

City Has Spent over \$70,000 On the Voting Rights Issues

by Bay Woods

The Greenbelt City Council held the last of three public meetings on its recommendations involving the city's municipal election laws which the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) last year claimed violated Section 2 of the 1965 Voting Rights Act (VRA). About a dozen people attended the February 25 meeting at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

Though the city's presentation was largely handled by their legal representative, Stephen Sylvestri, City Manager Michael McLaughlin revealed that the city had already spent \$70,692 – or enough to pay seven additional councilmembers – on legal representation regarding the issue raised last February by the NAACP and the ACLU.

Council has recommended that the city move the date of municipal elections to even years so they will coincide with national and state elections, thereby increasing turnout. During his presentation Sylvestri revealed the rationale behind this change.

He said the criterion for a Section 2 Violation of the VRA involves “looking to determine whether African Americans who are voting are getting their candidate elected.” According to Sylvestri, low turnout among a specific racial or ethnic demographic does not meet the threshold for a violation.

Sylvestri said the “question is, are we in violation of law? And the answer is, we are not in violation of law. We are not in violation of the Voting Rights Act (VRA) . . . but there is something the matter. If we don't take action, we might be.”

Sylvestri went on to explain: “There is no evidence that people in the largely African American precincts are not having candidates elected.” But the problem

is, Sylvestri said, “turnout is very low.” This is a problem, in part, because it provides sample sizes too small to determine whether “when African Americans vote, they are electing the leaders of their choice.”

According to Sylvestri, the proposed alignment with state and national elections will not fix any problems regarding the VRA but it will increase the turnout of African American voters and thereby let the city, the Department of Justice and interest groups see whether or not minority voters are able to elect the candidates of their choice.

“With better turnout we can tell for sure whether African American voters are electing candidates of their choice,” Sylvestri said. “We can't just stand on low voter turnout. We've got to do something about it.”

Opposed Districts

Sylvestri dismissed districts as radical, saying they would “divide the city racially.” He then engaged in a lengthy critique of Choice Voting, whose greatest advocate, FairVote (based in Takoma Park), was represented in the audience by Amy Ngai.

First, Sylvestri pointed out problems with the document provided by FairVote at a previous meeting. He claimed that the data referred almost exclusively to single winner systems and does not apply to multiple winner elections such as that for the Greenbelt City Council.

Choice Voting, though advocated by some, has been called confusing at every meeting regarding the election system. As Sylvestri said, “I don't see the

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ACLU, NAACP Commend Election Change Proposal

by Bay Woods

Deborah Jeon, the legal representative of the Prince George's County chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and author of last February's letter which began the city's investigation into its municipal election system, declared in an interview on Tuesday that “It is wonderful the city recommended this change.”

Jeon and the ACLU worked with the Prince George's County Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and FairVote in investigating Greenbelt's municipal election system. Mel Franklin, an assistant Attorney General and president of the Greater Marlboro Democratic Club, originally brought concerns to the NAACP about the lack of minority representation on the Greenbelt City Council. He also spoke with representatives of the Department of Justice, who subsequently undertook an ongoing investigation of Greenbelt.

After an initial inquiry, Jeon wrote a letter on behalf of her organization and the NAACP, claiming that Greenbelt's all-white city council may be in violation of the 1965 Voting Rights Act. After receiving the letter last February 29, the Greenbelt City Council held a series of hearings on the issue.

After a long process that has cost the city more than \$70,000, council has recommended that municipal elections be moved to even numbered years so they coincide with state and national elections where turnout in the

largely African American precincts (8 and 13) is considerably higher.

June White Dillard, of the County's NAACP said that “we are happy about the change. We are all in agreement that this is a good first step. But the NAACP still feels that five districts would be a better solution.”

Date Change

Jeon said she was aware that “some think that they should do more but I think this is great.” She continued, “We spent a lot of time after the letter and as I did more research and we went through the hearings I became increasingly enthusiastic about the date change as a way to diversify the electorate.”

She concurred with the city's legal counsel, Stephen Sylvestri, that the low turnout in those precincts made it difficult to “evaluate returns to see if [the problem] was the structure [of elections.]”

Dillard repeated that the change is a good first step but she said, “We won't really be able to see how well it works until 2010.”

Jeon said she believes that the proposed date-change “has the potential to improve the participation of many people.” She said that such a change could “increase participation and diversify the electorate and that will be sufficient.”

Dillard said she expects to have a conference call with the ACLU, the NAACP and FairVote next week to discuss further steps that the groups may take.

Delegates' Bill Would Fund Co-op Store's Renovation

by Barbara Hopkins

In addition to governing the city, the Greenbelt City Council also takes a stand when appropriate on behalf of its constituency to support or not support various county and state legislative bills that may impact life in Greenbelt. At council's most recent regular meeting on February 23, its members discussed several bills now before the state legislature.

Co-op Renovation

Delegates Tawanna Gaines, Anne Healey and Justin Ross are jointly sponsoring HB 968 creating state debt to provide a grant to the Board of Directors of the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative for renovating the Co-op grocery store in Roosevelt Center. The grant would be in an amount equal to the lesser of \$250,000 or the amount of matching funds provided by the Greenbelt Co-op. The Co-op board would have until June 1, 2011, to show evidence of such matching funds.

Greenbelt Co-op President Dorrie Bates told council they plan to renovate 17,000 square feet, putting in new freezers, refrigerators, shelves and perhaps a new roof. “The economy keeps changing,” she said and therefore so do their plans, “and they aren't getting bigger.”

She added that the management staff are under no illusions they can get everything they'd like to have, but “only hopeful.” Bates said because some of their freezers are 29 years old, updating will improve energy efficiency. Council voted unanimously to support the bill.

Greenhouse Gas

The Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Act of 2009 (SB273, cross filed with HB315), with Senator Paul Pinsky as its lead sponsor, modifies existing law to require the State of Maryland to

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Greenbelt Considers Joining Earth Hour 2009 Effort

by Barbara Hopkins

It may be a little darker in Greenbelt between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 28. Greenbelt Councilmember Leta Mach has suggested that the city participate in Earth Hour 2009, a program begun in Sydney, Australia two years ago to send a global message that people can take action on climate change.

At their regular meeting on February 23 the city council agreed to refer her suggestion to GreenACES, Greenbelt's Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, asking that they report back to council by their first meeting in March with ideas on how to participate, from a proclamation encouraging people to join in to a more involved program.

For one hour on this one night of the year, people are encouraged to turn off nonessential lights to address climate change. Electric use accounts for 42 percent of human-induced climate

changing factors. Street lights and others deemed necessary will remain on.

One year after its inception, Earth Hour involved more than 50 million people in 35 countries across 18 time zones. In 2009 this global sustainability movement hopes to reach one billion people in 1,000 cities worldwide. So far over 64 countries or territories are participating. People can register at www.earthhour.org to join.

Greenbelt citizen Doug Love addressed the council, saying he has participated before and believes the program has great symbolic and practical effect. He suggested that if the lights could be cut that night, people would have a better chance of seeing the moons of Saturn and other interesting events in the sky. Councilmember Rodney Roberts said he would gladly support cutting the glaring lights on the side of the Public Works building.

US 1/MD 201 Study Deferred

In a February 9 letter to the Greenbelt City Council, Maryland State Highway Administrator Neil J. Pedersen advised that the US1/MD 201 Project Planning Study has been deferred until further notice as a result of the economic downturn. The letter was in response to the Greenbelt City Council's letter expressing concerns about the highway improvements proposed. Pedersen said the city's views would be given due consideration if funding for the project should again become available.

What Goes On

Monday, March 9

9 a.m., Wellmobile Kickoff Ceremony, SHL Elementary School
 8 p.m., Regular City Council Meeting (Live on Channels 21 and 71), Municipal Building

Wednesday, March 11

7:30 p.m., Council Worksession Re: Ethics Briefing, Greenbriar Community Center

Thursday, March 12

7:30 p.m., GDC and GHI Board of Directors Meeting, GHI Board Room

Saturday, March 14

1 p.m., Greenbelt Community Forum, Landscaping with Water Quality in Mind, Greenbelt Community Center

Letters to the Editor

THANKS!

On the cold evening of Monday, February 23 more than 40 warm-hearted people joined us at the New Deal Café in Greenbelt for a gathering dedicated to the seven imprisoned members of the Bahá'í Faith in Iran whose lives are in danger because of their beliefs. The support and prayers offered by these people of goodwill – including several community religious leaders – are greatly appreciated by the Bahá'í Community of Greenbelt which organized this meeting. Similar prayer gatherings are being held around the world in support of the Bahá'ís of Iran.

As Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

To get up-to-date information on this matter, you can check <http://iran.bahai.us/>. To make your voice heard please ask Representative Steny Hoyer through www.house.gov to support House Resolution 175. Ask Senators Mikulski and Cardin through www.senate.gov to co-sponsor a bill in the Senate decrying the current treatment of Bahá'ís in Iran.

Roya Bauman
for the Baha'i Community
of Greenbelt

THANKS!

I would like to thank everyone who has come to my aid following my recent fall and subsequent hip replacement. I am now recuperating at home.

Everyone has been so helpful to my wife and me even by doing little things like running errands, shoveling snow or picking something up while they go to the store. I especially want to say thank you to Robin Pitts – who not only takes care of my piano but brought over a pot of delicious soup to take care of me. I brag about Greenbelt to everyone I know and people like these are why I do.

Bill Uber
Southway



Daylight Savings Time starts Sunday morning at 2 a.m. Set clocks forward one hour when going to bed Saturday night, March 7.

New Deal Café Music Offerings

On Friday, March 6 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. John Guernsey will play jazz and blues piano at the New Deal Café. From 8 to 11 p.m., "The Hot Noodles," a straight-up, four-piece rock band with singers, electric guitars, bass and drums hits the stage.

On Saturday, March 7 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bruce Kritt plays classical guitar; from 1 to 3 p.m. Steve Pollack performs; 3 to 6 p.m. will feature a come-here Jazz Jam with Art McKinney and Mike Montgomery. From 6:30 to 8 p.m. John Guernsey is back at the piano and the 8 to 11 p.m. slot features Joe P's open microphone Birthday Party featuring "play with me." All are welcome.

On Sunday, March 8 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Jim Stimson plays the lute; from 2 to 4 p.m. acoustic duo "The Only Two" perform and from 5 to 8 p.m. local band "Jack Couldn't Make It" is on stage.

On Tuesday, March 10 from 7 to 9 p.m. "MYSTR Treefrog" and "The H.M.H. Rhythm Genius" pair up and perform. On Wednesday, March 11 from 7 to 9 p.m. Maureen will be back on stage. Thursday, March 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. there will be an open microphone session with James and Martha.

For more information about all events visit the café website at www.newdealcafe.com or call 301-474-5642.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club has something wonderful to celebrate this month. Florence Holly, a long-time member, celebrated her 100th birthday on March 4. Flo is a past president and has been active on many committees and projects. Congratulations to you, Flo, and we plan to honor you at the anniversary luncheon!

Thanks to Suze Marley for volunteering to be corresponding secretary as this position was vacant after Rachel Algaze passed away.

John McAdams will speak on March 11. His topic will be reverse mortgages.

The club's anniversary luncheon will be held on April 15 at the Holiday Inn on U.S. 1. We'll be celebrating 52 years with lunch and entertainment. Remember, membership dues must be paid by April 1. Parties are always fun so get out your best outfit and come join the party and help celebrate!

Electricity Markets Are Not Working

Two weeks ago I read a letter in the Sunday Washington Post entitled "Electricity Markets are Working Fine." I could not agree more. They are working fine but, unfortunately, only for the electricity companies not for consumers. The anticipated advantages of deregulation (especially in the competition realm) have not been realized. The initial results for the consumer were good but, over time, once the restraining regulatory hand was removed, the consumer fared badly.

I rummaged through my records and discovered the following startling statistic: In 2004, as a conservative user of electricity (in an all-electric townhouse), I consumed 3,980 KWH. Counting all costs, I paid \$184.81 for that privilege. However in 2008, using almost the same amount (4,000 KWH), I paid \$661.79, more than three and one-half times the amount per KWH over my cost in 2004.

It's clear that the heavily-promoted promises of deregulation have not borne fruit. There is effectively no competition. One faces a basically monopoly market for a crucial, essential commodity with no place to go except your local electric utility.

I say bring back sensible regulation.

Philip Brandis

Labor Day Festival Committee to Meet

The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee will hold its annual membership meeting on Thursday, March 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. They will elect the board of directors for the coming year and vote on amendments to the bylaws that relate to the organization's 501(c)3 status.

The Labor Day Festival Committee is a group of volunteers who like to have fun and seek to provide it to others in this important civic event. Those interested in helping are asked to attend the meeting. The committee is currently looking for people to help with publicity, fund-raising, organizing the shuttle bus service and other activities.

More information about the Labor Day Festival is at <http://greenbelt.com/laborday/>.

Grin Belt



"Hurry before the sun melts it!"

On Screen

Oscar Winner Slumdog Is Here

Slumdog Millionaire is the story of a boy suspected of cheating on the Indian TV version of "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" His life in Mumbai slums is told through flashbacks during the interrogation. The film was directed by Danny Boyle (Millions, Trainspotting) and Loveleen Tandan and based on the novel "Q & A" by Vikas Swarup. Slumdog Millionaire won eight Oscars, including best picture, best director and two for music; the soundtrack was composed by A. R. Rahman, who has scored over 100 Bollywood movies.

Star Dev Patel had a role in the British TV series "Skins" but this is his movie debut. Co-star and love interest Freida Pinto is also a newcomer to the screen but we can expect to see her in an upcoming Woody Allen picture.

Rated R for some violence, language and disturbing images; runtime is 120 minutes.

– Cathy Jones

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

NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GDC & GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Thursday, March 12, 2009

GHI BOARD ROOM, 7:30 PM

GDC Key Agenda Items:

- Parkway Security System Upgrade
- 2008 Year End Income Statement & Comments

GHI Key Agenda Items:

- 2009 Energy Audit Contract – 1st Reading
- 2009 Spring & Fall Gutter Cleaning Contract – 1st Reading
- 2009 Slate Roof Contract – 1st Reading
- Woodlands Committee Report: Integrated Pest Management in the Stewardship of GHI Natural Areas
- Converted Garage Maintenance Fee
- 9 Court Southway Boiler Room Survey Results
- Annual Meeting Topics

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

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF Mar. 6

Slumdog Millionaire (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

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

Community Events

GHI Notes

Scheduled Meetings:
 Friday, March 6 – GHI offices closed
 Tuesday, March 10, 7 p.m., Sustainable Design & Practices Committee – Board Room
 7 p.m., Marketing Committee – GHI Lobby
 Wednesday, March 11, 7:30 p.m., Nominations & Elections Committee – GHI Library
 Thursday, March 12, 7:30 p.m., Board Meeting – Board Room
 Saturday, March 14, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room
 Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

At the Library Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories.
 Tuesday, March 10, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies.
 Wednesday, March 11, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddler time for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group.
 Thursday, March 12, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years, limit 20 children.
 Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children's Desk.

Book Discussion

Wednesday, March 11, 6:30 p.m. Bookids age 8-12, book discussion. Call Greenbelt Branch at 301-345-5800, TTY 301-808-2061 for details.

March Free Movie: Shadow of a Doubt

"Shadow of a Doubt" is the free monthly movie to be held at the Greenbelt Senior Center on Monday, March 9 from 1 to 3 p.m. Master of suspense Alfred Hitchcock directed this tale about Charlie (Teresa Wright), a small-town girl consumed with finding out whether or not her unhinged Uncle (Joseph Cotton) is a serial killer. The arrival of detectives and a murder-infatuated neighbor (Hume Cronyn) only increases Charlie's paranoia. Tension builds as she draws closer to the truth and in classic Hitchcock style the film culminates in a nail-biting scene aboard a speeding train.

The movie will be shown in the Senior Lounge, Room 111, at the Greenbelt Community Center. For more information call 301-397-2208.

Phase II Meeting

The annual meeting for Greenbriar Phase II will be held on Tuesday, March 10 at 7 p.m. in the Terrace Room.

Toastmasters Meet

On Wednesday, March 11 Toastmasters International will hold a regular Toastmasters Club meeting at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 6905 Greenbelt Road. Known for its focus on public speaking, Toastmasters International also provides training on how to be an effective listener, give positive feedback, lead teams and run effective meetings. Toastmasters Club meetings in Greenbelt are free and held the second Wednesday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. For more information call 301-906-0865.

ERHS Presents Orchestra Concert

An Orchestra Festival Concert will be presented on Thursday, March 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The concert is free and open to the public.

Participating will be the Roosevelt Strings and the Concert, Symphony and Chamber Orchestras. The Roosevelt Strings is a mixed level group of new students and students who wish to participate in the orchestral program without auditioning. The Concert Orchestra includes students from most of the middle school programs. The Symphony and Chamber Orchestras include advanced level musicians.

The students in the Eleanor Roosevelt band and orchestra program come from all over the northern part of Prince George's County through magnet programs.

Digital Image Storage Is Photo Club Topic

The next meeting of the Greenbelt Photo Club will be at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10 and will feature ways to store digital images. Club members Stan Edwards and Frank Kayser will discuss several ways of storing digital images, including a presentation on converting slides (transparencies) to digital images.

Photo Club meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in Room 112 at the Community Center.

Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday 10 – 4 p.m.
 1st Saturday of the month 10 – 2 p.m.
 Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!
 Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

6905 Greenbelt Road
 Greenbelt, Md. 301-345-5111

Dems Dinner Theater Slated for March 20

The Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will hold its annual dinner theater social and fundraiser on Friday, March 20. There is a fee which includes dinner and the theater ticket.

A buffet dinner will be served at the New Deal Café starting at 6 p.m. The menu features Middle Eastern specialties, cake and beverages. Dinner will be followed by the performance of the musical drama "Amadeus" at 8 p.m. at the Greenbelt Arts Center.

The Tony Award winning play by Peter Shaffer, directed by Curt Somers as an Academy Award winning movie, tells of the bitter rivalry between Mozart and his arch enemy Antonio Salieri and features murder, madness and live music.

For reservations call Karl Shipps at 301-577-8907 or Lyn Doyle at 301-441-2585 before Friday, March 13.

Anthology Published Of Greenbelt Writers

Need an "armchair adventure" to escape from winter? "Crossroads," the Greenbelt Writers Group's (GWG) sixth and newest anthology, has just been published, showcasing the many and diverse talents of 20 of Greenbelt's writers.

Let the writers take the reader far away to England, South Africa and Mexico; and closer to home to the pine barrens of New Jersey, Ocean City and the Washington, D.C., of 1897 in works of fiction, memoirs and short stories from family history.

Science fiction pieces, works of poetry and other short stories round out the 88-page book. "Crossroads" may be purchased at the Co-op or from any GWG member.

Computer Club Will Meet Next Thurs.

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, March 12 at the Greenbelt Community Center in Room 103 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

TRU Transit Meeting To Be Held March 14

Transit Riders United of Greenbelt (TRU-Greenbelt) will hold its monthly meeting at the in the basement meeting room at Greenbelt Community Church from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 14.

The group advocates for transit issues and works to foster a sustainable, livable community in Greenbelt. They are concerned with public transit as well as pedestrian safety, bicycle-friendly pathways and eliminating barriers between different Greenbelt neighborhoods.

Limited rides to the meeting are available on a first come, first served basis. For additional information, to request a ride or volunteer a ride, call Anna Socrates at 301-441-4504 or email annasocl@verizon.net.

Those who cannot attend the meeting but want to be informed of future meetings and actions can email their name, email address and other contact information to Terry Vanzetti at terry.vanzetti@verizon.net. To join the TRU-Greenbelt list-serve and find out how to help, send an email to TRU-Greenbelt-subscribe@yahoo.com.

The Greenbelt Community Church is at 1 Hillside Road (Crescent and Hillside).

More Community Events can be found on pages 2, 6, 9 and 12.

The Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club

Please come to our Annual Dinner/Theater Social Fund Raiser on **Friday, March 20, 2009.**

Cost: \$30.00 per person for both Dinner and Theater. A buffet dinner will be served at the New Deal Café, starting at 6PM followed by the performance of the musical/drama "Amadeus" at 8PM at the Greenbelt Arts Center.

Reservations required.

Please contact Karl Shipps on 301-577-8907 or Lyn Doyle on 301-441-2585 before Friday, March 13.

Family Art Workshop

"Project: Be Journey"

Saturday, March 14, 2:00-4:00 PM

New Deal Cafe



Tom Baker will lead a free workshop to create visual/word collages. Everyone welcome! See article for details.

Sponsored by Friends of New Deal Cafe Arts (FONDCA) with a grant from the Greenbelt Community Foundation



Still Creek Friends Hold Cleanup Sat.

Come join neighbors in Greenbelt and New Carrollton in a Still Creek cleanup to be held at 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 7. The group will meet in New Carrollton at the intersection of Auburn Avenue and Good Luck Road to help restore part of Still Creek that is in Greenbelt Park.

The cleanup will go on, rain or shine. Wear appropriate clothing and boots for wet conditions and bring work gloves.

Those planning to participate are asked to RSVP to 301-345-6513. That is also the number for more information on how to help or to join the Friends of Still Creek.

Academy Stadium Theatres

Beltway Plaza Mall
 Center Court
 301-220-1155

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Adults/Seniors: \$6.50
Children: \$6.00

ALL SHOWS BEFORE NOON ON SATURDAY \$5.00

ALL SHOWS AFTER 5 p.m.
 Adults: \$8.50
 Students/Military: \$7.50
 Children: \$6.00
 Seniors: \$6.50

R = ID Required

(!) = No pass, (!!) No pass weekend

Week of Mar. 6

FRI. - SAT.

Paul Blart Mall Cop, PG
 11, 1:15, 3:50, 5:50, 8, 10:10
Taken, PG-13

11, 1:15, 3:50, 5:50, 8, 10:10
Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail, PG-13 (!)
 11:45, 12:15, 2:20, 2:50, 4:45, 5:15, 7:10, 7:35, 9:30, 10

Watchmen, R (!)
 11, 11:30, 2:30, 3, 6, 6:30, 9:30, 10
Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun Li, PG-13 (!!)
 11:50, 2, 4:20, 6:30, 10:20
Friday the 13th, R
 11:45, 2, 4:15, 7:30, 10:20

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Paul Blart Mall Cop, PG
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 11:45, 2, 4:15, 7:30

MON. - THUR.

(All shows \$5 on Tuesdays except Paul Blart)

Paul Blart Mall Cop, PG
 1, 3, 5:15, 7:40
Taken, PG-13
 1, 3, 5:15, 7:40


Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail, PG-13 (!)
 1, 1:30, 4:20, 5, 6:45, 7:30
Watchmen, R (!)
 1, 2:30, 5:30, 6:45

Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun Li, PG-13
 1, 3:05, 5:20, 7:45
Friday the 13th, R
 1, 3:05, 5:30, 7:50

Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club 2009 Soccer Registration:

Tuesdays and Thursdays in March
 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Greenbelt Youth Center
 99 Centerway Drive
 Greenbelt, MD 20770



For more information, please call 301-794-0100 (press 7) or visit us at www.greenbeltbgc.com

Obituaries

Esther Webb

Esther Smith Webb died in her Greenbelt home of over 50 years on February 27, 2009. She moved once from 3-B to 7-F Crescent Road. She was an inspiration for many, activist and ordinary citizens alike.



Her training in lifelong work for peace and social justice began in a setting of poverty in Port Gibson, Miss., on Nov. 30, 1917. Her gentle father, Emory Smith, and Annette Gourley left the land too wet to farm and headed to Baton Rouge, La., where Esther was touched by the impact of racism, social isolation and freethinkers in the local United Methodist Church.

Her sister, Gwen Patterson, was nine years younger and able to graduate from medical school as a physician. Esther pursued her interests in medicine by being a subject in numerous clinical trials. She finally went to medical school with the donation of her body to Georgetown University.

She graduated at 16 as class valedictorian and began her college education at LSU, Antioch, University of Chicago and Catholic University. At Antioch she was lured into Quakerism by tasty potlucks and a theology that reinforced her notions of a divine presence in nature and faith in people to individually and collectively do the right thing. She remained active in the Society of Friends, finding her husband John Webb at another potluck and raising her children John, Bill, Walter and Cathy under the influence of Quakerism.

Her commitment to pacifism was rooted in the tragedy of Pearl Harbor where she witnessed her loving engaged international community of students get shut down overnight by attitudes of suspicion, anger and hatred. She thought the mindset of war also harmed the community by taking money better spent on upgrading schools, providing housing and health care and protecting the environment. She proceeded to create numerous community peace groups including: the Greenbelt Peace Committee, Greenbelt Committee Against the War in Vietnam, PG County Peace and Justice Coalition, MD United for Peace and Justice, Sane Freeze and the Grey Panthers. She also fastidiously supported the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative and its ideals at board meetings, the 1950s nursery school and the PTA while her children were school aged.

Esther worked 20 years in the DC public schools graduating from teacher, guidance counselor, to school psychologist. She sought to empower her students to maximize their potential by procuring college scholarships to

free them from poverty.

She felt her greatest quiet accomplishment was in submitting a minority report that was instrumental in eliminating the practice of training DC school age boys for the military, the DC Junior Cadet Corps. She also worked untiringly to end military conscription in the USA.

In her retirement Esther heightened her activism to include civil disobedience where she proudly was arrested three times. She boasted that she was treated with extra kindness because she was a grandma, even by the police. Her generosity to strangers in need was a challenge to her family, as she repeatedly opened her home to folks needing shelter for a night, a week or years.

Esther's life was a statement of faith, perseverance, optimism and faith in people to work out their problems when given a little help. And optimism that a better world could be created by the persistent work and vision of ordinary people like ourselves.

Interested friends are invited to Esther's memorial ser-

Judy Reilly

Services for Judy Reilly will be held at Arlington National Cemetery (<http://www.arlingtoncemetery.org/>) on March 11 at 3 p.m. Those attending should be there by 2:30 to 2:45 p.m. There will be a full service at the Arlington Chapel which will be conducted by Dee Lowman of Foundry United Methodist Church. For more information visit <http://www.foundryumc.org/about/index.html>.

vice on April 5 at 3 p.m. at Adelphi Friends Meeting, 2303 Metzert Road in Adelphi. In lieu of flowers contributions are being accepted by the PG County Peace and Social Justice Committee at: 6N Plateau Place, Greenbelt, MD 20770 or CHEARS (Chesapeake environmental group) at 506 Elm Ave., Takoma Park, MD 20912.

— Cathy Webb



"Love is the one means that ensureth true felicity both in this world and the next."
Abdu'l Baha

Greenbelt Bahá'í Community
1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918
Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com www.bahai.us

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135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
301-474-4322



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Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe
Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd

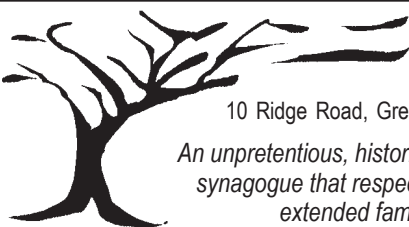
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9:15 am Sunday School/Bible Study
10:30 am Worship Service



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Worship Service 10:00am

Prayer Meeting Sun. 9:45 am

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March 8, 10 a.m.

"One for All; All for One"

by Rev. Phyllis Hubbell, co-minister, with Tish Hall, worship associate
Today we reflect on what it means that the church is one entity yet it is made up of many individuals.

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Sunday School - 9:30am-10:30am

Sunday Worship - 11:00am

(childcare provider)



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301-262-3285 | rector@stgeo.org | www.stgeo.org

Sundays: 8:00 am Simple, quiet Mass
9:00 am Christian education for all ages
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101 Greenhill Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770 - (301) 474-4212
www.greenbeltbaptist.org

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

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Hillside & Crescent Roads
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10:15 a.m.

Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

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Bible Study & Worship

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

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Catholic
Community
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MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

Obituaries

Ronald W. Sweeney

Ronald W. Sweeney of Lakewood died on Friday, February 27, 2009. A native Washingtonian, he was born July 9, 1926. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II and shortly after returning from the service married his high-school sweetheart Patricia. They were married for over 60 years.

The family moved to the Lakewood section of Greenbelt in 1959, one of the original families in the new development. They raised their four children there.

Mr. Sweeney was employed by the National Security Agency as a facilities specialist, retiring after 21 years. He was a longtime member of Greenbelt American Legion Post 136.

He was a fan of all sports, especially the Washington Redskins, and in Greenbelt enjoyed working in his home garden, a showplace in his neighborhood. He also did woodworking and loved fishing in Bethany Beach, Chincoteague and, later on, at Casey Key on the Gulf side of Florida where the family spent part of every year.

Mr. Sweeney is survived by his wife Patricia A. Sweeney; daughters Susan C. (Terrence) Justin, Barbara K. (Joseph E.) Costello, Joanne P. (George) Aulisio; son Michael W. Sweeney; grandchildren Kimberly Rosoff, Eric and Brian Justin and Gregory Aulisio; and great-grandchildren Havanna Nunez, Asher Rosoff and Aubrey Justin.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, March 3 at Borgwardt Funeral Home in Beltsville with Rev. Jack Fitzgerald officiating, preceded by American Legion services.

Contributions may be made in his memory to the Arthritis Foundation, Metropolitan Washington Chapter, 4455 Connecticut Ave., NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20008-2302 or to the charity of one's choice.



We were sorry to hear of the death of longtime Greenbelter and peace activist Esther Webb, 91, who died on February 27, 2009.

Condolences also to the family and friends of Ron Sweeney, an original Lakewood resident, who died February 27, 2009.

Good luck, best wishes and stay sharp to the student teams from ERHS, Greenbelt Elementary, and Goddard French Immersion, who will participate in the Destination ImagiNation regional tournament to be held Saturday at Charles Herbert Flowers High School in Springdale. The top two teams Saturday will advance to the state level competition.

Congratulations to:

Air Force Airman First Class Andre T. Thomas, the son of Casandra Turner of Hanover Parkway, who has graduated from basic training at Lackland AFB, San Antonio.



Greenbelters Mike and CJ Evans and son Connor, who welcomed a new baby to their family. Second son Jacob Warren Evans was born at home on Hillside Road on February 25, 2009, and weighed in at 11 lbs., 2 oz.

Happy Birthday to Florence Holly, who celebrated her 100th birthday on March 4!

- Kathleen McFarland



City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 9, 2009 - 8:00 p.m.
Municipal Building

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

- Introduction of New Staff

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

- Peace and Diversity Month-Prince George's County Peace & Justice Coalition.

Minutes of Council Meetings

Administrative Reports

Committee Reports

LEGISLATION

A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of Home Modifications and Assessment Services from Strategies for Independent Living, LLC of Takoma Park, Maryland, at a cost of \$40,000

- 1st Reading

OTHER BUSINESS

- State Legislation
- Proposal on Council Goals
- *Reappointments to Advisory Groups

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

MEETINGS

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

GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER

Greenbelt Pets of the Month

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Sam, Larry and Butterbean on their adoptions. Much happiness in their new homes.



Tarzan: Loves walks and is good on a leash. This big dog likes people and other dogs. Take him for a walk and get to know him.

Sara: Young adult spayed, female cat.

Gracie: 5 year old friendly female calico.

Cesar and Dupont: 2 Senior tabby male cats. Laid back and friendly.



For more information on any of the other wonderful animals at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter, call 301.474.6124.

The Greenbelt Animal Shelter gladly accepts donations of pet supplies. Currently there is a great need for self-clumping cat litter.

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL /PUBLIC ACCESS

NOW ON COMCAST 71 & VERIZON 21

MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Monday, March 9 at 8pm, Regular City Council Meeting (live)

Tuesday and Thursday, March 10 & 12: 6pm "Ask the Expert"

7:00pm: "Co-op cooking Show" 7:30pm: "Replay of City Council Meeting"

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday and Friday, Call for schedule.

Registration for Spring & Summer Camps

Spring Camp, Circus Spring Camp Express, Kinder Camp, Camp Pine Tree, Creative Kids Camp, Circus Camp, Camp Encore, and Camp Dance are among the day camp choices the Greenbelt Recreation Department plans to offer this upcoming Spring and Summer.

These camps provide a wide range of aquatic, athletic, and artistic choices for kids ages 3 to 15. Camp registration will begin on January 12 for Greenbelt Residents and January 26 for Non-Residents. The Camp Brochure can be downloaded at

http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation/camps_2009.pdf

Call the Recreation Business Office at 301-397-2200 for more information.

MARYLAND TAX RETURN

If you live within the corporate boundaries of the City of Greenbelt, make sure to write or enter "Greenbelt" on your Maryland State Tax form under "City, town or taxing area" so that your taxes can best serve your community!

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

EARTH DAY T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST!



DESIGN THE CITY OF GREENBELT'S OFFICIAL EARTH DAY 2009 T-SHIRT

(Please limit design to 4 colors)

Submit your original design depicting: **SERVING GREENBELT/ HELPING THE ENVIRONMENT** by Friday, March 13th.

Mail your design to: **Green ACES, c/o City of Greenbelt, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland...** or bring it in to this address and place in drop box.

Open to all whether you are 5 years old or 100 years young.

Winning design will be selected by the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (Green ACES). T-Shirts will be distributed during the Earth Day celebration on Saturday, April 25th.



The winner of the contest will receive a \$100.00 gift certificate to REI.

For more information contact Luisa Robles at 240-542-2153.

MEETINGS FOR MARCH 9-13

Monday, March 9 at 9:00am, KICK OFF CEREMONY FOR WELLNESS MOBILE, at Springhill Lake Elementary.

Monday, March 9 at 8:00pm, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, at Municipal Building. Live on Channel 21 & 71 and Streaming on www.greenbeltmd.gov

Wednesday, March 11 at 7:30pm, COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Ethics Briefing at the Greenbriar Community Center.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.

GREENBELT AQUATIC & FITNESS CENTER

Registration for Spring Session

March 9-May1st

Children & Adult Swim Lessons and Adult Fitness Classes are going on now!

For registration and class information download the Recreation Brochure at www.greenbeltmd.gov.

Questions?? Call 301-397-2204

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

Vacancies exist on the:

Green Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Youth Advisory Committee, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Arts Advisory Board, Advisory Planning Board
For more info call 301-474-8000.

Greenbelt Community Forum LANDSCAPING WITH WATER QUALITY IN MIND

Saturday, March 14 at 1:00pm

Greenbelt Community Center

- What's in the water?
- Keeping our streams and lakes healthy
- What you can do at home and in your yard
- Pick up a pack of free seeds for your garden

Questions? Call 301-474-8004

Sponsored by the Greenbelt Department of Public Works

The City of Greenbelt's Backpack to Health Program
WELLMOBILE KICK OFF CEREMONY
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009

9:00AM

SPRINGHILL LAKE ELEMENTARY



UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
SCHOOL OF NURSING

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logical linkage between this system and an increase in voter turnout.”

Sylvestri went on to challenge the evidence provided by FairVote, who used California elections as examples. FairVote cites an increase in turnout in the 2005 California elections as proof that Choice Voting increases turnout.

Sylvestri pointed out, however, that though 2005 was the first year California used Choice Voting, a number of other factors could have increased turnout. He went on to show that in 2003 there was a 54 percent turnout and that, without the other factors in the 2005 elections, the turnout dropped considerably – to only 35.6 percent in 2007.

“The turnout went down!” Sylvestri exclaimed. He then pointed out the 7.6 percent turnout in Takoma Park, FairVote’s home base, is no model to strive for. “If the key is increasing voter turnout, that’s not the right means for the ends.”

Conflict of Interest

Joan Falcão, the first speaker to address council, claimed that it is a “conflict of interest for you all to get to decide whether it will be easier for you to be reelected.” She was concerned about council’s proposed plan, arguing that “people will vote based on name recognition. In the current system they go because they care. If they don’t choose to go, we’re not trampling on their rights.”

Keith Chernikoff, who has stood as a candidate for council and worked on the city’s Board of Elections, said he “emphatically opposes districts.” He said he was “encouraged by this proposal.” Nevertheless, Chernikoff’s optimism was cautious and he raised a number of logistical challenges which “if not met will cause more harm than good.”

Che Sailes, president of the Greenbelt West Residents Association, pointed out that “we’re in Greenbelt West where a majority of African Americans live and if you look around, it is not a majority in this room.” Sailes was one of only two African Ameri-

cans who attended the meeting.

“If the crux of the matter is about race, our solutions should address that, rather than turnout. Greenbelt has to be pushed. It has to realize this hasn’t been done. We are talking about a minority on council,” he said. “It is something real, not academic.”

Bill Orleans echoed William Buckley’s famous line and argued that we “might have a better city council if we pick five names from the phonebook.” Mayor Judith Davis twice asked Orleans to limit the length of his comments and make sure they remained on topic. However, to this reporter, Orleans’ comments were neither longer nor less focused than those of other speakers.

Choice Voting

Amy Ngai, who is not a resident of Greenbelt, spoke at length about Choice Voting. She said “on behalf of FairVote and the other organizations, we really appreciate all of the work you’ve done and taken a step forward.”

Ngai said that for voters, “Choice Voting is as easy as 1-2-3. Since the city wants to do more outreach it would not be hard to educate voters in a new system.”

Ngai and Sylvestri exchanged words when Ngai implicitly threatened the city in an attempt to persuade them to adopt Choice Voting. She said that the Department of Justice has gone along with Choice Voting in the past. Then she added that “in other places the Department of Justice has chosen the system and people have not liked their choice but have been stuck with it.”

Sylvestri corrected Ngai, pointing out that “courts do not say that you have to change to this” particular system. “They say you must change” and then evaluate the legality of changes that municipalities make.

The meeting concluded with Sylvestri reminding those in attendance that “no documents published by council are decisional documents.”

Davis concurred. “We have not made a decision yet,” she said.

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for March 9 through 13 include:

Monday – Apple juice, veal patty with cheese and tomato sauce, penne pasta, Japanese style vegetables, mandarin oranges.

Tuesday – Orange juice, meatloaf with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, sliced peaches and pears.

Wednesday – Creamy broccoli soup, baked chicken leg with gravy, wild rice, chopped spinach, mixed fruit cup.

Thursday – Cranberry juice, sliced ham with fruit sauce, mashed sweet potatoes, vegetable medley, lime sherbet.

Friday – Vegetable soup, tuna pasta salad, sliced cucumbers with vinaigrette dressing, cole slaw, chocolate cupcake.

Wellmobile at SHL Elementary School

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) Program has announced that beginning Monday, March 9 Greenbelt will be a location for the Governor’s Wellmobile. On the second and fourth Mondays of every month from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Wellmobile will be located at Springhill Lake Elementary School, 6060 Springhill Drive.

Eligibility

Eligibility is limited to persons who are not insured or are underinsured: that is, those who do not have medical insurance, are not covered by Medicare or Medicaid, have insurance with limited coverage or a high deductible, and who do not qualify for other state and federal health care programs.

For more information or to schedule an appointment call 1-866-228-9668.

Lions Focus Is On Watershed

The next meeting of the Greenbelt Lions Club, to be held on Tuesday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m., will focus on the Anacostia Watershed. Representatives of the Anacostia Watershed Society will present a program discussing conditions and health of the Anacostia watershed and suggest ways that the public can help correct problems facing the watershed and its individual streams and rivers.

This meeting will be open to all who are interested in the subject. The Lions Club will meet at the Greenbelt American Legion. There is no admission charge.

Quilts Decorate U. S. Courthouse

The normally somber walls of the U.S. Courthouse in Greenbelt will be enlivened through April 23 with colorful and creative quilts and other fabric artwork. The display on all four floors of the courthouse atrium is an annual one sponsored by the Annapolis Quilt Guild with the assistance of the Bowie Southern Comforters, Fiberlectic and the Calvert County Quilt Guild.

The quilts are the creations of 32 Maryland quilters. The works range in size from quilts large enough for at least a queen-sized bed to small wall hangings. Some are theme pieces, such as one with an inauguration motif that has the Presidential Seal in its middle and the Presidential oath of office embroidered at the bottom. Others are more abstract, such as a Color Study in yellows, red and blue/grays or the eye-catching Kaleidoscope with a maze of interconnecting designs. Some are machine quilted but others are done by hand.

The display is available during business hours. The courthouse is located at 6500 Cherrywood Lane, off Kenilworth Avenue. There is a security check upon entering the courthouse. For details email aqgweb@annapolisquiltguild.org.

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update and publish an inventory of greenhouse gas emissions for the year 2006 and reduce that amount by 25 percent by the year 2020. The bill says “it is in the best interest of the state to act early and aggressively to achieve the . . . recommended goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 10 percent from 2006 levels by 2012 and by 15 percent from 2006 levels by 2015 . . .”

Among other requirements, the bill requires the state to adopt a specified plan with particular regulations and to implement programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Publication of the inventory of 2006 greenhouse gas emissions would be required by June 1, 2011.

According to the Maryland General Assembly, Department of Legislative Services, hiring five new staff and contracting for the assistance needed to develop a new program to implement the bill requires an increase of \$557,500 in Fiscal Year 2010 expenditures. Revenues would not be affected.

Future budgets would also be impacted with an overall net negative affect over five years projected at over \$4 million.

The Greenbelt City Council voted unanimously to express support for this bill.

Forest Conservation

Also sponsored by Senator Pinsky is a bill that would implement a policy by the end of 2012 of no net loss of forests. The bill would amend the current Forest Conservation Act, which Pinsky also sponsored, to decrease the threshold of required compliance with the act from 40,000 to 20,000 square feet for proposed subdivision plans.

The bill also repeals specified exemptions from the requirements of the act for cutting or clearing trees in a public utility right-of-way. It increases fees paid in lieu of mitigation and links them to future inflation. The bill received council’s unanimous support.

Soccer Stadium

House Bill 1282, Prince George’s County Soccer Stadium, would authorize financing to acquire and construct a soccer stadium in the county. Sites near Largo and the Morgan Boulevard Metro Station have recently been under consideration, but property near the Greenbelt Metro station had at one time been considered.

The city expressed strong opposition to building the stadium in or near Greenbelt at that time and wants an amendment to this bill excluding a Greenbelt site from consideration. Councilmembers agreed to discuss such an amendment with its delegation at an upcoming legislative dinner.

Homeowners Associations

Council agreed to support a bill requiring condominium and homeowner associations to conduct independent studies of their financial reserves at least once every five years. Another bill, according to Mayor Judith Davis very much needed, improves the process of transferring control of an association from the developer to the homeowners’ board of directors.

A third, closely related bill would require cooperatives, condominiums and homeowners associations to maintain fidelity insurance to protect members “against losses resulting from acts or omissions arising from fraud, dishonesty, or criminal acts.”

Councilmember Leta Mach expressed confidence that GHI is already in compliance with each of these three laws, should they be passed. Council unanimously supported the measure.

Cable Franchises

House Bill 1182, Communication Services – Taxation and Regulation, would repeal the authority of a municipality to enter into or renew an agreement on a cable franchise that includes a franchise fee. The Maryland Municipal League, which is monitoring this bill, does not expect it to move forward this session but Councilmember Konrad Herling moved that council oppose the bill. The vote against it was unanimous.

College Park Arts Exchange Arts Workshops at Old Parish House

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Amulets for Your Hometown

Sat., Mar. 21, 1 – 3 p.m.

Make a Book

Sat., Mar. 14, 10 – 4 p.m.

To register, contact us at 301-927-3013 or info@cpae.org

GATE Annual Meeting To Be Held March 29

Greenbelt Access Television (GATE) will hold its annual membership meeting on Sunday, March 29 from 3 to 5 p.m. The meeting will be held in the GATE Studio on the second floor of the Greenbelt Community Center. The guest speaker will be Richard Turner, the manager for Montgomery County Public Access TV in Rockville, who will provide information on their programs and operational aspects of their access channel.

GATE members are strongly urged to attend. Networking and refreshments will be offered following the meeting, which is free and open to the public.

The College Park Nursery School and Kindergarten is having an **Open House and Fun Fair** on **Saturday, March 7, 2009, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

We are located at 4512 College Avenue, College Park, Md., behind St. Andrew’s Church.

Come and visit the classrooms, teachers and families.

We will have games, used children’s clothing, toys, lunch and baked goods.

Call for more information 301-864-5355

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Lunch at Sir Walter Raleigh
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Imported Sweet Cantaloupes each	97¢
Fresh Premium Red Potatoes 5 lb. bag	\$2⁹⁷
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Florida Red Ripe Strawberries 1 lb. pkg.	\$1⁹⁷
Fresh Fancy Green Cabbage	33¢ lb.

Fresh Quality Meats			
Fresh Shurfine Homestyle Roasting Chicken	89¢ lb.	Fresh Choice Beef Boneless Round Roasts	\$2⁴⁹ lb.
Fresh Choice Value Pack Boneless Rib Eye Delmonico Steaks	\$5⁹⁹ lb.	Fresh Value Pack Shurfine Split Chicken Breasts	\$1⁴⁹ lb.
		Fresh Value Pack Boneless Bottom Round Swiss Steaks	\$2⁹⁹ lb.
		Fresh 93% Super Lean Ground Beef	\$2⁹⁹ lb.
		Fresh Value Pack Southern Style Pork Spare Ribs	\$1⁹⁹ lb.
		Fresh Natural Pork Butt Roast	\$1¹⁹ lb.

Dairy	Deli	Frozen
Shurfine Orange Juice From Concentrate 64 oz.	Hatfield Cooked Ham	Hot Pockets or Croissant Pockets Assorted 6-9 oz.
\$2⁰⁰	\$3⁹⁹ lb.	\$2⁰⁰
Dannon Assorted Yogurt All Varieties 6 oz.	Deli Gourmet Smoked Turkey Breast	Turkey Hill Ice Cream Assorted 1.5 qt.
60¢	\$4⁹⁹ lb.	\$2⁵⁰
Kraft American Cheese Singles Yellow/White 12 oz.	Deli Gourmet American Cheese	Pictsweet Vegetables Regular/Deluxe/Seasoned or Steam Fresh 8-16 oz.
\$2⁰⁰	\$3⁹⁹ lb.	\$1⁵⁰
Shurfine Grade A Large White Eggs dozen		McCain Potato Fries or Roasters Assorted 16-32 oz.
99¢		\$3⁰⁰
Health & Beauty	Seafood	Natural & Gourmet
Right Guard Antiperspirant or Deodorant Assorted 2.8-3 oz.	Seabest Frozen Flounder Fillets	Bigelow Organic Tea Assorted 20 pk.
\$2⁰⁰	\$2⁹⁹ lb.	\$2⁹⁹
Western Family Travel Pack Baby Wipes 50 pk.	Viking Frozen Breaded Haddock Fillets	Texmati Royal Blend Rice Blends Assorted 32 oz.
\$1⁰⁰	\$5⁹⁹ lb.	\$4⁹⁹
		Fresh Store Baked Pumpkin or Rye Bread loaf
		\$1⁹⁹
		Fresh Store Baked Blueberry Pie 8 inch
		\$5⁴⁹

Grocery Bargains			
Bumble Bee Chunk Light Tuna 5 oz.	Progresso Classic Vegetarian Soups Asst. 18-19 oz.	Purex Ultra Liquid Laundry Detergent 50 oz.	Musselman's Original Apple Juice 64 oz.
\$1⁰⁰	\$1²⁵	\$2⁵⁰	\$1⁵⁰
Domino Granulated Sugar 5 lb. bag	Scotties Facial Tissues Assorted 65-160 ct.	General Mills Cheerios Cereal Original/Multi Grain 8-9 oz.	Shurfine Spaghetti Sauce Assorted 26 oz.
\$2⁴⁹	\$1⁰⁰	\$2⁰⁰	\$1⁰⁰
			Kraft Salad Dressings Assorted 8 oz.
			\$1⁵⁰
			Brawny Printed Paper Towels Original Roll
			\$1²⁵

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Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department,
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Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Assault

February 24, 10:19 p.m., T.G.I. Friday's Restaurant, a man was in the restroom when a man punched him in the face for no apparent reason and then fled the scene. The victim was transported by ambulance to a hospital for treatment. The suspect is described as a black male, 21 to 29 years of age, tall with a medium build and hair in dreadlocks, wearing a stocking cap.

Disorderly Conduct

February 22, 3:03 a.m., 6200 block Golden Triangle Drive, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. He was released on citation pending trial.

February 25, 7:22 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, a resident youth was arrested for disorderly conduct and released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

February 25, 9:48 p.m., T.G.I. Friday's Restaurant, a nonresident man was arrested for disorderly conduct. He was released on citation pending trial.

Theft

February 20, 3:30 p.m., Springhill Lake Elementary School, a wallet was taken from a classroom at the school. A possible suspect is described as a black male in his thirties, 5'10", bald, wearing a dark coat.

Trespass

February 20, 11 p.m., 7100 block Megan Lane, a resident man was arrested and charged with trespass, failure to obey a lawful order, disturbing the peace and resisting arrest. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

February 22, 4:13 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, a nonresident man was arrested for trespass and released on citation pending trial. The same nonresident man was again arrested for trespass on February 25 at the 9000 block Breezewood Terrace. He was released on citation pending trial a second time.

False Statement

February 21, 2:34 p.m., Greenway Center, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with false statement, obstruction, hindering and resisting arrest. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner and for the service of two open arrest warrants.

Vandalism

February 23, 10:19 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, unknown person(s) used a rock to break out the glass patio door of a residence.

February 24, 12:10 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, unknown person(s) used unknown means to break the kitchen window of a residence.

February 25, 5:53 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Court, unknown person(s) used a rock to break out the kitchen window of a residence.

Burglaries

February 21, 9:18 p.m., 6000 block Breezewood Drive, a nonresident youth was arrested for burglary, malicious destruction and trespass. The youth was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

February 23, 11:56 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Terrace, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with burglary, failure to obey a lawful order, resisting arrest and disturbing the peace. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

February 25, 7:52 p.m., 7100 block Mathew Street, a computer monitor and jewelry were reported taken.

February 25, 8 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Terrace, two iPod media players were reported taken.

Vehicle Crimes

Two vehicles were reported stolen: a 2006 Nissan Sentra 4-door from the 100 block Westway; and a white 1992 Mercedes 4-door, D.C. tags CM5726 from the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace.

One vehicle was recovered by Greenbelt police and one by Prince George's police. No arrests were made. One set of tags, Maryland 3DBB81, was not recovered and is still out as stolen.

Theft from vehicles was reported in the following areas: 7600 block Mandan Road (stereo equipment, workout gear, cell phone); 9300 block Edmonston Road (four incidents - three GPS units, baseball cap); 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace (two incidents - GPS units); 6100 block Breezewood Court (baseball cap); and 9100 block Springhill Lane (two baseball caps).

Vandalism was reported at: 8300 block Morrison Drive (broken window), 9300 block Edmonston Road (broken rear window) and Beltway Plaza (punctured tires).

Police Department Gets Federal Funds

Recently federal funding was secured for \$750,000 for a computer-aided dispatch and records management system for the Greenbelt Police Department. These funds, allocated through the COPS Law Enforcement Technology Program, will be used to support the city's computer-aided dispatch and records management system. The municipal police departments of five cities in Prince George's County (Greenbelt, Hyattsville, Bladensburg, Mt. Rainier and Riverdale Park) have joined together to plan and implement a project to integrate records management and communication among the five police forces. The funds will support the combined communications initiative of the five.



Daylight Savings Time starts Sunday morning at 2 a.m. Set clocks forward one hour when going to bed Saturday night, March 7.

Climate Action Group Looks at Green Jobs

On Wednesday, March 11 at 7:30 p.m., the Greenbelt Climate Action Network will present an evening event at the Greenbelt Community Center entitled Green Jobs: Fighting Climate Change and Poverty Together. Watch a video of Van Jones, founder and president of the national organization Green for All to learn about his vision of a Green Collar Jobs movement as a pathway out of poverty.

Later in the evening Lisa Lincoln from Progressive Cheverly and Chesapeake Climate Action Network will present a report on green projects she is involved with in Prince George's County as well as an update on Green Jobs bills being discussed in Annapolis.

A discussion will follow, along with a report from Greenbelters who attended the recent Good Jobs-Green Jobs Conference sponsored by the Blue-Green Alliance.

There will be door prizes. For more details event email LORELYON@aol.com.

Widowed Persons Support Group Starts

The Patuxent Widowed Persons Service conducts six-week support groups to help newly widowed persons adapt to their new circumstances. The program is free and led by trained volunteers who have also been widowed. It is open to both men and women of all ages, races and creeds.

During the six-week period the group shares personal experiences while discussing published materials prepared by bereavement specialists. Many persons struggling to adapt after losing a spouse have found benefit from the insights, emotional support, practical information and friendships provided in such groups.

The next weekly sessions will be held on Thursday afternoons from 2 to 4 p.m. at Rexford Place, 9885 Greenbelt Road, Lanham. The group starts Thursday, April 16 and ends May 21. Although there is no fee, pre-registration is required. For further information call Leonie at 301-441-8943 or Kathleen at 301-474-6892.

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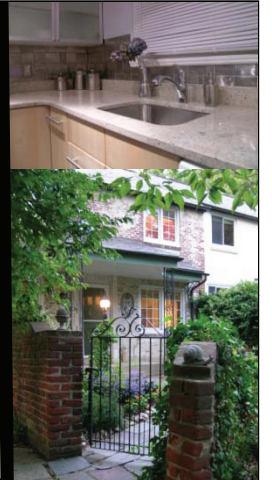
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Family Workshop at Café Leads to Spring Art Exhibit

by Barbara Simon

On Saturday, March 14 from 2 to 4 p.m. Greenbelt artist Tom Baker will lead a hands-on workshop at the New Deal Café in Roosevelt Center to accompany his exhibit at the Café, "Project: Be Journey." This free family workshop will be appropriate for ages 6 years and older, although children under 12 should be accompanied by an adult. Teens, parents, grandparents – all are encouraged to participate. Artwork created at the workshop will be incorporated into Baker's exhibit, "Project: Be Journey," which will be shown at the Café during March and April.

"Project: Be Journey" was born out of the "words on the refrigerator" concept of arranging magnetic, individual words on a refrigerator surface to create personal thoughts, ideas or feelings. In "Project: Be Journey" the main addition is to create a collage background on matte board cards which will relate in some way to the single word placed on it. Thus, the word "grow" would be expressed artistically, as well as in the visible, collaged word.

For example, one person may make a collage of a plant, whereas another person could use the faces of children in their background. Conversely, another person could show survivors gathering in a war-ravaged township. The same word "grow" placed on each of these cards would elicit a

very different feeling and concept to the viewer. Each person would be free to use the background and word of their choice.

When completed, the artist would have a choice to contribute their card to the project.

The workshop at the Café is the second workshop opportunity Baker has led for this project; the first took place at the Greenbelt New Year's Eve Celebration at the Community Center. He hopes to continue a series of workshops through the year culminating in a final one at the New Year's celebration this year. Over the course of the year, the bank of "visual-word-cards" will increase, thus making it possible to create a larger variety of combined concepts. Baker hopes to go on to a second phase of the project next year to create an animation video from the bank of cards.

By the very nature of its name, "Project: Be Journey" promises to be a creative journey in itself. The year-long process has a promising potential for community reflection and growth.

A reception for "Project: Be Journey" at the Café is planned for Sunday, April 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. "Project: Be Journey" at the New Deal Café is sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts with a supporting grant from the Greenbelt Community Foundation.



Greenbelt artist Tom Baker, shown in his studio at the Greenbelt Community Center working on his "Project: Be Journey" art project, which will be the subject of his exhibit at the New Deal Café in March/April. A workshop for the community in conjunction with his show will be held March 14 at the Café.

Symphonic Band Plays Free Concert

Dekelbourn Concert Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center will be the site of a free concert by the UM Symphonic Band on Monday, March 9 at 8 p.m. The band will premiere a new work commissioned by the Atlantic Coast Conference Band Directors Association. Also included on the program will be the premiere of a new saxophone concerto featuring faculty artist Chris Vadala.

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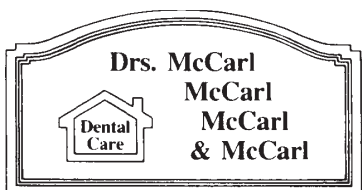


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 Remodeled townhome with bathroom and bedroom on first floor. Large deck opens onto spacious shed that is used as workshop. \$259,900

One Bedroom GHI Home
 Top-floor living with private back door. Windows overlook trees and yards. Refinished floors & hardwood bookcases. **SOLD** \$115,000

Corner Lot - Backs To Woodlands - Addition, Too!
 This 2 bedroom end unit with half-bath on the main level. Remodeled opened kitchen and bath. Separate laundry. **SOLD** \$179,900

Honeymoon Cottage
 Freshly painted with remodeled kitchen. Single-level living - no stairs! Parquet wood flooring, storage room and fenced garden. **SOLD** \$160,000

Single-Level Living
 This one-bedroom GHI home is on the first floor- no stairs inside! Fenced backyard with large shed and stone patio. Priced at \$121,000

Upper Level End Unit
 1-Bedroom townhome with private stairway. Modern kitchen, refinished hardwood floors, large yard with brick patio & storage shed. \$116,900

2 Bedroom Townhome
 GHI townhome with flat-top stove, built-in microwave and modern cabinets. Updated bathroom, large shed in backyard and more. \$159,900

Backs To Protected Woodlands
 This 2 bedroom townhome has a deck that overlooks the quiet forest. New heaters, electrical outlets and large flooring. Value! **SOLD** \$160,000

Single Family Home - Priced Like A Condo!
 Three bedroom, two bath rambler with new roof, gutters, appliances, paint, carpet and more. Garage, brick patio & fireplace. \$199,900

Sunroom Addition and Large Workshop
 This 2 bedroom townhome has French doors that open into large sunroom. 8' x 10' garden house/workshop w/power. Refin. floors. 174,900

Corner Lot With Addition
 GHI townhome with 2 bedrooms and family room addition. Fenced garden. **UNDER CONTRACT**

Honeymoon Cottage
 Charming cottage in large lot, built in cooperative. All new energy efficient windows, washer and dryer. Single-level living comfort. **SOLD** \$160,000

Three Bedroom Townhome
 Lovely townhome with sliding patio doors that open onto deck, shaded yard and garden area. Remodeled kitchen; hardwood floors. \$182,900

One Bedroom Home - Lower Level Unit
 One level living - backs to large open space. Enjoy the birds and other wildlife. Modern kitchen cabinets. Shed included, too! \$117,900

Townhome With Addition
 First-level addition with extra half-bath - room opens onto private deck. Two bedrooms and remodeled bath upstairs. Modern kit. w/ dishwasher.

Brick Townhome Near Center of Greenbelt
 Walk to Roosevelt Center from this 2 bedroom townhome in GHI. Remodeled bathroom; refinished floors and large flooring. Value! **SOLD** \$218,900

Corner Lot - Cinderblock Townhome
 Two bedroom townhome with new plush carpet and fresh paint. Large deck in the fenced backyard is perfect for entertaining! \$199,900

Value Priced
 Bright, cheerful, sparkling 3 bedroom 1 bath in sought after Greenbelt Homes. Beautiful hardwood floors, fresh paint, fenced yard. \$164,900

Two Bedroom GHI townhome
 Freshly painted throughout with new flat-top stove and modern refrigerator. Fiberglass tub surround. Porch addition overlooks yard. \$172,000

Brick Townhome
 Large 11' x 17' master bedroom, 2nd bedroom oak hardwood flooring & bath on top level. Garden space & patio - outdoor enjoyment! \$238,000

Clinton
 4 br, 2 ba. Split foyer home located in Clinton Woods. Private Setting. Owners have found their home of choice and reduced price - \$299,900

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Roosevelt and Parkdale Highs Hold Russian Tea

by Martha Kristy

On January 23 the Eleanor Roosevelt High School cafeteria and auditorium overflowed with approximately 300 students, parents, administrators and community members who came together to celebrate Russian culture, history and language with Jillian Lehman, Russian teacher at both Eleanor Roosevelt and Parkdale High Schools.

The evening began with a large buffet of Russian food in the cafeteria, prepared by the families and friends of the students. Visitors were treated to a slideshow prepared by Sara Slaney and Caitlyn Virta, co-presidents of the ERHS Slavic Honor Society, explaining how the proceeds of the event would be donated to iOrphan, a worldwide organization that supports Russian and Ukrainian orphans and orphanages.

The audience then flowed to

the auditorium where they were treated to a tour of Russian history from the Russian Revolution to the Cuban Missile Crisis. Students from Lehman's classes were engaged in making conversation in Russian with tsars, peasants, leaders, dissidents and other historical figures. All skits were written and acted by current Russian students.

Lehman, an ERHS graduate herself, teaches Russian 1 and 2 classes at Parkdale and Russian 1-5 classes at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Since spring 2003, Russian 5 students have been piloting an Advanced Placement exam proposed by the College Board. Russian, which is one of the most spoken languages throughout Eurasia, is offered at two high schools and one middle school in Prince George's County.

Two Local Goddard Scientists Receive National Honors

NASA Goddard Space Flight Center is the home of many award-winning scientists and this year is no different. This month Claire L. Parkinson of Greenbelt and Neil Gehrels of Berwyn Heights received recognition of their research achievements.

Parkinson

Climatologist Claire L. Parkinson has been elected to the National Academy of Engineering for leadership in understanding sea-ice changes through satellite measurements and for leading NASA's Earth-observing Aqua satellite mission. Parkinson is a senior scientist and Aqua Project Scientist in the Cryospheric Sciences Branch at Goddard. She has worked at Goddard since July 1978, with a research emphasis on using satellite data to examine polar sea ice and climate change. She has also developed a computer model of sea ice, done fieldwork in both the Arctic and the Antarctic, including at the North Pole itself, and is the lead author of an atlas of Arctic sea ice from satellite data and a co-author of two other sea ice atlases, plus a co-editor of two books on climate change.

Outside of her Goddard work, Parkinson has written a book on the history of science and twice has won bronze medals in swimming at the U.S. National Senior Games/the Senior Olympics. She is a member of the Council of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and a Fellow of both the American

Meteorological Society and Phi Beta Kappa.

Gehrels

SPIE, an international society advancing light-based research, awarded their 2009 SPIE George W. Goddard award to a NASA Goddard astrophysicist Neil Gehrels, in recognition of his pioneering contributions and leadership in opening the gamma-ray spectral window as its own astronomical discipline.

Gehrels is the Chief of the Astroparticle Physics Laboratory at Goddard. He serves as principal investigator of NASA's Swift mission and deputy project scientist of NASA's Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope satellite. Since its launch on November 20, 2004, Swift has greatly advanced astronomers' understanding of stupendously powerful stellar explosions known as gamma-ray bursts. Fermi launched in June 2008 and has already discovered a dozen new pulsars. During the 1990s Gehrels served as the Project Scientist for the Compton Observatory, which was the second of NASA's four Great Observatories, and pioneered observations of the gamma-ray sky. Gehrels was recently awarded the Henry Draper Medal by the National Academy of Sciences.

Gehrel's other interests include mountaineering, music and his family. His wife Ellen Williams is a professor of physics in the surface physics group at the University of Maryland. They have two children.

Playwright Offers Reading at UM

On Tuesday, March 10 at 8 p.m. the University of Maryland (UM) College of Arts and Humanities and the UM Department of Theatre will present renowned playwright David Henry Hwang, the author of "M. Butterfly" and the Department of Theatre's artist-in-residence. Hwang will give a lecture/reading at the Clarice Smith Center for the Performing Arts. Gildenhorn Recital Hall will be the site of this free program.



Jazz at Smith Center

Kay Theatre at the Smith Center for the Performing Arts will be the site of a free concert by the UM Jazz Lab Band and University Jazz Band on Tuesday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m. This is the first of two consecutive evenings of jazz big band music.

Paper Airplanes

On Tuesday, March 10 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. the College Park Aviation Museum's after school activity program will feature paper airplanes and helicopters. This event is free with regular museum admission fee.

City Notes

The horticulture crew cleaned and sterilized the greenhouse in preparation for starting plugs and seeds in March. They also removed and cleaned the rainwater holding tanks which capture 3,400 gallons of rainwater that is used to water the greenhouse plants.

Facilities maintenance crews assisted a contractor with installing a pole on the Greenbriar side of the Spellman Overpass for a new security camera and assisted a contractor at the Old Greenbelt Theatre making accessibility modifications.

Animal control has filled a gap with a part-time animal control officer who will work evenings and weekends. With eight years of experience at Prince George's County Animal Control and the Washington, D.C. Humane Society, Lauren Denise will focus some of her efforts on the control of the feral cat populations.

CARES

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program's Backpack to Health Campaign, in partnership with Priority Partners Health Insurance and the Capital Area Food Bank, provided a produce distribution for over 100 families at Springhill Lake Elementary School.

Community resource advocate Christal Batey attended the Capital Area Food Bank Agency Achievement Academy grant application session. Now Greenbelt can apply for a \$2,000 food credit to

Upcoming Patuxent Nature Programs

Patuxent Research Refuge public programs are free and held at two sites, the North Tract and the National Wildlife Visitor Center. Advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887; special needs can be accommodated with notice. For details visit www.patuxent.fws.gov.

Programs at the National Wildlife Visitor Center, located on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 197:

Who Lives Here . . . and There? – Monday, March 9, 1:30 to 3 p.m., ages 5 to 7. Discover the animals that make Patuxent their home. Learn how to spot the different types of homes they choose and why these are good for animals.

Bird Walk – Wednesday, March 11, 8 to 10:30 a.m., ages 16 and over. Search for birds in several refuge habitats on this guided hike. Field guides and binoculars are recommended.

Refuge System Birthday Bash! – Saturday, March 14, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Enjoy live entertainment with Billy B. ("The Natural Science Song and Dance Man"), kids' activities, live animals and wildlife habitat tram tours.

Discovery Hike – Sunday, March 15, 10 to 11:30 a.m., ages 8 to 10. Discover who and what is out and about in the refuge on this guided hike.

Dolley, James Madison Are Lecture Focus

This month's Second Tuesday Lecture will be held on March 10 at 7:30 p.m. at Belair Mansion and brings two special people of the past for a visit to the mansion.

John and Nancy Gardner, character interpreters from Delaware, will bring James and Dolley Madison to life in the mansion parlor. Considered by many to be the "Father of the Constitution," Madison served as the fourth president of the U.S. He wed the widow Dolley Todd in 1794. They remain two of Washington, D.C.'s most famous residents. Mrs. Madison's experiences during the War of 1812 are legendary, making her a celebrity in her own right.

Dr. John Gardner taught history at Delaware State University for 41 years. Nancy Gardner has a particular interest in 18th century women's history. The Gardners are members of a number of 18th century dance groups, are participants in numerous re-enacting activities and are program evaluators for the Delaware Division of the Arts. Their presentation promises to be entertaining and educational.

Belair Mansion is located at 12207 Tulip Grove Drive in Bowie.

For further information call 301-809-3089 or email museumevents@cityofbowie.org.

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