

Candidates Address Development And the Economy in Question Two

We pose four questions to the nine candidates seeking election to the Greenbelt City Council on November 3, with one question answered per week. Last week we printed the candidates' answers to why they were seeking the office. The responses are limited to 300 words. The order in which the responses are published is determined by lot. This week we publish their answers to our second question, on development and the economy.

Expected development in Greenbelt West has been delayed due to the downturn in the national and local economies. Is it more important to revise covenants, agreements and approved development plans to accommodate developers under the present economic climate and add value to the city tax base with new construction or to hold fast on past efforts to achieve higher quality development for land close to Metro? Why?

Silke Pope

The value of the land near the metro station must be seen in terms of the long view, not the passing downturn or short-term revenue pressures on the City. The site has value, because it is situated at the junction of transit and major roadways in commuting range of DC and major employers. Once built, structures and infrastructure are not easily undone. For those reasons, I believe the City should pursue quality and insist on compliance with negotiated agreements and covenants signed by developers.

It is not just a coincidence that the principles that were used in historic Greenbelt's original design as a pedestrian-friendly City have in more recent years come back into style. Ultimately, livable communities will always be desirable, because fore-

sighted planning translates into a high quality of life and lays the groundwork for collaborative community.

Our city planning department is sharply aware of these issues and has worked hard to negotiate high standards with Metro area developers. Maintaining those standards can only benefit the current and future residents of Greenbelt West – and the entire City – because the new development will set the tone for the future with expectations of quality and livability. Goals should remain high.

That said, as long as principles and quality standards are maintained, there may be some room for modest compromise to expedite the completion of projects whose designs have long been approved. I firmly believe that City staff, in consultation with

Council, is well up to the task.

We need to plan with our eyes to the future not just to the present.

Konrad Herling

The choice before us is not between keeping firm on past site plan approvals or revising covenants. Instead, it's an opportunity for the City to be more proactive in its approach, to be more effective advocates in determining future development. While we do not have planning and zoning authority, the next Council, in concert with citizens and City staff, should identify clearly documented Greenbelt planning principles: safe access for bicyclists and pedestrians – abled and disabled – from one's residence to educational,

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Council Honors Co-ops, Adopts Charter Change on Voting Rules

by Thomas X. White

The first item of business for the Greenbelt City Council at its September 29 meeting was the presentation of a proclamation honoring National Co-op month. On hand to receive individual proclamations were representatives of the six active cooperative organizations in Greenbelt. They were Dorrie Bates of the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative, Paul Rall and Gene Krebs of the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, Suzette Agans and Sylvia Lewis of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., Terri Rutledge of the New Deal Café, Lisa Meyer of the Greenbelt Nursery School and Tom White, present also as a reporter, for the Greenbelt News Review.

The proclamation noted more than 29,000 cooperative businesses are in the U.S. They are involved in farming, banking, housing, child care, health care, publishing, utilities, telecommunications, food processing and retailing, as well as other goods and services.

Motivated by a concern for community, "the cooperatives that continue to operate in Greenbelt are greatly appreciated by all our citizens as being essential to the fabric of our daily lives," notes the proclamation.

All members of council were

present and following the presentations and administrative reports they made fairly short work of the business portion of the agenda. Adopted unanimously was the last of the Charter Amendments relating to the several changes in city election procedures made by council this year.

This particular amendment officially increases all voting thresholds which the new seven-member council will have to meet for those votes by council that require more than a simple majority. This Charter change increases the threshold from the present four to six votes.

The notable situations where the new "super-majority" threshold will apply is when there is a need for suspension of the rules for the adoption of legislation and for the act of deleting properties from the Greenbelt Forest Preserve.

75th Anniversary

Also adopted unanimously was a resolution establishing a Committee to Plan and Organize the Celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Incorporation of the City of Greenbelt. Similar committees were formed for the city's 25th and 50th anniversaries.

With adoption, council re-

quested that advertisements for interested residents to volunteer for membership on the committee begin this month but that applicants not be interviewed or appointed until the new council is elected and takes office in November.

A resolution was introduced for first reading that would authorize a negotiated purchase of a Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Records Management System from the New World Systems Corporation of Troy, Mich., at an approximate cost not to exceed \$625,000. The staff recommendation for entering into a contract with New World Systems follows the issuance of a joint Greenbelt and City of Hyattsville Request for Proposals (RFP) at the end of 2007 for a fully integrated CAD system.

In response to the RFP, four proposals were received. Three were for fully integrated solutions and one for a solution that involved partnering with the city's existing Denali Records Management System (RMS).

After review of the proposals, vendor demonstrations were scheduled and visits were made to the vendors by a selection

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Candidates Field Questions In Campaign's First Forum

by Bay Woods

The Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC) hosted the first candidates forum for the 2009 city council election Thursday night, October 1. For the first time, this election will increase the size of the council from five to seven at-large seats.

Nine candidates are competing for the seven seats. Judith Davis, Rodney Roberts, Edward Putens, Leta Mach and Konrad Herling – all incumbents – joined four challengers – Emmett Jordan, Kelly Ivy, Silke Pope and Che Sayles – at the forum at the Greenbriar Community Center. Around 30 people comprised the audience.

Tom Crandell moderated the forum, starting with questions written by GEAC members. Later questions were read from

among those submitted by voters.

Some questions were intended for all the candidates. Each had two minutes to respond to a question. There was no opportunity for candidates to question each other.

Introduction

The first question asked the candidates to introduce themselves by telling voters how long they had lived in Greenbelt and why they were running. All candidates expressed the desire to connect disparate parts of the city. Konrad Herling, who said he has lived in Greenbelt since 1953, said his "main theme is connecting Greenbelt" and his "key issue has always been

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Report Shows Candidates Expenses Vary Widely

by James Giese

Based on campaign financial reports filed with the Greenbelt City Clerk by all nine candidates for the office of member of the Greenbelt City Council, Che Sayles has reported the largest campaign coffer with contributions totaling \$11,700, all contributed by himself, and expenditures of \$11,555 leaving a balance as of the reporting date of \$115. Sayles is seeking the council office for the first time. During the reporting period of November 6, 2007 (the last city election) and September 20, 2009, Sayles campaign was off to a roaring start with financial expenditures more than doubling all other council candidates combined.

Sayles reported expenditures of \$5,200 for office space rental

and over \$3,000 for printing flyers and door hangers. He spent \$752 on key chains, \$753 on office supplies and furniture, \$250 for Maryland Democratic Party voter files and \$598 on automatic dialed phone messaging. He also gave \$385 to volunteers for water and snacks during field work. Sayles also purchased bumper stickers, yard signs, pens and business cards.

Another first-time candidate, Emmett Jordan, reported the second largest amount of contributions, \$2,015. Nine Greenbelters contributed sums of \$100 or less to his campaign and he added \$45. \$1,000 was contributed from the Friends of Justin Ross

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What Goes On

Saturday, October 10

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot between Municipal Building and Community Center

Sunday, October 11

1 to 8 p.m., Community Play Day, Greenbelt Youth Center and Surrounding Areas

Monday, October 12

8 p.m., Greenbelt City Council Meeting, Municipal Building

Tuesday, October 13

7 p.m., Green Ridge House Candidates Night, Green Ridge House

Wednesday, October 14

8 p.m., Council Worksession – City Manager Update, Community Center

Thursday, October 15

7:30 p.m., League of Women Voters Candidates Night, Springhill Lake Recreation Center

7:30 p.m., Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Board Meeting, Boardroom

Saturday, October 17

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

Letters

Not surprised!

On Friday, October 1 at 10:30 p.m. our car battery died at the stop sign on Crescent Road at the Sunoco station. We called AAA for a tow and were unable to move the car off the road so we raised the hood and took shelter from the rain under the station's overhang.

While we were waiting six cars – six! – stopped to offer help, leaving only when we assured them that AAA was on the way. A Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department truck stopped. Sean (Shawn?) and Robbie managed to get our car off the road and onto the Sunoco lot. We called AAA to cancel and Sean and Robbie drove us home. We have lived in Greenbelt for 40 years, which is why, although we were thrilled by the experience, we were not surprised.

Stephanie Zirkin

Scooping Poop – Required by Law

On Wednesday, September 23 as I was at the playground on Crescent Road behind the white apartment buildings I witnessed a dog poop on the ground. His/her guardian did not scoop.

Not only is this infraction against the law, it is unhealthy and absolutely disgusting.

I request that dog guardians be responsible and courteous and clean up after their pets. It's for the health of both humans and our beloved companions.

Li'l Dan Celdran

Kudos to Shelter

I enjoyed the News Review article a few weeks ago about the Greenbelt Animal Shelter. We adopted a kitten from the shelter in August and we were very impressed by the quality of care at the shelter and also by the follow-up after adoption. We have had three visits from the animal control staff to check up on the kitten and give pills and shots that were needed. I would like to thank the animal shelter staff for their dedication and congratulate them on their stellar work.

Anne Gardner (and Misty)

Candidates Sought For Co-op Board

The Greenbelt Consumer Co-operative (Co-op) will hold elections for three positions on its Board of Directors. Candidates will be presented and voting will take place at the Co-op's annual meeting which will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 7 in the Community Center multipurpose room.

Board members are responsible for overseeing the operation of the supermarket and meet once a month. Any voting member of the Co-op may be nominated for a position on the Board. Voting members have at least \$100 in their member accounts.

Those interested need to fill out a nomination form, available from the Co-op's office and obtain the signatures of at least five voting members who support their candidacies. The completed forms must be returned to the store office by October 30.

For more information call the store at 301-474-0522 or email membership@greenbelt.coop.

Astronaut B. McCandless Visits Middle School

by April C. Thornton

How many children can brag that an astronaut came to their school to teach them about space? Well, a few selected students who sat in Greenbelt Middle School library anxiously waiting for Astronaut Bruce McCandless' arrival can.

While children whispered their conversations and people arranged their cameras to capture pictures of McCandless during his speech, the time everyone was anxiously awaiting arrived. After a warm introduction from Principal Judy Austin, NASA's Trena Ferrell and Prince George's County Superintendent Dr. William R. Hite, everyone gave McCandless a standing ovation.

During his speech, McCandless presented the audience with a visual display for perspective on his words. This summer marked the 40th Anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing, of which he was a part. He took the audience on a time-travel adventure.

Forty years ago the first computer communication device entered the world and it has blossomed into a thing now called the Internet.

His sense of comedy and compelling educational facts had the audience heeding his every word. Exactly 400 years ago, Galileo Galilei built a telescope that gave great magnification to several mysteries that were hidden in the sky. With his invention he discovered that Jupiter

has moons and Saturn has rings. "The request of seeing better and farther got more intense; we built bigger and bigger telescopes," said McCandless. Galileo's significant invention made way for the Hubble Space Telescope.

Hubble is referred to as the invisible backbone of the universe. In 1990 McCandless was on the mission that deployed the Hubble. The Hubble has answered many astronomers' puzzling questions, he said.

"When Hubble came along, we could prove that black holes existed," said McCandless. "No matter where we look there is no end to it; there seems to be no limit to the size of our universe."

The students asked various questions: How long did it take to go to the moon? How was the Hubble built? If Pluto falls, would it change the earth's rotation?

McCandless said he was captivated as a child by Buck Rogers and Flash Gordon comic strips; now the students were captivated by him. McCandless' closing words were: "On Spaceship Earth, there are no passengers, we are all crew members. We are all astronauts in this thing together and as you grow up and go about your lives, be responsible crew members on Spaceship Earth."

April Thornton is an intern at Goddard Space Flight Center and a student at Bowie State University.

Funding of Middle School Replacement Is in CIP

by David Lange

The Prince George's County Board of Education confirmed last Saturday the funding and schedule for the replacement building for Greenbelt Middle School.

Two members, Donna Hathaway Beck (at-large) and Rosalind Johnson (this district) directly asked and received confirmation from Superintendent Dr. William Hite, of the school's status.

The meeting was in the form of the budget committee to review and approve the 2011 - 2016 funding for the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Next, the updated CIP will be submitted for review and approval by the Prince George's County Council, the county executive, the State of Maryland Interagency Committee of School Construction (IAC) and the State Board of Public Works.

The proposed CIP funding of \$49,830,000 for the new school includes the following (in thousands): state (FY2010) \$8,280; county (FY2010) \$8,519; state (FY2011) \$7,622; county (FY2011) \$21,928; and state "forward" funds \$3,481.

Although the new school satisfies the top state priority for funding, there are concerns. During the current fiscal year, state funding for school construction dropped 31 percent and county funding by 56.5 percent. Also, the school's projected population has declined but Dr. Hite noted that the current school's physical condition ("Poor") is the primary "driver" for replacement schools.

Currently, the new middle school is expected to open in August 2011.

As noted in earlier News Review articles, the new school would be built on the same tract as the current school. Therefore, classes could continue in the current building during construction. When the new school is occupied, the old building will be demolished, except for the historic portion.

David Lange, the volunteer coordinator for Greenbelt Elementary School, attended the meeting. He addressed the board, thanking them for "continuing to support the construction of a new middle school."

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WEEK OF OCT. 9

Capitalism:
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Saturday

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Sunday

*2:15, *4:45, 7:30

Monday - Thursday

*5, 7:30

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Thursday, October 15, 2009

GHI BOARD ROOM, 7:30 PM

GHI Key Agenda Items:

- 2009 Fall Concrete Sidewalk Contract – 2nd Reading & Final Passage
- Pest Control Contract – Discussion of Additional Services
- Master Policy Insurance Deductible
- Strategic Plan: KRA #3 - Finance

Regular Board meetings are open to Members
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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Community Events

Astronomical Star Party this Weekend

On Saturday, October 10 the Astronomical Society will hold a star party at Northway Field. Members of the society will begin to set up to view the moon and other celestial objects at approximately 7 p.m. In the event of rain or cloudy skies the event will be cancelled without notice.

Visit www.greenbeltastro.org/events/shtml.

Join Greenbelters Traveling to Rally

October 24 is the date for the Washington, D.C., 350.org rally for the International Day of Climate Action. A group of Greenbelters will go together by bus to the rally, which is from noon to 3 p.m. There will be over 1,600 rallies worldwide, timed six weeks ahead of the scheduled United Nations climate conference in Copenhagen. More information about the rally is at <http://www.350.org/dc>.

To join the Greenbelt contingent call Lore Rosenthal at 301-345-2234 or email her at lore@simplicity-matters.org.

At the Library Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories.

Tuesday, October 13, Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old, call 301-345-5800 for new time.

Wednesday, October 14, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddler time for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group.

Thursday, October 15, 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.

Book Discussion

Tuesday, October 13, 7 p.m., Bookids Book Discussions for kids 8 to 12 years old. The book is Gandhi by Demi.

GHI Notes

Saturday, October 10, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase orientation – Board Room

Monday, October 12, Office closed for Columbus Day (emergency maintenance available, call 301-474-6011).

Tuesday, October 13, 8:30 a.m., Ad Hoc Yard Line Committee – GHI Library

Wednesday, October 14, 7:30 p.m., Marketing Committee – GHI Lobby

Thursday, October 15, 7:30 p.m., Board Meeting – Board Room

Friday, October 16, Offices closed (emergency maintenance available, call 301-474-6011).

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

Holy Cross Thrift Store

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Oliver Is Senior Monthly Movie

The free Senior Movie for October Oliver, will be shown on Tuesday, October 13 at 1 p.m. in the Community Center Senior Lounge.

Director Carol Reed's lively musical adaptation of Charles Dickens classic tale stars Mark Lester as the orphan who escapes the workhouse and is taken under the wing of wily pickpocket Fagin (Ron Moody). Befriended by the crafty Artful Dodger (Jack Wild) and resented by the brutish Bill Sikes (Oliver Reed), Oliver navigates his way through 19th century London in this highly praised film that captured six Oscars including Best Picture.

For details call 301-397-2208.

Parent Roundtable To Be Filmed Here

A joint production by Malia Murray of Greenbelt Access Television (GATE) and Li'l Dan Celdran of a new wellness show to incorporate information about all aspects of health and wellness is planned here starting this month. One of the topics the organizers wish to feature is a Roundtable Discussion about parenting/family. Other shows are planned, focusing on two to three topics per show.

The first taping, for the Parent Roundtable, is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center in the Gallery Room. Four or five parents are invited to join, weighing in (by providing advice or tips) on the following topics: child friendly restaurants and hotels/vacation places; travel tips (carriers, vehicles, etc.); and current product recalls. Those who would like to participate are asked to contact Li'l Dan Celdran at 240-643-3768 before October 13.

The next taping planned is of caregivers and their infants in a "Baby and Me" exercise class, with taping dates and times to be announced. Those interested in participating in this show are asked to email Li'l Dan at dansquaredfitness@yahoo.com.

2009 Art Walk Has Multiple City Sites

Megan Searing Young, the director of the Greenbelt Museum, will be at the Community Center to welcome visitors to "Sublime on a Dime," the Museum's exhibit, during the 2009 Art Walk on Thursday, October 15 from 6 to 9 p.m. She will give short talks tied to the display of fashions from the Great Depression to World War II. Some of the studio artists will also be present to welcome folks at the Community Center, where the Gallery exhibit "Human Subjects: Paintings by Sasha Blanton" is also on view. There will be a reception at the Greenbelt Art Center (GAC) in Roosevelt Center with the artist Charles Newcomb, whose oil paintings are being shown in the lobby.

The New Deal Café will host a reception for its current exhibit, "Anything Goes," a group show with a wide range of media by members of the Hyattsville Community Arts Alliance. The Greg Meyer Quartet will perform jazz for visitors to the Café.

The 2009 Art Walk is sponsored by Friends of New Deal Café Arts, with support from Prince George's County, GAC, the City of Greenbelt Department of Recreation and the Greenbelt Museum.

GAC Celebrates 30th With Oct. 11 Meeting

The Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC), now 30 years old, will celebrate at a festive annual meeting this Sunday, October 11 at 6 p.m. Festivities include an awards ceremony, elections, a report on "The State of GAC" and a special GAC quiz with prizes followed by a potluck social.

All attending are asked to bring a main dish, salad or dessert to share and to come dressed in a costume (or facsimile) that might have been worn in one of the plays produced by GAC during the past 29 years.

It all follows the 2 p.m. matinee performance of Bus Stop.

For more information visit www.GreenbeltArtsCenter.org or call 301-441-8770, ext. 7.

ACE Grant Program Applications Sought

The City of Greenbelt's Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) has announced that its new grant program for Greenbelt schools and parent-teacher organizations is now open for applications. The group is soliciting proposals for up to \$500 each, with applications due no later than Monday, November 2. Proposals should cover activities that will take place between January 1 and the end of the school year. For an application form email wwexler@greenbeltnmd.gov or dnwhiteman@yahoo.com.

The ACE Grants Program supports initiatives that enhance school-based activities. Examples include supporting field trips, bringing an activity into the school or buying equipment and materials for a special project. The grants are not intended to underwrite items normally provided by the school system, such as copier paper and other supplies.

Eligible schools include the seven ACE core schools: Greenbelt Elementary, Springhill Lake Elementary, Magnolia Elementary, Turning Point Academy, Saint Hugh's, Greenbelt Middle and Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Proposals can come from the school or its parent-teacher organization.

As monthly evening activities, ACE recently started an ACE Science Club and revived the popular ACE Reading Club.

More Community Events can be found throughout the paper.

News Review Annual Meeting

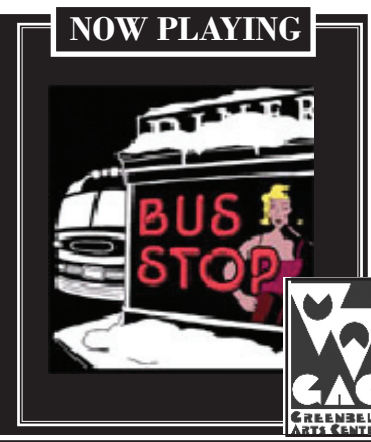
The Annual Membership Meeting of the Greenbelt News Review will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 25 in the News Review office. All members of the cooperative are invited to attend.

SPAGHETTI DINNER
Oct. 10
Mowatt Methodist Church
40 Ridge Road
5 – 7 p.m.
Adults – \$8
Children 6 – 12 \$6
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All You Can Eat

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BUS STOP
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AUDITIONS - Les Liaisons Dangereuses - October 12 & 13

Unnatural Causes
Is Inequality Making Us Sick?
A 2008 documentary about inequities in health
Tuesday, Oct. 13, 8pm
Beltway Plaza Academy Theater
Free Admission
Peace & Justice Coalition

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Center Court
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Adults/Seniors: \$6.50
Children: \$6.00
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ALL SHOWS AFTER 5 p.m.
Adults: \$8.50
Students/Military: \$7.50
Children: \$6.00
Seniors: \$6.50
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Week of OCT. 9

FRI. – SAT.
Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs, PG
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Fame, PG
11:40, 2:20
Pandorum, R
4:50, 7:30, 10:20
Couples Retreat, PG-13 (!)
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Zombieland, R (!!)
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Surrogates, PG-13
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Good Hair, PG-13 (!)
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Tyler Perry's
"I Can Do Bad all by Myself"
PG-13
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Jennifer's Body, R
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SUN.
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Jennifer's Body, R
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Congratulations to the Greenbelt Grand Slammers for making it to the finals of the World Team Tennis (WTT) National Qualifiers in Lancaster, Pa., last weekend. WTT was co-founded in 1974 by Billie Jean King and this is the first national tennis league to play in Greenbelt. Team members include Greenbelters Danny Weaver and Cam MacQueen; also Sandy and Tom King, John Moore, Greg and Julie Gerhardt, Oduwa Osarenkhoe, Amy Huvall and Kathy McGuigan. Good luck to Cam as she travels to Tucson, Ariz., this weekend to compete in the United States Tennis Association Women's 3.0 National Championship.

Congratulations to Demeτρια and Michael McAndrew on the birth of Josephine Marie, 6 pounds 2.5 ounces, on October 1. Proud first-time grandparents are lifelong Greenbelters Mike and Karen McAndrew.

It's a new great-grandchild for Betty and Bob Varney of Boxwood. Michael Joseph Hadro, the first child of Lizzie and Michael Hadro, was born October 2, weighing in at 8 pounds 6 ounces. Happy grandparents are the Varney's daughter Ann and her husband Michael Hadro of Manassas, Va. Betty Varney is the smiling crossing guard seen at both Greenbelt Elementary and St. Hugh schools.

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 or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

- Kathleen McFarland

Paint Branch Unitarian Church Has New Minister

by Kathleen Kearns

This fall Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church in Adelphi has welcomed Reverend Diane Teichert as its new minister. She joined the congregation in early September at the church's annual Ingathering Service.

Teichert came to Paint Branch from Massachusetts where she served congregations in suburbs of Boston since her ordination in 1996. Her prior career spanned more than 15 years as a labor



Rev. Diane Teichert

and community organizer, working at local, state and national levels. Teichert brings to ministry a passion for social justice and a commitment to anti-racism and a calm, thoughtful presence. She listens well and is also able to lead effectively in a collaborative way.

She is married to Don Milton, director of the Maryland Institute for Applied Environmental Health; their two children are grown.

Botanic Garden Shows Plant Sculptures

The U.S. Botanic Garden is exhibiting "Flora: Growing Inspirations" in partnership with the Washington Sculptors Group through October 12 in the East Gallery and Conservatory Terrace. Original sculptures inspired by plants are shown in highly stylized garden rooms and an adjoining gallery. For more information call 202-225-1116.

Orchids Galore

The U.S. National Arboretum is the site for the 62nd annual orchid show and sale on Saturday, October 10 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, October 11 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Monday, October 12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thousands of orchid plants in bloom, expert advice, educational presentations and a sales tent will be featured. Visit <http://www.usna.usda.gov/Education/events.html> for details.

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

Welcome!

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

ALL are Welcome!

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

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..."

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

Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

Woodland Hills Holds 50th Anniversary Fete

Greenbelt's Woodland Hills Community will hold a 50-plus years anniversary celebration on November 8 from 3 to 7 p.m. at Greenbelt Community Church (1 Hillside Road). Past and present residents of Northway and Woodland Way will be able to share stories, photos and films of their neighborhood and Greenbelt.

There is a fee to cover the expenses, refreshments and a CD of historic records and photos.

To send photos, documents or information email woodlandhills@greenbelt.com, leave a message at 301-474-5773 or visit <http://spril.com/WoodlandHills/>.

Caregiver Support Meeting Monday

The next meeting of the Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) caregiver support group will be on Monday, October 12 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in Room 103 at the Greenbelt Community Center.

Those who feel the stress and isolation that often comes with being a full-time caregiver are invited to join the group for help from other caregivers. GAIL case manager/counselor Julia Frank, LGSW, is the facilitator for the group, which meets the second Monday of each month.

Participants are asked to sign up in advance by calling 301-345-6660.

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church
40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

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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, October 11, 10 a.m.
"Intolerance: the Worship Associates 2008 Auction Service" with Shantida, Tish Hall, Don Henderson, Donal Mitchell, Marilyn Pearl, worship associates and returning worship associate Tosha O'Neal.
How do we learn to respond to intolerance in others and in ourselves?

Know thou that every soul is fashioned after the nature of God, each being pure and holy at his birth. Afterward, however, the individuals will vary according to what they acquire of virtues or vices in this world. (Abdu'l-Bahá)

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

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

Bible Study & Worship

9:30 "Good Morning! Coffee and Snacks
10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship
Pastor Nigel C. Black, MDiv.

99 Centerway Greenbelt Rec Center
(Behind the Community Center)

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City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING October 12, 2009 - 8:00 p.m. Municipal Building

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

County Beautification Committee Awards

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

Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability
Report #2009-04 (Sustainability Master Plan)

LEGISLATION

A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of a Computer Aided Dispatch/Records Management System from New World Systems Corporation of Troy, Michigan at an Approximate Cost of \$603,820, But Not to Exceed \$625,000 - 2nd Reading, Adoption

A Resolution to Amend Resolution 1050, A Resolution to Purchase Certain Goods and Services from Various Vendors as Enumerated Herein When Total Fiscal Year Purchases from Each Vendor Exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) - 2nd Reading, Adoption

OTHER BUSINESS

- Election Questionnaire

MEETINGS

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

COMMUNITY PLAY DAY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

1:00pm-8:00pm

Greenbelt Youth Center at 99 Centerway and Surrounding Areas

**ENJOY A FREE DAY FULL OF FUN AND PHYSICAL FITNESS
WITH YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS!**

For more info call the Recreation Department at 301-397-2200. Weather and Info Hotline is 301-474-0646.

Activity	Location	Time	Sponsor
FREE Drop-In at Curves	Curves in Roosevelt Ctr.	1pm-5pm	Curves of Greenbelt
FREE One Day Youth Center Membership	Youth Center Gym & Game Room	1pm-8pm	Recreation Department
Moon Bounce	Braden Field	1pm-5pm	Recreation Department
Inflatable Obstacle Course	Braden Field	1pm-5pm	Recreation Department
3k Fun Run/Walk around Buddy Attack Lake Path	Start/Finish Line beside Braden Field Tennis Court	1:15pm-2pm	Prince George's County Running Club
Tennis Clinic	Braden Field Tennis Courts 1-2	2pm-3pm (kids) 3pm-4pm (adults)	Greenbelt Tennis Association
Horseshoes	Horseshoe Pits	2pm-4pm	Recreation Department
Beach Volleyball	Braden Field Sand Volleyball Court	2pm-4pm	Recreation Department
Soccer Shootout	Braden Field (football)	3pm	Knights of Columbus
Relay Races	Braden Field # 2	3pm-4pm	Recreation Department
Healthy Snacks for Active Families Workshop	Youth Center Multi-Purpose Rm.	4pm-5pm	Kim Rush Lynch Greenbelt Co-Op
Kickball	Braden Field #2	5pm-6pm	Recreation Department
Table Tennis Tournament	Youth Center Game Room	6pm	Recreation Department
Youth Outreach Basketball Tournament	Youth Center Gym	6pm-8pm	Recreation Department

Fallfest at Schrom Hills Park Saturday, October 17, 2-6pm

Make plans now to spend the day at beautiful Schrom Hills Park off of Hanover Parkway. Bring your family and enjoy hayrides, games, amusements, pumpkin patch, art activities, and more. Entertainment provided by JUST US.

Refreshments sold by community groups.

This popular annual event is certainly one NOT TO MISS!

Info: 301-397-2200.



DONATION DROP-OFF

American Rescue Workers
Saturday, October 10, 9a.m.-12 noon.
Parking lot between City Office and the
Community Center
Info: 301-474-8308

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

Vacancies exist on: Youth Advisory Committee, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Arts Advisory Board, Community Relations Advisory Board, Public Safety Advisory Committee. For more 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 Ctr.

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION

ANY REGISTERED GREENBELT VOTER MAY CHOOSE TO VOTE BY

EARLY VOTING or ABSENTEE VOTING! NO MORE EXCUSES!

EARLY VOTING: This is the first municipal election in which any qualified voter of the City of Greenbelt may choose to vote by EARLY VOTING. The purpose of the change is to give an additional option to voters and make it easier to vote in City elections.

EARLY VOTING DATES AND LOCATIONS

Schrom Hills Park Clubhouse	Springhill Lake Recreation Ctr.	Greenbelt Municipal Building
6915 Hanover Parkway	6101 Cherrywood Lane	25 Crescent Road
Saturday, October 17th, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and Sunday, October 18th, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm	Saturday, October 24th, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and Sunday, October 25th, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm	Mondays – Fridays October 19th–30th, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Tuesdays until 8:00 pm

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

An **ABSENTEE BALLOT** may be requested in one of two ways. Each individual requesting a ballot must submit a separate, signed application form or letter.

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

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

Applications to receive absentee ballots must be received by noon on Monday, November 2, 2009. The completed ballot must be received by the City Clerk no later than 6 p.m. the day of the regular election, November 3, 2009. No absentee ballots will be distributed prior to October 14.

Return your executed absentee ballot by 1) sending it through the U.S. mail in time to arrive by November 3, 2) hand-delivering it to the City Clerk's office, or 3) placing it in the locked drop-box at the east door of the Municipal Building at 25 Crescent Road.

Questions? Call the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or send email to cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.

Notice of Charter Amendment Resolution

At its regular meeting of September 29, 2009, the City Council adopted a resolution to amend the City Charter. As required by state law, this resolution will be posted in its entirety for 40 days, until November 8, at the Municipal Building, as well as on the City's Web site at www.greenbeltmd.gov. Copies may also be requested of the City Clerk. It will be come effective on November 18, 2009, unless a proper petition to submit the amendment to the voters on a referendum is filed as permitted by law. As also required by state law, this notice is given to provide a fair summary of the resolution.

Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2009-3

A Resolution of the City of Greenbelt Adopted Pursuant to the Authority of Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland and Section 13 of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition as Amended), Title, "Corporation-Municipal," Subtitle "Home Rule" to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt Found, in Whole or in Part, in the Compilation of Municipal Charters of Maryland (1983 Edition as Amended), as Prepared by the Department of Legislative Services Pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1983, by Amending Section 5, Titled, "Meetings"; Section 7 Titled "Council-Rules; Attendance; Expulsion of Members"; Section 8 Titled "Same-Quorum, Procedure" and Section 9 Titled "Ordinances and Resolutions – Procedure for Adoption; Enacting Clause" to Establish New Voting Requirements for Instances Where More than a Simple Majority of Council is Required to Take Certain Actions (Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2009-3)

There are multiple instances in the City Charter where more than a simple majority of Council members is required to take certain action. When Charter Amendment Resolution 2009-2 (Resolution 1045) became effective on August 11, 2009, increasing the size of the City Council to seven members, these "supermajority" thresholds were effectively reduced. This resolution will change these voting thresholds so that supermajority requirements are maintained for these actions.

For additional information, contact Cindy Murray, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000 or cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.

ANIMAL SHELTER PETS OF THE MONTH



Bunny Rabbit: Adorable, Beautiful, Sweet
Chenille: Long haired gray and white female.
Rocco: 10 month old male Mastiff mix.
Kittens: Adorable black male kittens. 11 weeks old. Very cute.
Gerbils: Nice quiet pets.

Please drop off donations for shelter at the site. Co-op box does not go to Greenbelt Animal Shelter. Visit pets at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter on Wednesdays, from 4-7pm and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm. For more information on any of these pets, call 301.474.6124.

SHREDDING DAY

Saturday October 10
from 9:00 am to noon

The Greenbelt Federal Credit Union will be shredding your documents in the parking lot behind the Roosevelt Center at 112 Centerway.

Only 5 boxes per person.
Personal records only
(no business).

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recreational, cultural, and commercial amenities or one's office, or health care facilities. This principle of access should be applied to link metro area development to Empirian Village and Beltway Plaza to each other as well. Streamlined, coordinated bus services, which would include a circulator bus, will be essential to linking Greenbelt West more effectively with the balance of the city. Developers need to be full partners with bus providers and the City in making this connection a reality.

The new communities should provide affordable housing, for prospective residents of all ages.

Future development should only occur when all appropriate parties establish a coordinated network of data which reflects current and projected needs for school aged children so educational facilities can be intelligently planned, funded and constructed by the County and State.

Our goal should be to add value to the city tax base, but to do so in an intelligent fashion, which improves the quality of life of current and future residents. We must strive to be a more interconnected, environmentally sustainable Greenbelt. While it will require working with the County and Park & Planning in order to achieve this goal, defining what our goals are and who we are as a community provide the platform from which we can be more persuasive advocates.

Judith Davis

I am not in favor of revising covenants and agreements just to accommodate a developer's need for expediency, especially if those changes lessen the quality of the finished project and create greater impact on local traffic and environment. Financial panic does not justify hasty decisions.

Based on the City's vision and goals, covenants were negotiated and conceptual plans approved after much discussion and several public hearings. I, along with most of Council, believe that comprehensive, transit-oriented development of Greenbelt West is best, especially in the area called Metroland. This development must be mixed-use and mixed-income with strict environmental safeguards due to its proximity to Indian Creek. Green space and recreational amenities are key. Above all, the state land making up one-third of Metroland must be preserved and protected. I fought hard to convince then governor Parris Glendening to purchase that wide tract of forested wetland and made sure it was included when the City annexed the Metroland parcels.

The stagnant construction market does give the City a golden opportunity to revisit the conceptual plans already in existence. Some revisions might be considered if they improve the quality, viability and mix of the final projects. There might be a possibility for more recreational areas, a school or a police substation. Let's take time now to look closely at the plans to re-evaluate them in relation to our City's future needs and newer environmental requirements. Then we will have concrete ideas to work from with developers.

Piecemeal planning has never served a city well. The entire Greenbelt West sector must be

viewed comprehensively and in a context that will create neighborhoods reflecting Greenbelt's vision of community, walkability and sustainability, while adding to our City's tax base.

Leta Mach

Even though the downturn in the economy has slowed or stopped development, we still need to keep our eyes open. Greenbelt continues to be a valuable location. Greenbelt West – Metroland – is a prime candidate for "Smart Growth" and mixed use, transit-oriented development.

Greenbelt does not have planning and zoning authority. However, the city's influence has reduced the total amount of development, reduced building heights, increased green space, increased contributions to recreation and public facilities, improved urban design features, and acquired money for road, pedestrian and streetscape improvements.

The agreements that we have in the last few years strenuously negotiated have been intended to ensure development that is good for Greenbelt. Realistically, we can't prevent development and indeed near our Metro station location we can provide good homes, jobs, recreation, shopping and more.

There is no one answer to whether covenants, agreements and approved plans should be revised to accommodate development in the current economic climate. The decision would have to be made on a case-by-case ba-

sis. It really depends upon what change is requested and what is offered in return. With advances in construction, building materials and planning ideas, there may be changes to our agreements that would be preferable.

There are goals that we would like to have in the development – affordable housing, owner-occupied homes, senior housing – that have not been totally achieved or guaranteed. If a proposal to reopen an agreement were to make homes more affordable, that may be a good exchange. If a proposal for cooperative housing or another housing form that would provide stringent policies for owner occupancy were to be offered, that would be worth change.

On the other hand, the cov-

enant and agreements that provide for an appropriate mix of residential, commercial and recreation need to be maintained.

Emmett Jordan

Council needs to promote environmentally friendly, mixed-use construction/redevelopment in Greenbelt West near Metro and in other parts of the City. We should do this without compromising construction quality or our environmental values.

Council has already adopted detailed plans for the Greenbelt West Metro area. I've served on the Advisory Planning Board (APB) for five years, so I had a hand in shaping the covenants and restrictions included in the approved Metro area plans.

Some of the covenants and

agreements related to recreation, public safety, and the environment are non-negotiable in my opinion and they must remain in place. Others no longer make as much sense, given that state funding for related projects is no longer available. The agreements/covenants associated in the approved plan will not automatically change as a result of the modifications to any one part of the plan.

Currently there is a proposal to construct some townhouses south of the Metro station. This proposal is a modification of a small portion of the plans approved by Council. In my opinion, the modified proposal for

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- Continue to ensure public safety.
- Carefully monitor development so it is good for Greenbelt.
- Renovate the movie theater to enhance Roosevelt Center.
- Work to bring all areas of the city into one community.
- Open a new Greenbelt Middle School and use the historic portion of the existing school to provide a "community school" with social services.
- Work with citizens to improve access to public transportation as well as improvements that encourage bicycle use and pedestrian access.
- Begin cleaning Greenbelt Lake by addressing one of the sources of the problem with the Hillside/Greenhill stream restoration project.
- Respond to budget challenges by carefully evaluating services and using partnerships and grants to expand our resources while reducing the impact on those in need.

Building on the Spirit of Greenbelt ... and Expanding the Possibilities

Questions/Comments? Call me at 301-345-8105 or e-mail leta.council@verizon.net
Visit my web site, <http://web.me.com/letamach> to learn more about me.

By authority of Alla Lake, Treasurer

Why I'm Voting for Kelly Ivy

Kelly is a longtime Greenbelt resident who has already demonstrated his commitment to public service by running two energetic City Council campaigns.

Kelly genuinely cares about his fellow Greenbelt residents, is a good listener, and while he keeps an open mind about issues, when he makes up his mind he will let you know very clearly where he stands.

I have the utmost respect for Kelly's integrity. In conversations with him I have always felt that he is genuinely interested in my point of view even if he may not necessarily agree with it.

He believes strongly in open government that communicates straightforwardly with citizens about its decision-making processes. I believe that he will provide an independent view and an informed, yet common sense, approach to city governance that focuses on the long-term well-being of all residents.

Ruth Kastner

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by authority candidate

On Tuesday November 3

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ED PUTENS



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IMPORTANT MESSAGE ON ELECTION CHANGES. Ed supported the Council decision to expand the Council to seven members to provide an opportunity to better reflect the diversity of the Greenbelt population. He opposed the unwise proposal to change the City's election date, which would bring partisan politics and outside interests into our elections. You now have SEVEN votes. Please learn about the candidates and VOTE in this election even if you have not previously voted in City elections.

- - *STILL WORKING FOR YOU!* - -

FRIENDS OF ED PUTENS
Authority: John Winfrey, Treasurer

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these townhouses fits the site plan previously approved by the Council.

The modifications are more of an adjustment to the assessed value of new construction and land than a change in construction standards. The townhouses were originally priced at \$600,000, which I do not think is realistic in the current economy.

I will work to promote quality, environmentally sustainable residential and commercial projects that bring new residents and businesses that grow our tax base. But new housing should be affordable for current residents.

It is up to Council to weigh all of options and make a final decision. Council must work collaboratively with citizens, land owners, developers, and builders to come up with the best possible outcome for the city.

Kelly Ivy

At this point, with the economy in dire straits, I say we hold tight, plant trees and watch them grow. If we have to build anything, though, we should look at the foot print that has stood the test of time, Greenbelt Homes. When you buy a Greenbelt Home, you buy a piece of the heart of Greenbelt. Our co-op is the oldest housing project in Greenbelt. It has lasted the test of time. There is a two year profit limitation and the homes have to be owner occupied. If you must build, look at what has worked.

However, if you just build to gain more tax base and fail to plan a community with heart of ownership, you lose, Greenbelt loses, we all lose. Like I said, plant trees and hold tight on any more development plans.

Che Sayles

I believe it is better to hold fast on past efforts to achieve higher quality development for land close to Metro. In this particular case, I am most concerned about completing a project before the new storm water management requirements take effect in 2010. Before building, the City must also ensure that we have the adequate roads, public facilities, transportation, and public safety to successfully complete the project. My vision for Greenbelt West would include a mix of housing opportunities, less density, and plenty of green open space.

Rodney Roberts

The question seems to imply that the City would make money from any kind of new development. In the case of residential development, it will cost the City more in the long-term to provide needed services than we will receive in revenue. That is why I believe we need very high standards that would ensure adequate public facilities for police, recreation, schools, open space, storm water runoff, transportation, etc. We need to put the city's long term interest first by demanding the highest quality in planning, design, construction, public facilities and services. Although I believe there are some approved development plans that need to be improved, I have not seen a new proposal that would make me want to change any covenants, agreements, or approved development plans.

Question Three for Next Week

Do you support the changes in election procedures enacted by the city council to achieve greater voter participation and diversity of candidates? If not, why not? Are other changes needed? If so, what changes?

Edward Putens

I think there are two questions. One is about Empirian Village, formerly Springhill Lake. The second is about the mostly commercial land on Metro and adjoining property located across Cherrywood Lane.

A few years ago, we had Springhill Lake close to a solution, with the owners (then AIMCO) preparing to redesign the property, replace the current buildings with new buildings, add owned housing, and make other upgrades. It seemed we would get not only a new Greenbelt Middle School but also a new Springhill Lake Elementary School. Now there is a new owner, talking about renovating but not replacing buildings, and a lot of lost momentum. Making everything worse, Empirian Village has serious current problems, with numerous property code violations, trash piled high and overflowing, and residents increasingly complaining. There are still serious crime problems.

My answer for Empirian Village is that we may have to settle unhappily for renovation upgrades, but I continue to "hold fast" to the vision of a new, safe, transit-oriented, and distinctive urban community in Greenbelt West that includes owned housing to create a core of residents with a longer-term interest in Greenbelt, and provides ownership opportunities for current renters.

By contrast, the Metroland project and other commercial projects have never been on the verge of a solution. The high-end retail promised by developers has never quite appeared over the horizon. Metroland keeps dancing and dodging while producing nothing specific. Recently, a proposed townhouse develop-

ment near Greenbelt Road was replaced with a lower quality proposal.

I see a critical linkage between these projects. Getting high quality commercial development will be difficult or impossible if we cannot make Empirian Village a high quality residential neighborhood at the same time. I still believe that if we don't change Springhill Lake, Springhill Lake will change us.

Federal Duck Stamp Contest

For the first time, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Patuxent Research Refuge will host the nation's oldest and most prestigious wildlife art competition - Federal Duck Stamp Art - on October 16 and 17 at the National Wildlife Visitor Center. Doors will open at 9 a.m. each day; judging will begin at 10 a.m. and continue until approximately noon.

A reception will be held on Friday, October 16 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. sponsored by Ducks Unlimited, Inc. For more information visit <http://www.ducks.org/states/46/events/event19546.html> or call Josh Voelker at 410-827-8185 or email JVvoelker@ducks.org.

All of the artwork entered in the contest can be seen at the National Wildlife Visitor Center through October 17.

CPAE Offers Stories Of Native Americans

The College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE) will hold a program on "The Talking Stone, Native American Tales" with Carolyn Koerber on Sunday, October 11 at 3 p.m. at the Old Parish House in College Park. This storyteller uses puppets to introduce people to stories from Paiute, Iroquois and Hopi traditions. This free event is ideal for ages 3 and up. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is suggested as space is limited. Contact info@cpae.org or 301-927-3013 for more information.


Museum Announces Longer Friday Hours

The College Park Airport Museum announces that the museum will now be open until 9 p.m. the first Friday of every month.

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Emmett V. Jordan

for Greenbelt City Council



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- Greenbriar Board of Directors (Phase 1) Treasurer; Member: 5 years
- Greenbelt Community Foundation Co-Chair; Member: 3 years
- Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club Vice President; Member: 4 years
- Greenbelt Tennis Association: Co-chair
- Prince George's County Election Judge 2004 - 2008 (College Park)
- Greenbelt Neighbors Alliance
- Transit Riders United-Greenbelt
- Greater Washington Urban League: Volunteer
- Greenbelt Resident: 10 years


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By Authority of Sylvia J. Lewis, Treasurer


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Judith Davis
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By Authority: Debbie Cooley, Treasurer

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transportation.”

Emmett Jordan, a resident of Greenbriar condominiums, has lived in Greenbelt for 10 years. He stressed his history of community service, saying he was interested in “building a more cohesive Greenbelt, building bridges between sections.”

Kelly Ivy, who moved to Greenbelt in 1968, said he was “concerned about public safety, youth safety, youth involvement.”

Rodney Roberts said he has lived in Greenbelt for 51 years and has served on council for 18 years. Roberts said the budget has been his biggest concern over the last two years. He said that he was concerned with “development, public safety, recreation and senior services.”

Silke Pope, a resident of Greenbelt for 11 years, also said that she was concerned with development issues, the budget and public safety. She has been chair of the Public Safety Advisory Committee for the past six years.

Leta Mach, who has lived in Greenbelt for over 30 years, mentioned her extensive record of community service but focused more than the other candidates on specific policies. She promised that we would “see Greenbelt Middle School open, with the historic parts as a community school,” which would provide a wide variety of services to Greenbelt residents.

Edward Putens has served 28 years on the city council. He asked the audience to look around. “You’re making history, folks,” he said, referring to the expanded council.

Judith Davis, who has served six times as mayor, noted that the crowd was the largest she had seen at such a forum. She said she has “worked to bring Greenbelt’s point of view outside of the city.” She said the big question was “how are we going to balance the budget” while maintaining services when property taxes would be reassessed at a much lower value.

Che Sayles, who moved to Greenbelt last year, stressed his campaign slogan, “one city, one Greenbelt.” He said his top priorities were expanding bus routes and keeping property taxes low.

All candidates supported the idea of speed cameras. Mach and Davis noted they supported speed cameras “for safety not revenue,” as Mach put it. Herling supported the idea but said “there will have to be tests and public hearings.”

Budget

The next question went to Sayles first, on a possible budget

crisis facing the city after tax reassessment. He said he would not cut any programs or services. Instead he would “take money we currently have and move it around.”

Davis responded that “the budget process is much longer than that. I will try to give a better speech.” She said she was working with the city manager now to find out how to shift present funds. “It is very difficult to make cuts,” she said.

Putens said he asked the city manager to present hypothetical budgets with three levels of cuts – one, three and five percent. Putens said they didn’t even want to consider a five percent cut because it would “go into major service cuts.”

Mach argued that the city should continue using cooperative programs and look to work with other municipalities to save on services and supplies.

Roberts, who has run a small business for the last decade, said, “I know how hard it is to get by. I’ve survived because I know how to save money.”

“We need police, fire and public works,” Ivy said. “We can’t skimp on that. But other things will be cut.”

Jordan said “tough times are here but we’re better off than others because of council’s past actions.” He said the city needed to “be very, very aggressive about going after federal and state money.”

In response to a citizen question about cutting the police department budget only Ivy came out with an unequivocal “No.” The other candidates all said they would hope not to make any cuts in the police budget but were reluctant to make such a pledge.

Campaign Finance

Many candidates got a laugh out of a question about accepting campaign money from outside developers. The moderator asked if the candidates would recuse themselves on any issue involving contributors.

Jordan got the question first. He said he believed in frugal campaigning. “It is not appropriate to spend a lot,” he said, adding he hoped all councilmembers would recuse themselves in such situations.

Roberts joked that “I don’t have to worry about recusing myself. I have never gotten a dime and have run one of the least expensive campaigns.” He said he believed in putting in shoe leather.

Mach agreed. “The way you campaign in Greenbelt, you knock on doors, shake hands.” She said that \$1,800 is the most she has ever spent.

Putens joked about his corporate contributors, Visa and

Mastercard.

Davis said she had once been offered money. “I refused,” she said. Pope said she had gotten two contributions from her treasurer because she felt sorry for her. “No developers have come to my door.”

Ivy said, “I’m using signs from three times ago. The first time I ran I accepted \$1,000 from the Fraternal Order of Police.” He said at the end of the race, he gave most of it back and has never accepted money again.

Herling spent \$3,000 on the last election. He said he was now trying to go “green on facebook and twitter.”

The moderator was about to move on and though the question was originally intended for only three candidates, Davis said, “We have one more” and passed the microphone to Sayles, who has spent a great deal more than the other candidates.

Sayles said “I haven’t accepted money from anyone. I’ve used my own money.”

Unity

In response to a question about the three parts of Greenbelt, all candidates both praised the city and expressed a desire to see greater unity. All candidates likewise said they believed that the council had some role in identifying and healing racial issues.

Health Care Inequality Movie to Be Shown

The Peace and Justice Coalition, Paint Branch Unitarian Church, Social Action Committee and Diversity Anti-Racism Transformation Team will sponsor a free showing of the first of three parts of “Unnatural Causes – Is Inequality Making Us Sick?” next Tuesday, October 13 at 8 p.m. at Beltway Plaza Academy 8 Theater, 6198 Greenbelt Road. The theater has provided the space without charge as a benefit to the local community.

This 2008 documentary closely examines causes and solutions for the economic, racial and social differences in people’s health. Produced by California Newsreel with Vital Pictures, it links expert evidence and real-life case stories to identify gaps in public health policy. Two episodes in this first part are “In Sickness and in Wealth – How Class and Color Affect Health and Longevity” and “When the Bough Breaks – A Closer Look at African-American Infant Mortality and at Racism as a Risk Factor throughout the Life Cycle.” The film runs 84 minutes and will be followed by a discussion.

Later segments of “Unnatural Causes” will be shown at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center Clubhouse at 7 p.m. on November 10 and at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church at 7 p.m. on December 8.

Shredding Day Is October 10

The Greenbelt Federal Credit Union will offer free document shredding on Saturday, October 10 from 9 a.m. to noon. The shredding will take place in the parking lot behind the Roosevelt Center at 112 Centerway. Only five boxes per person will be shredded; personal records only, no business.

For more information contact 301-474-5900.

Hard Bargain Farm Holds Oktoberfest

The 29th Annual Oktoberfest at Hard Bargain Farm sponsored by the Alice Ferguson Foundation is on Saturday, October 10 from 1 to 6 p.m. at 2301 Bryan Point Road in Accokeek. Oktoberfest is for all ages and features live music and dance, German cuisine, imported Spaten Beer, homemade apple strudel, Potomac River hayrides, a silent auction and more.

Hard Bargain Farm is a living farm featuring many farm animals – most recently, new goat triplets. There is a nominal fee to benefit Alice Ferguson Foundation environmental education programs; ages 7 and under are free.

For more information about Hard Bargain Farm and the Alice Ferguson Foundation visit www.fergusonfoundation.org or call 301-292-5665.

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Please contact the Church for more information 301 262-3285.

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

Shooting

October 2, 7:23 a.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace. Police responded to a call about gunshots being fired and found two persons with gunshot wounds. Both were treated for non-life threatening injuries. Two male assailants are being sought.

Arson

September 26, 4:28 p.m., 6700 block Village Park Drive. A 27-year-old non-resident male with no fixed address was arrested and charged with first and second degree arson and other criminal charges after setting a house on fire. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Robberies

September 27, 7:45 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. A woman was approached by a man who grabbed her purse and then assaulted her before fleeing on foot. He is described as a black male in his teens, 5'5", 130 pounds with black hair and brown eyes, wearing jeans and a grey hooded sweatshirt with red trim.

September 28, 2:38 a.m., 7900 block Good Luck Road. A man attempted to rob the 7-11 but fled on foot before obtaining any money. He is described as a black male, 30 to 35 years old, 5'5", 150 pounds with black hair and brown eyes, wearing a black long-sleeved shirt and brown pants.

September 28, 5:10 p.m., Beltway Plaza. Two people assaulted a person and fled on foot with the victim's camera. The first

assailant is described as a black male, 16 to 18 years old, 5'8" to 5'11", 170 to 190 pounds with black hair in dreadlocks with blonde tips, wearing a white V-neck shirt and blue jeans. No description is available for the second assailant, a female, 14 to 18 years old.

September 30, 9:12 p.m., 8000 block Lakecrest Drive. A man was approached by four other persons who assaulted him and stole his iPod. They are described as four black males with slim builds, 5'5" to 5'7", with one wearing a red jacket.

Burglaries

September 26, 3:54 a.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, a television was taken.

September 29, 4:30 p.m., 6000 block Cherrywood Court, video game systems were taken.

September 30, 11:08 a.m., 5900 block Springhill Drive, a television, laptop computer and iPod were taken.

September 30, 1:28 p.m., 6000 block Cherrywood Court, game systems and video games were taken.

September 30, 5:13 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road, a game system, laptop and jewelry were taken.

September 30, 7:13 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road, laptops, a camera, DVDs and jewelry were taken.

October 1, 4:34 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road, patio furniture was taken.

October 1, 4:47 p.m., 9000 block Breezewood Terrace, a laptop was taken.

Attempted burglaries were reported September 26, 3:50 a.m., in the 6100 block Breezewood Drive and September 30, 12:59 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace.

DWI

September 29, 1:17 a.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. A 23-year-old non-resident male was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol violations, driving without a license and hit and run after causing an accident and trying to flee the scene. He was released on citations pending trial.

Vandalism

September 28, 8:04 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, an apartment window was broken.

Vehicle Crimes

Thefts from autos occurred in the following areas: 8200 block Mandan Court (GPS unit), 7800 block Mandan Road (rear MD tag 4FBK04), 9100 block Springhill Lane (Pennsylvania temporary tag 1739465), 7700 block Greenbelt Road (catalytic converter), 6200 block Breezewood Drive (electric stapler and GPS mount), 5800 block Cherrywood Lane (DVD player and CDs). There was an attempted theft from auto in the 5900 block Cherrywood Lane.

Vandalism was reported in the 7700 block Lakecrest Drive (tire cut) and 6500 block Capitol Drive (vehicle roof damaged).

One car was stolen, a silver 2000 Cadillac Deville, from the 6000 block Springhill Drive.

One stolen car was recovered with no arrest made.

One stolen license plate was recovered with no arrest made.

BARC Director Optimistic About Facility's Future

by Barbara Hopkins

The tone was upbeat and positive when Director Joe Spence of the Henry A. Wallace Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) met with members of the Greenbelt City Council in a worksession on Wednesday, September 23. Despite continued budget cuts and difficulties in maintaining aging buildings and facilities, Spence seemed optimistic, saying things are on an upswing.

He described his goal as providing the best research facility he can with the resources available. The current federal administration supports BARC, he said, and there is increased interest in food safety and global food security.

BARC's Budget

Spence said BARC's budget had been slashed in recent years and he does not see this situation changing in the current fiscal environment. The latest budget is an improvement, he said, because in the past Congress had not added funding to cover annual cost-of-living pay increases for federal employees. This situation changed with the current budget, he said, leaving more funds for research and operations. In addition to the \$133 million allotted in the budget, the center has also obtained \$20 million in outside grants.

Some projects have been cut, Spence said; nevertheless he saw a positive side to this situation. He and his staff have tried to eliminate research efforts duplicating those found elsewhere within the Agricultural Research Service. He wants to focus on areas that are unique to BARC, he said. With its suburban location, Spence considers the facility a unique interface of agriculture with an urban environment.

Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis asked about honeybee research, which Congressman Steny Hoyer had acted to save when the Department of Agriculture revealed plans to relocate it. Spence said four scientists are working on the colony collapse disorder and there are efforts to recruit one more member for the team. He said probably there are multiple causes for the collapse of honeybee colonies.

Building Maintenance

Maintaining the 500 buildings at BARC is a major issue for the center, according to Spence. Some buildings have been determined to be unstable and people have been relocated. Hoyer had obtained six million dollars to repair one building but Spence estimated the restoration would take \$30 million, money that is not available in the current fiscal climate.

The staff have tried to consolidate labs to make more efficient use of space and utilities. In addition, some energy refits are now paying off in savings on utility bills, Spence said.

The Farm Bill passed by Congress earlier this year included a provision allowing BARC to lease space to outside interests for projects relating to BARC's mission. This is a temporary provision to last five years, Spence said, though BARC is allowed to write a 30-year lease and charge market rates for the rent.

Spence stated it was decided that anyone granted such a lease must also have a research agreement with BARC and that other government agencies would be given top priority for leasing BARC space.

Spence said this venture would probably not make money for BARC but could help in other ways. He said another government agency or private enterprise could restore for its own use a building that is in disrepair.

Gwen Vaccaro of the Roosevelt Center Merchants Association, was present at the worksession, said Greenbelt businesses have been unsuccessful in finding ways to market to BARC employees. She said such marketing would be a good place to start in demonstrating BARC's positive impact on the surrounding area.

Spence explained that there is no longer an employee newsletter at BARC but invited Vaccaro to send information to his office and he would see to its posting on the proper bulletin boards.

Update on Roads

Councilmembers seemed relieved to learn that Spence opposes ceding land to the state for the widening of Kenilworth Avenue/Edmonston Road. He said BARC scientists would sacrifice too much if they gave up the land in question because it contains test plots involving 30 years of research and data.

Spence also told council he could not support giving up BARC land for a connector road to the University of Maryland campus. The property in question for this project involves an area that supports services that were relocated to BARC from the USDA facility in Glenn Dale.

BARC did give up some land near Selman and Cherry Hill Roads to alleviate a traffic problem in that area, according to Spence, because there was no loss of data and he wants BARC to be a good neighbor and a responsible member of the community.

When questioned about the City of College Park's proposed annexation of the facility, Spence said he had told College Park officials he is not interested. Davis asked that if he ever does consider annexation to a nearby municipality, he consider Greenbelt first.

100th Anniversary

BARC will celebrate its 100th Anniversary in 2010. Staff members are planning a major event with tree plantings, talks about the history and future of BARC and an extensive Field Day. Spence said he hopes the governor will come and Davis suggested that Governor O'Malley could name BARC the state's capital for a day.

Spence said a new variety of cherry tree has been developed for the celebration. It will be called "First Lady."

Davis opened the worksession by noting that as a neighbor of BARC, what goes on there affects Greenbelt in many ways and the city has an abiding interest in the center. With the city, BARC is part of the area's "green belt." It would be disastrous, Davis said, were it to go away.

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

Café Site for Greek Taverna Dance

The Greek dance group Syrtos, formerly know as the Greek Dancers of Greenbelt, will be holding a Greek Taverna Night at the New Deal Café Sunday, October 11 from 5 to 8 p.m. The evening will feature a folk dance performance followed by a mini-introductory dance class and a chance for audience participation.

The following Sunday, October 18, regular Greek dance classes will resume in the Dance Studio at the Greenbelt Community Center. Each session begins with a half hour of instruction devoted to teaching basic dances from Greece and the surrounding region to newcomers followed by a second half hour teaching new dances to the entire group. The group dances already familiar dances during the remaining hour of each session.

Those interested in the dance classes can sign up for them at the Community Center. Each round of classes runs for eight weeks and ends with a party demonstrating that for Greeks, to dance is to live and to celebrate life.

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 October 12 to 16 include:

Monday – Columbus Day holiday. Closed.

Tuesday – Orange juice, turkey stew with vegetables, brown rice, field green salad with Italian dressing, pineapple tidbits.

Wednesday – Navy bean soup, Italian sausage with onions and green peppers on a roll, penne pasta with tomatoes, chopped greens, fruit cocktail.

Thursday – Orange pineapple juice, roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, seasoned carrots, strawberry parfait.

Friday – Cranapple juice, meat lasagna, sliced carrots, garden salad with Italian dressing, lime sherbet.

GCAN Presents Talk on Economy

The Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN) will present "From Wall Street to Main Street – Developing Local Sustainable Economies" on Wednesday, October 14 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. The guest speaker will be Ruth Alice White from the Network of Spiritual Progressives. Her talk will be based on the writing of David Korten, author of "The Great Turning: From Empire to Earth Community" and "Agenda for a New Economy – From Phantom Wealth to Real Wealth." Video clips of several presentations by Korten will be shown.

Korten draws on evidence from sources as varied as evolutionary theory, developmental psychology and religious teachings to make the case that "Earth Community" – a life-centered, egalitarian, sustainable way of ordering human society based on democratic principles of partnership – is possible and within the scope of human choice.

White will also comment on Michael Moore's new movie, "Capitalism: A Love Story," now playing in Greenbelt.

For details email Lore Rosenthal at lore@simplicity-matters.org or call 301-345-2234.



Greater Washington 2050 Visits Greenbelt

by Thomas X. White

David Robertson, executive director of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), visited Greenbelt on Monday, September 21 to provide the Greenbelt City Council with an update on COG's initiative to improve the quality of life for Washington area residents. This effort includes developing a vision for the region.

In addition to the council, City Manager Michael McLaughlin and Assistant City Manager David Moran, College Park Councilmembers Robert Catlin and Patrick Wojahn attended the worksession.

The initiative, known as "Greater Washington 2050" (GW 2050), is being led by COG and a coalition of civic, business and environmental stakeholders. It is intended to build a regional consensus on issues such as growth, transportation, environment, social services, public safety and the economy of the region, looking 40 years into the future.

Robertson used a slide presentation to describe the planning effort. GW 2050 seeks to develop agreement on a wide range of issues related to growth and to enhance the region's competitiveness as a global capital. At the same time the effort aims to shape a sustainable region with a high quality of life for all residents and to build on a tradition of visionary leadership.

Coalition

Elements in the planning effort included the formation at

the end of 2007 of the Greater Washington 2050 Coalition, a late 2008 "Workshop on Scenario Thinking" and the adoption of a preliminary set of regional planning principles and several focus-group meetings, including two in Greenbelt in December 2008. An early 2009 survey of Washington area residents led to a round of public comment this summer. A review of these activities, as well as ongoing COG policy initiatives such as the Climate Change Report, Strategic Plan and the Transportation Planning Board (TPB) Vision, will be used to inform a comprehensive set of Coalition Recommendations that would shape Greater Washington 2050 Goals. Nine areas will be studied – land use, transportation, environment, climate and energy, economy, housing, health and human services, education and public safety.

The Greenbelt worksession came near the end of the pre-planning process. At two meetings this month the COG board will receive the preliminary recommendations of the Greater Washington Coalition. Another public comment period on the recommendations will take place during October, November and December.

On December 11 the COG board will receive another update from the Coalition. Final action by the COG board would be scheduled for January 13, 2010.

On March 10, 2010, if the planning recommendations are approved, a "Compact Signing" ceremony will be held, as well

as a press conference announcing the Greater Washington 2050 Vision. The Compact would constitute voluntary agreement on regional goals; commitments by public, business and civic sectors to advance the goals through best practices and support for tracking progress on achieving the goals.

Questions, Comments

Following Robertson's 30-minute presentation, there was a period for questions and comments. In response, Robertson noted there would be opportunities for other regional organizations either to endorse or be co-signers of the compact, including certain federal agencies.

Representatives of College Park asked how progress towards achieving the visions would be measured. Robertson noted that appropriate baseline data for various elements in the vision would be included in the document, as well as measurable performance milestones to assess the region's progress.

Robertson also suggested that the plan would try to identify what may contribute or detract from the plan's goals as part of any measurement of achievements. Other questions were related to outreach efforts by COG.

A draft set of Compact Goals include the following: land use, transportation, environment, climate and energy, economy, housing, health and human services, education and public safety. More information including specific details of the working draft of the Greater Washington 2050 Compact, dated July 20, is available at www.great-erwashington2050.org.

Toastmasters Meet

The next meeting of Toastmasters is on Wednesday, October 14 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 6905 Greenbelt Road. These free sessions foster effective communication and how to become a better listener. For more information call 301-906-0865.

Wright Brothers Movie

On Sunday, October 11 at 1 p.m. the College Park Aviation Museum presents Kitty Hawk: The Wright Brothers' Journey of Invention. This is the second film in the museum's "Get It Wright" movie series. The film is free with museum admission.

NARFE Meeting On Wed., Oct 14

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) Chapter 1122 will hold a meeting on Wednesday, October 14 at 1:30 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Building, Terrace Room, 7600 Hanover Parkway in Greenbelt.

Guest speaker Alexandra Teaff of the Maryland Park & Planning Commission will give a presentation on "Recreation and Leisure in Prince George's County."

For more information or directions to the new meeting place, call 301-441-1096

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Council Revisits Dispute Over "Open Meetings"

by Thomas X. White

An agonizing discussion of the allegations made by Councilmember Rodney Roberts at council's June 22 meeting that council had violated its own rules and the Maryland Open Meetings law was the last item on council's September 29 agenda labeled as "Other Business." According to City Manager Michael McLaughlin, its placement on the agenda occurred because the topic had not been correctly advertised prior to its appearing on the agenda for the August 10 meeting. Council had requested that it be included on this night's agenda.

This dispute had its origin at a meeting on May 26, 2009, when council decided by a three to two vote to have staff prepare a charter amendment changing the date of the Greenbelt council election from odd to even years.

Between that meeting and the upcoming June 8 meeting, three members of council (Judith Davis, Leta Mach and Konrad Herling) responding to citizens concerns, determined that it might be better to remove the item from the upcoming June 8 agenda. Individual discussions took place between Davis and Mach and, separately, between Davis and Herling. Councilmember Edward Putens also spoke with the mayor and there were email exchanges among these councilmembers and with city legal counsel.

City staff and attorneys provided some assistance to the mayor in crafting a statement that she intended to read at the beginning of the June 8 meeting. Apparently Roberts was left out of the discussion until just before the June 8 meeting.

When the mayor read a statement at the beginning of that meeting using the term "we" when noting that three members of council had changed their minds and had agreed to remove the item from the evening's agenda and to defer discussion of the change in dates for the Greenbelt council election from odd to even years, Roberts did not object. Putens was absent.

A motion to remove the charter amendment proposal from the June 8 agenda made by the mayor passed with all councilmembers present voting in favor (Putens was absent from the meeting), meaning that the issue was not likely to come up prior to the November 3 city election.

Issue Returns

At the June 22 meeting of council, however, the fireworks started when Roberts added the mayor's statement from the June 8 meeting to the evening's agenda. He alleged that, based on the mayor's statement with the collective "we" used throughout, three members of the council "met," "discussed" and "took action" without notification or discussion with the other two members.

Roberts also alleged that actions regarding the use of assistance of city staff and legal counsel violated council rules when taken without calling a meeting and were also violations of the Maryland Open Meetings law. Based on his view that what took place occurred without a legally called meeting, he asked for an "outside" investigation of the events and a determination of whether violations of the law had

indeed taken place.

Other councilmembers insisted that there was "no meeting" and that at no time did more than two members discuss the issue either in person, by phone or via email.

At that June 22 meeting, staff and legal counsel also indicated they played only a supportive role in the development of the statement and had been concerned with the overall posture of the city in the face of a potential threat of legal action regarding its election procedures. They admitted that in retrospect the colloquial "we" in the mayor's statement was inappropriate.

No other members of council supported an outside investigation. On a suggestion by Putens, council voted unanimously to direct the city solicitor to investigate whether a violation of the Maryland Open Meetings law had occurred.

City Solicitor Robert Manzi presented his report to council at the August 10 meeting. He declared his finding that, based upon his investigation and interviews with members of council, no meeting had occurred and, therefore, there was no violation of the Maryland Open Meetings law.

As noted above, since Roberts objected to the lack of adequate public notice that the report was to be included on the agenda of the August 10 meeting, he requested that the item be placed on a subsequent agenda.

The return to the dispute on the night's agenda of September 29 did not change anyone's mind. In response to a question from a citizen as to why not submit his report to the Maryland Open Meetings Compliance Board and ask for their advice, Manzi responded that "if I had found any evidence of a violation, that would have been my recommendation to council." He felt there was plenty of evidence that there had been no violation.

Roberts' posture was that the focus on whether there was a "meeting" was not what he intended; rather, he believed the underlying question had been the action taken by (a few) councilmembers to seek advice from outside counsel, which should have required the calling of an executive meeting for the expenditure of funds.

Roberts also said that, based on what he had learned subsequently, Manzi should not have been the person chosen to conduct an investigation because, as it turned out, he was part of the exchange that took place following the May 26 meeting.

The mayor challenged Roberts saying that if he really believed the matter should be reviewed by the Open Meetings Compliance Board, he should submit it to that body. To this Roberts replied he was very busy but would think about doing it. He also replied that if the city solicitor was so sure, he should let the Compliance Board look at it.

Members of council other than Roberts wanted to move on and look forward and this plea was echoed by one citizen present. Another citizen offered to submit the report to the Compliance Board but the mayor hoped that Roberts himself would decide to take the matter to the Board.

Greenbelt Receives Federal Energy Grant

The City of Greenbelt will receive \$93,000 for energy-related improvements as part of the U.S. Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program.

Through this program, 13 counties will receive up to \$417,000 and 147 municipal governments will receive up to \$93,000, depending on population, to implement cost-effective energy-efficient measures and renewable energy systems. The funds will be coordinated by Maryland's Energy Administration. The program is designed to help municipalities and counties reduce consumption at facilities owned or operated by the respective governments and to prepare local greenhouse gas inventories. For more information visit <http://energy.maryland.gov/EECBG.asp>.

Concert Celebrates Hispanic Heritage

On Sunday, October 11 at 6:30 p.m. the Choral Art Society will present a free concert in honor of Hispanic Heritage Night, featuring music by Granados and other Spanish composers. This event will take place in the Sculpture Garden of the West Building of the National Gallery of Art. For information call 202-842-6941 or visit www.nga.gov/programs/concerts.

Workshop Offered On Mental Health

On Thursday, October 15 from 7 to 9 p.m. the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) local chapter will present a workshop on "The Role of the Core Service Care Agency" at the Hanco Building at Beckett Field, 8511 Legation Road in New Carrollton. The presenter will be Eugenia Greenhood, a child and adolescent coordinator for the Prince George's County Department of Family Services, Mental Health and Disabilities Administration. Greenhood will discuss the agency's role in providing mental health services to residents and outline available resources. The workshop is free and open to the public.

Big Sit! Bird Count At Refuge Sunday

The Patuxent Research Refuge will host a Big Sit! at the National Wildlife Visitor Center in Laurel on Sunday, October 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The object is to tally as many bird species as can be seen or heard from a 17-foot diameter circle. Participants will identify birds, use field guides and join bird-related discussions and children's activities. People are encouraged to bring binoculars (some loaners will be available) and may also wish to bring foldable chairs, insect repellent and sun screen.

The Big Sit! is an annual international, noncompetitive birding event hosted by Bird Watcher's Digest that was founded by the New Haven (Conn.) Bird Club. The Big Sit! has been adopted by the National Wildlife Refuge System as part of National Wildlife Refuge Week celebrations.

The National Wildlife Visitor Center is located on Powder Mill Road between the B-W Parkway and Rt. 197, just south of Laurel. Special needs may be accommodated with advance notice.

For details call 301-497-5630 or visit <http://patuxent.fws.gov>.

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campaign. He also received an in-kind contribution valued at \$250 for a photo session and editing.

Jordan reported spending only \$826.98 during the reporting period leaving him with \$1,188 to spend before the November 7 election. He spent \$276.10 on campaign promotion pencils, \$125 for homeowner association newsletter ads, \$78 for sign materials, \$44 for postage stamps, \$63 for T-shirt transfers and foam board, \$62 for campaign labels, \$104 for office supplies and \$26 for pizza for a campaign meeting.

Councilmember Edward Putens, seeking another term in office, reported no campaign contributions but spent \$1,502.23 on his campaign during the period. His biggest expense was \$825 for door hangers. Homeowner association newsletter ads cost him another \$775 and he spent \$120 at the Board of Elections for a CD and printout of registered voters.

Mayor Judith Davis, also seeking reelection to the council (the mayor is selected by the council from among its members) reported campaign expenses of \$988.84. She had a carryover balance from the last election of \$149, had three citizens contribute \$396 and added \$1,000 of her own money to the campaign, leaving her a balance at the end of the reporting period of \$557.

Davis spent \$300 for a brochure design, \$12 for mailing labels and \$117 for postage. The Board of Elections got \$70 for voter lists and another \$100 went for a homeowner association ad. Fees to maintain a bank account over the two-year period and open a new one cost her \$299.

Councilmember Leta Mach showed contributions of \$736.08, mostly from three Greenbelters, the most generous being her husband. She has spent all the money on newsletter ads, a voter list, signs and a brochure.

Silke Pope's first campaign for city office was reported to be in the hole by \$25 as she had spent all of the contribution from one Greenbelter plus \$25 for a newsletter ad plus the cost of opening a new credit union account.

Councilmember Rodney Rob-

erts, seeking reelection, reported spending \$102 of the \$350 contributed by four Greenbelters. He bought postage, office supplies and a voter registration list.

Konrad Herling, another incumbent seeking reelection, spent \$18 of his carry-over balance of \$25 for a voter registration list, leaving his campaign treasury with a balance of \$7. Kelly Ivy reported no contributions, no expenditures and no money on hand.

Council members receive an annual salary of \$10,000, the mayor \$12,000.

Candidates are required to file two more campaign reports. Due at noon Friday October 23 is a report for the period September 20 to October 18. The final report is due at noon November 6 for the November 3 election. These reports are on file at the City Clerk's office and are available for view. They are also posted under elections on the city website: www.greenbeltmd.gov.

Financial Statements

Greenbelt council candidates also are required to file a financial disclosure statement identifying their assets, business interests and sources of income. Members of city council and some other city employees are also required to file such statements periodically. A review of the financial disclosure statements filed this year by the candidates reveal that the candidates are financially little different from other Greenbelt residents.

Their primary sources of income are from their jobs or retirement benefits from previous employment and, sometimes, from the earnings of their spouses. Their only listed asset is their home, except for candidate Che Sayles who is a resident of Empirian Village, a rental apartment complex. Also, all but one candidate lacked any significant holdings or interests in businesses, the one exception being Councilmember Rodney Roberts who owns his own mobile repair business.

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Anacostia Clean-up Draws 285 Volunteer Helpers

by Jon Aerts

"Mudcats – that's what we call ourselves!" said Paul Cough with a laugh, his pale legs covered in brownish gunk, describing himself and other volunteers engaged in the clean-up of the Anacostia Watershed.

Cough, both volunteer and director of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Oceans and Coastal Protection Division, had just lugged out a tire from along the sludge-filled banks of Bladensburg Waterfront Park. He likes the idea of cleaning up waterways, he says. "The reason I'm here is just the love of earth and water." Cough was not alone. To celebrate its 20th year of service, the Anacostia Watershed Society (AWS), in concert with United We Serve, organized more than 285 volunteers on Saturday, September 12 to participate in the annual Anacostia Watershed Clean-up Campaign. Cough, like most volunteers on hand for the one-day clean-up, believes that improving area waterways is key to connecting people to their communities.

Most volunteers arrived in old shorts and T-shirts as they lugged out everything from tires mired in muck to plastic bottles and cans. Meanwhile, a steady caravan of jonboats, kayaks and canoes carried other participants to the most litter-filled portions of the watershed.

"I think a lot of us confine ourselves to cities, to concrete jungles," said Illia Kenney, a Howard University student and volunteer, "but the natural environment really is an amenity, too. It comes with the condo and the backyard and people need to respect that. It really comes down to a quality of life issue for all of us."

Trash Conveyor

The Anacostia River, which is fed primarily by the lands of Prince George's County, is often described as a conveyor belt of trash moving into the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay. "We estimate that 20,000 tons of trash float through the Anacostia Waterway each year," said Steven Reynolds, director of Communications and Outreach for AWS. "That is a heck-of-a-lotta junk."

Such numbers led the EPA to label the Anacostia River as "impaired by trash" in 2007. The title is not surprising given the trash-booty recovered this year – a boom box, bicycle, boogie board, four shopping carts, a baby pacifier and even a teddy-bear. Meanwhile another volunteer dragged out a five-pound, dry-chemical fire extinguisher from the brown ooze.

According to Reynolds, the river is a virtual catchall for dangerous chemicals. "We know that common chemicals, like household pesticides, often flow into the river as a result of impervious surfaces. These chemicals, we believe, are directly responsible for the gender-identity crisis seen in some of the Anacostia River's fish population," he said. "We've even seen tumors on the mouths of some of these fish."

Fishing tackle and old bait were also found among Saturday's refuse, making one wonder about that delicious fish dinner enjoyed last night. On the other hand, John Connolly, executive director of the AWS, reported that recent storm water management commitments by Greenbelt area leaders



have helped combat the material trash problem.

Variety of Sponsors

This year's waterway clean-up attracted a variety of sponsors and participants – from Accenture Consulting and the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation to My Organic Market and Girl Scout Troop 112. The event also included notable guest speakers such as U.S. Senator Ben Cardin, State Senator David Harrington and U.S. Representative Chris Van Hollen.

By mid-afternoon volunteers took advantage of clean water showers . . . and bottles of water to remove the muddy residue covering their legs and arms, while Anacostia Watershed organizers thanked their 285 hungry recruits by serving free hot dogs and hamburgers to the tunes of live reggae music by a local band.

Cardin, who spoke before the crowd of lingering volunteers, invoked the memory of the late Senator Ted Kennedy, rallying the crowd to continue their service to the community. "I remember when this area was not much more than a mud pit," said Cardin. "But we had a vision for this river . . . which isn't only a green movement or an environmental movement – it's a people's movement."

What more to say? Go Mudcats!



Above, volunteers pick up trash along the banks of the river as part of the September 12 Anacostia Watershed Clean-up Campaign.



At left, Paul Cough, both volunteer and director of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Oceans and Coastal Protection Division, is pictured tugging on a car tire.

– photos by Jon Aerts

New Deal Café's Upcoming Events

Every Thursday, Amy C. Kraft and the Mid-Day Melodies get the New Deal Café's music off to an early start from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday evenings bring an open microphone session from 7 to 9 p.m.

On Friday, October 9 from 8 to 11 p.m. Rio Garage will bring popular Bossa Nova back to the Café.

Saturday, October 10 gets off to a mellow start from 4 to 6 p.m. with Bruce Krittr on classical guitar who performs every Saturday. Then torch singer Midge returns from 8 to 11 p.m.

The Middle Sundays Variety Hour is 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 11, followed by Greek Folk Dancing from 5 to 8 p.m.

Breña reveals her belly dance style 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13. On Wednesday, October 14 from 7 to 9 p.m., the New Deal Café will be the last stop on a six-state tour by singer/songwriter/acoustic guitar player Kelly Zullo.

Art Show

There will be an evening of art and music from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, October 15 with the Greg Meyer Jazz Quartet serenading a reception for an art show by Hyattsville artists. This event is a stop on the 2009 Greenbelt Art Walk.

Next Weekend

Piano Man John Guernsey plays jazz and blues from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Friday, October 16 (and every Friday and Saturday). He is followed by jazz legend Buck Hill returning to his hometown Café, to play until 11 p.m.

The T.V. John Show brings musical comedy to the Café with "the nice trys" and "The Phoenix Twin," from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 17. Then the U-Liners play rock until 11 p.m.

The Mike Grasso Jazz Trio performs from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, October 18. Then there will be a Kid's Open Microphone Session until 3 p.m. Both events repeat the third Sunday of each month. The 5 to 8 p.m. slot will feature "Jack Couldn't Make It." (The American/Country Jack Gang usually plays on the second Sunday monthly.)

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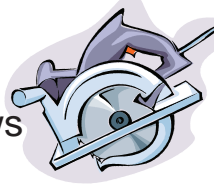
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The Greenbelt Sun-Dried Garmenture Society Drill Team won People's Choice at the 2009 Greenbelt Labor Day Festival. Team members are Hopi Auerbach, Michael Hartman, Lore Rosenthal, Karen Wallace (I), Frank DeBernardo, Tom Jones, Karen Wallace (II), Martha Heil, Alan Turnbull, Jim Cohen and Johanna Goderre.

Clothesline Advocates Win Three Awards

The all-volunteer Greenbelt Sun-Dried Garmenture Society Drill Team (GSD2T) won three awards at the 2009 Labor Day Festival, including the People's Choice Award, in support of their message that residents consider using clotheslines to dry their clothes in the interest of the environment and personal health. They were awarded Most Humorous and placed third in Best Community entry.

The 11-member marching team bore tall poles strung with clotheslines festooned with bright garments. Throughout the parade they performed maneuvers choreographed to the beat of a drum. The team marched in step down Crescent Road, with call-and-response chants. They performed their full routine at intersections with Hillside Road, Gardenway and in front of judges at the reviewing stand.

Choreographer Karen Wallace said, "It was fabulous to plan maneuvers for tall poles bearing such brightly colored garments, from a blue tie-dyed T-shirt to a sexy red thong."

This year's theme was conceived by team lyricist Jim Cohen, a Greenbelt resident who sought to increase awareness of the simple clothesline. "Many people just throw their clothes into a tumble dryer without thinking about the options," Cohen said. "Our routine is meant to remind everyone that clotheslines and drying racks are less expensive and more environmentally conscious than a gas- or electric-powered tumble dryer – and are better for your clothes, too. Our hope is that drawing attention to these simple old ideas in a light-hearted manner will encourage our community to think about their laundry."

The society was formed to march in the parade with a creative theme but it holds no regular meetings.

The team built on its success in last year's Labor Day Parade, winning three awards as

the Greenbelt Reel Lawnmower Society Precision Drill Team (GRLSPDT).

Laundry History

When the first people moved into the federally planned community in the 1930s, the Greenbelt Manual prohibited hanging clothes Saturday afternoon, all day Sunday and weekdays after 4 p.m. Greenbelt's first public employee police officer George Panagoulis said, "one of our biggest responsibilities was making sure all the clotheslines in town were cleared."

In this year's parade the thongs and boxers were hoisted on the parade route for more than their bright colors – underwear also represents a turning point in Greenbelt's laundry history. In 1937 the city received national attention when the Associated Press distributed "Model Life Not So Simple," describing a letter from resident Sally Rand in the Cooperator (forerunner of the Greenbelt News Review). Rand wrote, "I don't know what to do about my brazen out-door clothesline; it is so public out there in the great open spaces. I've always dried my little tid-bits of intimate apparel on the towel rack in the bathroom; but this public display makes me feel as if I were doing a striptease act for the benefit of all the town men of Greenbelt." In the subsequent public debate, City Manager Roy Braden recommended that laundresses "get over their commendable shyness."

Since then, the community has repealed its laundry laws to become a model of clothesline rights. But an attempt this year by Maryland Delegate Galen Clagett (D-3A) to give all Marylanders this freedom – by prohibiting homeowners' associations from fining clothesline users – was unsuccessful. A documentary is to be released nationwide in 2010, "Drying for Freedom: A Film about Clotheslines."

The Society appreciates the attention it has been able to draw to clotheslines. U.S. House Majority Leader Congressman Steny Hoyer, also in the parade, expressed a clear understanding of the link between the drill team's work and his leadership in Congress on climate change legislation. Two candidates for Greenbelt City Council provided assurance that they would support right-to-dry policies if elected.

Clotheslines

Team members use both clotheslines and powered dryers, recognizing that machines do a better job sometimes – like on rainy days. But while many Americans have gotten used to gas and electric dryers, the Society asks people to reconsider the devices – which consume a great deal of energy creating an artificially heated wind that can often be provided for free by Mother Nature. Aside from the environmental considerations, mechanical dryers slowly degrade garments over time. Every time a lint filter is emptied, one can witness the gradual destruction of clothing as fabric comes apart from the mechanized abuse. Clothes, bedding and towels last longer when they dry on a clothesline and fabric softeners with perfume would not be needed in an attempt to replicate the pleasant smell of line-dried textiles.

Electric clothes dryers use from 1,800 to 5,000 watts – second only to water heaters among common household appliances. No clothes dryers are certified for the federal Energy Star program, because all dryers are similarly inefficient.

The Sun-Dried Garmenture Society encourages everyone to consider clotheslines and drying racks. The Drill Team thanks Zips Dry Cleaning of College Park for the loan of a laundry cart and Ronald Fenelay for lending his scooter.

– Tom Jones

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team comprised of Greenbelt and Hyattsville officials. In January 2009 three candidate solutions were invited to conduct a final demonstration for the joint team.

After reviewing and analyzing the systems, the majority of the Greenbelt team determined that an integrated single vendor solution would be best for the city and that the New World Systems' proposal is the solution of choice.

Staff notes also state that the University of Maryland, which is looking to deploy a single vendor solution, has made New World its vendor of choice and that Calvert County currently uses the proposed system. Also important is that the cost for the acquisition will be fully covered by a \$750,000 federal COPS grant.

Little Discussion

Since the item was introduced for first reading, limited discussion occurred beyond the staff notes. Mayor Judith Davis commented, however, that the proposed system had its genesis during the post-9/11 period when it became painfully clear that emergency responders were not able to communicate with their inter-jurisdictional partners.

The city has also received authority for an additional COPS grant totaling \$200,000 and additional county funding for the replacement of police department radios that would complement the CAD/RMS system. That reality still awaits agreement on a compatible radio frequency for use by EMS and other first responders.

Also introduced for first reading was a resolution amending a previous resolution dealing with the list of certain vendors made exempt from the city's purchasing requirements when total fiscal year purchases from them exceed \$10,000. Again discussion by council was limited since the resolution was introduced for first reading. Nevertheless, some of the vendors listed for specific projects compelled some councilmembers to inquire about some of the projects involved.

In response City Manager Michael McLaughlin advised that an emergency call box project planned for Greenbelt West was slated for spring 2010.

A control system for the crosswalk at Northway and St. Hugh's school is also expected to begin during spring 2010. McLaughlin noted that city staff were still assessing that project and envisioning a state of the art system for that long-standing pedestrian safety concern.

Reference to the vendor for the city's natural gas pumps prompted councilmembers to remark about the need for better infrastructure to support the fueling of vehicles using alternative fuels.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts gave his opinion that any plans to move from natural gas to fuel vehicles to a propane system (that would require less infrastructure) would be a net detriment to the environment due to its emission profile compared with that for natural gas.

Playhouse Movie Free to Seniors

The Prince George's Publick Playhouse will show the movie "Mamma Mia" on Tuesday, October 13 at 11 a.m. In this musical Sophie seeks to discover the identity of her father on the eve of her wedding on an idyllic Greek island. Three men from the past arrive to stir unforgettable memories. The movie is free for those 60 and older. Call 301-277-1710 to register.

Herb Society Holds Beverage Workshop

The National Arboretum will host a workshop on herbal beverages on Saturday, October 10 from 1 to 4 p.m. Herbal teas, punches and liqueurs will be created at this free, informal drop-in session. Members of the Tidewater Unit of the Herb Society of America will demonstrate the techniques and share tastes of their creations made with simple syrups and infusions.



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