ Condominium
___ Detached Single Family Home

2. Do you? ___ Own ___ Rent

3. Age: ___ 18-29 ___ 61-74
___ 30-44 ___ 75+
___ 45-60

4. How many years have you lived in Greenbelt?

___ Less than 1 year
___ 1-5 yrs. ___ 6-10 yrs
___ 11-20 yrs. ___ 21-30 yrs.
___ More than 30 yrs.

5. Employment Status (Please check all that apply.)

___ Full-Time ___ Part-Time
___ Unemployed ___ Retired
___ Stay at home parent
___ Work from home

6. Where do you work?

___ Greenbelt
___ Prince George's County
___ Baltimore
___ Washington, D.C.
___ Montgomery County
___ Other

7. How do you typically get to and from work?

___ Personal Automobile
___ MetroBus
___ Carpool/Vanpool
___ TheBus
___ Metrorail
___ MARC
___ Bicycling/Walking
___ Telecommute

PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Please rate your satisfaction over the last 2 years with the following services. (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)

___ Police Presence
___ Police Responsiveness
___ Dispatcher Responsiveness
___ Overall Police Performance
___ Overall Police Employee Competence
___ Police Attitude & Behavior Towards Citizens
___ Traffic Control
___ Animal Control
___ Fire & Rescue
___ Parking Enforcement

2. Do you have any concern about safety and security within Greenbelt? If so, please list:

3. If you have any suggestions for improving police services, please list them under General Comments #3.

4. If you have contacted Police Dept. in the last 2 years, was the employee polite and courteous?
___ Yes ___ No

5. Did the police employee assist you satisfactorily?
___ Yes ___ No

PUBLIC WORKS

1. Please rate your satisfaction over the last 2 years with the following services. (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)

___ Streets/Sidewalks
___ Street Cleaning
___ Street Lighting

___ Snow Removal
___ Park Maintenance
___ Horticulture/Planting
___ Trash Collection
___ Recycling Pick-up
___ Drop-off Recycling
___ Building Maintenance
___ Greenbelt Connection

2. If you have contacted Public Works in the last 2 years, was the employee polite and courteous?
___ Yes ___ No

RECYCLING

1. Do you routinely recycle?

___ Yes ___ No
If no, why? _____

2. If you had a larger recycling bin, would you recycle more? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Not Sure

GREENBELT CARES /SOCIAL SERVICES

1. Have you or any of your family utilized any of the following services in the last 2 years? ___ Yes ___ No

2. If so, please rate your satisfaction with them. (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)

___ Counseling (ind., family or group)
___ Crisis Intervention Counseling
___ Tutoring
___ Discussion Groups in School
___ Job Bank
___ Babysitting Workshop
___ GED Program
___ Assistance in Living (GAIL) Pgm.

3. If you plan to remain in your home as you age, which of the following would you require:

___ Online Advice & Support
___ Home Modifications
___ Activities for Homebound
___ 1st Floor Bathroom
___ Other: _____

4. How soon would you need these services?

___ Now ___ 1-3 Years ___ 4-7 Years
___ 8+ Years

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ CODE ENFORCEMENT

1. Have you had personal contact with the City's Community Development Department in the last 2 years?
___ Yes ___ No

2. Was the Community Development employee polite and courteous?
___ Yes ___ No

3. Did the Community Development employee assist you satisfactorily?
___ Yes ___ No

EDUCATION

1. If you have school age children, please rate the schools currently attended. (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)

___ Greenbelt Elementary
___ Springhill Lake Elementary
___ Magnolia Elementary
___ St. Hugh's School
___ Greenbelt Middle School
___ Eleanor Roosevelt High School
___ Home Schooling
___ Other _____

Using the same scale, please rate the Prince George's School System overall.

2. How do you feel about the public schools moving towards "Pre-K thru 8th Grade" schools (instead of the current separate elementary and middle schools)?

___ Strongly opposed
___ Opposed, but would like to know more
___ In favor, but would like to know more
___ Very much in favor
___ Undecided

3. Do you use County's school transportation system? ___ Yes ___ No

4. If yes, does this system meet your needs? ___ Yes ___ No

RECREATION

1. Please rate your satisfaction with all facilities and activities which you or your family have attended: (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)

___ Aquatic & Fitness Center
___ Ball fields ___ Dog Park
___ Community Center
___ Springhill Lake Rec. Center
___ Skate Park ___ Youth Center
___ Parks/trails ___ Art programs
___ Aquatics programs
___ Fitness classes
___ Senior programs
___ Special Events (Artful Afternoons, Festival of Lights, Cel. of Spring, etc.)
___ Youth/adult programs
___ Other youth activities

2. What factors (if any) are preventing you from taking advantage of City recreation services?

(Check all that apply)
___ Not familiar with available services
___ Not interested in available services
___ Programs are too expensive
___ Transportation needed
___ Language barrier
___ Child care needed
___ Don't have time
___ My needs are being met elsewhere (please specify) _____
___ Other (please specify) _____

___ There are no factors preventing me from participating

3. Please check any programs which you or a member of your household are likely to attend within the next 2 years. (Check all that apply)

___ Pre-school activities
___ Children's afterschool activities
___ Children's weekend activities
___ Children's drop-in activities
___ Home school/school enrichment activities
___ Family recreation activities - weekends
___ Drop-in activities
___ Adult classes or leagues
___ Senior Activities
___ Special events (Artful Afternoons, Greenbelt New Year, etc.)

GREENBELT MUSEUM

1. Have you or a member of your household attended a museum activity in the past 2 years?
___ Yes ___ No

PUBLIC INFORMATION

1. Please rate your satisfaction with Greenbelt's efforts to publicize and broadcast official information and City events? (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)

2. Have you visited the City's website at www.greenbeltmd.gov? ___ Yes ___ No

3. Is the information on the website useful? ___ Yes ___ No

4. Is there additional information you would like to see included on the site?

5. Are you able to tune in to Greenbelt Municipal Access Channel 71? ___ Yes ___ No

6. Have you watched any of the programming, including Council meetings, offered on this channel over the past 2 years? ___ Yes ___ No

7. How would you prefer to receive information about City programs and services? (Please rank in priority order 1-8; 1=top preference)

___ Cable TV Channel 71
___ Direct mail
___ E-mail notifications
___ City Website
___ Greenbelt News Review
___ Posters & fliers
___ Video Tapes at Library
___ Other _____

CITY SERVICES & TAXES

1. How do you rate the value of City services and programs for your tax dollars? (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)

2. The City has limited ability to raise revenues other than through property taxes or fees. In light of this fact, would you support a tax rate increase in order to:

- maintain current City services/programs ___ Yes ___ No
- increase City services/programs ___ Yes ___ No
- provide fair compensation to employees ___ Yes ___ No

3. In general, should City services be (choose one):

___ Kept at the same level
___ Reduced
___ Increased

4. If the City had to reduce services/programs, which ones would you suggest and why? _____

GENERAL COMMENTS

1. Describe what you like most about the Greenbelt Community.

2. Describe what you like least about the Greenbelt Community. _____

3. Are there any improvements you would suggest for the City's services?

Biographies of Candidates

The biographies of the city council candidates are reprinted below in reverse alphabetical order. Each submission was prepared by the candidate.



Rodney M. Roberts

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 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 Erhlich, 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.



Edward V. J. Putens

Currently a member of the Greenbelt City Council, Edward Putens is the first person to file as a candidate for the forthcoming city council election. As is his habit Putens filed first in '05, '03 and '01. His nomination papers have been certified by City Clerk Kathleen Gallagher for sufficient signatures. Mayor Judith Davis has also filed for re-election and her nomination papers have been certified by Gallagher.

Putens is completing his 13th term on the Greenbelt City Council. He has been a resident of Greenbelt for 40 years, living in Springhill Lake, Charlestown North, Windsor Green and recently in Greenbrook. He was born in Hazelton, Pa., and grew up in Baltimore.

Putens has been employed by the Federal Government for 35 years and has received many awards and commendations. For the past 20 years he has worked for the Food and Drug Administration. Putens previously served in a variety of senior management and staff positions for the Department of Labor, Office of Personnel Management and U.S. Postal Service.

Putens has taken a leading role to improve police protection and crime prevention. He has for many years advocated the revitalization of Springhill Lake and other property west of Kenilworth Avenue, in part to improve public safety. The council earlier supported his initiative to use video cameras in strategic areas in the city and to place two School Resource Officers in Greenbelt schools for security. He previously led the successful efforts to have a traffic light installed at Greenbelt and Mandan Roads and a guardrail installed at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

He proposed the City's new Public Safety Advisory Committee, as well as the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE). Putens also successfully initiated the Four Cities Coalition among Greenbelt, College Park, New Carrollton and Berwyn Heights to expand inter-city cooperation on issues and projects of common concern. Putens has taken a leading role on senior citizen concerns and initiated a Senior Task Force, which led to establishment of the permanent Senior Citizen Advisory Committee.

Until 1993, Putens was the only councilmember living in Greenbelt East and he has worked actively with the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC), which he co-founded. He was an original member of the Wind-

sor Green Board of Directors and served on its board for eight years. He is currently a member of the Greenbrook Estates Board of Directors.

Prior to his council service, Putens was chairman of the Community Relations Advisory Board, which developed the proposal to establish a city-wide crime prevention program and led eventually to the current Public Safety Advisory Committee. He has been active at different times in a variety of community organizations, including Greenbelt Consumer Co-op, Friends of the Greenbelt Museum, Greenbelt Arts Center and the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club. He was an active participant in the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club programs when his two children were young.

While on the city council, Putens has served on numerous county, state and national committees to represent Greenbelt's interests. He is the past chair of the Small Cities Council of the National League of Cities and has also served on numerous other committees. He is also a member of the regional Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments (COG), Prince George's County Municipal Association and the Maryland Municipal League. He currently serves on the COG Human Resources and Public Safety Policy Committee, which he previously chaired and was a member of it's Transportation Planning Board.

Putens is a graduate of the University of Maryland, where he earned his degree in microbiology, and was a member of the university's lacrosse team. While attending college, he was employed in various research capacities for medical and research development companies and co-authored several patents dealing with minimizing air pollutants.



Leta Mach

Leta Mach is now completing her second term. Since the last election, she has earned a designation as a Fellow of the Academy for Excellence in Local Government established by the Institute for Government Service.

Mach has represented the city on numerous local, state and national committees, including the Maryland Municipal League Communications Committee, the National League of Cities Human Development Steering Committee and the board of Clean Air Partners. She is also Maryland vice chair for the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee and

secretary of the Prince George's Elected Municipal Women. In addition, she served on the steering committee that established the National Agricultural Research Alliance-Beltsville to help support the mission of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center.

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

She first became involved in Greenbelt when her children joined the Greenbelt Cooperative Nursery School. She became a member of the cooperative's board of directors as chair of the Housekeeping and Bylaw Revision Committees and treasurer. Later she served as president of the PTA at both Greenbelt Elementary School and Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS). After her children graduated, she continued to be involved in the school and served on the Eleanor Roosevelt Community of Schools Community Advisory Board.

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

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

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

During this period, she served on a committee for the formation of the Greenbelt Museum, where she later volunteered as a docent. For Greenbelt's 50th anniversary, she chaired the Greenbelt Oral History Committee that collected video oral histories. She also participated in the book project by writing chapter two of "Greenbelt: History of a New Town."

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

Her other cooperative service includes chair of the GHI Audit Committee from 1988-89 and

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

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

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



Ruth Kastner

Ruth Kastner has lived in Greenbelt since the age of four. As co-chair of the Committee to Save the Green Belt, together with Paul Downs, she led a petition drive in 1987 to acquire key portions of the last remaining woodlands for which Greenbelt was named.

Kastner is currently serving as president of the Boxwood Civic Association and recently served on the Forest Preserve Task Force, working with a diverse group of citizens to draft Management and Maintenance Guidelines for Greenbelt's new forest preserve. Before deciding to run for city council this year, she reapplied to be a member of the permanent Forest Preserve Advisory Board. She has written commentary and letters on environmental, social and civic issues in local and national newspapers and volunteered as a reporter and proofreader for the News Review in the 1980s.

As a supporting member of True Vote Maryland, she attended public hearings of the state legislature to express concerns about the unreliability and unverifiability of electronic voting and to lobby for a voter-verified paper trail. She raised similar concerns with the Greenbelt city council.

She is a Wilderness Guardian member of the Sierra Club and a supporting member of the Natural Resources Defense Council, Rainforest Action Network and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

She also has an active interest in education, as a professional and volunteer mathematics tutor

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and as an associate adjunct professor in philosophy and humanities at University of Maryland University College. She owns a small educational consulting business, Enquire-Arts, Inc., which is in the process of converting to nonprofit status. She currently serves as Letters Editor of "Philosophical Practice," the journal of the American Philosophical Practitioners Association (APPA). She also holds APPA certifications in philosophical counseling and organizational consulting.

Her hobbies include hiking, martial arts, playing piano and singing in the Maryland Chorus, the community ensemble of the University of Maryland.

Kastner lives on Hedgewood Drive with her husband, Chuck Hagelgans, and their daughter Wendy. Younger daughter Janet was recently married and now lives in Silver Spring. Her parents, Sid (deceased) and Bernice Kastner, were longtime News Review staff members.



Kelly Ivy, Sr.

Kelly Ivy is running for Greenbelt's City Council. He was born in San Angelo, Texas, in 1955. When he was five, his father died and his mother packed up her seven children to be near her family, who had moved to the Washington area. In 1968 she and the children moved to Greenbelt. At age 14, Kelly attended a Valentine's Day dance at Greenbelt Junior High School where he met and fell in love with his wife, Linda. Four years later they were married and recently celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary. It is said that successful people have the ability to develop relationships that last, and three decades later, he feels very successful. "I believe that a happy, thriving marriage of 34 years speaks volumes as to my ability to communicate, cooperate, listen and have a sense of humor," he says.

Linda and Kelly have four children who were raised in Greenbelt. Their oldest, Kelly, Jr., a journeyman electrician with the IBEW, is married to Elizabeth and they have three little girls. Jamie is a paramedic in Anne Arundel County. Amanda teaches preschool at St. Jerome's in Hyattsville and their youngest, Emily, is presently enrolled in the Prince George's Community College paramedic program.

They say it takes a village to raise a child. For the Ivy's, Kelly says, Greenbelt was the perfect village to raise their children. The tradition continues as three granddaughters ages 6, 3 and 9 months are being raised in Greenbelt, too. Ivy wants Greenbelt to remain family oriented. He wants this generation and all that follow to grow up in an environmentally friendly, child-centered community, where they too can be safe

to play and grow.

Ivy's life experience is practical and varied. He has been employed at Amtrak for 32 years where he is Supervisor of Locomotive Power at Union Station. He has been responsible for up to 500 employees and has managed a budget of \$7 million. He has received commendations for on time performance and safety. For the past six years, he has been a member of PRAB (Park and Recreation Advisory Board). He has volunteered for many Greenbelt organizations, serving as president of Greenbelt Little League, vice president of Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club and baseball and softball commissioner, vice president of Greenbelt Babe Ruth and vice president of Lakeside Association. He headed the effort to bring lights and batting cages to Braden field for the city's youth. This year he was in charge of entertainment for the Labor Day Festival. He attends church at St. Hugh's every Sunday and is a member of the Fraternal Order of Police.

Ivy's style is to listen, learn and find the best solutions available and then to call it like he sees it. Greenbelt's diversity is a great resource and he believes Greenbelt citizens have the answers to some of the vitally important questions and issues. As a councilmember, he will value everyone's input. He will knock on doors, sit down and talk to individuals, ask their opinions, treat them with the respect they deserve and find out what they think the community needs in order for it to work best for all residents.



Konrad Herling

Elected to the Greenbelt City Council in 2003, Konrad Herling, 54, has been serving Greenbelt for more than three decades. Constantly motivated by a goal of "bringing people together to unify the community," Herling founded the Greenbelt Arts Center in 1979, helped organize the Roosevelt Center charrette in 1985 and chaired the Community Relations Advisory Board in the late 1980s. During the 1990s, Herling served as the Master of Ceremonies for the "Greenbelt New Year's" programs, co-produced numerous informational interviews for Greenbelt Access Television and helped publicize the Labor Day Festival.

Recently he helped organize the first International Cultural Festival in 2006, an activity which Herling hopes will help build a more inclusive community; he currently serves on the festival's board. Working with a group of volunteers, he co-produced "Greenbelt in Focus," a news reel video shown before the feature film at Beltway Plaza's Stadium

Academy Theaters. The purpose of the video is to educate movie viewers about Greenbelt and to promote volunteerism and participation in Greenbelt activities. He serves on the board of Greenbelt Access Television and also has provided assistance to the Utopia Film Committee, which has brought a number of original, exceptional films to Greenbelt. In 2001, Herling received the Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen award.

Herling is a broadcast analyst for the Federal Communications Commission's Media Bureau, where he has worked since 1977 conducting legal research. He has received numerous awards for meritorious service resolving legal issues related to the sale, licensing and construction of radio stations and other broadcasters' concerns, including one of the highest honors bestowed on civil service employees at the agency.

Since joining the council in November 2003, Herling has worked with his colleagues in its negotiations to move developers of Greenbelt West to provide affordable housing, open space, and adequate recreational and educational facilities. As a member of the Washington Council of Government's (COG) "Metropolitan Development Committee" he co-wrote a grant application to COG's newly formed regional clearinghouse: the Transportation and Land Use Connection. Grant funding, if awarded, will go toward providing personnel to work with residents and current transportation providers such as Metro and the county, to design a streamlined, consolidated intracity transportation program. Herling feels that Greenbelt, through better transportation, can be a leader in demonstrating how a city can be less dependent on oil, ease access for all residents to get together for social, recreational, cultural events. Further, Herling has advocated that the city reach out with greater efforts to secure input from the disabled community as the city continues its efforts to create safer ways for everyone to travel and walk throughout town.

Herling also serves on the Prince George's County's Municipal Association, has participated with the Roosevelt Center Merchants Association and has served in the Maryland Municipal League on MML's Telecommunications Committee and with the National League of Cities focused on learning from other communities' effective strategies to provide services more efficiently, as well as the importance of building inclusive communities.

Additionally, Herling hopes in a new term to advocate that the city fully explore a more pro-active role in key aspects of economic development: marketing the many assets the town offers, designating an arts district and implementing the community input derived from the Greener Initiative, both for the purpose of working with GHI to build a greener, more sustainable and vibrant original Greenbelt and as an invaluable model which could be used in designing planned community alternatives for Greenbelt West development.



Judith F. Davis

Known to one and all as just "J," Judith F. Davis is in her seventh term on the city council. She has served as mayor since 1997.

Prior to her election in 1993, she was a member of the city's Advisory Planning Board (APB) for 10 years and was elected chair by that board's members for five years from 1988 to 1992. Davis is the council liaison to the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum and to the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area board of directors.

Presently Davis is the council's representative to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) board of directors. In 2005, she was elected Chair of the COG Board and served for one year. Davis is a member of COG's Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee on which she has served since its inception. Currently she is the committee's vice chair. She is COG's liaison to the Advisory Board of the Institute of Regional Excellence and has been appointed to COG's Ad Hoc Elected Officials' Green Building Committee and the Climate Change Steering Committee. In the past, Davis has served on COG's Budget/Finance Committee, Ad Hoc Digital Divide Task Force, Strategic Planning Committee and Executive Director Search Committee.

In 2005, Davis was appointed to the Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Advocacy Steering Committee for the National League of Cities. She is a past president of both the Prince George's County Municipal Association (PGCMA) and the Prince George's Elected Municipal Women. Davis served nine years on PGCMA's board of directors. This past June, Davis was re-elected to the Maryland Municipal League's board of directors and its executive committee, having previously served eight years on the board and two years on the executive committee. She is a member of Women in Government Service, Women in Municipal Government and the Maryland Mayors Association. In November 2002, Davis became a Graduate Fellow of the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance established by the Institute for Government Service.

Davis was appointed by the County Executive for five years to the Proposal Advisory Group for the Community Development Block Grant Program of the County's Department of Housing and Community Development. She has also served on the county's Zoning Ordinance Review Task Force as one of its

Absentee Ballots Available to All

Registered voters may come to the city offices during office hours until noon on Monday, November 5 to pick up an absentee ballot. Vote right then or take the ballot home and bring it back by 6 p.m. on election day, November 6.

There is no longer a need to state that one is ill or will be out of town on election day. To increase voter turnout any registered voter can vote absentee. If a voter does not want to stand in line or wants to have more time to decide who to vote for, he or she can pick up a ballot on Monday morning and take all day to decide. For those who may not feel comfortable with the new electronic voting machines, the absentee ballots are paper ballots.

two municipal appointees.

Davis retired in 1999 after 30 years as a sixth grade teacher employed by the Prince George's County Board of Education. An educator for 35 years, she holds bachelor's and master's degrees from West Chester State University in West Chester, Pa. She served the Prince George's County Educators Association (PGCEA) as board member and treasurer and chaired host subcommittees of the National Education Association for three national conventions.

A condominium owner in the Greenbriar subdivision, Davis moved to Greenbelt in 1975 and soon became active in local affairs. She was elected to the board of directors of Greenbriar Phase I from 1979 to 1993. She served as carnival chair for the Labor Day Festival Committee from 1981 to 1997. In 1995, Davis was a member of the Project Design Committee that formed GIVES, the Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service, of which she is a charter member. She was re-elected to the GIVES board of directors for a sixth term as vice president in June 2006. She was asked to be the honorary chairperson for the Greenbelt Pink Ribbon Ride from 2002 to 2004. In 2004, she was asked to serve on the Community Advisory Council of the Greater Prince George's Business Roundtable.

Davis was selected as Woman of the Year 2000-2001 by the Business and Professional Women/USA. She is also a recipient of an award for Outstanding Leadership and Service in Politics by the Minority Affairs Committee of PGCEA.

Davis maintains active membership in civic organizations such as the Greenbelt Arts Center, Friends of the Greenbelt Museum, the Greenbelt Golden Age Club and the Greenbelt Lions Club. She is also a member of the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club, CCRIC, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, the Women's Committee for the National Symphony Orchestra, Friends of the National Zoo and the Sierra Club.

Make a Date with a Voting Machine on Nov. 6

Community Events

A Review

Life Issues Are the Subject Of GAC's "Saving Us Saints"

by Gerald C. Martin

Anyone expecting to see "Rocky Horror Show" at the Greenbelt Arts Center last weekend, as mis-advertised in the Washington Post, was surprised to encounter a very different sort of play.

Heralds of Hope Theatre Company presented "Saving Us Saints" written by Dorothy Phaire and directed by Dr. Percy Thomas. It is the second in a series of plays about the fictional Jordan family and its struggles to stay true to its values.

There are two inter-connected story lines as the teen-aged daughter Mary, ably played by Janelle Osborne, is tempted to reject her beliefs in order to be popular while her parents try to deal with an unexpected pregnancy and infidelity.

The opening scene in Mary's high school is an eye-opener for anyone who remembers when chewing gum in class was a felony. Romeo Prescott is the main troublemaker, played to perfection by Matthew Carroll. His attempts to seduce Mary on a bet create a lot of strife in the Jordan household. He is abetted in his endeavors by the popular duo of Bebe Brown (Shannon Hines) and Niki Wilson (Rachel Russell). Known as the "Chocolate Delights" they do their best to lead Mary astray.

Meanwhile, Mary's father Noah Jordan (Archie Williams) is unwilling to cope with the prospect of a new baby. At the age of 45 he cannot bear the thought of raising another child. He thinks his life is over and desperately looks in all the wrong places to find a way out. Eager to steer him wrong is Jazza-rene Jones (Comelita C. Payton). Her rendition of "Fever" in the nightclub scene is fantastic, not only because of her beautiful voice but by the lighting effects and costuming.

Trying to hold the family together is the matriarch Mama Pearl played with gusto by Arlene Clipper. She tends to overwhelm anyone in her path and sees things as good or evil with no middle ground.

The cast is rounded out with Billie Taylor as the very pregnant Sarah Jordan, Delicia Moore as the beauty store proprietor, Carolyn Marcus as her customer and Tivona C. Revell as a beautician. Percy Thomas played the teacher and minister on opening night but Henry Green is scheduled for future performances. Ensemble parts are well played by Dede Amegnaglo, Louise Djapgne, Mia Phaire and Teonya Russell.

The Jordan family living room is the major part of the set with scenes elsewhere separated by lighting effects and easily moved set pieces. This greatly cuts down time between scenes but may be somewhat distracting. Generally the sound quality was very good although sometimes some of the younger actors were too quiet. In an interview with the author, Phaire said, "My purpose is to provide a 'slice of life' showing real-life issues that people face (e.g. peer pressure/infidelity) with a moral underlying message. My intention is not to sermonize but instead be a source of spiritual as well as social discussion. For instance, in addition to simply having a good time at the performance, I hope the audience will think about problems facing young people today, such as following the wrong crowd into drugs, alcohol or pre-marital sex as well as adult frustrations in marital relationships." A movie version of the Jordan family's story is scheduled for release in 2010. See it this Friday, November 3 or Saturday at 8 p.m. or Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Greenbelt Arts Center.



Mama Pearl (Arlene Clipper) gives a piece of her mind to Noah (Archie Williams) in "Saving Us Saints."



PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

As other councilmembers look on, Councilmember Leta Mach displays a plaque designating the City of Greenbelt a 2007 Playful City USA, part of the National Campaign for Play sponsored by KaBOOM!, a national nonprofit organization that promotes play.

KABOOM! Designates City As "Playful City USA"

by Barbara Hopkins

KaBOOM! has awarded Greenbelt a plaque designating the city a 2007 Playful City USA, part of the organization's National Campaign for Play. Greenbelt, along with 31 other communities in the country to be so named, will be honored at KaBOOM!'s Playful City USA National Recognition Ceremony to be held November 13 through 17 in conjunction with the National League of Cities Congress and Expo in New Orleans. The 31 founding Playful City USA communities have the opportunity to apply for one of three \$25,000 grants to support the play agenda for 2008. There will also be five \$5,000 honorary mention awards to implement the 2008 Play Day, an event that must be held annually to maintain Playful City USA status. Greenbelt will also receive highway signs referring to this national honor.

As part of its Playful City USA program, Greenbelt will conduct a day for building a new playground at Ora Court in Wind-

sor Green at 9 a.m. on November 3. In this event, children will select equipment for the playground.

After she accepted the plaque for the city at the regular city council meeting on October 22, Councilmember Leta Mach told council the program allows "citizen involvement at all levels and ages." Mayor Judith Davis thanked Mach for her efforts in achieving the designation for the city and Mach in turn thanked the city manager, Assistant Director of Public Works Bill Phelan and members of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board for helping make it happen.

**News Review Annual Meeting
Sunday, November 4 at 5:30 p.m.
in the News Review Office
Business Meeting
Election of Officers**

NOTICE OF NEW DEAL CAFÉ SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2007 AT THE NEW DEAL CAFÉ

Time: Meeting at 7:00 pm (sign in at 6:30 pm)

Objective: The National Consumer Bank's response to the café's application for a renovation loan was not favorable. The objective of the meeting is to discuss further the Café's worsening financial situation and how to allow the Café to continue as our community living room and a place for our community's arts and music.

Motions to be discussed:

1. That the Café close, declare bankruptcy and pay off over \$100K in debts.
2. That the Café create a shareholder form of ownership with a private sale of shares to co-op members, patrons and others to raise over \$400K in order to consolidate debts and make improvements.
3. That the Café sell the business to a private owner(s) who would intend to invest in the necessary improvements and management, assume the debts and to run the café successfully.
4. Some hybrid of motions two and three.
5. Other possible financing and ownership options.

Further info: Informational handouts will be available at the Café and on our website (www.newdealcafe.com) on or about Thursday, November 8.

By New Deal Café Board of Directors

City Notes

Recreation staff continues to work with the general contractor on the window project in the Community Center to schedule the final work of the project. Work on this element has been delayed a couple of times due to weather and issues related to construction materials. Work was scheduled to begin on October 29. The gym at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center re-opened to the public this week after having the gym floor re-finished.

A multiplexer was recycled through the electronic recycling program at Public Works.

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or
911**

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2007 Municipal Election
Election Judges & Clerks
(as of 9-17-2007)

Precinct # 3 (Community Center - Gym)

Christopher Husker	Judge
Brenda R. Cooley	Clerk
Majorie Gray	Clerk
Jim Harbaugh	Clerk

Precinct # 6 (Police Station)

Barbara Gremour	Judge
Jacqueline Magness	Clerk
Elizabeth Roslewicz	Clerk
Dea Zugby	Clerk

Precinct # 8 (Springhill Lake Recreation Center - Club House)

Kimberly Paz	Judge
Beverly Arnette	Clerk
Laura Lombardo	Clerk

Precinct # 13 (Greenbriar Community Bldg.)

Warren Wilcox	Judge
John Angotti	Clerk
Harold Silverman	Clerk
Robin Wilcox-Embrey	Clerk

Absentee Ballot Clerks

Joyce Chestnut	Clerk
Elaine D. Jones	Clerk
John Henry Jones	Clerk
Carolyn L. Swahl	Clerk



Elect Kelly Ivy to City Council November 6th!

You have five votes on November 6th.
Just ONE of those votes for Kelly Ivy can make a change.

Truth brings change – it's time for change.



Kelly is hard working and genuinely concerned about Greenbelt. Kelly fights for what he believes in and strategically solves problems. Kelly is big hearted, passionate and deeply cares about all people.

Kelly especially stands up for the underdog. When he says Kelly wants to know what Greenbelt citizens care about, Kelly means it. These are not just empty words spoken to win a campaign.

If you want to see Greenbelt move forward in a positive direction, KELLY IVY is the force Greenbelt needs to make that happen."

Authority of Kathleen Linkenhoker – Treasurer Contribution to 2 D Research Road

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of "inactive" voters has occurred. An inactive voter is defined as one who has not voted in at least the last two presidential elections.

While Greenbelt East now represents almost 40 percent of all registered voters, it traditionally has had a relatively low turnout for city elections. In 2005, only 12 percent voted compared to 27 percent in Greenbelt Center and 33 percent in North End. These last two precincts are informally considered the "center" city. Only 2.7 percent of Springhill Lake voters turned out in 2005.

Transportation

The Greenbelt Connection will transport voters free of charge to and from the polls next Tuesday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Call 301-474-4100 for a ride. The bus will also make pickups at Green Ridge House at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Potpourri

Roberts, Herling, Mach, Kastner and Ivy reside in the center core of the city. Davis and Putens reside in Greenbelt East. No candidates are from Springhill Lake.

Current councilmembers have served together for two terms.

Davis, in office for seven terms, is currently mayor. She is the first person residing in Greenbelt East to serve as mayor. Roberts is serving his eighth term on council and is currently mayor pro tem. Putens is serving his 13th term. Herling and Mach are both completing their second terms.

For verification of eligibil-

ity to vote or other election information, residents may visit the city clerk's office at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, telephone 301-474-8000, use Maryland Relay (711) or email the city clerk, kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov.

Results

Those interested in obtaining the results of the election will find them posted on the city cable channel, channel 71. Results may also be found posted on the city web site at <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov>. The results will be posted late election day upon receipt and verification of the precinct tallies by the Greenbelt Board of Elections.



POLLING PLACES~ CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND

City polling places are not all in the same locations as those for county, state and national elections.
WHERE TO VOTE – 7 a.m. till 8 p.m.

Precinct 3—Center Community Center
15 Crescent Road
Crescent Road #1-155
Damsel Court
Eastway, #2
Gardenway
Lady Anne Court
Lakecrest Circle
Lakecrest Drive
Lakeside Drive
Lakeview Circle
Maplewood Court
Olivewood Court
Parkway
Pinecrest Court
Ridge Road, #1-42;
44; 46; 48
Southway
Vanity Fair Drive
Westway

Precinct 6—North End Police Station
550 Crescent Road
Eastway #1; 3; 5
Empire Place
Fayette Place
Forestway
Greendale Place
Greenhill Road

Greenknolls Place
Greentree Place
Greenway Place
Hedgewood Drive
Hillside Road
Ivy Lane
Julian Court
Lastner Lane
Laurel Hill Road
Lynbrook Court
Northway
Orange Court
Periwinkle Court
Plateau Place
Research Road
Ridge Road #43; 45;
47; 49-446
Rosewood Drive
Tamarisk Court
White Birch Court
Woodland Way

Precinct 8—Springhill Lake, Springhill Lake Recreation Center
6101 Cherrywood Lane
Breezewood Court
Breezewood Drive
Breezewood Terrace
Cherrywood Court

Cherrywood Lane
Cherrywood Terrace
Edmonston Court
Edmonston Road
Edmonston Terrace
Springhill Court
Springhill Drive
Springhill Lane
Springhill Terrace

Precinct 13—Greenbelt East, Greenbriar Community Building
7600 Hanover Parkway
Bird Lane
Brett Lane
Brett Place
Brooks Place
Burkhart Court
Candlewood Place
Canning Terrace
Chartwell Place
Cloister Place
Craddock Road
Craddock Court
Emily's Way
Frankfort Court
Frankfort Drive
Frankfort Place
Green Crescent Court

Green Manor Place
Greenbrook Drive
Greenwalk Court
Hanover Parkway
(excluding 7000-7298)
Jacobs Drive
Kara Court
Lake Drive
Lake Park Drive
Landon Court
Mandan Court
Mandan Road
Mandan Terrace
Mathew Street
Megan Lane
Morrison Drive
Ora Court
Ora Glen Court
Ora Glen Drive
Ryan Way
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Council Reviews Plans for Middle School

by Barbara Hopkins

Five years have passed since the Greenbelt City Council first reviewed a site plan for replacement of the deteriorating building that is currently Greenbelt Middle School. Now the Prince George's County Board of Education has requested the city's response to a revised site plan by the board's November meeting. City acceptance of the plan will allow it to be included in the county's Capital Improvement Program (CIP). This step is important in obtaining funds to allow the project to move ahead.

At the regular city council meeting on October 22, Don Lee, acting director of the school board's Planning and Architectural Services, presented Modified Plan D, which addressed council's concerns about the original plan. Lee was assisted in his presentation by Rupert McCave, Capital Improvement director; staff architect Adrian King; and Eugene Delmar, chief architect.

The revised plan provides for a two-story building designed using "green" architecture that would accommodate 990 students. The new design permits use of the old building during the construction process.

Relocating the new building to a different corner of the site allows preservation of most of the wooded areas. The new plan also provides for renova-

tion of the historic portion of the old building, including the gym. By facing Breezewood Drive instead of Greenbelt Road, the school would be more friendly to pedestrians.

City's Concerns

Some remaining concerns for the city are access to the school by students who will need to cross from the other side of Greenbelt Road and the lack of a good connection between the new school and what remains of the old one. The school bus lot will have a new orientation on the site, but some means of separating it from the various activities of the school will be needed.

Council suggested that a parking area situated in front of the school be moved to a position behind the school, shortening the distance between the two buildings. Moving the school this short distance would have an added advantage in siting it further from a hillside where the soil has yet to be tested to confirm that it could support the building.

Lee said school board officials are also seeking input from the city about possible community use of the historic part of the old building, as well as concerning the types of athletic fields desired.

Of prime concern to council is whether the number of students to be accommodated (990) is sufficient, considering that the school board has not yet determined what type of school it will be.

Under discussion is an initiative that would create schools for pre-K through grade 8, or the school could enroll students in grades 6 through 8. The grades accommodated will determine the size of school needed and the location of students attending it.

Making the school something other than a typical middle school could alter the boundaries for students assigned to the school. Some councilmembers expressed fears that the school might not be big enough as designed.

The lack of input to date from either the public or Greenbelt's Advisory Committee on Education about the school plan also concerned members of council and at least one member of the audience.

Conditions

In order to move the project forward, Councilmember Rodney Roberts made a motion to accept the plan with conditions that address council's remaining concerns. Councilmember Edward Putens provided the second, adding a condition that if the school is approved for pre-K through 8, the plan would come back to council for reconsideration.

Council also requested a public forum on the school to be held in a timely manner and frequent updates on the project's progress. The motion carried by unanimous vote.



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Spunky skeleton parks his car at 10-T Southway.

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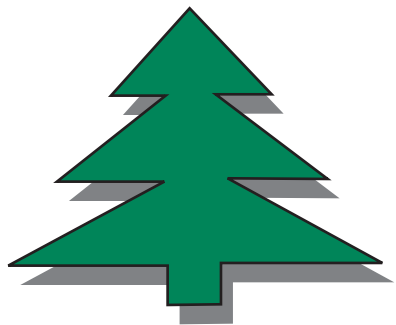
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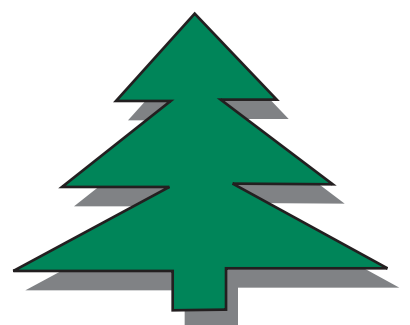
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RE-ELECT ROBERTS TO CITY COUNCIL

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Rodney Roberts always stands up for what he believes in:



Springhill Lake Redevelopment: Roberts worked hard to make sure plans for Springhill Lake (SHL) redevelopment would meet Greenbelt standards (i.e., adequate schools, recreation facilities, public safety, reasonable density and appropriate ratio of For Sale vs. rental properties). The plan submitted to City Council called for the transfer of the existing SHL elementary school site to Aimco (the owner/developer) for use as a storm water pond. The plan also would double the residential density (from nearly 3000 to 6000 units) resulting in the need for not one but two elementary schools. Yet Aimco refused to provide an alternate site for the existing SHL elementary school. An Aimco representative publicly stated that they did not believe a school would "fit in" with their proposed development. After conditions were added, including one requiring Aimco to work with the Prince George's County School Board to resolve the school site issue, the plan was approved on a 4-1 vote with Roberts opposed. Roberts did not give up, he continued to fight!!!

Roberts worked to protect our SHL Elementary School site: For Aimco's SHL plans to move forward, they were required by the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) to provide a letter from the School Board stating its intent to transfer the existing SHL Elementary School site to Aimco. On January 9, 2007, Roberts attended a School Board meeting that was described as an open meeting, to hear testimony from Aimco and take action on their request for a letter of intent to transfer ownership of the SHL school site to Aimco. Only Aimco was allowed to speak. After hearing testimony from Aimco that Roberts knew to be untrue, he raised his hand until he was recognized by the meeting chair. Roberts took that opportunity to speak out, asserting that Aimco was making statements that were not true and asking that the meeting be opened to allow others to speak, so the School Board could hear both sides. Because Roberts spoke up, the School Board agreed to hold a public hearing on January 17, 2007 in Greenbelt at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. At that hearing, many Greenbelt residents spoke of the need for adequate schools in SHL. Since that hearing, the School Board has refused to give up our school site and Aimco is apparently redrawing their plans.

Taxes: Roberts supported a citizen petition in 2007 asking City Council not to raise the city property tax rate on top of a 10% increase due to higher assessments.

Greenbelt Middle School: At City Council's regular meeting in October 2007, Roberts made a motion (passed 5-0) to support the proposed concept for a new Greenbelt Middle School.

VOTE ROBERTS – LEVER 5

Authority: Yoni Siegel, Treasurer

Police Blotter

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

Robbery

October 20, 4:20 p.m., Greenway Center Drive, the victims reported that they were getting into their vehicle in a parking lot when they were approached by two men, one armed with a handgun. A robbery was announced and after obtaining a wallet and a purse from the victims, both men got into a nearby vehicle and fled the scene. The suspects are described as a black male approximately 25 years of age, 5'6", 145 pounds with black hair and a medium complexion, wearing a light gray shirt; and a black male with black hair and a dark complexion, wearing a light colored shirt. The suspect vehicle is described as a silver Jeep Truck, bearing D.C. tags BU2704.

Attempted Murder

October 23, 11:55 p.m., 7800 block Mandan Road, Madeline Cecilia Rhoades, 47, of 7813 Mandan Road, #T4 was arrested and charged with attempted first-degree murder, first-degree assault and use of a handgun in the commission of a felony. A man came to the police station and reported that he was asleep in bed when his girlfriend, Rhoades, woke him up and threatened him with a handgun. She fired one round toward him, missing him. Police went to the residence and arrested her; she was then transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Home Invasion

October 26, 2:51 a.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with first-degree burglary and robbery. A man reported that he was sleeping in his living room when three men entered his residence, one armed with a handgun. Entry was gained by one of the men climbing through a window and opening the front door for the other two. A robbery was announced and car keys, a cell phone and a small television were taken. A witness observed the men breaking into the house and called police. One of the men was apprehended as he was walking away from the scene.

The remaining suspects fled the area and are described as a black male, wearing a black shirt; and a black male in his thirties, 5'9", 140 pounds, wearing a black shirt, blue jeans and black shoes with a head covering concealing his face. The arrested suspect was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Drug Arrests

October 22, 9:25 p.m., T.G.I. Friday's Restaurant, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia. He walked by an officer inside the restaurant and the odor of what was believed to be marijuana was detected. The man was found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana; a computer check revealed that he had an open warrant with the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department. He was released on citation to the Department of Corrections for service of the warrant.

Trespass

October 20, 12:17 a.m., T.G.I. Friday's Restaurant, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespass. He was asked to leave the restaurant after harassing patrons. The man was escorted out of the restaurant but refused to leave the parking lot and was arrested. He was released on citation pending trial.

Disorderly Conduct

October 19, 4:18 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after police responded to a report of an assault at the Academy 8 Theaters. The managers reported that the man became disorderly during a customer dispute and assaulted them. The man ignored orders to leave the area, shouting at the managers and police. He was arrested and released on citation pending trial.

Burglaries

October 19, 8:34 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Court, two resident youths were arrested for first-degree burglary after they were observed entering a residence by climbing through a bedroom window. They fled the scene and

Homicide Arrest

In reference to the fatal shooting reported October 24 in the 5800 block of Cherrywood Terrace; the deceased has been identified as Julius Charles Whaley, Jr., 37, of Greenbelt. The suspect in the shooting, Tania Renee Wallace-Bey, 42, of 2622 South 61st Street, Philadelphia, Penna., has been charged with first-degree murder and use of a handgun in the commission of a felony. She is currently being held without bond.

were located at a nearby residence, along with property taken from the victim's apartment. Both youths were released to parents pending action by the juvenile justice system.

October 22, 7:42 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Terrace, the victims reported that they were inside their residence when a man entered the residence by climbing onto the balcony and coming in through the screen door. The victims fled the apartment and called police. The man also fled the apartment; nothing appeared to have been taken. The suspect is described as a black male, 30 to 40 years of age, 5'4" to 5'5", 130 to 150 pounds with brown hair and brown eyes, wearing a blue jacket with red stripes, baggy blue jeans and a black stocking over his face.

October 23, 8:50 p.m., 61 Court Ridge Road, a man reported that a man broke into his shed by forcing the lock off. The victim let his dogs out of his house, at which time the suspect fled the scene on foot. The suspect is described as an unknown male, 5'11" with a medium build, wearing black clothing.

Vehicle Crimes

Two vehicles were reported stolen: a black 2007 Suzuki Hayabusa motorcycle, Maryland tags 4D0193 from the 6900 block Hanover Parkway; and a white 2008 Ford Ranger, Maryland tags 16V848 from the 6000 block Springhill Drive.



Our sympathy to Robert Tharp and family on the death of mother and grandmother Phoebe H. Tharp on October 13, 2007.

Condolences to the Loutsch family on the death of their father and grandfather George W. Loutsch of Riderwood, formerly a longtime original resident of Maplewood Court. Mr. Loutsch died on October 24, 2007, at the age of 90.

Greenbelters were saddened to learn of the death of Kenneth Keeney, a 55-year former resident who died on October 26, 2007.

CONGRATULATIONS to:

– Elizabeth Lundberg Morisette, artist-in-residence at the Greenbelt Community Center, whose sculpture "Zippa Basket" is featured in the November/December issue of Fiberarts Magazine.



Elizabeth Morisette's "Zippa Basket" is featured in Fiberarts Magazine.

– to the following ERHS students, who were inducted this month into the Tri-M Music Honor Society: Katherine Zukauskas, Angelique Nguyen, Ellen Green, Carola Purser, Megan Weeks, Chawezi Phiri, Melanie Morales, Edward (Shi Yoon) Kim, Colleen Cook, Katie Meixner, Chelsea Blackmen, Nirvan Sengupta, Justina Abah, Alena Moran and Marika Nell.

– Bernice Kastner and all the Kastner family on the arrival of twin great-granddaughters Klara and Hazel, born to daughter Judy Skillman's (now grandmother Judy) daughter Lisa and husband Josh Tuiningo a month ago. Bernice is visiting the happy new family. Great aunt Ruth, of Boxwood, says the new twins are referred to as the "Twiningos." Bernice, Judy and Ruth are past News Review staffers. Great-grandfather Sid Kastner, now deceased, served on the paper's board of directors and was a reporter for many years.



From left, Bernice Kastner, Judy Skillman, Lisa Tuiningo and her new twin girls.

Our best wishes to Xochitl Zamora-Thompson and Eric Leuliette of 4 Court Ridge Road on the birth of their daughter Yalena Izel Leuliette. Yalena, born October 27, 2007, weighed in at 6 lbs. 13 oz.

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

– Kathleen McFarland

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

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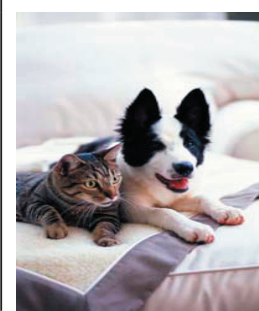
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County election.

Signs

The decision by Ivy not to participate in a candidates' agreement to limit sign placements to designated locations within the city on poles erected by the city, but to place signs in the yards of his supporters instead could have been a source of controversy. Instead it has not. The other six candidates used the city locations. No one publicly criticized any candidate for sign placement.

Crime

Shortly before the election campaigns began, a number of residents raised concern about recent crimes in and near Roosevelt Center. Some advocated closure of the Gladys Noon Spellman pedestrian overpass across the Baltimore-Washington Parkway since the overpass was perceived to be an escape route for criminals committing crimes in central Greenbelt.

Only Kastner has advocated installing a gate at the overpass, one that can be opened and closed by remote control upon request by a person using an adjacent call box. Others preferred measures such as surveillance cameras, emergency call boxes and improved lighting or following recommendations to be made by a joint advisory board group.

All candidates expressed support for the Police Department. Herling and Roberts felt, however, that officers could be better deployed utilizing more foot and bike patrolling. Putens advocated rehiring retired police officers to offset temporary manpower shortages and patrol problem areas.

As to dealing with crime within the city, Davis and some incumbents noted that the number of crimes being committed was decreasing in Greenbelt. Ivy said that Greenbelt was pretty safe except for some hot spots that must be addressed.

Kastner and Roberts felt that reducing density of new development would be a crime deterrent. Kastner also suggested increasing community cohesiveness by letting youths know they are needed and wanted and by welcoming new residents.

Herling would bring back the teen club and involve teens more in the theater.

Putens advocated installing surveillance cameras throughout the city, as did Ivy, who called them "cheap cops." Herling felt that cameras should be used only as a last resort and that lighting should be improved instead.

Mach said that the city needed more eyes on the street, as can be done with neighborhood watches. Davis advocated more sophisticated police technology, as did Mach.

Taxes

Another potential issue was tax rate increases. While discussed, the issue did not seem to arouse much public interest. Kastner had appeared before council this spring to urge it not to raise city taxes. As a councilmember, Roberts also expressed opposition to a tax rate increase. However, with the remainder of council convinced that an increase was needed to fund city services, Roberts did vote to adopt the budget based upon a tax rate increase.

In the campaign, Ivy has been the strongest advocate of not increasing the tax rate. His priority is to fund the needed services of

the Police, Fire and Public Works Departments and to reevaluate, reorganize and restructure the other departments to avoid new tax increases.

Kastner said she will work hard to prevent further tax rate increases. She advocates a citizen budget task force to explore ways to lower costs and increase efficient use of revenues.

Roberts said the city needs to be economical in how it spends its tax dollars and cannot raise taxes every year. However, he sees no need to cut city services.

Putens noted that the major reason for tax increases has been citizen approval of past bond issue referendums and authorization of collective bargaining for police officers. He intends to maintain city services during the next two years.

Herling said that most proposals to cut expenditures in the last budget would not have made a significant dent in the budget and that a tax rate reduction would have translated into a reduction in important services.

Davis noted that many city services could use added funding. The city will have to work with its citizens to find ways to keep expenses down, she said, but the city must think about adequate compensation for its employees.

Mach is concerned that the current economic situation could cause the city to lose established state and federal grants. She ad-

vocated that the city work with state and national organizations to prevent such a loss from happening. She said she will seek out grants, support public/private partnerships and levy taxes to support city services. However, she would like to establish a city homeowner tax credit to limit the impact on persons with limited incomes.

Homeless

A question raised by a member of the audience at the Greenbelt East candidates' night caused some interest. Greenbelter José Morales proposed converting the former post office space at Roosevelt Center into a homeless shelter.

Ivy was reported to agree with the idea wholeheartedly. He said it doesn't take a lot to turn a homeless person around.

Putens, however, pointed out that the space is owned by someone else and that the homeless need many other services which could best be done on a regional basis.

Mach said that much is needed to help the homeless and that government cannot do it on its own. She noted that the city has a few programs to help prevent homelessness.

Herling also felt that homelessness was a regional problem and that the city should be a more assertive advocate for the program.

Kastner said that she had

tried unsuccessfully to organize a group to do something about homelessness and that she was willing to look into options such as setting up a satellite emergency shelter in Roosevelt Center.

Davis suggested that the city look into ways it can help without incurring great expense.

Goals

The candidates set out differing goals to accomplish if they are elected.

Mach: Resolve school issues related to new development.

Davis: Maintain and enhance services that make Greenbelt the unique place it is.

Herling: Unify the city through an effective intra-city transportation program and create

an inclusive community.

Roberts: Hold fast to ideals upon which the city had been founded.

Putens: Strengthen public safety and maintain services during the next two years in face of a flat budget.

Kastner: Address concerns about crime and restore the lake.

Ivy: Have each department head restructure, reorganize and find ways to save money over last year's budget to achieve lower taxes.



RE-ELECT
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Authority, Sheldon Goldberg, Treasurer

Elect RUTH KASTNER
To preserve Greenbelt's social and environmental legacy

- In 1987, when a sitting Council was considering a development proposal for Parcel 1, a group of citizens led by Paul Downs and myself started a petition drive to preserve these 100+ acres as the last remaining portion of our "green belt." Greenbelt citizens were eventually able to persuade Council to acquire this property.
- Greenbelt resident since the age of 4.
- President, Boxwood Civic Association.
- Former At-large Member, Greenbelt Forest Preserve Task Force.
- Past Member, Greenbelt Crime Prevention Committee.

Greenbelt should continue to support its citizens with social services such as Greenbelt Cares and Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program for seniors. I do not advocate cutting any services, but have and will continue to push for fiscally responsible use of Greenbelt taxpayer dollars. (At right: Ruth with the Elliott's dog Mabel; photo by Matt Elliot)



I believe in actively seeking voter approval for major annexation and debt decisions. I will proactively reach out to citizens and seriously consider their input before casting my vote on major developments and expenditures affecting all of Greenbelt. Citizen concerns are never just "political issues"—listening to citizens is what Greenbelt is all about!

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Fifteen students of Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) were inducted into the Modern Music Masters (Tri-M) Music Honor Society on October 4. In 2005 ERHS became only the fourth school in Maryland to have a Tri-M Music Honor Society. All Tri-M members with music directors: front row Katherine Zukauskas, Angelique Nguyen, Teresa Ferrete, Lena Smoot, Natalie Herder, Elizabeth Rosenberg and Jenna Hogie. Middle row: Band Director Sally Wagner, Jourdan Walls, Chinwe Madubata, Ellen Green, Carola Purser, Megan Weeks, Chawezi Phiri and Melanie Morales. Back row: Orchestra Director Dr. David Yarbrough, Brittany Brooks, Edward (Shi Yoon) Kim, Colleen Cook, Katie Meixner, Chelsea Blackmen, Nirvan Sengupta, Justina Abah, Alena Moran, Marika Nell, Emily Schoendorf and Choir Director Dr. Barbara Baker, Tri-M advisor.

NASA Credit Union Helps Raise ERHS Band Funds

Earlier this month NASA Federal Credit Union (NASA FCU) helped parents and students from Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) raise funds for their planned once-in-a-lifetime trip to China. Members of the school's Wind Ensemble have been invited to play at events taking place prior to the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing. Parents, students, the school and the community are pitching in to raise donations to make the dream a reality.

The activities, held at the newly opened NASA Federal Credit Union Greenbelt Branch, located near the school, included a car wash, bake sale, musical entertainment by the ERHS Dixieland Combo and Clarinet Choir and an appearance by DC Wizards Cheerleaders. The Credit Union provided volunteers, event advertising and additional support for the car wash. Cars lined up at 10 a.m. and in just four hours students, parents and volunteers washed over 100 vehicles, sold baked goods and raised more than \$2,300.

Credit Union President and CEO Douglas M. Allman, who attended the event, says "NASA Federal Credit Union is committed to supporting the communities we serve. We were pleased to help the students of Eleanor Roosevelt High School as they work and save for what will surely be an enriching cultural and educational experience in Beijing. Our members and employees appreciate the opportunity to help these students make their dream come true."

ERHS Band Director Sally Wagner said, "We are thrilled and honored to be one of five East Coast school bands to be invited to participate in the Pre-Olympic ceremonies in Beijing.

ERHS, a science and technology as well as a comprehensive high school, is one of the largest public schools in the state and has received numerous awards over the years including the U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon School, New American High School, Award for Advanced Placement and National School of Character.



ERHS musicians performed while a bake sale and car wash at the new NASA Federal Credit Union were held to raise money for the Wind Ensemble to join other select area musicians for a pre-Olympic trip to China.

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Wakefield has also invited the Maryland Community Band which he conducts. He formed the band in 1995 as a community outreach program of the University of Maryland band. The band is comprised of individuals ages 22 to 81: university alumni, faculty and staff as well as members of the surrounding community. The band will be joined by the band instructor and a small group of students from Coppin State University.

"There's no better way for the Chinese people to get a feel for the American people than to see some of their youth," Wakefield said.

Described by Wakefield as "one of the best music programs in the state," the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Wind Ensemble is the top band in the high school's program. Auditions for seats are held every year and students' musical ability must be topnotch. Along with wind instruments such as flutes, clarinets, trumpets and trombones, the band has percussion instruments.

Generating enthusiasm for the upcoming trip has not been a problem, said band director Wagner.

"It's a really cool way to end my senior year," Joel Sparks, a senior tuba player said of the trip.

"I'm really excited, I've never been out of the country," Bethany White, senior flute player, said. White will celebrate her 18th birthday during the band's time in China.

Generating the funds for the trip, however, has proven to be a daunting task. The high travel costs have led students and their parents into a fundraising frenzy, selling fruit, cheesecakes, fresh Christmas wreaths, ads in school concert brochures and Roosevelt Raiders vinyl window clings.

"We're kind of nickel-and-dime it and selling everything not nailed down to the floor," Wagner said.

Students also generated public attention for the trip dressed as Chinese warriors at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival, selling various small Chinese trinkets. They held a carwash and bake sale on the opening day of the NASA Federal Credit Union in Greenbelt. The band is planning a fundraiser at Bowie's T.J. Elliott's

restaurant on November 26 where 10 percent of the proceeds will go to help fund the trip.

Students are also seeking funds by applying for special grants and writing letters to local businesses and band alums asking for donations.

"Even those kids who aren't going are participating in group fundraisers," Wagner said. Some students are being asked by their parents to pay for a portion of the trip while some students are paying in full.

"You get very good at persuasion," Teresa Ferrete, a senior flute player, said. The band has currently raised enough funds to take all the students to China. "We're still working on getting everyone home," Wagner said.

The ensemble, which will play primarily music by American composers in China, will travel with roughly 47 members and 12 adult chaperones as well as some band alums who graduated the previous year.

"I'm scared to death that I'm taking 50 teens around the world. But they aren't regular teens; they're all wonderful, there's not one that's a bad egg," Wagner said. "It's like a family."

Despite the furious fundraising and public outreach, Wagner says the trip is contingent on the "world situation" at the time of travel. In April 2002, the band was scheduled to travel to England, but the events of September 11, 2001, caused the Prince George's County School Board to cancel all trips. Nevertheless, Roosevelt's band was permitted to go.

"It was amazing that we went because people there said it showed the American spirit can't be tampered with," Wagner said.

The Wind Ensemble is expected to be in China June 21 through July 1. The Olympic Games begin in Beijing Aug. 8.

Editor's Note: Readers wishing to donate funds for the Roosevelt students' trip to China may write a check made out to "ERHS Band." In the memo line of the check, note "China Donation." Send the check to ERHS, Attn: Sally Wagner; 7601 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt, MD 20770. Acknowledgement of the donation will be sent to the donor.

Greenbelt Raiders Football Report

by Coach Jim Inzeo

Our Flag Football team defeated KLM this past Sunday, 13 to 0. Their season final is this Saturday, November 3 vs. Glenarden's #2 team, at Church Road field in Bowie. Game time is 2 p.m.

The 65 lb. team fell 26 to 24 to Ports Town when their opponents scored the winning touchdown with only 50 seconds remaining in the game. The 65 lb. concludes its season Saturday at home when they face Glenarden at 10:15 a.m.

The 85 lb. team was idle this past weekend. They enter Saturday's season finale at Glenarden at 11:30 a.m. The team is 4 and 3.

The 95 lb. team won its fifth game of the year when Hyattsville forfeited by failing to appear at Braden field this past Sunday for its scheduled game.

The 75 lb. team pummeled Hyattsville this past Sunday, 21 to 0. The win was the team's second of the season.

The 75 lb. team will have completed its season by the time this report will appear in print when the Raiders play at South Bowie on Halloween night.

The 150 lb. team lost 12 to 6 to Palmer Park last week. The team's record is 2 and 4. The Greenbelt Raiders record going into the final weekend of the season is 13-17-1.

Museum Holds Scrapbooking Class

On Saturday, November 10 from 1 to 3 p.m., the Marietta House Museum will hold an afternoon of Victorian scrapbooking activities. Attendees will learn the history of and how to create a traditional Victorian scrapbook. Light refreshments will be provided.

Marietta House Museum, a historic property of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, is located at 5626 Bell Station Road in Glenn Dale, off of Route 193 just north of 450/Annapolis Road.

There is a fee. For more information and reservations call 301-464-5291, TTY 301-699-2544 or visit the website at www.pgparcs.com. Sign language interpreters are available with 72 hours notice.

Prince George's Co. Wins National Award

The National Association of Counties announced that Prince George's County is among 10 recipients nationwide of the 2006-2007 Center for Sustainable Communities Awards.

The awards, presented every two years, recognize the most effective and innovative county-led partnerships to develop economically prosperous, environmentally safe and socially equitable communities.

The county was honored for its Low Impact Development/Green Highway programs with the Maryland State Highway Administration. Winners were selected by a panel of independent judges. Honorees will receive their awards during a reception this winter in Washington, D.C.

Prince George's County and the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) have implemented activities promoting the practices of Low Impact Development and Green Highways that exemplify the best in sustainable development principles by fostering economic reinvestment, infrastructure savings, protection of critical environmental areas and resources and the creation of beautiful, livable communities. Working with the SHA and with the support of the Federal Highway Administration, Prince George's County has led a federal-state-local collaboration to protect watersheds and waterways through the use of low impact development strategies. The county's effort has become a nationally-recognized model and Prince George's County serves as host of the first national conference on Low Impact Development.

Bizarre Planet-Mass Object Discovered

Using NASA's Swift and Rossi X-ray Timing Explorer (RXTE) satellites, Goddard astronomers have discovered one of the most bizarre planet-mass objects ever found. But instead of orbiting a normal star, this low-mass body orbits a rapidly spinning pulsar.

"This object is merely the skeleton of a star," says co-discoverer and Greenbelter Craig Markwardt of Goddard Space Flight Center. "The pulsar has eaten away the star's outer envelope and all that remains is its helium-rich core."

After the discovery Markwardt realized that the object was a rapidly spinning pulsar, a neutron star that spins hundreds of times per second – faster than a kitchen blender.

MIT astronomers also observed the pulsar and low-mass object with RXTE before it faded to invisibility on June 21. Goddard and MIT scientists reached identical conclusions and the two teams have co-authored a paper that was accepted for publication in the *Astrophysical Journal Letters*.

The system is only the eighth millisecond pulsar observed to be accreting mass from a companion and only one other such system has a pulsar companion with such a low mass.

The system probably formed several billion years ago. Today, the neutron star's powerful gravity produces a tidal bulge on its companion that eventually causes an outburst like the one observed in June. With an estimated distance of roughly 25,000 light years, the system is normally too faint to be detected at any wavelength and is only visible during an outburst. It

was never seen to erupt until this June and as Markwardt notes, "We don't know how long it will slumber before it wakes up again."

For details and images related to this story, visit http://www.nasa.gov/centers/goddard/news/topstory/2007/millisecond_pulsar.html

Violin, Piano Open Masterclass at UM

On Monday, November 5 from 10 a.m. to noon, Andrew Manze and Richard Egarr conduct a masterclass featuring violin and piano students from the University of Maryland School of Music. This free program will take place in Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

Energy Saving Tip

Try this tip to save money and help the planet keep its cool: Replace Old Appliances. Though buying a new appliance isn't cheap, replacing an old appliance, like a refrigerator, washing machine or furnace with a new, energy-efficient model can significantly cut anyone's energy bill. Look for the Energy Star label as a minimum; some models can be even more efficient. And though buying a new appliance is a major investment, many states and utility companies offer substantial credits or other incentives to replace an outdated appliance with a more efficient one.

– Sierra Club

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Greenbelt City Council Tuesday, Nov. 6

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- Increase police presence through targeted deployment and bike/foot patrols.
- Resolve budget structural issues.
- Make Greenbelt a leader in environmentally sound projects.
- Maintain rigorous Council oversight of Greenbelt West development.
- Ensure sufficient school capacity to meet future needs.
- Complete Greenbelt Lake watershed restoration efforts.



Authority: Debbie Cooley, Treasurer

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Council Deals with Zoning Tax Credit and Fire Cuts

by Barbara Hopkins

The petitions and requests portion of Greenbelt City Council meetings provides an opportunity for citizens to address council about issues of concern. At council's meeting on October 22, two people in the audience requested an opportunity to speak.

Other agenda items included a proposed homeowner's property tax credit and a bill affecting zoning proposed by the county council.

Fire Dept. Budget

Chris Fleshman, president of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, told council the budget for fire fighting is again being cut. The county has requested cuts of just under 2.5 percent of the budget, or an estimated \$7,500 per station, for a total of \$285,000 throughout Prince George's County.

He said the cuts were to come from the staff management budget, which includes the \$13 million budget for volunteer departments. Fleshman said county officials were not forthcoming about any cuts to the budget covering career firemen.

Fleshman said revenue from bingo games has gone down. He said 42 bingo games take place each week in this part of the county and the competition for gaming revenue is therefore stiff.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts made a motion, which was seconded and approved, for council to send a letter of support for the volunteer fire fighters to county officials.

Charlestowne North

Robert Schmertz, a tenant from Charlestowne North apartments, appeared before council to request help because the management is seeking rent increases of 10, 20 or even 40 percent after asking tenants to relocate to newly renovated apartments. Letters from management stated the reason for the raise in rent as "increased costs." Utilities are included in the rent and councilmembers acknowledged that rising costs for electricity and water could be the reason for the increases.

Tenants of long standing are being asked to reapply to lease an apartment and some have been turned down, possibly for credit ratings unacceptable to the management company. The situation was described as being similar to one that occurred four years ago. Timing is also of concern, as some tenants receiving letters in October may have to move by mid-December.

Councilmember Edward Putens advised that the tenants' association should hold a meeting immediately to determine the amount and extent of the rent increases. It should also elect officers to give specific individuals the right to speak for the association, Putens added. The Greenbelt City Council agreed to contact County Councilmember Ingrid Turner on the tenants' behalf to see if she could help.

Property Tax Credit

A city property tax credit program for those homeowners who meet income limitation criteria drew closer to reality when council voted to move forward with such a program. Most likely, the credit will equal no more than 25 percent of the state credit and the program would be incorporated into the state's program, simplify-

ing participation.

According to city staff, it is too late to institute such a program for this fiscal year, but the credit could be available in Fiscal Year 2009 if council agreed to take formal action to provide notice to the state of the city's intent.

Council had asked staff to look into the feasibility of such a program for the city over concerns that rising assessments and tax rate increases pose a burden for homeowners on fixed incomes.

Zoning Legislation

Staff in Greenbelt's Department of Planning and Community Development learned after the fact that County Councilmember Ingrid Turner had proposed a bill (CB-38-2007) that, if passed, may adversely affect the City of Greenbelt.

The bill, a zoning text amendment, would facilitate the redevelopment of the Hanover Apartment complex (formerly Greenway Village) by altering some requirements of the approval process. The property lies adjacent to Greenbelt but has not been annexed to become part of the city and subject to its governance.

City staff believe the bill was written for specific application to the Hanover Apartments redevelopment because it contains criteria that could only be met by that complex or the adjacent Hunting Ridge Condominiums.

The bill would apply to apartment developments for the elderly and handicapped in the R-18 Zone that are on a certain class of street (such as Hanover Parkway), are located within a mile of existing medical offices (such as Hanover Office Park), are within two miles of an existing hospital (such as Doctors Hospital) and are less than 25 feet from an existing right-of-way for the Capital Beltway. Greenbelt has historically opposed site-specific bills such as this.

In addition, provisions in the bill allow greater flexibility than is available under the existing Special Exception process. The term of use solely by the elderly and/or handicapped would be not less than 10 years (currently 20 years). The legislation includes no restrictions on density for properties that are part of an existing multi-family development. The density would be determined at the time of the Detailed Site Plan approval.

Putens called the proposed bill "a slap in the face" to Greenbelt and asked City Solicitor Robert Manzi to explore legal alternatives available to the city. Putens added he would let Turner know of his disappointment in her.

According to staff agenda comments, the proposed legislation does not reflect the substance of numerous conversations city staff and/or councilmembers have had with the owners of the complex, Federal Capital Partners, and their attorney, Larry Taub of O'Malley, Miles, Nylan and Gilmore.

Taub, who was present at the meeting, said the legislation was not intended to be "a slap in the face." He declared his client's interest in maintaining negotiations with the city. He said the bill is necessary because this project presents "a different type of situation" that requires greater flexibility than is provided under current regulations.

Judge Williams Hears Combined Suits Challenging ICC Approval

by Thomas X. White

The legal challenges to the construction of the Intercounty Connector (ICC) by a group of public interest and environmental organizations continued at the second hearing on the case on October 29 at the Federal District Court in Greenbelt.

The hearing took about two and a half hours, adjourning just before 1 p.m. In closing the hearing, Judge Alexander Williams said he found the case quite interesting. He noted there were several issues relating to judicial discretion, the applicability of the relevant statutes and the nuances of the regulatory language.

He seemed to relish the fact that the case presented some issues that, in the absence of applicable case law, may require him to provide his own interpretations. It is his intent to provide a decision on or before November 8.

The earlier hearing, on October 1, had involved oral arguments on a suit by the Audubon Naturalist Society of the Central Atlantic States, the Maryland Native Plant Society, Inc. and individual citizens Roger Metcalf and Eve Barton against the defendant US Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), US Army Corps of Engineers, and the State of Maryland, which entered the case as an intervenor defendant. At that hearing, issues before the court mainly involved deficiencies noted by the plaintiff with the review and approval process, under the National Environmental Policy Act and the Clean Water Act (see GNR of October 4, 2007), that had been utilized by the defendants for the proposed highway.

A separate suit was brought by plaintiffs Environmental Defense and Sierra Club in the District of Columbia Federal District Court against the same defendants. Because the schedule of the judge assigned the case would have delayed the hearing, the two suits were consolidated and both were assigned to Williams in Greenbelt.

The latter suit also challenges FHWA approval of the ICC by alleging that the ICC was approved without a proper evaluation of the effects of the proposed highway on local pollution by particulate matter and other toxic pollutants as required under

Mayor Judith Davis expressed appreciation to Taub for wanting continued dialogue with the city, but she complained that no one had bothered to inform city staff or officials of this legislation. She said Hanover Parkway could be very impacted by the bill and that residents of Hanover Apartments do not pay for that road the way citizens of Greenbelt do.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts said senior housing should be permanent, not just required for a limited number of years. He added that the need in this area is for more houses, not more apartments.

At the recommendation of staff, council decided to send a letter to the county council objecting to the proposed bill and another letter to Federal Capital Partners asking them to withdraw the legislation request.

the Clean Air Act.

Prior to the case being heard, Williams had a brief meeting in his office with attorneys from both sides to go over ground rules for the day's arguments. Following that meeting, the court was called to order about 10:10 a.m.

Williams noted that the parties had participated in a conference call on Friday, October 27 and that he was interested in pursuing with the plaintiffs the jurisdictional questions involving the question of "citizen suit" authorities under the Clean Water and the Clean Air Acts and the question of monitoring locations for particulates greater than three-tenths of a mile distant from "hotspot" locations in the defendants' analysis of air pollution impacts from the proposed new highway.

The plaintiff's case was presented by Robert Yuhnke, representing Environmental Defense, who argued that the FHWA did not comply with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requirements for its conformity determination as set forth in Section 93.123(c) of its regulations.

He further told the court that no reference to that section could be found in the FHWA Record of Decision conformity analysis and there was no indication how the agency had complied with EPA regulations. He said the administrative record is devoid of any indication of how the agency had complied with the EPA requirements for conducting hotspot analyses for proposed new highways.

Yuhnke also told the court it appears that the agency may have relied on subsection (d) instead of (c), but that this section provides guidance and is not sufficient to meet EPA standards for conducting conformity analysis. Further he noted that the stated regulatory requirements (the promulgated regulations) trump "guidance."

Monitor Location

The second issue challenged by the plaintiffs in regard to the conformity analysis for the project is the location of the monitor chosen to establish baseline measurements to assess the potential impact for a proposed new highway facility.

Specifically, the plaintiffs argue that the selection by the FHWA of a monitor at a Muirkirk Road location about a mile and a half from the "hotspot" location of the proposed interchange of the new ICC with I-95 is too far away to be a valid indicator of expected pollution caused by the new highway. The plaintiffs told the court that the monitor location should have been within less than half a mile from the selected hotspot.

Representing the defendants in the case was Mark Nitzczynski of the Department of Justice. He argued that the conformity determination complied with both the EPA rules and the guidance. He asserted that the agency relied on EPA advice that the use of a quantitative analysis of potential particulate pollution would not be reliable. The agency instead used a qualitative approach as allowed by subsection (d)(2).

He told the court that such action by the agency is discretionary and should be allowed by the court. He alleged that the plaintiffs are seeking to have the court rule that the FHWA action was

arbitrary and capricious, while the opposite is true. Williams asked him to explain why the clearer (mandatory) language of subsection (c)(1) and (2) should not have applied.

Nitzczynski's response was that he is saying now that they (FWHA) complied with subsection (c). A discussion of the relative difference between "should" and "must" in regulatory language ensued.

The defendants also argued that in the long run the potential effect of particulate matter pollution did not really matter. They provided a graph for the court indicating that regionally and nationally, the level of so-called PM-2.5 pollution was declining due to the more rigorous regulation of its sources by new EPA regulations.

Williams pressed the defendants on how confident they are about their calculations. He wanted information on how confident the court could be.

Nitzczynski offered that the FHWA consulted in a detailed fashion with the EPA, that it had no disagreement with the chosen analysis, and advised the FHWA that the use of MOBILE 6.2 (an EPA air Modeling tool, as suggested by the plaintiffs) would have resulted in an incorrect analysis. Instead, EPA advised that a qualitative analysis would be okay until a quantitative method became available.

New Filing

Since the October 1 hearing, two additional filings have been made in the case. On October 12 a stipulation by all parties to prevent irreparable harm to the environment from occurring before the court decision on pending summary judgment set forth an agreement on the only work that may occur between October 16 and November 12, 2007 on ICC Contract A.

All of the listed work occurs in zones of the project in Montgomery County, mainly near the proposed intersection of the ICC with I-270. The purpose of the stipulation is to define the agreements so that plaintiffs' later actions in the case are not unfairly prejudiced by a failure to move earlier in the litigation for relief.

On October 23 also, the Environmental Defense and Sierra Club filed a partial motion for summary judgment on plaintiffs counts 39 and 41. With this motion the plaintiffs seek a declaration that defendant's approval of the ICC was unlawful under the Federal Highways Act and NEPA and their implementing regulations.

The motion also seeks to vacate defendants' approval of the proposed ICC and to enjoin defendants from funding the proposed ICC until they conduct a lawful environmental review of the project.

The particulars of this filing relate to the air quality impacts they allege would be attributed to the construction of the ICC and the disregard by the defendants of significant health impacts occasioned by the federal actions regarding the proposed project. At the October 29 hearing the defendants informed Williams that they would be filing their response the next day, October 30.

ACE Hosts Annual Meeting With PTA Representatives

by Mary Moien

The Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) held its annual meeting with school PTA officers on October 23. Representatives were present from Greenbelt Elementary School, Springhill Lake Elementary School, Magnolia Elementary School and St. Hugh's School. In addition, Turning Point Academy, a new charter school in Greenbelt East, was also represented. The ACE committee provided highlights from that meeting.

Jeff Morisette, ACE chair, began the meeting with an overview of ACE's history and activities. He mentioned current issues that ACE is addressing such as area development projects and their impact on schools as well as a school wide plan to investigate a switch to Pre-kindergarden - 8th grade schools.

Having attended the City Council meeting on October 22 Morisette was able to speak to the plans for the Greenbelt Middle School renovation. The planned facility is due to hold 990 students but there is some concern that it will not be adequate once the new development in Greenbelt West brings in more students. The Greenbelt City Council has given its preliminary approval for this plan but is asking ACE for input.

The PTA representatives shared information next. Greenbelt Elementary School is interested in creating more opportunities for their 6th grade students, parents and teachers to communicate with those at Greenbelt Middle School as a way of assisting student transition. Turning Point Academy voiced a need for access to more space for large events and is seeking ideas. Others present suggested the school contact the Greenbelt Community Center, public library and Greenbelt Arts Center.

St. Hugh's described enrollment decline concerns. They currently have about 200 students in the school. The PTA representative from Magnolia Elementary School was interested in learning ways the PTA can help to get a new teacher on staff. The school had lost a 4th grade teacher last year and now there are more students than expected. They were encouraged to begin by working with their principal.

Irish, Celtic Music At Marietta Museum

On Sunday, November 11 at 4 p.m. there will be a live musical performance of traditional Irish and Celtic music at Marietta House Museum. Dr. Elizabeth Barber will sing the performance, featuring traditional Irish tunes. There will be light refreshments.

There is a nominal fee. Reservations are required by November 5. For more information and reservations call 301-464-5291, TTY 301-699-2544 or visit the website at www.pgparcs.com.

Marietta House Museum is a historic property of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission located at 5626 Bell Station Road in Glenn Dale, off Route 193 just north of Rt. 450 and Annapolis Road.

There was a discussion about schools and nonprofit status as a way of raising funds. A website was mentioned (www.PTODay.com) as a site that provides information on this subject. This also led to a discussion about how to become part of the annual Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). St. Hugh's School has been involved in the CFC.

A discussion about fundraising was the liveliest one with each school sharing what worked at their school, while other representatives feverishly took notes. Multicultural events, Scholastic Book Fairs, grant writing and Spring Fairs were among the most popular ways to raise money.

All participants were eager to remain in contact with each other to be able to further share information learned at this meeting.

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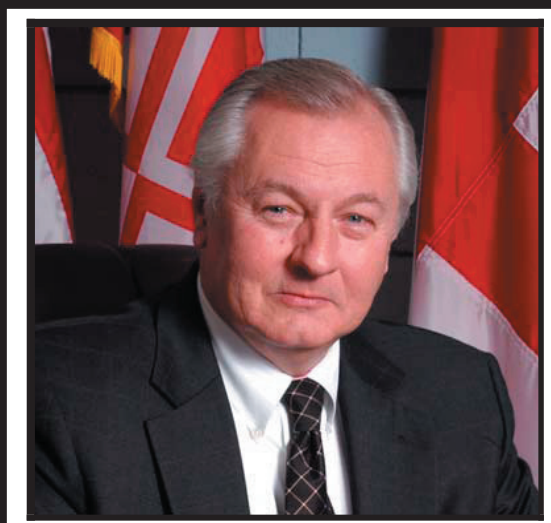
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so we can bring more people to the Center.”

Question 3: (condensed version) “What tools can the city bring to the table to help address the challenges facing Roosevelt Center?”

Roberts indicated the questions and answers were beginning to overlap but said certain types of business would help the center, a bank for instance; he was also nostalgic for former businesses, Bow and Bowl and Ben Franklin 5 & 10, and could see an old-fashioned hardware store doing well here.

Kastner challenged a statement made earlier by Mach that the city should not be in the position of choosing tenants, asking “is it any better now, that Christakos chooses the tenants?” By making the center a historic district, she said, it would be eligible for grants from federal, state and county sources.

Ivy said he got nostalgic for the Bow and Bowl, too. He indicated Roosevelt Center doesn’t have a big draw but at the same time he doesn’t want it to be Beltway Plaza.

Davis remembered when the term “Center Bum” was a term of endearment, suggesting that is no longer the case. She said dealing with the homeless is not the city’s job, rather the county’s. Formerly a group of men who took morning coffee at the Center called themselves “Center Bums.”

Mach was in favor of enhancing security and keeping the cen-

ter clean and beautiful and trying to screen the trash in the back of the buildings.

Herling spoke for the city doing something positive for the homeless – in fact it has an obligation to do so.

Question 4: “How would you like Roosevelt Center to look in the future, in light of the recent charrette? What kind of redevelopment efforts do you support?”

Roberts didn’t think the students spent enough time in Greenbelt.

Kastner said, “We need to reconsider the idea of a historic district,” and added that work and funding for a homeless center should come through a third party.

Ivy didn’t want the center to change at all; if the New Deal Café went away that would be a shame but “its not the city’s responsibility to make businesses viable.”

Davis liked the idea of entrance ways, possibly residences at the center, more lights and a commercially viable business in the old post office space.

Mach thought the charrette was very exciting but many people were not from Greenbelt and “they don’t realize the city has no planning or zoning authority.” She wasn’t in favor of high-rises nor business in the parking lots nor services for the homeless in the area.

Herling asked that ideas of those from outside Greenbelt not be automatically dismissed and suggested that many would like

to remove the red brick buildings and put some art deco condos in their place.

Question 5: “What role should the city play in marketing of the Roosevelt Center?”

Roberts said that “stability is the key,” citing the dry cleaners, the co-op, convenience store and credit union as long-term tenants that make the Center stable, and reinforced his view that the Center is a beautiful space.

Kastner agreed that bringing planning and zoning offices into the Center is a great idea and also suggested awards for socially-conscious businesses that come to the Center.

Ivy was against any outside marketing director, instead advocating “tapping into our own resources,” meaning local Greenbelters.

Davis congratulated the RCMA for having regular meetings and indicated that the county brings potential business partners to them. She mentioned a vegetarian restaurant and was in favor of some kind of experienced marketing expert.

Mach said the city has done a very good job marketing, citing the website and suggesting brochures about Greenbelt be placed at major highway rest stops to inform travelers of historic Greenbelt as well as creating better signage at the Center entrance.

Herling said that 20 to 25 percent of the recreation department budget is for marketing and that the status quo is unacceptable.

After two hours, Peter May,

president of the New Deal Café, asked, “What do you see if the New Deal closes?”

Roberts offered to build them a new stove hood and help install a range so they could have a functioning kitchen.

Kastner mentioned her volunteering at the New Deal and suggested better outreach to take advantage of improvements.

Ivy said he hopes it works out but the New Deal has had some management problems and he’s not sure what the city could do.

Davis said if it closes, “we would lose a funky place we have all gotten used to but the city is not going to bail you out, so good luck with your loan.”

Mach said it would be a terrible impact on the Center and the lack of funds is distressing and she hoped they get the loan they are applying for.

Herling suggested the food has improved and now it comes down to marketing and “can we build critical mass?”

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In order to preserve our city's greatest assets and legacies: Roosevelt Center, the Greenbelt Lake, and our open space and woods, we must be more creative, and act with a greater sense of purpose. For example, I propose that the City, in conjunction with other public and private sector parties, create a private economic development corporation to operate the Roosevelt Center. The city should also seek designation as an Arts District.

We need to move with purpose regarding the Greenbelt Lake study (while not forgetting the lake in Greenbelt East) and take action addressing the deteriorating condition of the lakes. Regarding our treasured woods, our council has acted wisely in adopting the Forest Preserve Task Force report and in creating a new Forest Preserve Advisory Board.

We should explore more fully the means to raise revenues without raising taxes through careful planning, commitment, and focus to bring together public/private partnerships, greater collaboration with other jurisdictions, and opportunities for grants and other contributions.

Build a More Inclusive Community.

We must address the issues that confront us as one community, one Greenbelt, a city where we connect with our legacy, our future, and with each other. We can no longer respond to problems in one sector as a "Greenbelt Center" problem, or the crime in Springhill Lake as only affecting the 7,000 or so people who live there. Nor can we consider how unsafe it is for pedestrians to cross Hanover Parkway from the Post Office to the Greenway Center, as only a Greenbelt East issue.

Public safety, improving transportation, affordable housing, preserving our gems, and improving our public schools, are issues which affect every Greenbelter, every neighbor, regardless of where one lives in our 6.2 square mile jurisdiction. The key is to apply the original Greenbelt planning principles across the entire town.

Plan Together for Our Future.

Being an inclusive community also means providing opportunities for everyone to have a "plate at the table" for discussion and policy making. I am committed to being a good listener to all viewpoints. The charrette that I've proposed for Greenbelt West (see *Greenbelt News Review*, October 11, 2007 issue) would be an inclusive experience for all Greenbelters, regardless of viewpoint, and inclusive of Springhill Lake residents whose lives will be directly affected.

We want to build a community for families that incorporates Greenbelt planning principles, including affordable housing, effective intra-city transportation, and incorporate recommendations from the Greener Greenbelt initiative. We should pursue development of a "Green Zone" for businesses specializing in environmental research. Together, if we can help manage the growth, and provide our inclusive version of the future Greenbelt to County and State planners, we proactively move this process forward in the right direction.

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