

## In Final Worksession Council Adds Proposed Budget Items

by James Giese

In less than two hours, with little discussion and less controversy, the Greenbelt City Council at its final worksession on May 18 resolved most budget issues with preliminary decisions. These would enable staff to put together final figures for budget adoption and passage of an appropriation ordinance by June 8.

With a little extra money becoming available and a few switches in priority, council agreed to continue to add money to fund postal services at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, to mail out Recreation Department quarterly brochures instead of distributing the information electronically as had been proposed and to expand Greenbelt Connection bus services on Sunday and extend them to Saturday. Council also agreed to increase the city share of dental insurance premium costs for employees from 67 percent to 85 percent.

Two other decisions, to resurface and add curb and gutters to Westway between Ridge and

Crescent Roads and improve the Crescent Road crosswalk signal near St. Hugh's school, engendered the most discussion.

In addition to the five councilmembers at the meeting, 12 staff members represented various departments and management. Also present were two reporters and two consistent council watchers, Sheldon Goldberg and William Orleans.

City Manager Michael McLaughlin had prepared a spreadsheet of his proposed changes based upon updated information on estimates and the availability of revenues from the state and county, noting that he had no choice but to make those changes. Mayor Judith Davis then passed out sheets listing her own proposed additions and deletions to the budget. The two documents became the basis for council discussion.

### Pedestrian Signal

Of greatest concern was a proposal to add \$10,000 to provide traffic calming measures at the

St. Hugh's crosswalk, such as a raised table/hump. That was not good enough for Councilmember Rodney Roberts, who wanted full funding for a traffic light signal like the one on Ridge Road at Green Ridge House.

Roberts complained that the St. Hugh's crosswalk had been an unresolved safety issue for some 15 years and that only a red/green signal would do the job.

Director of Planning and Community Development Celia Craze, however, threw cold water on both proposals. She did not advocate a raised platform for a crosswalk because Crescent Road is an arterial street served by emergency vehicles. Before a signal could be installed an engineering study costing \$15,000 would have to be completed, she said. That study would have to find that the location met the criteria of one or more warrants set forth in federal regulations in order to qualify for a traffic light.

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PHOTO BY KARL HILLE

Dave Whiteman and Iliana Restrepo (left) talk to Joan Whelan outside the darkened New Deal Café May 15 as a handful of members and patrons sit in on the outdoor patio and stage a petition drive.

## New Deal Café Shuttered Suddenly and Indefinitely

by Karl B. Hille

The New Deal Café Board closed the Café pending a June 7 membership meeting and terminated the contract with their chef, according to a message sent to members late Monday night.

Chef Karim Kmaih said he invested \$87,000 in the Café's kitchen and is losing significant income due to the closure and he's not going down without a fight.

"If they want to replace me, I need my money," he told the News Review. "I need \$100,000."

Board member Bill Wilkerson responded to an initial email but did not provide answers by press time.

"The New Deal Café board worked very hard to achieve a compromise over the past months but unfortunately has been forced to terminate our contract with our manager," read the statement posted by Wilkerson on the New Deal Café's Yahoo group message board. "As announced earlier, the cooperative was advised by legal counsel not to discuss details of ongoing negotiations which could potentially become the subject of litigation."

Since the board changed the locks before Kmaih arrived to open on Tuesday, May 12, groups

of co-op members and patrons have gathered almost nightly before the darkened storefront in protest and to attempt to force an emergency meeting by petition.

A special membership meeting has been called for Sunday, June 7 at 7 p.m. at the Café. "To me it's looking like the co-op board took a really scorched-earth action," said Joan Whelan, a member who staffed the petition table May 15. "By all accounts, the man came in, invested a heavy amount in this community and by all accounts was running a profitable business" compared to the Café's original incarnation.

Whelan and others said they were particularly disturbed by the board's refusal to answer co-op members' questions and the apparent secrecy by which the negotiations and decision to close were made.

Co-op records show a \$6,484.19 net income for 2008 but that the co-op owed \$119,368 in "bills and loans" by the end of last year.

### June Contract

Chef Kmaih and his wife, Maria Almeida, were contracted

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## Greenbelt Day Weekend Will Celebrate City's 72nd Birthday

Residents and visitors alike are invited to enjoy the people and amenities that make Greenbelt a great place. Greenbelt Day Weekend, June 6 and 7, celebrates the city's 72nd anniversary with baseball, art activities, a walk, a playground build, a visit from Eleanor Roosevelt, a concert and more. The city will also host a naturalization ceremony for new citizens.

### Weekend Activities

On Saturday, June 6, from 9 a.m. to noon, all ages can help complete the rebuild of a community playground at Windsor Green, making it safe and fun for the children. The playground is located on Ora Glen Drive between Mandan Road and Morrison Drive. No tools or special skills are required to participate. For more information call the Greenbelt Department of Public Works at 301-474-8004.

Baseball fans can enjoy a Greenbelt Youth Baseball game with the Orioles vs. the Athletics at McDonald Field at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

From 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday join in "Get Active, Pedestrians," an all-ages event featuring pedestrian safety tips and updated information on proposed bills to make "green cars" safer for pedestrians. Also, hear an introduction to the Greenbelt Get Active Program with pedometers and take a walk. This event is sponsored by the Greenbelt Senior Citizens Advisory Committee. For more



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT

Town Manager Ray Braden greets Eleanor Roosevelt at a war bond rally in 1942.

information call 240-542-2054.

### Naturalization

A naturalization ceremony will be held in the Community Center gym beginning at 1 p.m. on Sunday. The U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Service will administer the Oath of Allegiance as part of this event. The public is invited to welcome some of the country's newest citizens in the spirit of the Greenbelt Community Pledge, which states in part: "the strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate people of many cultures, faiths and races living together. By sharing together all are enriched."

### Artful Afternoon

An Artful Afternoon will take place at the Greenbelt Community Center on Sunday, June 7 with a variety of activities sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department. Learn to make a rag rug trivet in a hands-on craft project for all ages hosted by the Greenbelt Museum from 1 to 3 p.m.

At 2 p.m. the city is treated to a return visit by Eleanor Roosevelt, who will put in her appearance in a presentation by re-enactor Suzan King at the Community Center.

View entries in the Greenbelt Photo Club members' contest

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## What Goes On

### Monday, May 25

City and GHI Offices closed for the Memorial Day Holiday

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10 a.m., Memorial Day Services at Veterans Memorial on Centerway. In case of rain services will be at the American Legion Post Home.

### Tuesday, May 26

8 p.m., Regular Council Meeting and Second Public Hearing on the Budget, Municipal Building

### Wednesday, May 27

7 to 8:30 p.m., Review Greenbelt Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, Community Center, Room 201

7:30 p.m., Senior Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting, Community Center Senior Lounge, Room 111

### Thursday, May 28

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

Saturday and Sunday, June 6 and 7, Greenbelt Day Celebration

# Letters to the Editor

## An Open Letter To NDC Board

It appears that our "elected" Café board has declared war on our Café in pursuit of an issue that can only be characterized as born of self interest.

While I can sympathize with their personal dilemma, I cannot condone their tactics or strategy of making our chef and his wife the scapegoats.

It is equally immoral, unjust and simply wrong to make these individuals absorb responsibility for debt or other incompetent behavior that occurred previous to Maria and Chef coming to our rescue.

I must ask the community of Greenbelt and the Café co-op membership in particular: Is this how we express our gratitude to the people who rescued and resurrected our Café? When word of what has been done to Maria and Chef spreads to our neighboring communities, what will Greenbelt's reputation be then? Who will want to come to a city that I once called an Oasis of Civility that has now taken on the appearance of a band of swindlers?

I have publicly called for the dissolving of the current Café board and unlocking the Café doors, immediate returning of Chef to his kitchen, setting up a provisional Café board and finally, a permanent board comprised of independent individuals, fiscally competent, non-aligned, without allegiance to any previous faction.

John Drago  
NDC Co-op Member

## Mentor Candidates

After more than a year of local debate over the racial composition of our city council, the News Review issued its persuasive view that "Changing the Election Is Not the Answer." A bottom line in the editorial was: "Changing the election date will do more harm than good and we therefore strongly oppose that proposal." Letters to the editor and testimony before council suggest opposition to changing the year when we conduct our local elections is a majority view among considered residents.

Looking at real solutions to real problems, I have a meatier proposal: candidate mentoring.

In Greenbelt as elsewhere, city or town council is often a person's first elected public office and pursuing it can be daunting. Aside from being costly in time, energy and money, first-time candidates are subject to great public scrutiny and often do not win on the first go-round. If winning is the goal, most challengers don't get there.

Formal, coordinated mentoring can prepare candidates for the realities of the office and how to win it. Especially this election cycle, it could be a very constructive way to encourage candidates and develop local talent for leadership. It could be much more effective than tinkering with the election process itself to possibly achieve greater racial or neighborhood variety on council.

So who should mentor candidates and how?

Normally, candidate mentoring falls to political parties. They have the resources, the expertise and the interest. This is common at the Congressional level.

I suggest an ad hoc non-partisan group of current and former city council members and even failed or abortive candidates plus their campaign managers. Perhaps former city manager(s) and former department heads, Maryland Municipal League, COG or council members from nearby jurisdictions could participate. "Keep it local" would be my main rule.

Because city elections are non-partisan, it might be something that the city itself could appropriately undertake if the workshops were open to all.

A series of short, info-packed workshops or panel discussions could distill and lend decades-worth of local political and campaign wisdom to people entertaining the idea of public service on the council. In this way, good candidates can be cultivated and encouraged.

Organized mentoring seems a positive way to actually improve the quality, variety and process of local leadership without, as the News Review has said, making things worse.

Andy Carruthers

## Roosevelt Center Concert May 30

The Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA) has announced a new series of free outdoor concerts in Roosevelt Center beginning Saturday, May 30 and featuring two groups from Robert Goddard Middle School, the Robert Goddard Jazz Band and the Robert Goddard Electric Strings. The concert will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. After the initial concert on May 30, the series will resume in the fall.

The goal of the new concert series is to encourage local young musicians by bringing their performances to the public. The program is named the Eileen Peterson Youth Music Series in honor of Peterson, who died last summer.

Peterson was a supporter and volunteer for the New Deal Café and FONDCA. Her special enthusiasm was for music of all kinds and for programs that encouraged young people. The organization of the concert series was headed by Terri Rutledge, a member of the board for the New Deal Café.

The Eileen Peterson Youth Music Series is sponsored by FONDCA and is partially funded by the City of Greenbelt and by Prince George's County, courtesy of Ingrid Turner, who represents Greenbelt on the County Council.

Young people who would like to be considered for inclusion in the concert series are asked to call Barbara Simon at 301-474-2192.

## Parent Involvement Meeting at GMS

On Tuesday, May 26 at 7 p.m. there will be a parental involvement meeting at Greenbelt Middle School in the school library for the parents of children who will attend GMS next year or the year after. The purpose of the meeting is to brainstorm ideas and organize the Parent-Teacher-Leader Organization (PTLO) at the school. There will also be a discussion of ideas for learning enhancement programs at the school.

The meeting is organized by the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) with help from the Berwyn Heights and College Park Education Advisory Committees and the GMS Parent Liaison. It has been shown that parental involvement is a key component of good schools. By getting a head start now, parents can create an active and engaged PTLO for next year at the Greenbelt Middle School.

All are welcome to attend.

## Grin Belt



"Boy, I am glad to know the Hubble is back on the job."

## On Screen

### The Soloist Arrives

Based on the book by journalist Steve Lopez, *The Soloist* tells the true story of how he discovered Julliard-trained cellist Nathaniel Ayers on the streets of Los Angeles. Robert Downey, Jr. (Lopez) and Jamie Foxx (Ayers) depict the beginnings of the relationship which continues to this day. The movie was filmed on location in L.A.'s skid row and many of the people portraying skid row denizens are themselves homeless.

Director Joe Wright has much experience bringing books to the big screen, with *Atonement* (2007) and *Pride & Prejudice* (2005). The film is rated PG-13 for drug use and language; runtime is 117 minutes.

— Cathy Jones

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Letters to the editor must be signed by the writer. If, on the rare occasion for safety, the writer's name is not printed, it nevertheless must be given to the News Review. Anonymous letters are never printed.

## NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS



### PRELIMINARY AGENDA

## GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Thursday, May 28, 2009

GHI BOARD ROOM, 7:30 PM

### GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Election Certifications
- Election of Officers
- Designation of GDC Stockholders
- 2009 Underground Utility Contract – 2nd Reading
- Strategic Plan Update
- UDB Copier Lease

Regular Board meetings are open to Members  
For more information, visit our website - [www.ghi.coop](http://www.ghi.coop)

## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

### WEEK OF May 22

## The Soloist (PG-13)

Friday

\*5, 7:30, 9:45

Saturday

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

Sunday - Monday

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

Tuesday-Thursday

\*5, 7:30

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# Community Events

## GHI Notes

Thursday, May 21, 7:30 p.m., Annual Membership Meeting – Community Center

Monday, May 25, Offices Closed for Memorial Day (emergency maintenance provided)

Tuesday, May 26, 8:30 a.m., Ad-Hoc Yard Line Committee – GHI Library

Wednesday, May 27, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee – Board Room

7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee – GHI Lobby

Thursday, May 28, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting – Board Room

Friday, May 29, Offices Closed

Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

## At the Library

### Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories.

Tuesday, May 26, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, May 27, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group.

Thursday, May 28, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages three to five years, limit 20 children.

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

## Greenbelters Win Two to Even Record

The Greenbelters of the Baltimore Beltway Senior Softball League beat Bowie Gold in a double-header at Watkins Regional Park on Monday, May 18, 19-0 and 14-6. They won the opener behind manager-pitcher Ray Reed, whose brother Carl, the catcher, saved the shutout with a force play at home plate.

In the second game Paul Williams pitched all the way and newcomer Jasper Pendergrass shot the home team well ahead with a three-run home run over the 14-foot-high right field fence, the first known game-time blast by a senior to clear the fence.

Pendergrass, who anchored the infield at short center field and then at third base, was joined by teammates Joe Battle, John Benish, Fred Bohle, Larry Dandridge, Jim Dugan, Eli Flam, Jim Harbaugh, George Harrison, Burt and David Kerr, Harlan Park, Luis Rivera, Michael Schultz, Reggie Wood and Willie White, who doubled off the top of the left field fence.

The Greenbelters now are 3-3 for the regular season of 42 games.

## Greenbriar Assn. Board Meets Wed.

The Greenbriar Community Association board will meet on Wednesday, May 27 at 6 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Building.

## Breakfast at Legion For Rolling Thunder

On Sunday, May 24 starting at 7 a.m. Greenbelt American Legion Post #136 will serve breakfast for some of the thousands of motorcyclists who come to the nation's capital on Memorial Day weekend to pay tribute to those who have served in the military. All are welcome to come and watch the bikes leave the Greenbelt Post #136 starting around 8 a.m. and to join in the other activities. The bikes are escorted by Park Police to the Tidal Basin, then return to the Post for a picnic.

## Annual Ceremony On Memorial Day

Greenbelt American Legion Post #136, American Legion Auxiliary Unit #136 and Sons of the American Legion Squadron #136 will host its annual Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 25 at 10 a.m. at the Veteran's Memorial, Roosevelt Center. Everyone is invited to attend and remember those who have died serving the country.

A buffet luncheon will be served at the Post Home following the completion of the ceremony. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony and program will be held at the Post Home at 6900 Greenbelt Road at 10 a.m.

## Greenspring Assn. To Meet May 29

The Greenspring Homeowners Association will hold its annual meeting on Friday, May 29 at 6:30 p.m. at Schrom Hills Park, off Hanover Parkway.

## Astronomical Society Holds "StarryTelling"

The next meeting of the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt is on Thursday, May 28 at 7:30 p.m. It will feature a presentation by Elizabeth Forbes Wallace in a program for all ages titled "StarryTelling: Discover the Galileo in You!" at the Howard B. Owens Science Center, 9601 Greenbelt Road in Lanham.

Learn how storytelling helps astronomy outreach organizations attract a wider audience. Discover how effective oral narrative can be. Personal anecdotes, ancient skylore and scientific discovery stories will help family audiences rediscover their place in the universe.

Trained storyteller Wallace is the producer at Giraffe 'n' Ant Productions LLC, a company which sparks curiosity about foreign cultures, sky lore and scientific achievements via stories.



PHOTO BY FRANK DEBERNARDO

Two youngsters at Centro Hogar clinic, El Salvador, who will benefit from the "Send a Smile to El Salvador" campaign.

## Sending Smiles to El Salvador

On Wednesday, May 27 from 2 to 7 p.m., Greenbelter Frank DeBernardo and some of his friends will collect new children's toothbrushes at the parking lot entrance of the Co-op Supermarket at Roosevelt Center. The purpose of the "Send a Smile to El Salvador" campaign is to assist a cooperative health clinic for women and children that DeBernardo visited on a recent visit to the Central American country. The clinic, Centro Hogar, is located in the San Ramon district of San Salvador, the capital city.

"I visited many humanitarian centers on my trip to El Salvador in March 2009," DeBernardo said, "but this clinic made an impression on me because

they exemplified the best spirit of a cooperative organization." DeBernardo explained that he thought this campaign would be an easy, simple and inexpensive way for people to help out a very worthy cooperative project in El Salvador. "As my mother always taught me, a smile is a great way to help people!" he added.

The clinic's leaders said that their greatest supply need was for children's toothbrushes because preventive care is the best way to impact dental health. When used properly, children's toothbrushes need to be replaced every 3 to 4 months, so the clinic is in constant need of these dental supplies.

Bob Davis, Greenbelt Co-op general manager, has agreed to have plenty of toothbrushes on hand that day so that people can participate in the campaign.

For more information on the "Send a Smile to El Salvador" campaign call DeBernardo at 240-432-2489 or email FDeBernardo@aol.com.

## Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

This is just a quick reminder of upcoming events for the Golden Age Club.

On Wednesday, May 27 a Chinese Auction will be held at the Community Center at the regular meeting.

The annual picnic will be at Buddy Attick Park on Thursday, May 28 with hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill. Enjoy a walk along the lake trail or kayak on the lake.

We're sending loving thoughts to Ima and Don Davis, Margaret Kivlin and Leney and Jim Holohan. Hope to see you back at meetings soon.

## Postal Services Available

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

## NOTICE OF NEW DEAL CAFÉ SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2009

Meeting at 7:00pm (sign in at 6:30pm)  
To discuss the temporary closure of the Café



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## Delegate Ross Meets With Greenbelters

Delegate Justin D. Ross, District 22, Maryland General Assembly will meet with constituents from legislative district 22 on Tuesday, June 2 between 7 and 9 p.m. at the Greenbelt Library. Appointments are not necessary. He will be available to answer questions or take note of any concerns.

For more information contact the delegate's office at 301-858-3652.

## Academy Stadium Theatres

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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 May 22

FRI. - SUN.

Star Trek, PG-13

11:15, 1:55, 4:40, 7:35, 10:20

Next Day Air, R

11:45, 2:15

Obsessed, PG-13

7:15, 9:40

Night at the Museum 2, PG-13 (!)

11:30, 2, 4:40, 7:15, 9:40

Terminator Salvation, PG-13 (!)

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7:40, 8, 10:20, 10:45

Dance Flick, PG-13 (!)

11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 5:50, 8, 10:20

X-Men Origins: Wolverine, PG-13

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TUES. - THUR.

(All shows \$5 on Tuesdays)

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For more Community Events see pages 2, 8 and 14.

# Obituaries

## Raymond Gibson

Raymond Gibson, 50, of Greenbelt died on Thursday, May 14, 2009.

He is survived by his mother Anita and father Richard Astrayka of New Carrollton; sisters Lisa Daffan of Elkridge, Md., and Lesley Fleshman of Greenbelt; brothers Richard Gibson of Greenbelt and Alex Astrayka of Elkridge, Md.; and many nieces and nephews.

Family and friends had a memorial service for Ray on Monday, May 18. He will be missed.

## Elaine Heffernan

Elaine Carol Heffernan died on May 15, 2009, at her home in Greenbelt after a long illness. She was 75. The second daughter of Paul and Margaret Heffernan, she was born in Bergen County, N.J., and grew up in River Vale and Harrington Park.

Elaine had an independent and courageous spirit. At 21 she joined the secretarial pool of the Foreign Service and went to Vientiane, Laos, at a time when American presence in this country was almost non-existent. She embraced the east. She loved the Lao people, enjoyed the small American diplomatic world and tolerated the water buffalo that lived under her house. Oden Meeker, the first representative of CARE in Laos, referred to her as "the always ebullient Miss Heffernan."

Following her post in Vientiane, she served in Saigon during the tumultuous period leading up to the Vietnam War and later in Taipei, Taiwan. She returned to the United States slowly, traveling through Malaysia, India and Europe.

Back in Washington, D.C., Elaine became involved in the Civil Rights movement and for a time worked in the Office for Civil Rights under Leon Panetta's directorship. She was an active feminist and worked with the Back Alley Theater and Pacifica Radio. She worked with her long-time friend Rosemary Reed Miller in supporting Miller's iconic gift and fashion house Toast and Strawberries.

Later Elaine moved to Buffalo, N.Y. and worked as a bookkeeper for the First Presbyterian Church. She returned to the Washington area in the late 1990s and moved to Greenbelt. She worked for Greenbelt Nursery School and enjoyed the charm of this distinctive cooperative community.

However, the east beckoned and she decided to travel to China, planning to work in a

museum in Xian and to travel. Ironically, just as her journey was approaching, her illness overtook her. Elaine's courage and positive attitude were inspirational to all who came in contact with her. She was generous of herself and always thoughtful of others. Although very opinionated, she was never judgmental.

Elaine is survived by her sisters Constance McGann of Teaneck, N.J., Margaret Heffernan Jimenez of Cordoba, Spain and Nancy Williams of Monterey, Calif.; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her brother, Paul Heffernan of Washington, D.C., and her parents Paul and Margaret Heffernan of Harrington Park, N.J. Funeral services will be private.

## Ray L. Smith

Former Greenbelter Ray L. Smith, of Bowie, died on May 15, 2009. He lived in Greenbelt from 1976 to 2006.



Ray was born in Omaha, Neb., and grew up on a farm in Iowa. He went into the Navy at age 19 and retired as a chief, having served on seven ships and traveled around the world. For 20 years he organized the reunions of the USS Renshaw (DD/DDE-499), the first and, according to Ray, the best ship he served on. He was successful in locating and bringing together shipmates from WWII through Vietnam. He retired from the Navy in 1973 and then worked as a manager of gas stations in three Maryland communities. For many years, he was a frequent volunteer at Greenbelt Auto and Truck.

Maybe it was his farm upbringing that fueled his love of tractors. He joined the Central Maryland Antique Tractor Club about 20 years ago, when he

learned that the club ran in its tractor pulls and events only tractors from his time period on the farm. Even though he didn't have or hadn't driven a tractor since he left the farm, he participated in all of the club events and worked on the track, just enjoying being around the old tractors. The tractor club awarded him its President's Award for service to the club, lifetime membership and twice the Joe Ferrell Award for good sportsmanship. He had a massive toy tractor collection that he donated to charity before starting to collect again. Once a collector, always . . .

A hallmark of his life was volunteer service. In Greenbelt - volunteer capital of the world - Ray was a noted volunteer. He served for 20 years as a member of the Greenbelt Labor Day Committee, handling special tasks and managing events from the talent show to the children's pet show. He was a volunteer at the Villa Rosa Nursing Home for 10 years and helped with bingo, happy hour, birthday parties, picnics and any event that entertained and helped the residents. He was especially successful in persuading recalcitrant bingo players to come out of their rooms and enjoy the games. He was nominated for the Maryland Nursing Home Volunteer of the Year for his work at Villa Rosa. He was also a long-time member of the Guild that raises money to support resident functions and services. At his church, Capitol Hill United Methodist Church, he was a loyal and faithful member. He helped to coordinate the weekly fellowship hours and most recently served as co-project director for the church's capital campaign that exceeded its goal in raising funds to restore the church's his-

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**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
6905 Greenbelt Road • 301-345-5111

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

Fax 301-220-0694 • E-mail myholycross@verizon.net

**ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
301-474-4322

Mass Schedule:  
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.  
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.  
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.  
Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe  
Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd

**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

Catholic  
Community  
of Greenbelt

SUNDAY MASS, 10:00 AM  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

SERVE BREAKFAST  
AT S.O.M.E.

Sunday, May 31  
Meet at St. Hugh's School  
Parking Lot, 6:00 AM

**Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church**  
40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt  
Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors  
www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410  
Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00am    Worship Service 10:00am  
Prayer Meeting Sun. 9:45 am

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

Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community

Sunday, May 24, 10 a.m.  
"United We Stand, Divided We Fall" by Rev. Dr. Richard Speck,  
District Executive, Joseph Priestley District with Erin Washburn, worship associate  
What is our imperative as we enter a new settled ministry?  
This and other provocative questions will be addressed this Sunday.

**St. George's Episcopal/Anglican Church**  
7010 Glenn Dale Road  
(Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)  
301-262-3285 | rector@stgeo.org | www.stgeo.org

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

Wednesdays: 7:00 pm    Simple, quiet Mass

An inclusive congregation!

**Bahá'í Teachings:**  
The Bahá'í Faith aims to unify humanity

Bahá'u'lláh said, "Ye are the fruits of one tree and the leaves of one branch." Although we differ from one another physically and emotionally, with different talents and capacities, we all spring from the same root; we all belong to the same human family. We should not allow the differences that exist among us to give rise to conflict and strife. We should see the members of the human race as beautiful flowers growing in the garden of humanity.

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

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

Welcomes!

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"

**Greenbelt Community Church**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Hillside & Crescent Roads  
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings  
www.greenbeltucc.org  
Sunday Worship  
10:15 a.m.  
Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

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

**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)

We want you to be a part of our celebration and worship!  
301-474-4499

...living life together

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toric organ and undertake other improvement projects. In his new retirement community he was an active member of the Fun Bunch and the Willows Community Connection. Ray was an avid reader, a wizard solver of crossword puzzles and someone who enjoyed gardening, even the lowly task of weeding.

Ray and his wife Sandy had been married for 34 years and were known for working as a team on many projects and activities. They enjoyed the company of eight cats during their marriage and were long-time supporters of animal rescue groups. In addition to Sandy, Ray is survived by his son Ray L. Smith, Jr., who with his wife, Alice, is now working in an orphanage in Malawi. He is also survived by daughters Jacqueline Rasmussen and her husband Merle (Oakland, Iowa), Tamba Lavis and her husband Michael (Indianhead, Md.) and Tina Marie Hayes and her husband Danny (Leonardtown, Md.). Other survivors include his daughter-in-law Christy Stonestreet (Rocky Top, N.C.); brother Warren O. Smith and his wife Pauline (Oakland, Neb.); and brother-in-law, Wayne Sheets (Omaha, Neb.); 10 grandchildren and many cousins, nephews and nieces. A son, Timothy Latham and sister Mildred Sheets, preceded him in death.

Ray had Parkinson's Disease for the past 15 years and he and Sandy belonged to several Parkinson's support groups. They actively researched the disease and emerging treatments and shared their knowledge with others more recently diagnosed.

For more information and photos of Ray's life visit [www.mem.com](http://www.mem.com), search for Ray Smith and click on the navy photo.

Ray's funeral will be held Saturday, May 23 at Capitol Hill United Methodist Church, 421 Seward Square, S.E., Washington, D. C. Viewing will be at 10 a.m., funeral at 11, followed by a reception in the church. Burial will be in July at Arlington National Cemetery.

Sandy can be contacted at 3850 Enfield Chase Court, #113, Bowie, MD 20716.

**Green Use Of Water**

Newer dishwasher models are powerful enough to get the gunk off so save water by skipping the pre-rinse. Energy Star dishwashers also consume one-third less water than older machines. Try to reuse the same glass several times before washing it and only run the dishwasher when full.

- Sierra Club

**Holy Cross Thrift Store**

Every Thursday 10 - 4 p.m.

Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!  
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

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



# City Information

**GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, May 26, 2009 - 8:00 p.m.**  
**Municipal Building**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Presentations**

- MML "If I Were Mayor" County Finalist
- Democratic Club
- Peace Month Proclamation

**Public Hearings**

- Proposed FY 2010 Budget
- Constant Yield Tax Rate

**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.)

**Minutes of Council Meetings**

**Administrative Reports**

**Committee Reports**

**LEGISLATION**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- City Council Report on Voting System Issues
- \*- Green Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Report #2009-03 -Committee Name Change
- \*- Appointments to Advisory Groups
- \*-Resignation from Advisory Group

**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@greenbeltnmd.gov](mailto:cmurray@greenbeltnmd.gov) to reach the City Clerk.

**Greenbelt CityLink: [www.greenbeltnmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov)**  
**Now, find the City of Greenbelt on FaceBook!**

**Greenbelt Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan**

May 27th, 2009, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 201  
This is an opportunity to help Greenbelt build a great bicycle and pedestrian network:

- Locate Key Destinations, Safety Hazards, Missing Links, or Areas for Improvement in Greenbelt
- Discuss Enforcement and Education Programs
- Explore Engineering Solutions that Improve Pedestrian and Bicycle Access
- Identify Roadblocks to Improvement
- Establish Priorities in Greenbelt

Questions: email [ahofstra@greenbeltnmd.gov](mailto:ahofstra@greenbeltnmd.gov) or call (301) 345-5417

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

City Offices will be closed Monday, May 25th, in observance of Memorial Day. The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating.

**REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE**

Week of May 25th  
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, May 29th.

**Summer Camps at the Greenbelt Recreation Department**

**Are you ready for the Summer?**



The Greenbelt Recreation Department offers a variety of summer camps:

- Kinder Camp for ages 3-5
- Creative Kids for ages 6-12
- Camp Pine Tree I for ages 6-8
- Camp Pine Tree II for ages 9-11
- Youth on the Go for ages 12-14
- Camp Dance for ages 6-16
- Camp Encore for ages 13 -15
- Circus Camp for ages 8-13 (Waiting list only)

Volunteer positions for ages 16-17

Please call 301-397-2200 or visit our web site at [www.greenbeltnmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov) to explore the exciting opportunities that are awaiting your child.

**SPACE IS LIMITED REGISTER TODAY**  
**Call 301-397-2200**

**GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER**

**Pets of the Month**

Congratulations to Max on his adoption We know that he will be happy in his new home!



**Rome: Friendly and handsome male cat. Visit these pets at the shelter on Wednesdays, from 4-7pm and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm.**

For more information on any of these pets, call the Greenbelt Animal Shelter at 301.474.6124.

**Greenbelt Day Weekend**  
**Celebrate Greenbelt's 72nd Anniversary!**

**Saturday, June 6:**

9am - 12pm: **Community Playground Build**  
All ages: help complete the rebuild of a playground in the Windsor Green development on Ora Glen Drive between Mandan Road and Morrison Drive. No tools or special skills required. Sponsored by the Greenbelt Department of Public Works. For more information call 240-542-2151.

10am: **Greenbelt Youth Baseball** - Orioles vs. Athletics (McDonald Field) Sponsored by Greenbelt Baseball. For more information call 301-441-4647.

1-3pm: **Get Active, Pedestrians!** Community Center rm 114. Free. All ages welcome. Pedestrian safety tips, updated information on proposed bills to make "green cars" safer for pedestrians, introduction to the Greenbelt Get Active Program with pedometers and a walk. Sponsored by the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee. For more information call 240-542-2054.



**Sunday, June 7:**

Greenbelt Community Center. Most activities free. All ages welcome.

1pm: **Naturalization Ceremony**, gym  
The United States Citizen & Immigration Service (USCIS) will administer the Oath of Allegiance to candidates seeking to become U.S. citizens as part of a formal ceremony. Sponsored by USCIS. For naturalization information or to contact USCIS: 1-800-375-5283.

**Artful Afternoon Activities** sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department:

- 1-3pm: Greenbelt Museum craft workshop: make a rag rug trivet, rm 113
- 1-3pm: Greenbelt Photo Club members' contest; entries on view, rm 114
- 2pm: Eleanor Roosevelt returns to Greenbelt! Presentation by actor Suzan King, gym
- 3pm: Greenbelt Day welcome address from Mayor Judith "J" Davis and the Greenbelt City Council, followed by a performance of the Greenbelt Concert Band, gym

1-4pm: Artists in Residence studio open house and sale, 3rd floor

1-5pm: Art gallery and Greenbelt Museum fashion exhibit open

1-5pm: Greenbelt Museum historic house tours, 10-B Crescent Road (\$3)  
For more information call 240-542-2057.

*Throughout the weekend... Enjoy the people and amenities that make Greenbelt great.*

*Information about city recreation services and community events taking place this weekend is available at [www.greenbeltnmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov). Show your appreciation for local entrepreneurs and non-profits by patronizing Greenbelt's theaters, eateries, markets and other establishments. Greenbelt Day Weekend is also a great time to investigate local volunteer opportunities; have fun, make new friends, and contribute to the community!*

**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, For info call 301-474-8000.

*Members of City Advisory Boards and Committees are eligible for half-price annual individual or family memberships at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center.*

**MEETINGS FOR MAY 25-29**

Tuesday, May 26 at 8:00pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING** at Municipal Building. Live on Comcast 71, Verizon 21 and Streaming at [www.greenbeltnmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov)

Wednesday, May 27 at 7:30pm, **SENIOR CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, at the Greenbelt Community Center, Senior Lounge (rm 111)

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

## A Review

## Dancers on Safari Provide Fun and Colorful Entertainment

by Rebecca Boggs

On May 16 a superb Safari Suites, the third Annual Greenbelt Spring Dance Recital, was performed by jazz, pre-ballet, ballet and music theater students ages 5+ from the Greenbelt Dance Studio. Samantha Fitschen, directing the recital for the last time, did a wonderful job, as always, bringing whimsy, creativity and joy to the stage by providing dancers great instruction and a fun and creative place to learn.

Dancers performed to a full house of family, friends and dance enthusiasts. Once the audience became settled the lights went off and a hush fell over them. A spotlight lit up the red curtain. Then it opened up to Lakesha Hill and Nels Olsen singing a heartfelt rendition of "Circle of Life" by Sir Elton John. Next a parade of characters began gracefully with a prince of the Nile and his ladies in waiting all wearing beautiful bright blue. Then entered the tourists traditionally clad in striped shirts, khaki shorts and bright floral baseball caps. After that, delicate pink flowers danced in, decked out in tutus, along with two bright pink flamingos – also wearing tutus. Pale yellow lion cubs with soft furry ears and tutus followed. The audience applauded enthusiastically as each new group of dancers appeared.

The dancing began with little lions twirling in their tutus to the "Lion Sleeps Tonight." These pre-ballet dancers ages 5 and 6 were a joy to watch as they awoke to dance together, truly acting the part of lion cubs, cleaning their paws (as cats do) and even producing audible roars to the audience's delight.

Next the Blue Nile Prince danced accompanied by his ladies in waiting. These Ballet 1 students gave a whimsical performance. Each lady was vying for the throne and the flirtatious prince just couldn't decide who to choose to wear the crown. In the end the ladies decided for him by taking the crown intended for the next queen and the prince's crown as well. They danced off together with their surprised prince.

The last dance of the first act was performed by the pink flamingos and the jungle flowers, Ballet 1, 2, and 3 students. The Brazilian rhythm of Revel's Bolero filled the theater while the graceful flamingos and flowers weaved in out and twirled, giving the audience the feeling of flowers in bloom.

Then the cute and cuddly intermission elephant, played by a pre-ballerina, informed us of the "5 minute paws."

The second suite opened with Hill and Olsen singing "Can you feel the Love Tonight." The stage went dark and the lightning bugs entered dancing to the syncopated beat of "Liquid Dance" from the movie "Slum Dog Millionaire." This was one of the most creative dances I have seen at a recital. These Jazz II and III dancers dressed in black and holding flashlights gave an energetic jazz performance flitting and fluttering and creating a frantic feeling to the funky beat.

The tourists and their guides, Music Theater I and II participants came next. They danced to "Surfin Safari" by the Beach Boys. Their bouncy retro moves: twisting and doing the pony step, made everyone want to head to the beach and have some fun.

After that the leaping leopards, Music Theater II and III students, pounced in swinging their tails and showing their claws. They danced to Jellie Ball from the musical Cats. Their show of bravado scared the tourists away. Then the Elephant entered to announce a Banana Break.

With great harmony Hill and Olsen sang their final duet, "I Hope You Dance." Then the zebras, Jazz I & II students ages 6+ grooved in showing us their synchronized jazz moves. Their hand clapping got the audience in the mood to groove too. Their black and white outfits with black fluffy manes added to the feeling of the safari.

The pink panthers, the most experienced dancers, wore neon pink with black accents and danced to the Pink Panther. These Jazz II and III students ages 10+ strut their stuff showing great precision, sultry jazz moves and smiles.

The Drummers, Jazz II and III students, concluded the show with great drumming and playing of tambourines. Their African dance moves were full of energy and great fun to watch. They also incorporated lively chants, rap and clapping. Their floral outfits made the audience feel they were in the jungle.

This was a super recital and the myriad of children in the audience were captivated during the entire performance.

*Samantha Fitschen will open her New Chicago Dance Studio this summer in Prince George's County. She can be contacted at: [samantha\\_fitschen@yahoo.com](mailto:samantha_fitschen@yahoo.com).*



**Lions** – Alexis Bailey, Emma Brewster-Geisz, Natalie Chirlios-DeLeon, Desiree Davis, Annamarie Garcia, Aisa Gibbons, Dora Johnson, Nana Keita, Kayla Kirchnopf, Daniela Rivera, Feyi Sofela and Anne Wenzel.



**Tourists** – Sebastian Fernandez-Napp, Grace Sperber-White, Racael Baith, Sophie Bernheisel, Juliette Bozyigit, Ilan Brick, Jadyne Brick, Jasmine Depaz, Ana Fernandez-Napp, Amabel Gwinn-Duffy and Alyssa Heintzelman.



**Zebras** – Sophie Bernheisel, Alison Graham, Nitara Jefferson, Taylor Koebler, Katherine Sinuik, Julia Tartaro and Caitlyn Weeks



**Drummers** – Jasmine Depaz, Elizabeth Gardner, Elta Goldstein, Salena Johnson, Sarah Nichols, Jamie Rogers-Sites, Kathryn Turnbull, Kayla Valdellon and Elephant Rebecca Gardner.



**Flowers** – Emma Dabelko, Madison Davis, Britney Dompree, Elizabeth Gardner, Charlotte Gill, Ashley Gonzalez, Nitara Jefferson, Alyssa Russell, Skylar Scheff, Autumn Williams, Samantha Wypych, Katharine Zhu, Elta Goldstein and Jane Mezo.



Lightning Bugs – Rachel Clune, Geetika Reichmann, Elena Shipley, Dasia Stinson, Maia Tooley, Morgan Townsend, Barabara Turnbull and Sofia Zocca.



Nile – Mavis Dompfeh, Aaron Solomon and Alma Knutson

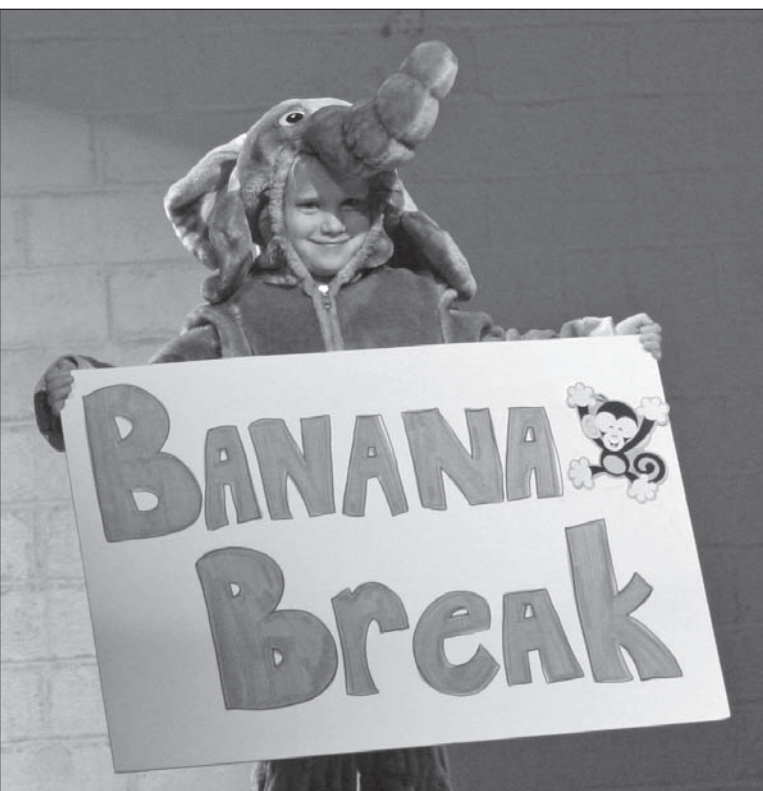


Singers – Nels Olsen and Lakesha Hill

photos by  
Jon Gardner



Pink Pantheress – Rachel Clune, Geetika Reichmann, Elena Shipley, Dasia Stinson, Maia Tooley, Morgan Townsend, Barabara Turnbull and Sofia Zocca.



Rebecca Gardner has a suggestion for intermission.

Become a part of the Historic Greenbelt Community  
Come out and take part of the Greenbelt Homes, Inc.

Community Wide Open House

Sunday, June 7

12:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Roosevelt Center on Centerway Road

For a free listing of affordable homes and the multiple units open that day, visit our table at Roosevelt Center on Centerway Road next to Curves. Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) is a cooperative that provides quality townhomes for our members and fosters opportunities for community for all ages:



- ❖ Town Center with shops, movie theater, restaurants
- ❖ Public/Private Schools and Public Library
- ❖ Art Deco Community Center with a variety of activities and sports
- ❖ Aquatic Fitness Center with an indoor and outdoor pool
- ❖ Woods, bike paths, parks, playgrounds and lake

[www.greenbelthomes.net](http://www.greenbelthomes.net) or [www.ghi.coop](http://www.ghi.coop)

Greenbelt Homes, Inc.  
Hamilton Place  
Greenbelt, MD 20770

Directions: Washington Beltway (495) to exit Kenilworth Ave. North towards Greenbelt, right on Crescent, follow the signs to Roosevelt Center.

Proposed Changes to FY 2010 Budget based on Final Budget Work Session	
<b>Proposed FY 2010 Revenues</b>	<b>\$25,694,800</b>
State Reduction in Highway User Revenues - 10%	-\$55,000
Restoration of School Resource Officer Grant from County	\$60,000
State Reduction in Youth Service Bureau Funding - 5%	-\$4,000
Increase Annual Burgular Alarm Fee	\$12,000
<b>New Proposed FY 2010 Revenues</b>	<b>\$25,707,800</b>
<b>Proposed FY 2010 Expenditures</b>	<b>\$25,355,800</b>
Savings from Retirement & Resignation of Police Officers	-\$80,000
Restore Municipal Building Postal Unit	\$20,000
Additional Voting Reform Outreach	\$10,000
Add Saturday Connection Service & Extend Sunday to 4:00pm	\$10,000
Increase City Share of Dental Insurance Cost to 85%	\$10,000
Fund Requested Contribution Group Increases	\$2,400
Fund MWCOG Initiatives (Street Smart, Ferguson Foundation, Housing, etc.)	\$1,000
Restore Recreation Newsletter	\$22,000
Reduce Transfer to Capital Projects Fund as Follows:	-\$45,000
Add Westway Curb, Gutter & Resurfacing	\$72,000
Add Funds to Pedestrian Crossing near St. Hugh's	\$10,000
Delete Portion of Base Repair	-\$3,000
Delete Bus Shelters	-\$2,000
Defer Wall of Honor	-\$13,000
Defer Gardenway Resurfacing	-\$52,000
Defer Research Resurfacing	-\$57,000
Subtotal Capital Project Changes	-\$45,000
<b>New Proposed FY 2010 Expenditures</b>	<b>\$25,306,000</b>
Revenues-Expenditures (Transfer to Fund Balance)	\$401,800

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Based on previous staff studies, she said she believed an engineer would determine that the situation at that crosswalk would not meet the needed criteria. To install a light failing to meet these requirements could create a liability problem for the city.

Craze proposed two alternatives. One is a rapid-flashing beacon, a device now being used in the District of Columbia, which has produced good results with traffic compliance. It would cost about \$15,000 to install.

The second is to obtain permission on a trial basis to install a new device being tested in Arizona by the Federal Highway Administration. This device would be button-activated. It would begin flashing yellow, then change to flashing red and then solid red for sufficient time for a pedestrian to cross the street.

Craze felt that approval could be quickly obtained for a trial installation and that the cost would not be significantly different from money the mayor had proposed to add. McLaughlin noted that the Capital Projects Fund, if needed, could make up the difference.

Councilmember Konrad Herling asked if the proposed signal would prevent a car from passing another stopped at the crosswalk. At a previous meeting a citizen complained to council about being passed by a car that drove onto the shoulder of the road to pass near the crosswalk. Craze said it was not possible to stop motorists from doing stupid things.

Roberts continued to hold out for a full traffic light. "Let's just bite the bullet" and install one, he said.

After more back-and-forth discussion, McLaughlin suggested that staff put together a more detailed proposal on installing and paying for the trial device prior to final budget adoption.

### Street Construction

In support of the old adage, "The squeaking wheel gets the grease," council agreed to the mayor's proposal to fund the installation of curbs and gutters and resurface Westway from Ridge to Crescent. Staff had not proposed this project. They had proposed street resurfacing for Gardenway and Research Road instead.

At a May 6 worksession on the capital budgets, some residents of Westway and two members of the Greenbelt Homes, Inc., Board of Directors asked council to replace the concrete

gutters along Westway with curbs and gutters, according to Assistant City Manager David Moran. The cost for this project is \$72,000. Two other proposed projects will be rescheduled to the next fiscal year.

Davis suggested diverting channeled water into a natural area, as is done with rain gardens, to be absorbed into the ground rather than running off into a stream. Public Works Director Ken Hall thought that might be possible to do.

Davis proposed adding \$20,000 back to the budget to continue funding the little-used postal service at the Municipal Building. She also proposed adding funds for the Greenbelt Connection to provide service on Saturdays and expand Sunday service.

The city had previously operated the bus for a longer time period on Sundays but had cut back because of lack of users. Councilmembers expressed the hope that by giving better publicity to these services, usage would increase.

Herling thought that if Greenbelters became more familiar with available bus service and the Greenbelt Connection, thus assuring better access to the U.S. Post Office on Hanover Parkway, it might be possible to stop funding the postal service at the Municipal Building.

### Tax Increase?

During the discussions, Roberts stated his opposition to budgeting more funds because the budget was based on increased taxes. Councilmember Edward Putens and others disputed his statement. McLaughlin noted, however, that while the tax rate was not being increased, there would be an 8.1 percent overall increase in property assessments, which would cause larger tax bills.

Roberts said that all people in "home owner's land" were cutting back on their expenses and that the city needed to do so as well.

Davis asked, "Have you heard anyone come to a meeting to complain?"

McLaughlin pointed out that in order to offset the increase from assessments it would be necessary to cut the budget by about one and a quarter million dollars. No one proposed making such cuts, although concerns were expressed as to what might happen next year if property assessments went down following the scheduled triennial reassessment.



Condolences to Leslie and Mike McLaughlin and their family and friends on the death of Leslie's father, Ken Hodges, on May 18, 2009, in North Carolina.

We were saddened to learn of the death of Elaine Heffernan, who many know from her work at the Greenbelt Nursery and Kindergarten.

Our sympathy to Lesley Fleshman and Richard Gibson and family on the death of their brother Raymond Gibson.

Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of longtime former Greenbelter Ray Smith. Our condolences to his wife, former staffer Sandy Smith.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Pauline H. Menes, former longtime member of the Maryland House of Delegates, on May 16, 2009.

### Congratulations to:

– Springhill Lake Elementary School fifth grader, student safety patrol Adrienne Kossangba, who has been selected for the 2009 Outstanding AAA School Safety Patrol Award.

– Solange Hess, R.N., and Lydia Goldstein, R.N., who successfully completed the daylong Disaster Readiness and Response Orientation and Training on April 28 at the BWI Sheraton in Linthicum. The course was sponsored by the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Office of Preparedness and Response in association with Howard Community College. Both are longtime Greenbelters and both worked at the Glenn Dale hospital when it was a sanatorium for tuberculosis patients.

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 Greenbelt West (Springhill Lake/Empirian Village.) To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at [newsreview@greenbelt.com](mailto:newsreview@greenbelt.com) or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

## 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 May 25 through May 29 include:

Monday – All sites closed for Memorial Day.

Tuesday – Creamy celery soup, oven-fried chicken, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, canned peaches.

Wednesday – All sites closed for Senior Health and Fitness Day.

Thursday – Orange juice, ham with fruit sauce, mashed sweet potatoes, broccoli flowers, lime sherbet.

Friday – Cranapple juice, stuffed peppers with tomato sauce, succotash, whole boiled potatoes, peach supreme.



PHOTO BY KARL HILLE

Customer Jennifer Renne reads the small notice on the door of the closed New Deal Café May 15. "We come here as a family often. It's more the idea that it's here and you can come down any time. It's just terrible for the community," she said.

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last June to run the Café, often referred to as Greenbelt's living room.

Kmaiha said he understood he had to pay \$4,000 a month to the co-op in addition to paying all utilities and expenses but could keep the rest of the profit. He said he did not have a lawyer review that contract before he signed it; later the board wanted an additional \$4,000 a month to help cover existing debt.

"We came to the Café full of good will and a willingness to work. We were unaware of all the problems going on," said Almeida, co-operator of the Café.

Kmaiha said despite improved revenues the Café ran into troubles along with the rest of the economy. Last fall Kmaiha said he could not make the payments and fell behind.

"We haven't been there for a year. The first year is the hardest when you start a restaurant. They didn't give us time to get back on our feet. We used all our life savings to make it work," Kmaiha said. "Since September, October, payments haven't been made in full."

To try to work out a deal the couple allowed the co-op board to operate the bar earlier this year, keeping all profits from the Café's beer and wine license. He said they also made a \$41,000 payment toward the back fees.

Co-op records show the bar was helping to pay the debt service.

"The bar is producing enough income when added to the [Friends of the New Deal Café Arts] monthly donation to cov-

er the cooperative's minimum monthly payment on its loans," reads the minutes of the March 23 quarterly board meeting posted on the Café website, [www.newdealcafe.com](http://www.newdealcafe.com).

### Bitter Dispute

The statement from Wilkerson accused Kmaiha of refusing to discuss a renegotiation of his contract and making "physical and other threats."

Wilkerson also stated that the board was seeking a new tenant to run the Café.

The stress of this dispute caused Kmaiha to have heart bypass surgery earlier this year, Almeida said. She worries he won't be able to find another job because he is still in recovery.

Kmaiha also said he invested \$87,000 in a complete kitchen upgrade and that all the equipment belonged to him.

Co-op members, including former board president Richard McMullin, said they are concerned the board's action could spark a lawsuit from Kmaiha that could destroy the cooperative.

McMullin said the current board has a lot of questions to answer but that board members have been actively avoiding the discussion.

"Even people who really want to support the board are concerned that they can't because they don't know what the board's position is," McMullin said. "These three people [on the board] are holding the Café hostage. There's no feeling from the members that anything can be done."

## Tokey Boswell for the Board of Directors

Thanks to all who have supported me in my quest for a seat on the Board. It's been a pleasure to meet you and learn more about your concerns and interests for GHI. I look forward to many years of service to our community. Onward and upward!

### Boswell for the Board







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# Police Blotter

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[http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly\\_report.pdf](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf).

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

## Robberies

May 13, 10:22 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, a food delivery person was approached by several young men as she stood by her vehicle. One of the young men grabbed her by the shirt as another took two sodas from her. She screamed at which time the assailants fled the scene on foot. They are described as a black male, 15 to 18 years of age, 5'6" to 5'10", 140 to 160 pounds, wearing red clothing and a surgical mask over his face; and a black male, 15 to 18 years of age, 5'6" to 5'10", 140 to 160 pounds, wearing dark clothing.

May 14, 10:32 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, a food delivery person was robbed at gunpoint by two youths, who approached his vehicle in a parking lot and announced a robbery. After getting money from the delivery person both fled the scene on foot. They are described as a black male in his teens, 5'8", 140 pounds with black hair and brown eyes, wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt and a red bandanna over his face; and a black male in his teens, 5'8", 140 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes, wearing a light colored hooded sweatshirt and a green or gray bandanna over his face.

## Assault

May 8, 3:41 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Court, a woman was in her parked vehicle when another woman pulled up behind, exited her car and threatened the complainant with pepper spray. She fled the scene, followed by the other woman, driving to the 6200 block of Breezewood Drive. The suspect again threatened the woman and then left. The suspect is described as a black female, 20 to 23 years of age, 5'5" with a thin build, black hair and dark complexion, wearing a white and blue short-sleeved shirt and blue jean shorts. Her vehicle is described as a light blue Lincoln with Maryland tags. The driver of that vehicle is described as a black male, 25 to 30 years of

age, 5'9", 200 pounds with black hair, wearing a red short-sleeved shirt and blue jeans.

## Theft

May 7, 2:10 a.m., T.G.I.Friday's Restaurant, a non-resident woman was arrested for theft and released on citation pending trial.

May 15, 12:58 a.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, a nonresident woman was arrested for theft and released on citation pending trial.

## Trespass

May 11, 3:38 a.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, a resident and a nonresident were arrested for trespass. Both men were released on citation pending trial.

## Vandalism

May 10, 3:48 a.m., 7700 block Greenbrook Drive, unknown person(s) used spray paint to vandalize several buildings, a fence and a stop sign.

May 10, 9:46 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, unknown person(s) used an unknown object to break out the bedroom window of a residence.

May 14, 10:51 a.m., 6111 Cherrywood Lane, unknown person(s) used spray paint to vandalize a playground area at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

## Burglaries

May 8, 8:06 a.m., 100 block Westway, a purse was reported taken.

May 8, 5:50 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Court, unknown suspect(s) broke into a vacant apartment, then fled the scene prior to police arrival.

May 9, 7:04 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road, an outdoor grill and a fan were reported taken from a storage area.

May 13, 9:17 a.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road, it was reported that a television, a video game player, games and a wallet were among the items taken.

## Vehicle Crimes

May 14, 4:00 block Ridge Road, a witness saw a man attempting to steal a vehicle in a

parking lot. The man fled the area on foot and was not apprehended. The suspect is described as a black male in his twenties, 5'8", 150 pounds with black hair in short dreadlocks and a medium complexion, wearing a black jacket, jeans and dark shoes.

Two vehicles were recovered by outside departments with no arrests made.

Thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: Market Lane (portable DVD player, stereo face plate); 7200 block Morrison Drive (GPS); 7700 block South Ora Court (tool box, hand tools); Edmonston and Breezewood Courts (GPS, CDs); 7900 block Mandan Road (wallet); 16 Court Ridge Road (laptop computer, charger); 7200 block South Ora Court (three incidents, GPS, cash, passport, checkbook); 7200 block Sunset Place (GPS, jacket, money); 100 block Greenhill (rear tag); and 6500 block Lake Park Drive (tires, rims).

May 14, 9100 block Breezewood Terrace, a witness saw two men steal tires and rims from a vehicle. The suspects are described as two Latino males; one was 25 to 28 years of age, 5'5" to 5'6", 160 to 170 pounds with black hair and a mustache, wearing a black jacket. The suspects fled the scene in a vehicle described as a dark colored Honda bearing Maryland tags.

Vandalism to vehicles was reported at 6100 block Breezewood Court (broken side window), 200 block Lakeside Drive (damaged door handle), 6100 block Springhill Drive (broken rear window), 6100 block Springhill Drive (flattened tire), 8100 block Mandan Terrace (broken rear window) and 6500 block Lake Park Drive (broken vent window).

## Seniors Can Register For Free Produce

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) Program announces the opening of registration for the Free Summer Produce for Seniors Program. This free program will provide a monthly distribution of produce for seniors and disabled adults 50 and older on the first Thursday of the month from June through September. Produce distribution will be made at 22 Ridge Road (Green Ridge House) in Greenbelt.

The distribution time for Green Ridge House residents is 1 p.m. Distribution to other community residents begins at 2:30 p.m. Greenbelt residency is required. Photo identification is required on the day of distribution.

## Registering

The Produce Program registration phone line will open at 9 a.m. on Monday, June 1 for non-Green Ridge House residents. Since registration is on a first-come, first-served basis, registrants must speak with Christal Batey in order to reserve their space. Do not leave a message. The registration line will be open from 9 a.m. to noon. Callers must provide their name, address, phone number and the number of people in their family.

Green Ridge House residents will be notified how to register

by Sharon Vanzego, Green Ridge House service coordinator. A flyer will be distributed with instructions on how to register on Friday, May 29.

Program participants should make sure they have multiple bags and portable shopping carts to transport items back to their cars or homes.

## Summer Volunteers Needed by GAIL

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) Program currently needs five able-bodied volunteers to assist with the unloading and distribution of produce for the Summer Produce for Seniors Program.

This year the program has been expanded to provide food for 150 seniors and disabled adults in Greenbelt. Volunteers are needed the first Thursday of June, July, August and September between 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Volunteers must be able to lift 25 lbs.

Community Service hours will be awarded for high school students. Those interested in volunteering are asked to call Sharon Vanzego at 301-412-2480. All volunteer service will be completed at 22 Ridge Road (Green Ridge House) in Greenbelt.

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## Wind-generated Electricity – a Viable Alternative

by John Lippert

The standard electricity that PEPCO provides to Greenbelters is generated mainly by burning coal and from nuclear power. When Maryland deregulated its electricity industry, residents were allowed to choose another electricity supplier, including those providing alternative sources such as wind-generated electricity.

Until recently, only two suppliers in Maryland offered wind-generated electricity, both subsidiaries of large power companies: PEPCO Energy Services and Washington Gas Energy Services (WGES). Greenbelters wishing to “go green” by buying wind-generated electricity traditionally have paid a higher rate compared to the standard electricity PEPCO provides. Rates have recently come down substantially, and, in some cases, it is now cheaper to buy wind-generated electricity.

Rates from WGES have dropped to the point where wind-generated power is slightly cheaper than PEPCO’s summer rates for standard electricity (in effect between June 1 and September 30 of this year), although still more expensive than the lower winter rates (to be in effect between October 1, 2009, and May 31, 2010).

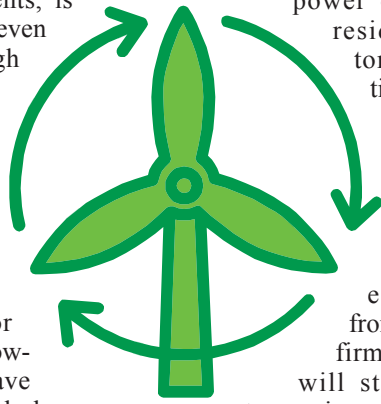
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vider, Clean Currents, is currently offering even lower rates through the end of May for its wind-generated electricity. Rates may go up beginning in June, however. Those who sign up through May with Clean Currents for 50 percent wind power will actually save

money year-round, because Clean Currents’ year-round rate is less expensive than both PEPCO’s summer and winter rates for standard electricity. Those who sign up for 100 percent wind power will save during the summer but will pay a slightly higher rate for the rest of the year. For those who type in “Greener in Greenbelt” in the “How did you hear about us?” field when signing up online, Clean Currents will donate \$15 to the Greenbelt Community Foundation.

### Comparing Rates

It’s difficult to compare rates because PEPCO offers standard electricity at different rates throughout the year and has not announced rates after May 31, 2010. Both Clean Currents and WGES offer a single, year-round rate for a 1-year or 2-year contract. If electricity rates go up, those who have signed up for a 2-year contract will save since they have locked in their rate for a full two years. PEPCO Energy Services is not offering new wind



power contracts to residential customers as this time.

Those who sign up to purchase wind-generated electricity from any of the firms mentioned will still continue to receive electricity for their homes from PEPCO, which will provide service during an outage and continue to bill as always.

For more information and to sign up visit Clean Currents at <http://www.cleancurrents.com>, PEPCO Energy Services at <http://www.pepcoenergy.com/> or Washington Gas Energy Services at <https://www.wges.com/page/wind.php>.

For more information or questions email John Lippert at [ecolivingmag@aol.com](mailto:ecolivingmag@aol.com) (type “wind” in the topic area). There is also a GHI advertisement and announcement of an informational session on Clean Current on page 10.

*John Lippert is chair of the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GREEN ACES) and promotes energy efficiency, renewable energy and sustainable development both locally and nationally.*

## BIRTHDAY

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from 1 to 3 p.m.

The Greenbelt Day welcome address from Mayor Judith Davis and the Greenbelt City Council will take place at 3 p.m.

The artists-in-residence studio open house and sale is from 1 to 4 p.m. with a chance to meet local artists. The Community Center Art Gallery and Greenbelt Museum fashion exhibit will be open from 1 to 5 p.m.

For additional historical perspective on how the first Greenbelters lived, take a tour of the Greenbelt Museum historic house at 10-B Crescent Road from 1 to 5 p.m. For additional information about museum membership, lectures, tours and other programs, call the curator at 301-507-6582.

Artful Afternoons are held the first Sunday of every month. They are open to the public and free, with the exception of a nominal fee for the house tour, and serve as an introduction to the many art classes and activities offered by the city. For more information visit [www.greenbeltdm.gov/arts](http://www.greenbeltdm.gov/arts) or call 240-542-2057.

In addition to all of the activities outlined above, Greenbelt Day Weekend is a great time to explore the city. Information about city recreation services and community events taking place during the weekend is available at [www.greenbeltdm.gov](http://www.greenbeltdm.gov). It is also a good opportunity to investigate local volunteer opportunities; have fun, make new friends, patronize local establishments and contribute to the community.

## Arboretum Holds Bonsai Exhibit

From May 23 through June 17, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the U.S. National Arboretum will present a free exhibit of bonsai. Breathtaking blossoms cover late-blooming azaleas, miniature in form but covered with full-sized flowers. This annual spring exhibit in the National Bonsai and Penjing Museum displays the most spectacular examples.



## Botanic Garden Offers Handbell Concert

On Saturday, May 30 in the garden of the United States Botanic Garden, the Virginia Bronze Handbell Ensemble will perform a free, nature-themed concert on five octaves of handbells and handchimes at 1, 2 and 3 p.m. on the Conservatory Terrace. Virginia Bronze is directed by Carol Feather Martin for audiences in the Washington Metro area.

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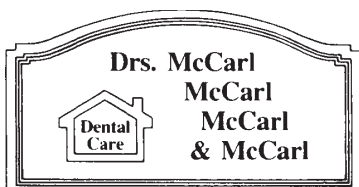


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# Mosaic Mural Unveiled at GES Multicultural Dinner

by Anne Gardner

Greenbelt Elementary's well-attended annual Multicultural Dinner began in a different way this year. On Wednesday, May 13 as the doors opened for the event, the Greenbelt Elementary School principal Kimberley Seidel cut a ribbon stretched across the beautiful mosaic mural created by students this spring. The mural is in three panels framing the doorway opposite the school entrance.

The idea for a mural was inspired by the mosaic murals at Berwyn Heights Elementary School. That school's art teacher, Liza Linder, provided much information and support for the Greenbelt Elementary School project. In the fall the PTA applied for and won a \$500 grant from The Washington Post and the PTA covered the remaining cost of the materials.

## Students Pitch In

The students were asked to submit drawings of nature and local artist and school parent Lucy Dirksen scanned a selection of these into her computer and rearranged them to form the final design. This was then transferred to backing boards with the aid of a projector and some markers.

For the next few days parent and substitute teacher Brigid Willson and a crew of other parent volunteers supervised groups of students gluing colorful vitreous glass tiles onto the mural. Every student in the school, from pre-kindergarten through sixth grade, had the chance to glue on some tiles. All very much enjoyed the process.

Elisabeth Smith's fifth grade class also did some "mural math," calculating how many square feet of tiles were ordered and how many backing boards were used, how they were cut and how many bolts would be needed to hang the mural on the wall.

Once all the tiles were in place, parents grouted the boards and they were ready to be hung. The students' sense of ownership of the mural became immediately obvious as they pointed out with great excitement which flower or tree or fish or bird they had worked on.

During the Multicultural Dinner students had a chance to write their comments about the mural on a large sheet of "graffiti paper" hung on the wall by the mural. Their unanimously positive remarks can be summed up by one: "Our School Rocks!" Teachers have also given a lot of positive feedback. Second grade teacher Juanita Malone said, "It was fabulous."

According to Beth Novick, a sixth grade teacher, "The sixth graders had a great time contributing to the mural. Their enthusiasm was contagious and other kids wanted to go see what the buzz was all about. It looks awesome. Because the students helped make it, they are protective of the mural - making sure that no one bumps into it or pulls at the tiles."

## Focus on the Arts

The PTA has been pushing for a greater arts focus at the school and is hoping that Greenbelt Elementary can become an Arts Integration School, where the arts are used to teach all subjects in all classes. To this end a team of

six teachers and the principal will be attending a weeklong training session at the Maryland Arts Training Institute this summer.

The Multicultural Dinner is one way that both arts and academics are already showcased at the school. Each grade studies a different country and they produce impressive displays of artwork in the hallways. This year the kindergarten produced a huge collage map of Washington, D.C., including photos of all the students at various sites and pipe cleaner and tissue-paper cherry trees.

The third grade created beautifully bound alphabet books about different African countries and also had a display of African mud paintings, which they had made with artist Kathy Arrington during a field trip to the Greenbelt Community Center.

Elisabeth Smith's fifth grade students, studying France, made their own Impressionist paintings with watercolors. Also impressive were the travel brochures for places all over the world made by Brian Weeks' sixth-graders.

Each year the fourth-grade

classes create a quilt with pictures of Maryland state symbols on each quilt square. The quilts are auctioned off during the Multicultural Dinner.

The event also includes a huge potluck dinner where staff, students and their families can enjoy food from the many nationalities represented at the school. This year there was entertainment in the Media Center with a performance by talented sixth-grade rap singer De'ja Freeman, along with Maximus Onuhha, Juwan Weaver and Michael Lee and directed by University of Maryland mentor, Mai Spann-Wilson.

All in all, it was a very enjoy-



Principal Kimberley Seidel cuts the ribbon on the mosaic mural created by the students of Greenbelt Elementary School.

PHOTO BY JON GARDNER

able evening and a good conclusion to a successful year at the school.

Anne Gardner wears many

hats: as mother of GES students, president of the PTA and News Review staffer, uniquely equipping her to prepare this article.

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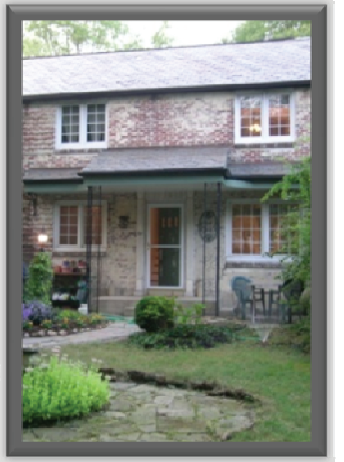
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### Goddard Film Brings The Moon to Earth

This winter the television production team at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center shrank the moon down to a six-foot globe and put it on display in the Goddard Visitor Center. They also made a new, fully spherical short film called Return to the Moon which opened in science museums and elsewhere around the country in February.

Return to the Moon projects imagery and data sets from the Apollo and other missions onto a six-foot sphere. The results give the startling impression of the moon hanging magically in the center of darkened theaters. This Science On a Sphere is a new projection technology developed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

During the five-minute film viewers will witness NASA's legacy of lunar exploration and come to understand the rationale for ambitious plans to return to the moon. Return to the Moon is the latest in a series of films from the Goddard Television team employing the Science On a Sphere system and using techniques and technology of its own for making spherical movies. Goddard released the world's first major spherical film in 2006 called Footprints.

"Spherical filmmaking brings the moon and planetary science down to Earth," said Michael Starobin of Goddard Television, producer for Return to the Moon. "When you project it on a sphere, people suddenly understand the size of regional events while also comprehending the global connections of the science being introduced. Pure data falls flat but spherical films make planets approachable."

For more information about Return to the Moon, visit <http://www.nasa.gov/lunarsphere>; to download the movie, visit <http://sos.noaa.gov/datasets>.

### Advocates Sought For Foster Youth

The Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Prince George's County is seeking volunteers to advocate for the needs of abused and neglected children in the county. CASA gives training and supervision to volunteers who spend about 10 hours a month getting to know the children and collaborating with teachers, social workers and attorneys to address the child's needs and identify a safe permanent home.

CASA/Prince George's County is accepting applications for day and evening training sessions. For more information visit the CASA website at [www.pgcasa.org](http://www.pgcasa.org) or call 301-209-0491.

### Kids, Computers And Space Stuff

NASA's SpacePlace is a website that helps young people (and adults) learn about Earth and space science and technology. The site features an animated "television show," called Space Place Live! In each episode animated young hosts interview a cartoon version of a real NASA scientist about their work and some of NASA's projects in space. See and hear these programs, animations and much more at [www.spaceplace.nasa.gov](http://www.spaceplace.nasa.gov).

Another website, [www.scijinks.gov](http://www.scijinks.gov), is for middle-school-age students. It includes games and fun facts about weather and Earth science and technology accompanied by electronic music.

Yet another website shows animations of the next generation of space telescope - the James Webb. That telescope will deploy one million miles above the earth. Its development is a joint effort by the U.S., Canada and Europe. There are high definition videos and much more information at [www.jwst.nasa.gov](http://www.jwst.nasa.gov).

### Birding for the Blind

Join in on Saturday, May 30 at Patuxent Research Refuge's National Wildlife Visitor Center from 8 to 11 a.m. for Birding for the Blind. This program is designed specifically for visually impaired people (VIPs) and their families (or friends), ages 8 through adult.

The program will introduce VIPs to nature and birding through hands-on activities and exploration of outdoor habitats. Participants will learn how to identify birds by sound, an activity that can be done in any outdoor setting. The program is free but registration is required.

For more information or to register call 301-497-5630.

### Garden Club Holds May Meeting

The Beltsville Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, May 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the James E. Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail in Beltsville. The guest speaker for this month will be Nick Weber, who will talk about "Heritage Roses." Weber became infatuated with old garden roses and in 1985 purchased 5.5 acres of land devoted to displaying and caring for roses. Over the years he has developed rose gardens surrounding his home in Brookeville.

There will be plants for the door prize table and refreshments after the meeting. The public is welcome and admission is free. For more information call Louise DeJames at 301-890-4733 or visit the club's website at [www.beltsvillegardenclub.org](http://www.beltsvillegardenclub.org).

### County Invites Public To Meeting on Zoning

The Prince George's County Planning Department will present a community meeting on amending the Prince George's County zoning ordinance and subdivision regulations on Thursday, May 28 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. at the M-NCPPC Parks and Recreation Administration Building, First Floor Auditorium, 6600 Kenilworth Avenue in Riverdale. Light refreshments will be served.

Public input is requested on general plan policy recommendations and implementation issues associated with current regulations, plus best implementation practices from across the country.

To RSVP or get more information call Prince George's County Planning Department at 301-952-4584 or go to [www.mncppc.org/comprehensive\\_amendments\\_zoning](http://www.mncppc.org/comprehensive_amendments_zoning).

### City Notes

Animal Control removed ducks from Windsor Green's swimming pool and removed one ground hog from a resident's yard.

Public Works Facilities Maintenance picked up and delivered the steel supports/anchors for the new restrooms at Buddy Attick Park and Street Maintenance leveled the ground and installed the concrete footers for them.

City staff from CARES, GAIL, Recreation and Administration began a Command Spanish class on May 6. The class will run for eight weeks and teach participants key phrases in communicating with Spanish-speaking residents and clients.

### Patuxent Refuge Bird Tour on May 27

The North Tract of the Patuxent Research Refuge on Route 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 32, is holding a bird tour on Wednesday, May 27 from 8:15 to 11 a.m. for ages 16 and up. Identify birds in several refuge habitats on this guided tour with short walks. Field guides and binoculars are recommended.

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## Girl Scouts Replant Veteran's Memorial

by Rochelle Commins

On May 17 local Greenbelt Girl Scout Junior Troops 5004 and 1734 conducted a community service project, culminating their two-year effort to earn their Bronze Award. The Bronze Award is the highest award a Junior Girl Scout can earn.

For their project the troops replanted the Greenbelt Veteran's Memorial located on Centerway across from Roosevelt Center. They received funding from the Greenbelt American Legion. Leslie Riddle from Greenbelt Public Works helped the troop plan the garden layout. She and Mike Fox, also from Public Works, were there to dig along with the Girl Scouts.

On Memorial Day, May 25, there will be a service at the Veteran's Memorial at 10 a.m. to which the public is invited.

As a community service project, Girl Scout Troop 5004 will be there and asks those who attend to donate items for [www.ansoldier.com](http://www.ansoldier.com). The Any Soldier organization informs of items needed by soldiers at war. The Scouts will collect black athletic socks, toiletries like shampoo, foot powder or toothpaste, AA or AAA batteries and durable snacks like fruit snacks and beef jerky and will send these items to a platoon abroad to share.

Rochelle Commins is the leader of Girl Scout Troop 5004.



Left to right, Alexandra Sherman, Clare Alexander (sitting), Barbara Turnbull and Sophie Bernheisel lend a hand.



Maggie Grace and Rochelle Commins spread mulch.

## Meat Consumption Blamed For Green House Gases

by Brian St. George

How about some methane with that hamburger?

On May 13 about 50 residents, gardeners, scientists and a politician met at the Greenbelt Community Center to discuss the global ramifications of what we eat, how it is produced and whether or not it matters if we eat a big juicy burger or a boring spinach salad.

The husband and wife team of Michel Cavegelli and Martha Tomacek, both scientists at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center and Greenbelters, were given about 50 minutes to present decades worth of research on the topic of agriculture and climate change. Admitting from the outset that it would be difficult to address a decade's worth of research in an hour, they indicated they would do their best.

Cavegelli, a bearded, bespectacled, bilingual of Swiss descent, started off with the known facts that even the most jaded nonbeliever in climate change will agree to. Green house gases (GHG) have been going up, dramatically since the 1850s and the industrial revolution. Greenhouse gases contain carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide.

By themselves in small amounts, there is no need to move to South Dakota but too much of anything is unbalancing. Oxygen, one of our favorite gases, in too large a quantity can be deadly.

What CO<sub>2</sub>, nitrous oxide and methane all have in common is the ability to absorb heat, over 90 percent of the anthropogenic or man made amounts of methane and nitrous oxide can be directly sourced to methods of livestock production, according to Cavegelli, citing research from the World Watch Institute. Another scientist in attendance commented that "this is an incredibly complex topic and at least warrants additional reading."

### Side Effects

Tomacek took over at this point and pointed out that many have suggested that global warming will be great for growing Rieslings in Minnesota or Oslo. Although this may be true, other side effects may not be as benign, including flooding, insect born diseases, mass migrations and genetic destabilization. She indicated that carbon dioxide can create larger biomass in plants but that larger biomass means that invasive species also get larger and can overpower or in some cases de-

stroy a species that we may like to have around for a few more years. She presented research demonstrating how changes in temperature were affecting how plants produce seed. Older plant varieties were able to produce more seed consistently than varieties developed within the past decade. The effect this will have on our ability to produce food in the future could be significant, she said.

Cavegelli then elaborated on the debate between local versus non-local and organic versus non-organic food production and their respective impacts on GHG. She cited research that indicated there are no demonstrable differences between local versus non-local or organic versus non-organic food production and the production of green house gases.

However, the same research found that that livestock production did have a demonstrable effect on GHG. In fact going vegan even once or twice a week could reduce GHG in a very meaningful way. This is due to the immense amount of nitrous oxide, 65 percent of the anthropogenic yearly total and methane 37 percent of the anthropogenic yearly total that comes from human desires to dine on animals.

### Consensus

The consensus was that modern methods of food production play a major role in the production of GHG and that the Earth's ecosystems are incredibly complex. The point was made that no one knows for sure what will happen if current trends continue.

Lore Rosenthal, president of Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN), a Greenbelt and organizer of the event, introduced over a dozen local organizations that are in some way involved in educating or providing services to those who are interested in sustainable ideas.

Visit the websites <http://www.worldwatch.org/> or [www.mdpyo-farmmarkets.com](http://www.mdpyo-farmmarkets.com) or attend the next GCAN meeting.

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