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PHOTO BY BILL CORNETT

Election Day scene outside Precinct 3 polling place in the Community Center. Kelly Ivy is standing behind campaign aide Marc Siegel (on bicycle), who is checking out his new backrest. An unidentified dog walker is in the background.

All Incumbents Win Reelection; Davis Keeps Lead over Roberts

by James Giese

Voters at the Greenbelt city election again chose all five incumbent councilmembers to serve another two-year term. In doing so, the voters ranked their preference for the incumbents in the same order as in 2005, with Mayor Judith Davis holding a slim lead in total number of votes received over Mayor Pro Tem Rodney Roberts. On Monday, November 12 when the five are sworn in to the new term of of-

fice, it is expected that council will once more select Davis to be mayor and Roberts to be mayor pro tem. Tradition requires the councilmember with the greatest number of votes to be selected as mayor by council. The city charter does not require this, however, providing only that the mayor be selected by a majority of the new council.

Challenger Ruth Kastner did well, but not quite good enough,

in her campaign for office. She failed to win a seat on council by 21 votes to incumbent Leta Mach, who placed last once again among the incumbents. Challenger Kelly Ivy improved his position slightly by receiving a higher percentage of the votes cast, although the actual number of votes he received was less than in 2005.

See **ELECTION**, page 7

City Council Election (Unofficial Results)

Candidate	Center	North End	Springhill	Greenbelt	Absentee	Total	% of Total
Davis, Judith	471	374	31	397	102	1,375	72.4%
Roberts, Rodney	488	431	25	301	110	1,355	71.4%
Herling, Konrad	445	356	22	247	91	1,161	61.2%
Putens, Edward	391	286	25	346	89	1,137	59.9%
Mach, Leta	378	313	22	241	84	1,038	54.7%
Kastner, Ruth	359	352	16	203	87	1,017	53.6%
Ivy, Kelly	250	203	12	194	43	702	37.0%
Number Voting							
At Polls	672	566	38	466	0	1,742	91.8%
Absentee	52	64	1	39	156	156	8.2%
Total Voting	724	630	39	505	156	1,898	100%
Registration	2,592	2,105	1,931	4,052		10,680	
Turnout	27.9%	29.9%	2.0%	12.5%		17.8%	

American Education Week November 11 to 17, 2007

Local Schools Celebrate With Many Activities

by Mary Moien

Schools throughout Greenbelt and around the country will be celebrating American Education Week (AEW) next week, from November 11 to 17. For more than 80 years the National Education Association has been emphasizing the importance of providing every child in America with a quality public education.

The theme for 2007 is "Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility." The theme reflects the association's calling upon America to provide students with quality public schools so children can grow, prosper and achieve in the 21st century. Also emphasized is the need for everyone to do his or her part in making public schools great.

Greenbelt Elementary

At Greenbelt Elementary School there will be themed days on Tuesday through Friday. Tuesday is "Beautify Your

School" day. Students will be preparing the rooms and grounds for parent visits. Wednesday is "Dress for Success" day, with parent visits.

Thursday is "Cuddle up with a Good Book" day, with students bringing in a stuffed reading "buddy." Friday is "School Spirit" day, with students wearing the school T-shirt or school colors. Teacher Deborah Kendall chaired the Greenbelt Elementary AEW Committee with Bonnie Allen and Scott Case on the team.

Beginning in this issue, the News Review will highlight interviews with teachers from each school in the city as well as those which serve a number of Greenbelt students, such as Magnolia Elementary School. The paper is dedicated to providing information on local schools, teachers, students and activities to ensure that the community is involved in local education.

Elementary School's Geagan Keeps Technology Intact

by Vicki Kriz



Wendy Geagan

As the computer liaison at Greenbelt Elementary School, one would think Wendy Geagan would be gung-ho about the takeover of technology. But although she thinks that computers and high-tech devices have their benefits, she still believes that children should use technology in balance with traditional fun and sports activities.

Geagan has been with Greenbelt Elementary for 35 years, beginning at the former Greenbelt

See **GEAGAN**, page 6

What Goes On

Saturday, November 10

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot Between City Offices and the Community Center

Monday, November 12

City and Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Offices Closed in Observance of Veterans' Day

7 p.m., Recycling and Environment Committee Meeting, Community Center

7:30 p.m., Special Charter Meeting of the City Council, Swearing in of Council, Municipal Building (Live on Channel 71)

Tuesday, November 13

7 p.m., ACE Meeting, Municipal Building

Thursday, November 15

7:30 p.m., GHI Board Meeting, GHI Board Room

Letters

THANKS

As the co-chairs of the Greener Greenbelt Initiative (GGI), we want to thank you for the extraordinary support that the News Review has provided the GGI since the beginning of our effort in late 2006. Publication of GGI-related stories and announcements in the News Review has been absolutely critical for mobilizing participation in our activities and in fostering discussion. As you know, over 400 people participated in the charrette, which generated a large number of creative ideas and designs for making old Greenbelt an even better place. Without the help of the News Review, the participant numbers would have been smaller and the generated ideas more limited.

The ideas and designs generated at the charrette will soon be posted online at www.greenergreenbelt.org. The posting will be followed by several months of exhibits, panel discussions and other events designed to generate additional ideas. The final product will be a working document for GHI and the city to utilize in strategic planning. We look forward to our continued collaboration with you.

Carl Elefante, AIA
Jim Cohen

THANKS

I wish to express my sincerest thanks to all who voted for me in the council election on Tuesday. My gratitude also goes to those who contributed generously to my campaign and worked on my behalf. I pledge to continue doing my best to serve the citizens of Greenbelt in meeting the challenges our city will face in the next two years. I remain, as always, "Committed to Community."

J Davis

Privilege to Participate

It was a privilege to participate as a candidate in our recent city council election and I am grateful to all those who expressed their support through kind words, through efforts on behalf of the campaign and through their vote.

The best part was getting to know more Greenbelt residents and to have the chance to talk to you about your concerns and ideas for our community, whether or not you agreed with my position on the issues. It was an exciting adventure and a reminder of how truly unique our town is.

Ruth Kastner

Well Done!

Congratulations and a hearty well-done to the staff of the News Review. The 24-page issue of November 1 represents a huge workload for the staff of volunteers. Greenbelt is a lucky community to have such public-spirited citizens willing to donate their time and effort to this purpose.

Harry Zubkoff
Editor Emeritus

High Point's First Graduates Celebrate at 50th Reunion

by Judy Ransom Bell

The 50th reunion of the 1956 and 1957 classes of High Point High School began on a balmy Friday evening in October as 97 graduates gathered for the weekend to celebrate their accomplishments. This reporter is proud to say she was among the 1956 revelers, representing the first 171 graduates of the school on the hill in Beltsville.

The 1957 class of High Point had 220 graduates. While the 1956 class had met every five years since graduation, in recent years the two classes have been combining their celebrations.

On that Friday evening, October 12 two of my high school buddies, Joan Rexrode and Esther Bond (I have chosen to forego married names for this article) and I were lost. We were driving around the area of Beltsville for 45 minutes searching for a pizza party that was being held at Victoria Falls Clubhouse, part of a 55+ community in Laurel. (Does this sound familiar to any of those over 60 out there?) We finally arrived and joined another high school friend, Bibbie Dovel, to share pizza and get reacquainted with the other mostly gray-haired people.

Dinner Dance

Saturday night we joined 176 celebrants at the Sheraton in Calverton for drinks, dinner and dancing. Lena (Lee) Chaney, chair of the reunion committee, who hosted the ceremonies, introduced Dr. Allan Chotiner, first principal of High Point. Chotiner made a short speech extolling the virtues of his first two graduating classes for establishing traditions and setting patterns for the students who followed. Dr. Chotiner and his wife were celebrating their 66th wedding anniversary the same weekend as the reunion.

Several teachers also attended the reunion, including Greenbelt's own Dorothy Gonthier, who taught English and was the librarian at High Point during our years there. Helen Biggs, Frankie McMillen, Dr. Dale Woodburn, Lois Vars Mason, Jeanne Brown and Guidance Counselor Fred Novak also attended. Dr. Woodburn is still teaching math, presently at a Catholic girls' school.

Brown confided to me that she thought of us as her kids, even though she was only a few years older than we. I relayed to her that the boys definitely did not think of her as a mother. She laughed and said that when she told her brothers that the boys found her attractive, they howled and said, "You?" That's a brother for you.

Sunday morning found 57 of us back again at the Sheraton for a relaxing breakfast. Everyone I talked to had a great time reminiscing with old friends and getting to know some new ones they hadn't been acquainted with in high school. Carol Main, now living in California, said she

was "so happy" that the reunion committee (Greenbelter Bill Morrison championed this duty) had tracked her down.

Morrison spent countless hours searching through phone books, contacting parents, siblings, friends and following every lead available to find graduates who had been out of touch. Out of the 171 graduates in the 1956 class, there were only 10 he was unable to locate.

Greenbelters

Greenbelt was well represented. Peter Bowman, Bill Morrison, Terry Wiram, Richard Rosenzweig, Judy Kasko, Carol Orleans, Phyllis Chasanow, Curt Barker, Stanley Edwards, Tootsie Bradley, Joyce Graziano, Kay Branch, Carole Clay, Ellen Crofford, Georgene Edmunds, Lois Kramer, Fran Lastner, Fran Riley, Jim McGlothlin, Richard Rock and Pete Boggs – who jokingly says he graduated in 1975 – are the ones I spotted. It was interesting to hear what people had done with their lives over the years.

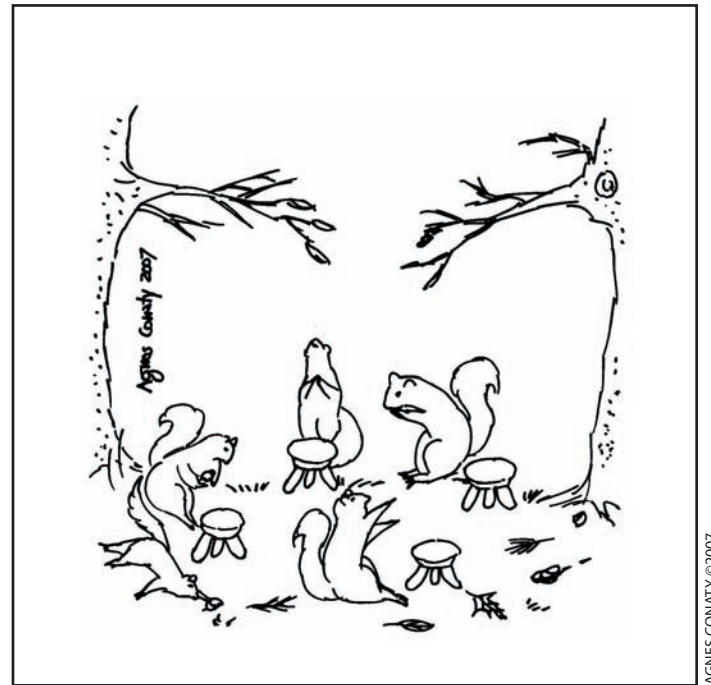
Some are still working. Sylvia Edmiston, now living in Florida, was inducted into the Sovereign Order of the Knights of Justice in April of this year for her worldwide work with the homeless. I'd never known anyone before who had been knighted. Several of the classmates were enjoying life in 55-and-over communities. Some others, like Joan Schmidt of Laurel, spend part of the year in one or two other parts of the country. She and her husband Robert spend summers in Henrico, N.C., and winters in Sarasota, Fla.

Sadly, 34 of the 1956 class, including Greenbelters Tony Baker, Robert Beckham, Deanna Bryan, Kenny Clay, June Paris, Charles Schosler and Tommy White, along with 35 of the 1957 class, including Denny Donnelan and Rice Turner, have died.

The festivities ended around noon on Sunday, with consideration being made for a yearly luncheon get-together in the area. Northwestern High School in Hyattsville (where the 1956 Greenbelt graduates attended their sophomore year before High Point was built) has instituted an annual gathering with the Golden Wildcats, meeting with anyone who has had a 50th reunion.

It was generally agreed that High Point's 50th class reunion was a big success. Stay tuned for the 55th.

Grin Belt



AGNES CONATY © 2007

"Sorry, the squirrel council positions cannot be decided by musical chairs."

Corrections

Sometimes an apology is in order when a correction is not possible. In last week's paper there were two listings of the precinct polling places. We incorrectly identified the Precinct 3 polling place in one of those listings. It was correctly identified as being in the Community Center on page 11 and in the city's Polling Places ad on page 5. We hope voters read on to find the correct listing or followed the signs and crowd to vote at the Community Center.

In the front page article on the election in last week's issue While Candidates' Views Differ, Campaign Lacks Controversy, the News Review misstated the swearing in time for the new city council on Monday, November 12. The correct time is, as always, 7:30 p.m.

The News Review regrets the errors.

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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.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF NOV. 9

MICHAEL CLAYTON (R)

Friday
*5, 7:30, 9:50

Saturday
*2:30, *5, 7:30, 9:50

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

Monday - Thursday
*5, 7:30

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GIVE BLOOD, GIVE LIFE

– Monday, November 12 from 1:30 to 7:30pm
at Knights of Columbus PGC 9450, College Park
– Thursday, Friday, November 16 from 1 to 7 p.m.
Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road
Call 301-552-8060 for an appointment.

Community Events

Veterans' Day Ceremonies

Greenbelt American Legion Post #136, American Legion Auxiliary Unit #136 and Sons of the American Legion Squadron #136 will host their annual Veterans' Day Ceremonies on Sunday, November 11 starting at 10 a.m., at the Veterans' Memorial at Roosevelt Center. All residents are invited to attend. The program will also feature a guest speaker. A buffet luncheon will be served at the Post Home following completion of the ceremonies.

In case of inclement weather the ceremonies and program will be held at 10 a.m. at the Post Home at 6900 Greenbelt Road.

Greenbelt Hosts Blood Drive Friday

The next blood drive in Greenbelt, sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department and the American Red Cross, will be held at the Greenbelt Community Center on Friday, November 16 from 1 to 7 p.m.

The urgent need for blood makes it important that there be a large turnout.

Those who have not already made an appointment through the Red Cross should call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212. As was the case in the last blood drive, walk-ins will be accepted at the end of each hour to fill in for no-show appointments.

Legion Membership Meeting Thursday

The American Legion Greenbelt Post #136 will hold its November General Membership Meeting on Thursday, November 15 starting at 7 p.m. at the Post. All members are welcome and dinner follows the meeting. Information on two of the American Legion programs – Boys State and Southern Maryland Youth Camp – will be provided.

At the Library

Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories:

Tuesday, November 13, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, November 14, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children.

Thursday, November 15, 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.

Explorations Hears About Vote Smart

On Friday, November 16 at 1 p.m., Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation by Jim Bates of Project Vote Smart. Bates will introduce Project Vote Smart, a citizens' organization dedicated to providing all Americans with accurate, unbiased information for electoral decision-making. His presentation consists of a video produced by the project, followed by a more detailed description of the organization's history and the types of information it provides. Its policies, procedures and structure are designed to guarantee absolute impartiality by being nonpartisan, nonprofit, independent, objective, reputable, mission-oriented and thorough.

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 and questions are encouraged. For more information call 301-397-2208.

GHI Notes

Monday, November 12 – GHI offices closed for Veterans' Day. For emergency maintenance call 301-474-6011.

Tuesday, November 13, 8:30 a.m., Yardline Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 14, 7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 15, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting

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

"Scouting for Food" Collection Saturday

The annual Cub Scout and Boy Scout "Scouting for Food" campaign is this Saturday, November 10. Scouts working on their "Good Turn" distributed plastic bags to many homes over the past weekend. People are asked to place donations of canned and packaged non-perishable food in non-glass containers in the bags and leave them in a visible place on a porch or by a front door before 9 a.m. on Saturday, November 10.

Scouts and their leaders will collect bags to deliver to a local food bank. Anyone whose bag is missed or who doesn't set it out in time is asked to take their contribution to a church or local food pantry. Safeway, WUSA and the Capital Area Food Bank are sponsors of Scouting for Food along with the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club will survive for another year! After many phone calls and some arm-twisting we have a slate of officers for 2008, thanks to the Nominating Committee: John Henry Jones, Brenda Cooley and Frank Corsen. The new officers will be installed at the first meeting in January 2008. Mark your calendars.

The meeting on November 21 will be canceled due to Thanksgiving. The Birthday potluck lunch will be on November 28.

The program committee is working on a program for November 14.

We were delighted to have a visit from Nick Pergola at our last meeting. His son brought him from Virginia for a visit.

There are a couple of celebrities in the Club. At Explorations Unlimited last Friday, Pat and Cathy Brannon gave a delightful talk about Scotland, their homeland. Maybe they'd do one for the club. Keep checking so you won't miss the happenings.

We extend condolences to the family of Ken Keeney. He and Pearl have been in an assisted living home in Severna Park for a few years.

Tree Planting Help Needed Nov. 17

There will be a tree planting on Saturday, November 17 at 9 a.m. in Greenbrook Estates. The planting is a project to satisfy an Eagle Scout requirement for Boy Scout Troop 214's William Dunham, a local resident and News Review carrier. Planting participants are asked to meet at 7006 Megan Lane. Participants are asked to bring their own shovels and a wheelbarrow if they have one. Students will receive service hours toward high school graduation.

Job Fair to Be Held at Legion

A Job Fair will be sponsored by the American Legion Department of Maryland and the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulations at American Legion Greenbelt Post #136 on Wednesday, November 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Job Fair is open to all job seekers. Attendees are urged to bring their resumes and see eager employers. Military service members, veterans and candidates or job seekers with an active, current security clearance are especially encouraged to attend.

The American Legion is located at 6900 Greenbelt Road in Greenbelt.

Music and Poetry Sunday at New Deal

On Sunday, November 11 from 5 to 7 p.m., Midnite Bob and friends, a.k.a. "Jack Couldn't Make It," will play original music and old favorites at the New Deal Café.

In addition, the new Iguana Review, issue #8, will be available for purchase.

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Week of November 9

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

MON.
Saw 4, R
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American Gangster, R (!)
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Bee Movie, PG (!)
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Fred Claus, PG (!)
12, 2:40, 5:20, 8
P-2, R (!)
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Tyler Perry's: Why Did I Get Married, PG-13
12, 2:35, 5:15, 7:50

TUES. - THUR.
Saw 4, R
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American Gangster, R (!)
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Bee Movie, PG (!)
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Postal Services Available



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

For more community events see page 8.

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.



6905 Greenbelt Rd
301-345-5111

Greenbelt Community Church

corner Hillside and Crescent

FALL BAZAAR & AUCTION

Nov. 17 9 a.m. Auction 1 p.m.

HUGE RUMMAGE SALE

Sun., November 11th & Mon., November 12th
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA BOARD MEETING GDC & GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, November 15, 2007
GHI BOARD ROOM
7:30 PM

GDC Meeting Agenda Items:

- Start-up of EZ Pay and Quarterly Raffles
- 3rd Quarter Financial Statements
- Proposed 2008 Budget Rent Increases

Key Agenda Items:

- Proposed Wood Picket Fence, 1G Westway
- Yard Line Certification, 9 Court Ridge
- Yard Line Certification, 6 Court Ridge
- Member Proposal to Operate a Bed and Breakfast in GHI
- ARC's Report on Boiler Room Uses
- Recommendations from Hedge Height Work Session
- 2008 Community Beautification Program
- 2008 Landscape Maintenance Contract – 2nd Reading
- 2008 Operating Budget – 2nd Reading
- Member/Staff Harassment Policy

Regular Board meetings are open to members. For more information, visit www.ghi.coop. For more information, visit our website – www.ghi.coop

Obituaries

Linda Rieg

Linda Rieg, 47, of Hyattsville, died on November 1, 2007. She also had lived in Lanham and Greenbelt.

Miss Rieg had worked at Generous Joe's Deli for 13 to 15 years. Before that she had worked for People's Drug Store (now CVS). She was a graduate of Duval High School.

A very good photographer, she was also interested in crafts, music, painting and singing. She also liked to travel. She sang in the St. Mathias Church choir.

Her father, Anthony Rieg, preceded her in death.

She is survived by her mother, Dorothy Rieg of Delaware, sisters Judy Rieg and Debbie Bender and her husband Steve; brothers Ronald Rieg and William Rieg and his wife Dorothy; many nieces and nephews; and her best friend and housemate, Randy.

Friends are welcome to visit the family at Rendon-Hale Funeral Home, 9013 Annapolis Road, Lanham/Seabrook on Saturday, November 10 from 3 to 4 p.m.

A private service will be held at a later date in a cemetery in Delaware.



Our Neighbors

Greenbelters were saddened to learn of the death on November 1, 2007, of Hyattsville resident Linda Rieg, a well-known 15-year employee of Generous Joe's.

CONGRATULATIONS to

David S. Granite, M.D., who has recently received recertification by the American Board of Family Medicine, which administers recertification tests to doctors who must also complete 300 hours of continuing medical education on a seven-year cycle.

the following November 1 graduates of TESST College of Technology in Beltsville: Sedat Onel Sedat, with a certificate in Computer Business Management; Markeisha Lee, certificate in Network Information Technology; Ibrahim Bah and Robert Pandohe, Electrician's Certificate; and Sajia Ahmed and Priscilla Asirifi, who received Medical Assistant Certificates.

Margarita Mandry and Paul Shipley of Woodland Way on the birth of a son, Patrick Russell Shipley, on October 25. The new baby weighed 8 lbs., 2 oz. and joins siblings Elena and Sergio.

It was so nice to see Ruth Bond, now living in Riderwood, at the polling booth on Tuesday with her new granddaughter-in-law, Elaine. Michael Bond and the former Elaine McQueen of Carron Falkirk, Scotland, were married June 19 in Hawaii; they now reside in Greenbelt.

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

Rundman Concert Is At Good Samaritan

A free concert featuring well known musician/songwriter of Christian music Jonathan Rundman will be offered on Sunday, November 11 at 7 p.m. at Good Samaritan Lutheran Church, 10110 Greenbelt Road at Lanham. There will be a free will offering.

For more information call 301-794-7300 or email mygoodsam@comcast.net.

UM Choruses Mark Veterans' Day

The University of Maryland Men's & Women's Choruses will give a concert on Sunday, November 11 at 3 p.m. Two popular choral ensembles join forces for a Veterans' Day concert including works that explore themes of war and remembrance. This free performance will take place in Dekelboum Concert Hall at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

NARFE Meets On Wednesday

The next meeting of NARFE Chapter 1122 will be at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 14 at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway. Members are urged to attend and the public is invited. For information call 301-937-7987.



Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

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Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community



November 11, 10 a.m.
"Spirit in Song"

by Barbara W. ten Hove, co-minister, with Bruce Baker, worship associate
The Choir will provide leadership along with music director David Chapman and the Chalice Dancers will perform.

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

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt



Open heart, Open minds, Open doors

www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410

Rev. Dr. Paul C. Kim, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 am

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

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7010 Glenn Dale Road
(Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)
301-262-3285 | rector@stgeo.org | www.stgeo.org

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

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301-474-4322



Mass Schedule:

Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd

Mishkan Torah Congregation

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

Friday evening services 8:00 PM
except first Friday of the month, when children's service begins at 7:30 PM

Saturday morning services - 9:30 AM

Children's Education, Adult Education, Social Action, etc.

For further information call 301 474-4223 www.mishkantorah.org
Conservative and Reconstructionist

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday 8:15 am Worship Service
9:15 am Sunday School/Bible Study
10:30 am Worship Service

Wednesday, November 21 – Thanksgiving Eve Services
12:15 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 25 Workshop "Ministry to Muslims"
3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Rev. Farrukh Khan, Director of People of the Book Lutheran Outreach



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Greenbelt Baptist Church

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

Welcome!

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

ALL are Welcome!

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

Virtues Classes for Children!

Sat., Nov. 10 & 17 10:30 a.m. to Noon, Schrom Hills Park Community Center Room
A free, fun experience for kids ages 5 to 10.
Helping them to understand and develop virtues.

"Should the lamp of religion be obscured, chaos and confusion will ensue and the lights of fairness and justice, of tranquility and peace cease to shine." – Bahá'u'lláh

Greenbelt Bahá'í Community

1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918
www.bci.org/greenbeltbahai www.bahai.us

Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Hillside & Crescent Roads
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www.greenbelt.com/gccucc/
Sunday Worship
10:15 a.m.
Daniel Hamlin, Pastor


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Learn About Islam

God is always there for us.

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.



Hope Fellowship

... living life together

Bible Study & Worship

9:30 "Good Morning!!" Coffee and Snacks
10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship

Greenbelt Youth Center 99 Centerway
(Behind the Community Center)

Nov. 11: The New Heaven and The Now Heaven

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

Music at the Café

by Donald L. Comis

Enjoy what we hope won't be the last "ridotto" at the New Deal Café with Jim Stimson. Stimson plays lute at the Café during Sunday brunches, using instruments modeled after those used from the 1500s to 1700s.

A ridotto, Stimson explained, refers to the concerts at royal courts of the dukes and lords of Northern Italy during that period. Royalty held these concerts to give the impression of order, civility and stability in their fiefdoms – when actually all were constantly warring and bribing, said Stimson.

All that intrigue is a bit like modern day America, so if you need some sense of stability, join Stimson on Sunday, November 18 at 11 a.m. You might offer a toast to a world of peace and morality and stability – starting with the Café. You'll learn more than what a "ridotto" is – and even how to pronounce it properly – from Jim, who is glad to share his knowledge of the period between tunes.

If your tastes run to something a little more modern, try anything from The Scrub Pines' alternative country tunes or Raincrow's hill country holler and gospel music both Friday, November 9, to Three Piece Suit's mix of folk and rock favorites Friday, November 16. For a full schedule see the New Deal Café's website www.newdealcafe.com.

Folks who come early on Sunday for dinner or desert can enjoy Midnight Bob and the Jack Can't Make It musical trio playing from 5 to 7 p.m.

Meeting

There will be a membership meeting in the Café's back room at 7 p.m. on Sunday, November 11, to see if the café has a future – the public is welcome to attend.

The Café is increasingly relying on volunteers to supplement a shrunken staff and keep the Café open as long as possible. Sign up on sheets taped to the counter or email DonaldComis@msn.com (or call 301-752-9535), Dorian Winterfeld (Dorian@greenbelt.com) or Barbara Stevens (stvnsg@greenbelt.com).



Rt. 1 Development Is Forum Topic

On Thursday, November 15 at 6:30 p.m., County Councilmembers Eric Olson, Thomas Dernoga and Will Campos will sponsor a community forum on development along the Rt. 1 corridor at the College Park City Hall.

The forum will give residents a chance to review development plans and speak with Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) officials. A panel discussion beginning at 7:30 p.m. will include representatives for the State Highway Administration, county public school system and M-NCPPC. People will have the opportunity to ask questions and express viewpoints on particular areas of interest.

The College Park City Hall is located at 4500 Knox Road. There will be free parking for forum attendees. For more information call District 3 Legislative Aide Dannielle Glaros at 301-952-3060 or email DMGlaros@co.pg.md.us.

NASA Credit Union Holds Shred Day

The NASA Federal Credit Union will hold a Community Shred Day on Saturday, November 10 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (or until the shred truck is full) at the rear parking lot of its Greenbelt Branch office, located at 10208 Greenbelt Road.

The event is open to the community, area residents and credit union members. Shredding old bills, paperwork, statements and documents helps reduce the risk of identity theft.

There is a limit of three gro-

cery bags or file boxes per person. Stapled or paper-clipped documents are acceptable but diskettes, CDs or other electronic mediums cannot be accepted.

Cintas Document Management, which provides the shred truck, uses a cross-cut shredding process, reducing paper to crisscross cut pieces of confetti about 5/8" which provides for greater security than conventional strip-cut shredders. People can view the shredding through a special monitor on the side of the truck.

View "Space Camp" At Aviation Museum

Everyone is welcome at the College Park Aviation Museum to the Family Movie Series for popcorn, lemonade and a flick on a day that Prince George's County Public School students are home.

All movies start at 1 p.m. and are included in regular museum admission.

The next film is "Space Camp" on Monday, November 12.

Energy Saving Tip Change Light Bulbs

Switch to compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL). These bulbs can be a huge energy saver. Replace some (or all) incandescent bulbs with CFL bulbs and enjoy reductions in heat production, energy use and electric bills.

Savings: changing five of the most frequently used light bulbs in a home can save \$100 per year on electric bills.

– U.S. Green Building Council



City Information

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Monday, November 12th, in observance of Veterans' Day. The GREENBELT CONNECTION will not be operating.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of November 12th
 Monday Route – Collected Tuesday
 Tuesday Route – Collected Wednesday
 Wednesday Route – Collected Thursday
 Thursday Route – Collected Friday

There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, November 16th.

MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER 12-16

Monday, November 12 at 7:00pm, **RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at the Greenbelt Community Center.

Monday, November 12 at 7:00pm, **CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**, Organization of the 37th Council at Municipal Building library.

Monday, November 12 at 7:30pm, **SPECIAL CHARTER MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**, Swearing in of the 37th Council, at the Municipal Building. Live on Channel 71.

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

SURPLUS VEHICLE SALE~BID 2007 – 3

The City of Greenbelt will be accepting sealed bids for sale of the following items.

Interested bidders may view vehicles/equipment on November 13th - November 14th. Contact the Public Works Office at 301-474-8004 to make arrangements.

Sealed bids shall be submitted to the above address no later than 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 14th. Bids will be opened on Thursday, November 15th, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. Bids must include the name, address and phone number of the bidder and the complete vehicle/equipment description. The highest bidders will be notified by phone or mail. Once notification has been made, successful bidders will have three working days to remove the vehicles.

The City reserves the right to reject any bids. Vehicles/Equipment

- Unit #118: 93 Ford Skid Steer Loader, 1,855 hrs.
- Unit #124: 93 Chevy Pickup, 160K,
- Unit #133: 89 Centerville Trailer
- Unit #151: 98 Ford Econo Van (Natural Gas), 108K
- Unit #129: 88 Case Roller, 707 hrs.
- Unit #264: 97 Int'l Recycling Truck, 74K
- Unit #501: 92 Ford Taurus, 53K
- Unit #716: 92 Chevy Caprice, 153K

DONATION DROP-OFF

American Rescue Workers

Saturday, November 10th from 9:00 a.m.-12:00p.m. Parking lot between City Office and Community Center
 Info: City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8303.

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.

FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD

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

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

301-474-0646

CERAMICS EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

Slab roller with table. +/- 10 years old, good working order. New \$1,500, asking \$500 OBO. Call for details: 240-542-2061. Offers must be received by November 30.

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 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

Greenbelt Municipal/Public Access Channel 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Monday, November 12th at 7:30pm: Swearing in of the 37th Council (live) Tuesday & Thursday, November 13 & 15: 10am & 6pm "Ask the Expert – Register of Wills," 6:30pm: "Senior Forum 2007" 8:00pm "Replay of Council Swearing In. 8:30pm "Greenbelt Museum Lecture on Co-ops"
 PUBLIC ACCESS(GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, November 14 & 16: 7pm "Cinderella's Wish 8:00pm "Beltway Plaza-Trick or Treat & Costume Contest.

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

Brian Weeks Enjoys Job Teaching Math at GES

by Vicki Kriz

On his birthday in early October Brian Weeks, a sixth grade math teacher at Greenbelt Elementary School (GES), got to have his cake and eat it too – literally. Some of his former students, now in the ninth and tenth grades, brought in a cake to celebrate, proving to Weeks that not only do his students enjoy his class but he is making a difference in their lives.

Weeks, in his sixth year of teaching at Greenbelt Elementary, believes that a positive relationship with students, both in and outside the classroom, is important to successfully help students learn and grow in both education and maturity level. From encouraging student interaction and games in the classroom, to inviting students to see him play in the Redskins Band, Weeks says that staying personable with each student is key to learning and not just in math.

“I hope I make learning exciting and fun at the same time,” Weeks said. “I hope my students see me as a loving and caring father-figure.”

With three children of his own, Weeks now lives in Laurel but is originally from Salisbury, N.C. While growing up, Weeks developed an interest in music and began playing the sousaphone in the fourth grade.

At Winston Salem State University, he started out as a music major but switched to mathematics and secondary education in his junior year. Most of his family are teachers. He then attended graduate school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he received his master's degree.

In the classroom, Weeks works on the belief that it is possible for anyone to learn.

Students learn both concrete and abstract concepts, including those from algebra and geometry. Although these studies may not be greatly interesting to every student, Weeks does his best to make sure everyone enjoys the



Brian Weeks

class by incorporating games and activities that require students to move around and interact with each other.

“Every student can learn, teachers just have to be creative enough,” Weeks said. “Once we find that knack, we got them.”

Outside of the classroom, Weeks continues to enjoy music as a member of the Redskins Band. He first joined six or seven years ago when a friend already in the band invited him to audition. He now practices every Wednesday night at Redskins Stadium and plays at Redskins home games.

Weeks can be found coaching his son's football team, the Laurel Boys and Girls Club Wildcats, who play against some of his own students, players for the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club Raiders.

Weeks has also continued to further his education, working toward a doctorate at Bowie State University. In December 2006, he received his administrator degree from Coppin State University. He has thought about possibly seeking a school superintendent position in the future with the hope of implementing some of his own ideas.

“I love what I do but, as a person who continues education, you want to look at different options,” Weeks said.

Literature Letters National Contest

Reading, writing and expression are key ingredients of the 2008 Letters About Literature (LAL) Contest, which is a part of the Maryland Center for the Book. In this national contest, children and young adults use creativity and imagination to address a real-life author whose literature impacted their lives and transformed their minds.

The contest focuses on reading and reflective writing and has three competition levels: Level 1 for students in grades 4-6, Level 2 for students in grades 7 and 8 and Level 3 for students in grades 9-12. Teachers can include LAL in their classroom curriculum by downloading a free copy of the teacher's guide, including lesson plans and other materials at the Library of Congress website www.loc.gov/letters.

Awards are presented on the national and state level. Six national finalists will receive a \$500 Target gift card and a \$10,000 Reading Promotion Grant for their school or community library. The 12 national runners-up will win a \$100 Target gift card and a

\$1,000 Reading Promotion Grant. State winners will receive a \$50 Target gift card, cash prizes and recognition at a statewide awards ceremony.

All entries must be postmarked by December 14. To obtain the required entry form and a copy of the “how to enter” guidelines, visit the LAL webpage at www.loc.gov/letters.

Science Center Has Open House Thurs.

Owens Science Center will hold its second Open House on Thursday, November 15 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. This is a free Family Science Night that includes an opportunity to visit the planetarium, the Challenger Learning Center and see new science demonstrations. The Science Center's new theme is physical science. The Center also has a small souvenir shop.

Howard B. Owens Science Center is located at 9601 Greenbelt Road in Lanham.

For further information call 301-918-8750 during school hours or visit www1.pgcp.org/howard-bowens/.

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Center School in 1973 and moving to the current school at its inception.

As computer liaison, Geagan has many responsibilities. She manages repairs and networking, purchasing and the loading of software and hardware while running classes on the side.

Geagan believes the incorporation of technology into the classroom and the curriculum helps build an enthusiasm for learning. Math teachers, such as sixth grade math teacher Brian Weeks, use the computer labs. His students can use Microsoft Excel to analyze last year's NFL statistics.

Other teachers have students create PowerPoint presentations for various projects. Most teachers have students use the labs for word processing.

The school's use of online programs has also been a big hit with the students. Geagan advocates the “First in Math” program, which challenges third through sixth grade students with math concepts. She believes it has improved students' math scores.

“It requires you to think ahead, kind of like chess,” Geagan said. “It's amazing how a lot of the kids who don't have those skills acquire them through the use of the program.”

Accelerated Reader

Geagan also likes the “Accelerated Reader” program that tests students' reading comprehension after they have completed a book. The program keeps track of points and books and provides small incentives to students who continue reading.

“We've invested a ton of money in [Accelerated Reader] and managing it is also kind of high-tech but it's been wonderful because it keeps the kids excited,” Geagan said.

She also provides primary programs for the younger students, including those based on letter recognition and drawing. Geagan does not teach keyboarding; however, students do learn the function keys.

New Option Voted for High School Grads

After many months of debate, public hearings and detailed presentations, the Maryland State Board of Education voted on October 31 to maintain the High School Assessment (HSA) program as a graduation requirement for the class of 2009. The Board also approved the additional measure of a senior project for those students for whom passing the HSAs has proven difficult even after remediation. The HSA program was reaffirmed by an 8 to 4 vote.

Maryland's High School Assessments are four end-of-course exams, one each in algebra/data analysis, biology, government and English, that all students must take and pass in order to graduate beginning with the class of 2009 (this year's juniors). The HSA exams are based on the Maryland High School Core Learning Goals, incorporated into the state's public school curricula in the 1990s. Students take each assessment as they complete the related course. Passing the tests is one of several high school graduation requirements, which also include passing each course, earning state-specific credits, completing service-learning requirements and fulfilling attendance requirements.

Maryland students will have

The budget for Greenbelt Elementary's computer programs comes from the PTA and in the past has been aided by companies such as Lockheed Martin.

Funding has also been given to the school to revamp its television studio. Geagan and parent volunteers have worked to downsize the cost of the replacement technology from \$30,000 to about \$4,000 by purchasing an iMac computer that they hope can be used to broadcast the announcements to teachers' laptops.

Visualizers, high-tech overhead projectors, connected to the laptops will be used to project the announcements onto a screen in each classroom.

The school has also been given funding to purchase 80 new computers as well as 21 visualizers, replacing most of the computers in the school for the first time in almost 13 years.

Geagan, a California native, attended the University of California Los Angeles and majored in anthropology. Her interests in both anthropology and archaeology led her to travel to Mexico last Christmas to visit ancient Mayan ruins.

Geagan also enjoys playing golf and lives on a small golf course in Laurel where the sounds of lawn mowers on the course serve as her alarm clock every morning at 5 a.m.

Geagan became interested in computers with the help of her son who later became a computer programmer and formerly worked for Apple. Despite her interests, she still believes children's reliance on technology for recreation should not be overdone. Computers should be used to “get kids excited about the world” by conducting Internet research and exploring pictures.

“I worry about being immersed in technology,” Geagan said. “The world is expecting you to have these skills but parents really need to control [computer usage] and make sure [their kids] are doing useful things on the computer.”

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Legion Celebrates Education Week

Greenbelt Unit #136 of the American Legion Auxiliary has announced plans for participation in the observance of American Education Week, November 11 through 17. This year's theme is “Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility.”

Greenbelt's Legion Auxiliary will express thanks to teachers at local schools by delivering baskets of apples and a poem of appreciation, thank you cards containing McDonald's gift certificates and bookmarks encouraging students to read. Throughout the year publications encouraging patriotism, civic pride and scholarships will be distributed to schools and the public library.

American Education Week is for parents, educators and everyone. It is the duty and responsibility of all people to see that children are prepared to take up the roles of citizens and leaders in the years to come.

The Legion urges all Greenbelters to support local schools, to reaffirm their commitment to improving and supporting education at all levels and to visit Greenbelt schools during American Education Week.

Friends School to Be Visited by Author

Patricia Polacco is a children's author who draws on personal experience to share her stories. Polacco will visit Friends Community School (FCS) on Tuesday, November 13. Students and staff are excited because Polacco's visit has greater significance to them than the fact that she is a renowned children's author who has published numerous books for children.

For more than 10 years, FCS teachers and students have used Polacco's works as touchstone teaching texts. Treasured, well-used copies of virtually all of her work can be found in classroom libraries from the kindergarten room to the 7th and 8th grade Language Arts room.

Students have listened to her stories, then discussed issues related to conflict resolution. Students have analyzed her texts for strategies that authors use to engage an audience and to enhance comprehension; they have practiced making connections between personal experience and the experiences of characters in her stories.

In 1999 Susie Baker-Lapp of FCS produced a video, “Teasing Isn't Pleasing,” for a contest sponsored by Polacco. The contest was part of Polacco's campaign to raise awareness of the harm that comes from teasing and to end bullying in schools.

For its participation in the contest, the school received a signed piece of artwork Polacco created just for contest participants. Although the FCS entry did not win, Polacco's art is hanging in the school library.

The video, “Teasing Isn't Pleasing,” contributed to FCS being named a Maryland School of the Year for Excellence in Character Education in 2000.

ELECTION

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All six candidates who sought election both this year and in 2005 (Kastner did not run in 2005) received fewer votes due to a lower voter turnout. There were 196 fewer votes cast this year, a drop of over nine percent. At the last election there was a ballot question on granting Greenbelt police officers the right to undertake collective bargaining, an issue that probably drew additional voters. There was no question on the ballot this year.

Race for Mayor

The race between Davis and Roberts, close two years ago, grew even tighter this time. Davis became the top vote-getter by only 20 votes or one percent of the votes cast. In 2005 she won by 49 votes or 2.3 percent. Davis was the leader in the Springhill Lake and Greenbelt East precincts. As was the case two years ago, Roberts led in North End and in absentee ballots cast. This time, Roberts also led in Greenbelt Center, a precinct where his votes tied Davis in 2005. If it were up to the North End and the absentee voters, Kastner would have been elected to the council as she placed fifth among absentees and fourth in the North End, beating out both Mach and Putens.

All incumbents were elected with lower percentages of the votes cast. Apparently most of the votes not cast for incumbents were cast instead for Kastner. This year the average voter cast four and one-half votes. Last time, the average voter cast four votes. Apparently, most of these extra votes cast went to Kastner as well.

The percent of registered voters voting this year was 17.8 percent as compared to 18.4 percent in 2005. Because the total number of registered voters dropped in the two year period due to the county Board of Elections' purging voter names from the list who no longer are eligible to vote due to death, moving, etc., the drop in registration was not as much as the percentage drop in votes cast.

Greenbelt City Clerk Kathleen Gallagher reported that the election went very smoothly with no particular difficulties of significance.

Write-in Votes

William Orleans, whose incomplete filing to run for council did not permit his certification, received 11 write-in votes. Silke Pope also received 11 write-in votes. John Winfrey, Sylvia Lewis and Alan Turnbull each received three votes. Forty-one others each received one or two votes.

Orleans and Doug's Dog Win the 2007 Pumpkin Poll

by Doug Love

This year's Pumpkin Poll was well attended by 84 kids, almost all of whom knew what was expected and participated wholeheartedly. Some changed their votes three times.

The big winner of the night was Bill Orleans, the shadow candidate for city council who did not qualify to be on the ballot only because he does not have a residence. The fact that he was also represented on my pumpkin gained him three more votes and, at one point, put him barely ahead of my dog, also on the front porch with the candy. But three kids put Orleans over the top and over the dog, 15 to 13.

Other successful candidates include Kelly Ivy, who took an

early lead and finished with 10 votes. Rodney Roberts tied at seven each with "I don't know." Obama got five votes but the several Clinton voters changed their votes when they realized this was a city council election. "No Answer" tied with Hanna Montana, with four votes each. Elvis and the Pumpkin each got three votes.

Single votes went to Ed Putens, J Davis, Konrad Herling, Ruth Kastner, a butterfly, Condoleeza Rice, Guiliani, "My litter sister Alexina," Om, "Thank You," the gorilla, Trick or Treat, Dan, Mom and You (me!). Leta Mach did not get any votes. Several teens wanted to vote for Satan but I reminded them that he won in 2000 and 2004.

Upcoming Programs At Patuxent Refuge

A bird walk and a special program for small children are featured this week at the Patuxent Refuge in Laurel. At the North Tract on Route 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 32, three programs will be offered.

On Sunday, November 11 a guided bird walk for all ages will be held from 8:15 to 10:15 a.m., and an "Owl Prowl" will take place from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Field guides and binoculars are recommended.

On Friday, November 16 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. "Nature Tots" ages 3 and 4 are invited to learn about "Marvelous Mammals" and how they cope with the cold winter months.

Two additional birding events will be held at the Visitor Center off Powder Mill Road between the Parkway and Route 197. On Wednesday, November 14 a bird walk open to anyone 16 and over will take place.

And on Saturday, November 17 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. beginning birders (ages 16+) are invited to bring a bag lunch and learn the "Basics of Birding." These activities take place out of doors, as the Visitor Center is currently closed for repairs.

All public programs at the Patuxent Refuge are free; however, advance reservations are required and may be made by calling 301-497-5887.

Railroad Building Is History Lecture Topic

The final lecture in the free Montpelier Mansion Fall History Lecture Series will be held on Wednesday, November 14 at 7:30 p.m. on the subject of the building of the B&O Railroad in northern Prince George's County. Paul Bridge of the B&O Railroad Museum in Baltimore will speak on the engineering accomplishments of the B&O pioneers and what these contributions meant to the Laurel area and the growth of America as a whole.

Refreshments follow the free lecture and the atmosphere is relaxed.

Montpelier Mansion, a Prince George's Parks property, is located at 9650 Muirkirk Road (Muirkirk Road at Rt. 197) in Laurel. For more information call 301-953-1376; TTY 301-699-2544.

UM Students Perform Chamber Music

University of Maryland student chamber ensembles will perform on Thursday, November 15 at 7 p.m. and Friday, November 16 at 5:30 p.m. This is a two-part chamber recital across two evenings featuring student string, woodwind, brass and piano ensembles. These free concerts will be held in Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

"The Senior Center" Is a Fundraising Scam

State Secretary of Aging Gloria Lawlah cautions all Maryland residents, especially seniors who are active members of their local senior centers, to be aware of a fundraising scam being conducted by a Maryland-based outfit called "The Senior Center."

A solicitation letter is being sent to seniors indicating that The Senior Center is in danger of running out of money and asks for donations of \$20 or more. Many seniors who receive this letter may believe the organization is raising money for their local seniors center - this is not the case. The request is a scam. Money donated to this group will not go to senior centers.

"I encourage Maryland residents who want to contribute money to their local senior center(s) to call the center directly to learn about their fundraising programs and campaigns," said Lawlah.

Other states have also reported this scam being conducted in their states. Seniors and other Marylanders with questions and concerns about legitimate fundraising and charitable organizations should contact the Maryland Attorney General 1-888-743-0023, www.oag.state.md.us/seniors.htm or the Office of the Secretary of State - Charitable Organizations Division at 1-800-825-4510, www.sos.state.md.us/Charity/Charityhome.htm.

PREVENT IDENTITY THEFT.



NASA Federal Credit Union is Sponsoring a Free SHRED DAY

Saturday, November 10
10 am - 1 pm

NASA Federal Greenbelt Branch
10208 Greenbelt Road

Safely dispose of confidential information, such as old bills, paperwork, statements and other documents for FREE. Everyone is invited to bring up to 3 bags or boxes of documents.

Watch Cintas Document Management, a leading document destruction company, reduce your papers to crisscross-cut pieces of confetti. View the shredding through a special monitor on the truck.

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NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

LEAF BAGS AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME

FREE paper leaf bags will again be available to GHI members at the GHI main office during regular business hours on a first-come, first-served basis.

NOTE: SPECIAL SATURDAY HOURS: Bags will be distributed from garage #6 on 3 Court of Eastway Saturdays in November from 9 AM - 1:00 PM:

November 3 • November 10 • November 17 • November 24

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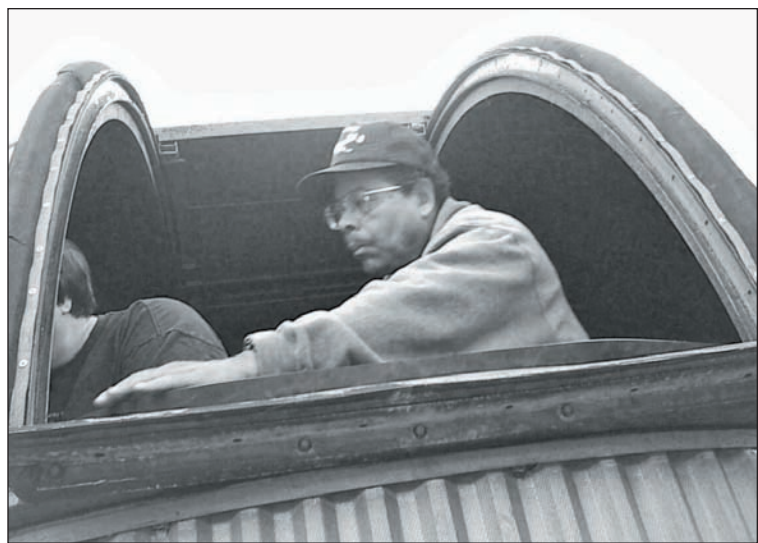
by Doug Love

Last Sunday afternoon, November 4 the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt had a successful work day. A generator was used to run the motors that open and turn the dome and the long-neglected tracks were cleaned and greased until the squeaking stopped. Rust was scraped off of the steel telescope pier and it was painted with Rustoleum, preparing it to be installed on the cement pier. Several wall panels were caulked and repositioned and then bolted into place.

The next work session will be Sunday afternoon, November 18 when we will probably install

the pier and close in the floor around it. By that time the city will have built the landing and stairway down into the basement. Electrification and telescope installation will take place later.

The next meeting of the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will be on November 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the planetarium chamber at Owens Science Center. Guest speaker Dr. John Pearl of the Goddard Spaceflight Center Planetary Systems Laboratory will talk about Saturn's strange moon Iapetus. The Society will also elect officers. The December meeting will be a solstice party.



Carol Biegel, partially hidden, and Nelson Wallace working on the dome from inside.

Café Seeks Art for Fundraising Auction

Kristin Stenson, the visual arts coordinator for the New Deal Café, is asking Greenbelt artists and craftspeople to participate in the New Deal Café's Second Annual Art Auction on December 2. This event comes at a crucial time for the Café, as it faces continued financial difficulty.

The Café is asking the artists to donate a piece of their work to auction off so the Café can continue to provide a place for the arts to thrive. This year the Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA) is sponsoring the auction and all proceeds will go to FONDCA to support arts programming at the Café. FONDCA is a nonprofit organization, so donations can be claimed on tax returns.

The auction will take place on Sunday, December 2 from 7 to 9 p.m. The exhibit will run from November 25 through December 30. The drop-off date for all art works is Sunday, November 25 from 7 to 9 p.m. Whatever does

not get sold during the auction will be put on a silent auction for the remainder of the month.

For questions or further information email Kristin Stenson at newdealcafeart@yahoo.com or call 301-257-2095. Art exhibits at the Café are coordinated by the New Deal Café Art Committee and are sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA), with support from Prince George's County.

Dr. David Granite Is Board Recertified

The American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM) has announced that David S. Granite, M.D., has successfully completed its recertification examination. ABFM certification sets a standard of excellence in knowledge and practice for physicians who are recertified by the examination process and work diligently on maintaining their skills over the seven-year cycle between examinations.

To achieve recertification by ABFM, a family physician must verify completion of 300 hours of acceptable continuing medical education over the past six years; possess a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in the United States; and successfully complete a one-day, written examination of cognitive knowledge and problem-solving abilities. The examination covers the disciplines of the specialty including but not limited to adult medicine; care of newborns, infants, children and adolescents; maternity and gynecological care; community medicine; care of the older patient; human behavior and mental health; and care of surgical patients.

City Notes

Animal Control staff created an online webpage featuring animals for adoption.

Public Works reports approximately 4,500 pounds of electronics, including 25 televisions, were collected during the Electronics Recycling held last Saturday.

Facilities Maintenance crew replaced the heating and air conditioning unit in the main office at the Youth Center.

Parks crew raised and leveled headstones that had settled at the Greenbelt Cemetery.

Horticulture crew removed tree roots and prepared landscaping beds on Southway for planting 800 violas, 600 tulips, 250 daffodils and 250 hyacinths in landscaping beds and along black top pathway on Crescent.



Rafael Corzo's "For Pleasure or for Need" is part of the Artista Emergent exhibit on display at the New Deal Café through the end of November.

Rafael Corzo Is New Deal Artist for November Exhibit

by Erin Whiting

Rafael Corzo is the November artist featured at the New Deal Café in Roosevelt Center. His exhibit, "Artista Emergente," featuring between 10 and 15 mixed-media pieces, will be displayed throughout November with a reception on Sunday, November 18.

Aside from participating in four student exhibits at Prince George's Community College, where he is a fine arts major, Corzo has had a solo exhibit displayed at the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and was their cover artist of the month for October. His New Deal show features paintings in oil, acrylic, watercolor and graphite, as well as two sculptures that will only be on view to the public during the reception.

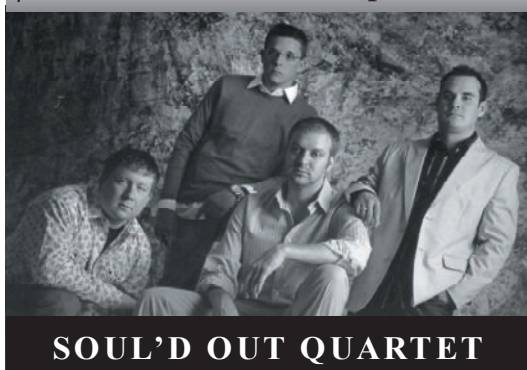
A Laurel resident, Corzo is

a native of Mexico City who moved to the United States almost five years ago. He supports himself through the profits of his art sales, so far in New York, California, Mexico and Iceland. Corzo experiments with a range of subjects and techniques, including a three-dimensional series he is preparing for an upcoming show in Baltimore. He is ambidextrous, writing with both hands, and can write backward and forward; he even signs his pieces backward. He says his seven-year-old daughter is his favorite subject; unlike his other pieces, pictures featuring her are not for sale.

Corzo's exhibit is hung in both rooms of the New Deal Café. A reception will be held on Sunday, November 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. All are welcome to attend and refreshments will be provided.

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Police Blotter

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

Attempted Murder

November 1, 10:41 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Terrace, police responded to a report of a stabbing victim in front of an apartment building in the 9200 block of Springhill Lane. The victim was located and transported by ambulance to a hospital for treatment. Investigation revealed that the victim and a man were engaged in an argument over money in a vacant apartment in the 9100 block of Edmonston Terrace when the man produced a knife and stabbed the victim in the chest, then ran from the scene. The suspect, a black male, 39 years of age, 5'7", 140 pounds with black hair and brown eyes, is known to the victim and investigation is continuing.

Robberies

October 27, 9:37 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, a man reported that he was walking in an apartment complex parking lot when he was approached by three men. One of them struck the man in the head with a bottle and took money from him. The suspects then fled the scene on foot. They are described as three black males, 20 to 24 years of age, 5'11" to 6', 160 to 180 pounds; each wearing dark clothing.

October 31, 9:22 a.m., Beltway Plaza, two victims reported that they were about to get into their vehicle in the plaza parking lot when they were approached by as many as seven males. A gun was implied but not displayed and a robbery was announced; one male punched one of the victims. After obtaining a video game player and change the suspects fled the scene on foot. One suspect is described as a black male, 6'1" with a thin build, black shoulder-length hair in braids, wearing a black track jacket with stripes on the arms; another is described as a black male, 5'8" with a thin build, black hair and a light complexion.

November 1, 7:19 p.m., 7800 block Emily's Way, a man reported that he was walking to a residence when he was approached by four men, one armed with a handgun. A robbery was announced and, after obtaining

the man's wallet, the suspects fled the scene on foot.

Assault

October 27, 10:57 p.m., 7200 block South Ora Court, a non-resident youth was arrested for second-degree assault, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. Police responded to a report of a loud party at a residence, along with the possible sound of gunshots. Upon arriving on the scene, police saw the youth without her shirt on, shouting profanities. Police attempted to take her into custody but she pulled away and ran into the residence where the party was taking place. The youth was observed yelling and shouting, to the extent that police believed that she may be in need of medical attention. The officer again attempted to take her into custody, at which time she assaulted the officer several times and ran out of the house, where she was arrested by another officer. She was released to a guardian pending action by the juvenile justice system after an ambulance responded and personnel cleared her medically.

Handgun Arrest

October 28, 9:45 p.m., Kenilworth Avenue and the Beltway, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with wearing and carrying a handgun, retaining a handgun with a defaced serial number and obstructing passage of another. Police observed a vehicle that had apparently just driven into two road signs and a guardrail. The driver, who was on the scene, was observed walking in and out of traffic, putting himself and other motorists in danger. He was found to be in possession of a 38-caliber semi-automatic handgun, which had the serial number defaced. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Drug Arrests

October 26, 11:33 p.m., Holiday Inn, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana. Police responded to a report of a disturbance inside a room at the hotel. When the room door was opened police detected the odor of what

was believed to be marijuana. Located in the room and on the man was a quantity of suspected marijuana. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Trespass

October 27, 4:02 a.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespass. Police, responding to a report of a group of people possibly smoking marijuana in an apartment hallway, located the man who had been banned from the complex by agents of the property. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Vehicle Crimes

Two vehicles were reported stolen: a 2004 Ford Expedition from the 9100 block Springhill Lane; and a black 2002 Lexus GS3000, Maryland tags 4BWT73 from the 9000 block Breezewood Terrace. It is believed that the Ford was taken as a result of the home invasion robbery reported October 26.

October 29 a nonresident woman was arrested at Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway and charged with theft. Police were suspicious of an occupied vehicle and a computer check revealed that the tag on the vehicle had been reported stolen. The woman was released on citation pending trial.

Two vehicles were recovered by Greenbelt police with no arrests made.

October 29, 7900 block Mandan Road, a witness saw two men break out the window of a parked vehicle. The suspects fled the area in a vehicle described as a gold colored Cadillac.

Theft from, attempted theft of and vandalism to vehicles were reported in the following areas: Beltway Plaza (two incidents), 5900 block Cherrywood Lane, 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, 6000 block Springhill Drive, 6400 block Ivy Lane, 100 block Northway, 7700 and 7800 blocks Hanover Parkway (three incidents) and 7900 block Mandan Road.

Fire Department Open House Has Demos, Rides and More



On Saturday, October 27 the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad (GVFD&RS) hosted its annual open house with demonstrations and activities for the community. The U.S. Park Police brought a mounted police officer who let visitors and members get a close up look at his horse and was able to discuss what the Park Police do. The Greenbelt Police K-9 unit demonstrated how well trained their "canine officers" are and showed how they use canines to apprehend fleeing suspects.



The GVFD&RS used a donated car to show how auto fires are put out. A final demonstration by Berwyn Heights Squad 14 showed how they cut apart a car during an extrication operation.



Participants were given a chance to direct the fire hose at a target.

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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Other highlights of the day were engine rides, free police fingerprinting of children and the Ladies Auxiliary bake sale.

Ban on Post-season Football Lifted after ERHS Appeal Heard

by James K. Sanborn

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) football team became eligible to participate in post-season playoffs after the Prince George's County superintendent granted an appeal on October 29 reversing an earlier decision to bar them.

The team had been barred from post-season playoffs and forced to forfeit four victories this season after a scandal revealing the use of ineligible players.

"I'm sure the superintendent looked at the entire case," Earl Hawkins, Prince George's supervisor of athletics said. "There were many students on the team that had nothing to do with this. I'm sure that played a role in his decision."

It first came to light that the Roosevelt Raiders had been using ineligible players when Edwin Rios, a 2001 Roosevelt graduate, informed the school system that his younger brother Nigel had played for the team last season despite living outside Roosevelt's school boundaries.

Among other accusations by Rios was the assertion that Raiders' head football coach Rick Houchens had actively recruited students from outside Roosevelt's district. Recruiting players from other schools is strictly forbidden by the Prince George's County school system.

Investigation

Rios' accusations prompted an investigation by school authorities. As a result of that investigation, Houchens and assistant coach Roman Morris were suspended for the season. In addition, the Raiders had to forfeit 23 games from the past three seasons, in addition to the four victories forfeited this season.

In an interview with The Washington Post, both Houchens and Morris stated their intent to appeal their suspension and challenge the disciplinary actions taken against them.

Rios also leveled accusations of misconduct at Reginald McNeill, Roosevelt's principal, who at the time Rios came to play for the Raiders was an assistant principal.

Rios said that McNeill introduced him to Houchens and helped him improperly enroll at the school so that he could play football for Roosevelt. Rios said both McNeill and Houchens knew he was ineligible to attend school at Roosevelt or to play for any of its teams.

Houchens countered those allegations by saying it is difficult to account for so many players.

The Raiders, a team considered a powerhouse by any standard — one that has made the playoffs for four consecutive years — must

work hard if they are to make the playoffs this fall. Now ranked eighth within the Maryland 4A South Region, they must climb into one of the top four slots to advance.

Other Teams

The brunt of the controversy has surrounded the Raiders' football team but evidence of similar misconduct involving the use of ineligible players has brought scrutiny to the boys' soccer team, which has now forfeited five games, and the girls' cross-country running team, which has forfeited the results of two meets.

Teams at C.H. Flowers High School and Crossland High School have also been forced to forfeit victories.

Smith Center Offers Double Reed Concert

On Wednesday, November 14 at 8 p.m., the UM School of Music presents a double reed recital by faculty artists Mark Hill, principal oboe of the National Philharmonic, and Sue Heine-man, principal bassoon of the National Symphony Orchestra. The concert will include works by Poulenc, Donizetti/Brod, Ger-not Wolfgang, Pavel Haas and others. This free event will take place in Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.



GTA Co-chairs Emmett Jordan and Bill Wilkerson (right) present a check for \$500 to David Craig Scholarship Fund administrator, Douglas Mangum and scholarship recipient Justin Walker, a former ERHS student who is now a pre-med student at University of Maryland College Park. — photo by Ellen Carter

Tennis Tournament Raises Money for David Craig Fund

The Greenbelt Tennis Association (GTA) annual David Craig Tennis Tournament concluded last weekend with the following winners: in A singles, Festus Okoya; in A doubles, Bob Bassett/Andrew King; in B singles: Dominic Moulden; in B doubles, Bob Bassett/Nellie Low; in 50 plus: Danny Weaver, and in the 16 and under division: Titus Bera.

Part of the proceeds from the tournament each year are desig-

nated for the David Craig Scholarship Fund. This year \$500 was raised for the fund.

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

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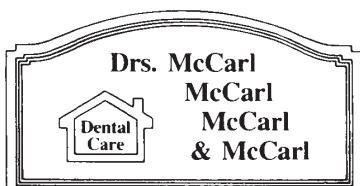


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Boxwood Residents Enjoy Annual Party

by Joan Falcão

A gorgeous day, a woodland setting, hanging out with neighbors, pizza and soda . . . Life is good! Sunday afternoon, October 21 was the time set for Boxwood's annual pizza party at the tot lot on Lastner Lane. Entertainment featured an obstacle course for the pre-school set, with ribbons for participation. Kids decorated their own ribbons with stickers and magic markers to create unique decorations.

The obstacle course started with an 8-foot tunnel, followed by a water obstacle (well, a child's swimming pool with water, stepping stones and plastic monsters), a balance beam, stools to climb over and a soccer ball to score a goal.

Badminton, hula hoops and a football provided a little diversion for adults until the water balloon toss, a pairs competition. First the standard water balloons were tossed in a single-elimination contest, with participating pairs stepping further and further away from each other.

But then the competition escalated to the 12-oz. water balloons, where a bad catch could win a consolation-prize dry T-shirt, left over from the yard sale.

The Boxwood Annual Yard Sale and environmental events had been held the day before,



Ruth Kastner, president of the Boxwood Civic Association, staffs the table where residents could safely discard old batteries and fluorescent bulbs.

taking advantage of the 10 picnic tables dropped off by Public Works Department for the pizza party. Seven participating sellers offered bargains in this time-honored method of de-cluttering.

For the less ambitious, there was a "freecycler" table and corral, where items could be dropped off and picked up, all for free. This was hugely successful, keeping dozens of items out of the dump.

Among the most unusual items taken were a wooden bathroom cabinet, a steering wheel lock, shelving, a foot massage and a hummingbird feeder. Only a few items were left over and destined for a thrift store.

Old fluorescent bulbs and quite a few expired batteries were collected as a service to the community. They were then dropped off at Ikea and M.O.M.'s respectively, which accept these items for safe and legal disposal.

So when the light faded on Sunday, it marked the end of a full weekend. My fondest memory was of little Emma, the first to attempt the pre-school obstacle course. She needed heavy hand-holding, coaching and bending of the rules to complete the course. But she came back, again and again, over a dozen times. At the end, she had total mastery of our little challenges and was immensely proud of herself!



The Boxwood Annual Yard Sale also featured a freecycler table and corral.

A Review

Finding One's Way at Utopia Festival

by Sandra A. Lange

One of the best things about the Utopia Film Festival during the October 27-28 weekend was that you couldn't really tell from the one-sentence description what the film was going to be about. Therefore, you were pleasantly surprised, mildly disappointed or possibly bored by whatever you chose to see in a variety of venues throughout the city.

The Utopia Film Festival is now in its third year and the quality of films, the technical support and the organizational capacity have steadily improved. Likewise attendance is increasing.

The short documentaries were especially appealing. "Freedom Dance" told the story of artist Edward Hilbert's escape from communist Hungary during the 1956 revolution. Through recorded interviews and animation, Hilbert and his wife experience terror, heroism and joy in arriving in America.

Another excellent short documentary presented the life of

sculptor/artist Louise Nevelson, whose modern sculptural works were intertwined with film clips showing her wearing exotic costumes and a double layer of mink eyelashes.

Documentary films often catalog a person's life and his passion. In "Bill's Big Pumpkin" growing world record pumpkins became not only a challenge but an obsession among a surprisingly large number of farmers. Seeds from gargantuan pumpkins were highly prized and not always shared. The film was overly long at one and one-half hours but gave interesting insights into the competitive spirit.

Feature Films

Feature films can be more difficult to produce because they need a cohesive plot, reasonably good actors, skillful directing and editing. These elements do not always come together and "Land's End," a British film about a depressed mom who picked up two vagrants in her quest to escape a domineering spouse is an example. Much of

the film took place inside an automobile, which limited the action and dialogue. It could use some serious re-writing and editing.

"In Good Conscience" employed a professional film crew to follow Sister Jeannine Gramick to the heart of St. Peter's Square in Rome as she sought to gain Vatican support for her ministry to gay and lesbian Catholics. The film interlaced Gramick's often futile quest with poignant vignettes of her aging father and other Catholic ministers and lay people. They provided comfort as she tried to sustain her faith while being disobedient to the dictates of the church hierarchy.

Sister Gramick and one of her supporters appeared in person after the film and answered audience questions.

The festival held surprises at every venue and most were happy ones. Film directors and participants stimulated active discussions. Participants found little gems throughout the weekend to make us all anticipate next year's offerings.



Sister Jeannine Gramick, subject of the documentary "In Good Conscience," poses with Greenbelter Frank DeBernardo in front of the Old Greenbelt Theatre kiosk.

A Review

Fans Flock to Utopia Films

by Susan Gervasi

Between its Friday night kickoff at a New Deal Café reception, until the final DVD cable was unplugged from the Municipal Building Sunday afternoon, last weekend's Utopia Film Festival drew hundreds of movie-lovers from throughout the D.C. area and filmmakers from as far away as Brighton, England.

"The festival seemed to attract a healthy mix of locals and visitors from elsewhere in the region," said Erica Ginsberg, Utopia's program director. "It was great to see so many Greenbelters engaged by the films but it was just as rewarding to see people who had never been to Greenbelt learn more about the town's history and get a feel for our neighborly atmosphere. It's not our little secret anymore."

The New Deal reception was attended by 60 guests. During the festivities, Greenbelt City Councilmember Konrad Herling presented Utopia Executive Director Chris Haley and Greenbelt Access Television (GATE) President Robert Zugby with a \$3,000 contribution from the Anacostia Trailways Heritage Area (ATHA).

Non-profit GATE, which provides community programming for Channel 71, annually sponsors the film festival. Part of the mission of ATHA, a branch of the Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission, is to promote cultural resources in Prince George's County.

After opening remarks by Haley, Herling and Zugby, Maryland Film Office Director Jack Gerbes gave the reception's keynote address. Gerbes assists filmmakers in finding shooting locations in the state. During his entertaining talk he described his adventures in search of cinematic Maryland locales accompanied by such major movie stars as Jodie Foster.

But it was Prince George's nun Sister Jeannine Gramick who starred at the P&G Old Greenbelt Theatre Sunday screening of "In Good Conscience," one of Utopia 2007's most popular events. Gramick has been chastised by the Vatican for her inclusive attitude in ministering to gays and lesbians and the cinema verité film follows her mission to the Vatican doors. After the screening, she answered questions along with Greenbelt resident Frank DeBernardo, who also appeared in the documentary.

Yet another brave woman was

the subject of a film that also attracted a healthy crowd. "Mother Jones: America's Most Dangerous Woman," which screened at Beltway Plaza Mall's Academy Stadium Theatre, documented the life of the famous labor activist for whom "Mother Jones" magazine is named. Two local Mary "Mother Jones" Harris experts – Saul Schneiderman, who was a consultant on the film, and Greenbelt resident Marat Moore – introduced the movie.

"We got a lot of documentary submissions this year but they were quite varied," said Ginsberg. "Some of them asked us to think about how we define community [and] how we can be tolerant of ideas we may not agree with."

But Ginsberg pointed out that the festival also included a number of not-too-heavy subjects that had audiences laughing, like "Grandma Goth," a portrait of an eccentric older woman whose love for the morbid fit right in with a pre-Halloween feast of spooky short films. And filmmaker Ginsberg's own "Docs in Progress" workshop allowed an audience to interact with filmmaker Aaron Rockett about his in-progress film, "The Fixer."

"The audiences liked situations in which the filmmaker was present to take questions and discuss his or her creative process," said Utopia Committee member Barbara Logan, who organized the opening night reception. "Viewers also seemed to enjoy a little participatory discussion following each film, even when the filmmaker wasn't present."

Logan said that the festival committee, like Greenbelt's original planners, seeks to reflect a spirit of innovation and experimentation in its film selections.

Along with the assistance it receives from GATE, Utopia is also supported in part by grants from the Prince George's Arts Council as well as ATHA. Other supporters include the Academy 8 Stadium Theatre, APISource.com, Beltway Plaza Mall, Best Buy, City of Greenbelt, Free State Press, Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, Greenbelt Co-op, Jasper's Restaurant, Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission, Maryland State Archives, Prince George's County Memorial Library System and Thomas X. and Helen White.

Susan Gervasi served as Publicity Chairperson for Utopia 2007.

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Hospice Offers Grief Seminar

Hospice of the Chesapeake's Spiritual & Bereavement Care Center will offer a Hope Full Holidays seminar to help people cope with grief during the holidays. The seminar will focus on the increase of stress during the holiday season, strategies for grieving during the holidays and the winter season, as well as tools for reshaping traditions, information about the grief process and the way that grief manifests itself on the body-mind-spirit through physical, social, behavior, psychological and spiritual responses.

The seminar will provide small group activities, music and information about self-care techniques, such as breathing exercises and relaxation techniques.

A team of hospice bereavement counselors and specialists will present the Hope Full Holidays seminar on Saturday, November 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It will be held at Hospice of the Chesapeake, 8724 Jericho City Drive in Landover. Adults, teens and children are welcome. The Hope Full Holidays seminar is free of charge but registration is required as space is limited.

For more information or to register call the Hospice of the Chesapeake at 301-499-4500.

Volunteers Needed To Help Children

The office of the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)/Prince George's County, Inc. is recruiting volunteers to advocate for the needs of abused and neglected children in the county.

CASA gives training and supervision to volunteers who spend time getting to know the children and what is in their best interests. Volunteers also work with teachers, social workers and attorneys to ensure that the child's needs are addressed. CASA volunteers present their recommendations about the children's needs to the court.

CASA/Prince George's County is now accepting applications for day and evening training sessions. Bilingual volunteers are especially needed and urged to apply.

For more information visit the CASA website at www.pgcasa.org or call 301-209-0491.

Music Competition Entries Due Soon

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Performers of woodwind, brass or percussion instruments currently enrolled in high school (grades 9-12) may apply.

Application packets are available at http://www.marineband.usmc.mil/whats_new/concerto.htm or by calling 202-433-5809.

Applicants must submit an audio recording of their performance of one of the works specified in application materials. A complete list of guidelines is included in the application packet.

Applications must be post-marked by November 15.

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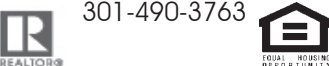
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The speakers will be Dr. Alan Mallinger and Libby Ann

Jolkovsky from the Mood and Anxiety Disorders Program at the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH). The workshop will include discussion of new research on bipolar and unipolar mood disorders and will provide time for questions and discussion. The workshop is free and all are welcome.

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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?