

New City Council Tackles Issues Of Right-of-way Encroachments

by Thomas X. White

The November 23 meeting of the Greenbelt City Council afforded the newly elected council of seven members their first chance to begin addressing policy, legislative and organizational issues facing the city. A fairly light agenda offered several presentations, some administrative reports, routine appointments and only one substantive issue. Still, the meeting went just beyond 10:30 p.m.

As it happened, the one substantive topic was what might be called a classic Greenbelt issue, one that has been around since the federal government in 1953 decided to divest itself of Greenbelt and sell the existing homes, infrastructure and surrounding land to the cooperative eventually known as Greenbelt Homes, Inc.

In that respect this issue was probably a good learning opportunity for the two new members of council. The item, included on the agenda under "Other Busi-

ness," was labeled "Greenbelt Homes, Incorporated (GHI) and Right-of-Way (ROW) Encroachments."

Terri Hruby, assistant planner for the city, presented the issue to council, having already provided background information in a September 22 memorandum to the city manager. She also provided graphic examples of the most severe cases of long-standing encroachments in the central core of the city and possible solutions to resolve the issue in a manner protecting existing GHI property lines yet preserving the city's options for possible future use of its rights-of-way.

From an historical perspective, the issue has been bounced around and essentially finessed for more than 50 years. In the early seventies, when the city decided to widen Southway between Ridge and Crescent Roads, a survey revealed that the street right-of-way line went through the

living rooms of four GHI homes. After consultation with residents and GHI the city vacated a 25 foot width of right-of-way.

In other cases, the city has generally addressed such overlapping conditions, particularly when working on street projects, with entry agreements or other informal agreements that specify rights and responsibilities regarding repair or replacement of yard improvements that happen to be in the right-of-way. The city has also relied on GHI to monitor and police such encroachments and effect changes in yard lines at the time a GHI unit is sold or transferred to a new member.

GHI Actions

According to Hruby's memo, "GHI began a program to formally establish its yard lines several years ago." This issue "has piqued GHI member interest," and, the memo says, "raised

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Outstanding Citizen, Postmaster, Emory A. Harman, Sr., Dies

Longtime Greenbelter Emory A. Harman, Sr., 92, died November 23, 2009, of heart failure at Necitas Assisted Living in Silver Spring, where he had lived since January.

Before he came to Greenbelt, Mr. Harman served in the U.S. Army from 1940 to 1943. He then earned a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in education from the University of Maryland College Park (UMCP) and was a member of Phi Delta Kappa.

He came to Greenbelt in 1947 and lived here nearly 60 years. He taught briefly in the former Greenbelt High School in the early 50s. Mr. Harman served as Greenbelt Postmaster for about 20 years.

Many Greenbelters' lives were touched by something Mr. Harman did for them, for if he saw a job that needed to be done, he did it, often quietly.

He gave credit to his wife, Margy, who encouraged him to carry on after she died. She had always loved Greenbelt – its beauty, its co-ops and its hard-working and visionary people. He shared her beliefs and said he liked to think that God had encouraged Franklin D. Roosevelt to instruct Rexford Guy Tugwell to create a Garden of Eden where people can "live with fresh air, sunshine and greenery." "Greenbelt is that Garden of Eden," he said.

Volunteer

Mr. Harman was a volunteer in many city organizations. He held nearly every office in the

Greenbelt Lions Club including that of president and held District 22C offices as well. He was credited with bringing in 112 new members.

Mr. Harman said Greenbelt had given him "the opportunity to help the less fortunate." He headed a disaster committee to relocate and provide clothing for 25 families displaced by a fire at Greenbelt Plaza Apartments.

A volunteer at the Greenbelt Museum, Mr. Harman welcomed visitors, showed the video presentation and sold gifts from the gift shop.

He served on the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee and announced Labor

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Emory Harman posing with a cake that commemorated Greenbelt's 60th anniversary.

PHOTO BY PROSPERO ZEVALLOS

What Goes On

Friday, December 4

6 to 9 p.m., Take a free tour of the Greenbelt Museum decorated for the holidays, 10-B Crescent Road.

7 p.m., Holiday Tree Lighting and Opening Ceremony of Festival of Lights with Arrival of Santa, Community Center Front Lawn

Saturday, December 5

10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Art and Craft Fair, Greenbelt Community Center

Sunday, December 6

11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Art and Craft Fair, Greenbelt Community Center

Monday, December 7

7:30 p.m., GreenACES, Community Center, Room 114

8 p.m., City Council Orientation with COG and MML, Municipal Building. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov

Wednesday, December 9

8:30 p.m., City Council Worksession, re: Standing Rules, Community Center

American Education Week November 15 to 21, 2009

In a celebration of American education, these columns have been telling the stories of selected teachers from the schools that serve the Greenbelt community.

This week readers will get a glimpse inside Greenbelt Elementary School.

Past weeks' issues featured teachers from Magnolia, Springhill Lake Elementary, Eleanor Roosevelt High and Greenbelt Middle Schools and Turning Point Academy. In the coming weeks we will close this year's series with a focus on St. Hugh's School.

This series has been developed and coordinated by David Lange, who is the coordinator of volunteers at Greenbelt Elementary School.

Vanessa Zanin Is Science Guru in Greenbelt School

by Jon Aerts

Bill Nye the Science Guy has got nothing on Vanessa Zanin, science guru-in-chief at Greenbelt Elementary School. Recently Zanin challenged sixth graders to compare the sprouts on potatoes grown in darkness to those in light. "We're trying to build on these kids' background knowl-



Vanessa Zanin

edge – to prepare them for life." And as for Zanin's background? Picture a sprawling farm in Michigan, where she grew up giving horseback-riding lessons as a teenager. From there, Zanin earned her animal science degree in 2002 from Michigan State University, ditched her job on a pig farm and turned to her passion for teaching. "I was born to teach kids," she says, adding

that it "runs in the family."

Science aside, Zanin also teaches world geography and cultural studies to three groups of sixth graders. What's more, it was Zanin who spearheaded efforts to forge the nature trail behind Greenbelt Elementary School in the

spring of 2006. "I believe students need to experience nature up close," says Zanin of her budding scientists, "without having to fill out a field-trip [permission] slip." Principal Kimberly Seidel agrees. "Vanessa does a lot for the nature trail project and she's a very hands-on motivator."

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Molly Simms Excites Class With Animal Lore and Jobs

by Jon Aerts

When Molly Simms turned to teaching, she was 39 years old and had a darn good excuse for being late to school: Mauricio, Michael, Madeline, Miles and Marcus – five children of her own – whom she raised as a stay-at-home mom for 15 years.

"For me, it was a total transformation," Simms says of the career swap, which took her a year to complete through a teaching licensure program in 2002.

When Simms wasn't knee-deep in homework, she was driving a school bus for Prince George's County; she calls it her "claim to fame" at Greenbelt Elementary School. "You were a school bus driver?" her students ask in wonderment. They are stumped



Molly Simms

by the curious transition.

At Greenbelt Elementary, Simms teaches science, reading, math and social studies to a classroom of 20 fourth graders. Beyond the more typical fixings of a grade-school classroom – bright colors, artful drawings and tiny wooden desks – Simms' students also have Michelle – the resident mascot and bunny – to pamper. "The love some students have for Michelle is special," says Simms of her charges.

In addition to feeding and handling the animal, students also rotate in regular cleanup duties. "Zookeeping is a class job that is coveted," Simms adds. With or

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Letters to the Editor

Damaged Roots

As one of the numerous tree huggers of Greenbelt, I was quite upset to find out that the landscaping and patio construction taking place at an apartment building on 14 Parkway included the destruction and removal of large roots of the very large oak tree on the street side of the property. I enjoy being able to see this large oak from my window and did not want it damaged.

I called the Greenbelt forester, Lesley Riddle, who said that the tree might be able to survive for five or six years but then could die as a result of the damage.

Greenbelt has no right to interfere with the trees on this or other private property, unlike Takoma Park which does have an ordinance allowing the city to have some oversight of all trees in the city. The landscape company could have made a different design if they had been required to consult the city before cutting on a large tree.

Perhaps other apartment owners and single homeowners, would appreciate an opportunity to meet with the Greenbelt forester and ask about the best way to prune, feed, care for their trees which add so much value to their property.

Jean Snyder

Craig Donation

The David Craig Memorial Scholarship Committee wishes to thank the Greenbelt Tennis Association (GTA) for its continued support. The GTA not only gives a financial contribution each year, it also helps keep Craig's memory alive by running the David Craig memorial tennis tournaments.

The GTA completed its season with the David Craig Memorial Tournament recently and made a donation at the Braden field complex to Scholarship Committee President Doug Mangum on Sunday, November 17. As in prior years, this gift kicks off the committee's fundraising campaign.

We gratefully acknowledge the GTA gift on behalf of members. Thanks very much! It is invigorating to see GTA selflessly giving in support of the scholarship year after year.

The committee urges the community to consider the David Craig Memorial Scholarship as your charity of choice during the gift giving holidays by making a contribution in someone's name as a tribute. We welcome all amounts large or small.

Greenbelt is Great!

Douglas A. Mangum,
President

David Craig Memorial
Scholarship Committee

New Deal Café Upcoming Events

Thursday, December 3 lunch-time piano is featured at the New Deal Café from noon to 2 p.m. with Mid-Day Melodies by Amy C. Kraft. Thursday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. will be "open microphone" night for music, poetry and prose. Both are regular Thursday Café events.

New Deal Piano Man John Guernsey launches another week-end of music on Friday, December 4 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. with lively jazz and blues tunes. (He plays every Friday and Saturday.) Then it's modern psychedelic blues from 8 to 11 p.m. with blues guitar player Kevin Robinson and his group Kerq.

Bruce Kritt, classical guitar "Wunderboy," is the opening act on Saturday, December 5, strumming 4 to 6 p.m., as he does each Saturday. The night closes with Misbehavin' classic rock from 8 to 11 p.m.

Jim Stimson starts Sunday, December 6, with Renaissance lutes from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. during brunch. From 5 to 8 p.m., it's Latin jazz with a twist by Rhapsody B.

Next Week

On Tuesday, December 8 and again on January 5 Brena reveals her belly dancing style from 7 to 9 p.m.

Wednesday, December 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. Dominic Elliott plays acoustic/classic rock/folk rock.

Modern rock group The Furies erupt on Friday, December 11 from 8 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, December 12 and December 19 brings TV John's comic music and his Legendary Band, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Rockin' singer/songwriter Georgie Jessup plays from 8 to 11 p.m.

American/country group Jack Couldn't Make It brings their audience-friendly, wide-ranging music on Sunday, December 13 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Computer Club Meets Thursday

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its December meeting on Thursday, December 10 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center in Room 103. All are welcome.

Concert Band Offers Holiday Music

The Greenbelt Concert Band will give its free annual Holiday Lights concert at 3 p.m. on Sunday, December 13 in the gym at the Greenbelt Community Center. The same concert program will also be repeated at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, December 14 at the Beltsville Community Center.

The program will include such favorites as Overture to a Winter Festival by James Curnow, Polonaise from the opera "Christmas Night" by N. Rimsky-Korsakov, Jingle Bells setting by Morton Gould, Leroy Anderson's Sleigh Ride, and A Christmas Festival with Joy to the World, Deck the Halls, God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen, Good King Wenceslas, Hark the Herald Angels Sing, Silent Night, Come All Ye Faithful, the Lenny Niehaus Festival of Hanukkah, The Christmas Song by Tormé and Wells and other songs of the season.

Come enjoy this traditional community band concert.

Additional information including membership requirements and a schedule of performances is available at the website www.greenbeltconcertband.org or by calling 301-552-1444, 301-384-5674 or the Recreation Department at 301-397-2200.

Mishkan Torah Blood Drive Is on Sunday

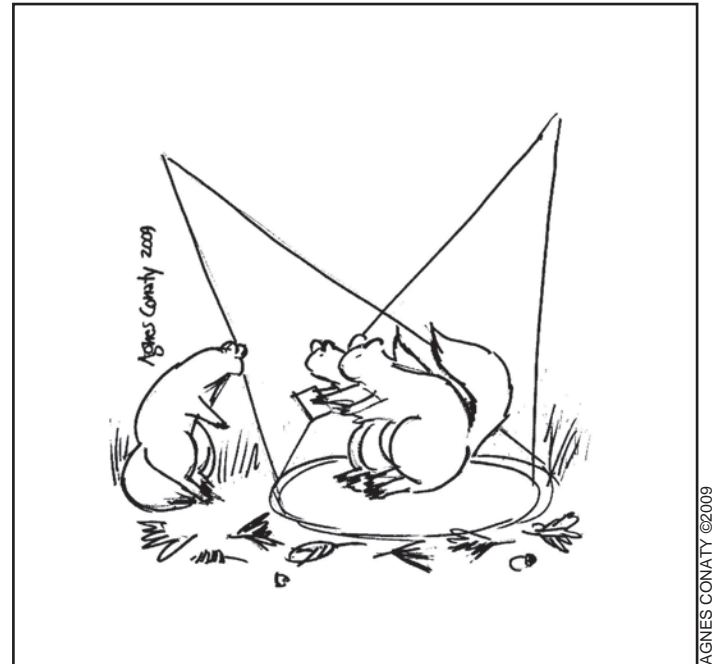
On Sunday, December 6 from noon to 4 p.m., the Social Action Committee of Mishkan Torah will host a Red Cross Blood drive. Mishkan Torah is located at the corner of Ridge Road and Westway.

To schedule an appointment call Phyllis Oresky at 301-622-2928. Donors may also walk in.

Watershed Groups Party on December 7

Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek (CCRIC), Friends of Still Creek and the Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group (BCWWG) are inviting everyone to attend their birthday/anniversary party on Monday, December 7 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in Room 103 in the Greenbelt Community Center. The event will be a potluck supper and everyone is asked to bring an entrée, side dish or dessert. Brent Bolen, Anacostia Watershed Citizens Advisory Committee will be the featured speaker.

Grin Belt



"We're no gate-crashing copy squirrels.
Here is our invitation."

Kindergarten Info Night on Monday, Dec. 7

On Monday, December 7 from 7 to 9 p.m., Greenbelt Nursery School will host a free forum on kindergarten options available to families in Greenbelt and nearby communities. Representatives from public and private schools will present information on their programs and will be available for questions and discussion.

The forum will be in Room 202 (Theater Rehearsal Room) of the Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Road. Parking is available in the parking lot behind the Greenbelt Public Library.

Participating schools include Greenbelt Elementary School,

Berwyn Baptist School, Berwyn Heights Elementary School, Holy Redeemer, Concordia Lutheran, Friends Community School and College Park Nursery and Kindergarten. The forum is open to all and free of charge.

Greenbelt Nursery School is a not-for-profit parent cooperative nursery school in its 67th year of operation. For more information about the school visit the website at www.greenbeltnurseryschool.org. For more information about the kindergarten forum call the school at 301-474-5570 or email questions to gnsk@greenbelt.com.

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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.



**Annual Donation Drive
for Local Animal Shelters**
December 7 thru January 4



GHI's Companion Animal Committee needs your help to replenish every-day items so important for the well-being of animals housed in local shelters.

Donations of blankets, towels, toys, food, cat litter, etc. can be dropped off at the GHI administration building lobby on Hamilton Place during regular business hours.

Your generosity is appreciated.

**OLD GREENBELT
THEATRE**

WEEK OF DEC. 4

The Blind Side
(PG-13)

Friday
*4:45, 7:30, 9:55

Saturday
*2:15, *4:45, 7:30, 9:55

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

Monday - Thursday
*5, 7:30

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

Community Events

At the Library Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories.

Tuesday, December 8, 1:30 and 2 p.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies for each group.

Wednesday, December 9, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddler time for ages 18 to 35 months, with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group.

Thursday, December 10, 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.

Bookids

Tuesday, December 8, 6:30 p.m. Bookids for ages 8 to 12 will discuss the book "James and the Giant Peach" by Roald Dahl.

Read to Rover

The Greenbelt branch library is adding a new program to help build a child's confidence in reading. This program is now running in some other Prince George's County libraries. One Saturday a month children ages 7 to 10 can bring a favorite book or choose one from the library and Read to Rover. Specially trained therapy dogs will be glad to listen. Each child will read for 15 minutes. Registration is required. To register or for more information, call the Greenbelt library at 301-345-5800.

GHI Notes

Thursday, December 3, 7:30 p.m., Board Meeting - Board Room

Monday, December 7, 7 p.m., Companion Animal Grief Support Group - GHI Library

Tuesday, December 8, 7 p.m., Buildings Task Force Meeting - Board Room

Friday, December 11, Offices closed. Emergency maintenance available. Call 301-474-6011.

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

Mamas, Papas Meet

The Greenbelt Mamas and Papas, a parents support group, meets every Wednesday at the playground opposite the library on Crescent Road. The winter and bad weather location is the Greenbelt Youth Center. New members are always welcome. The group has a website at www.greenbelt.com/mamasandpapas/index.html.

An online group for area parents to exchange news and ideas, set up play dates and discuss parenting issues has also been developed. It can be accessed at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mamasandpapas/>.

Craig Scholarship Seeking Donations

The David Craig Memorial Scholarship Fund (DCMSF) is announcing the launch of this season's fundraising campaign. As in prior years fundraising begins with a donation by the Greenbelt Tennis Association of the proceeds from the annual David Craig Memorial Tournament.

The David Craig Memorial Scholarship, named for the young man who was killed in an auto accident in the 1980s, awards \$10,000 annually to a senior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The award recipient is recognized for his/her academic standing with emphasis on the qualities Craig possessed: active involvement in the religious community, leadership in the civic community and participating in individual and team sports. The next award is the 24th and will be made in May 2010.

To apply for the scholarship, eligible students can obtain an application from the school guidance office or call the committee at 301-474-7874. The deadline for applications is April 30.

Fundraising will continue through Labor Day weekend, when the committee receives a portion of the annual Home Run Derby hitting contest entry fees. The 2009 Home Run Derby donation was \$100; the Derby winner was Jeff Meadows.

The Committee urges community members to consider the DCMSF for a contribution or tribute during the holiday gift-giving season and gratefully accepts all donations, large and small. Any business, organization or individual wanting to contribute to the fund can send their tax deductible gift to: DCMSF, P.O. Box 761, Greenbelt, MD 20768.



Ellen Carter of the Greenbelt Tennis Association presents a check for the proceeds of the David Craig Memorial Tournament to David Craig Memorial Scholarship Committee President Doug Manguam on November 17.

Tree Lighting Starts Festival of Lights

The Festival of Lights will open with the annual tree lighting on Friday, December 4 at 7 p.m. on the front lawn of the Community Center, Santa will arrive in a fire engine. Come enjoy music, hot chocolate, other refreshments and festive fun.

A seasonal celebration with activities for all ages, the Festival of Lights runs through the month of December.

Weekend Events

The Wright Stuff 5K run/walk event will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday, December 5. Register at the Youth Center from 8 to 8:45 a.m. Also on Saturday, a pancake and sausage breakfast will be held from 8 until 11 a.m. with Santa in attendance at the Greenbelt American Legion Post #136. This event is hosted by the Greenbelt Lions

Club and the Legion.

The annual Juried Art and Craft Fair will be held in the Community Center on Saturday and Sunday, December 5 and 6. This event includes the sale of many craft items made by Greenbelters.

On Sunday, December 6 from 1 to 4 p.m. the December Artful Afternoon in the Community Center will include a wreath-making workshop. Artists-in-residence host Studio Open House in the afternoon and the band, Harp 46, will perform in the multi-purpose room at 2 p.m.

Greenbriar

The Greenbelt East tree lighting will be held Sunday, December 6 at 7 p.m. in the Greenbriar Community Center. Singing by Greenbelt Elementary Chorus.

Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club Annual Membership Meeting

All members are invited to attend!

December 9, 2009 7:00 p.m.

Greenbelt Youth Center, 99 Centerway Drive

Greenbelt Nursery School Kindergarten Info Night

Monday, Dec. 7 @ 7-9 pm

Room 202 in the Greenbelt Community Center

Panel of area kindergarten representatives

Free and open to the public

For info, call GNS at 301 474 5570

Beltway Plaza Mall Greenbelt Lions Club Toy Drive

December 3rd, 10th and 17th

Take a picture with Santa until December 24th

Don't forget to bring a toy for a needy family in our community. Drop it in the big green and red box at Center Court.



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Greenbelt Arts Center

Opening THIS WEEK:

The Devil's Christmas Carol

December 4-5 & 11-12: Fridays & Saturdays at 8:00PM

Sunday Matinees: December 6 at 2:00pm

& December 13 at 3:00pm

Book and Lyrics and Directed by Penny Eileen Martin

Tickets are \$15 general admission, and \$12 for seniors and students.

Call for reservations at 301.441.8770

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Located underneath the Greenbelt CO-OP



The Devil's Christmas Carol
(a musical drama)
Book, Lyrics & Music by Penny Eileen Martin

ACE Reading Club Meets on Dec. 10

The free, fun Greenbelt Children's ACE Reading Club meets on the second Thursday of each month. The next meeting is December 10 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Springhill Lake Elementary School building and will include book discussions, games, puzzles and more.

The ACE Reading Club, open to children ages 8 to 14, is sponsored by the City of Greenbelt and administered by the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education. The club will also meet on the following Thursdays: January 14, February 11, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10 and July 8.



Academy Stadium Theatres

Beltway Plaza Mall
Center Court
301-220-1155

ALL SHOWS BEFORE 5 p.m.
Adults/Seniors: \$6.50
Children: \$6.00

ALL SHOWS BEFORE NOON
ON SATURDAY \$5.00

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

R = ID Required

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

Week of DEC. 4

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Twilight Saga: New Moon, PG-13 (!)

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Brothers, R

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Ninja Assassin, R (!)

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Armored, PG-13 (!)

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Old Dogs, PG

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Planet 51, PG

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Planet 51, PG

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Pancake Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, 12/05, 8 to 11am
Greenbelt American Legion
Post #136

Open to all ages. Adults: \$7
Children 12 & under: FREE

For pictures with Santa
bring your own camera.
Info: 301-345-0136

Hosted by Greenbelt Lion's Club
& American Legion Post #136

Unveiling

The unveiling ceremony for the gravestone of Rachel Azar Algaze will take place on Tuesday, December 8 at noon at Mount Lebanon/George Washington Cemetery. All of Rachel's friends are invited to attend.

Mishkan Torah Has Kohn Benefit Café

On Saturday, December 5 at 7:30 p.m. Mishkan Torah's Café Tzedakah will present a program in memory of Dena Kohn. At the benefit a number of performers calling themselves Dena's Friends will perform. In Café Tzedakah tradition, those attending are asked to bring a nonperishable food item to be given to a local food pantry to help local families in need.

The Social Action Committee and Sisterhood of Mishkan Torah are hosting the Café Tzedakah event for Kohn, who died about a year ago and had been active in many different art, theater and music groups. Donations are not required but are greatly appreciated. Checks can be made payable to the "Theater Lab" with a note that the funds go to the Dena Kohn Memorial Scholarship Fund.

For further information call Robert Goldberg-Strassler at 301-345-8755. Mishkan Torah is at 10 Ridge Road in Greenbelt.

Holiday Spending Talk At Paint Branch Dec. 11

At 6:30 p.m. on Friday, December 11 a Friends & Family social holiday party will be held at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church, 3215 Powder Mill Road in Adelphi.

There will be a workshop on how money works including budgeting, cash flow and reducing financial stress along with holiday music to put participants in a joyful spirit.

Pizza, punch and salad will be served. Donations are requested to help cover the cost of food. Children under 5 are free. RSVP to 301-937-3666 by December 10.

Choirs Give Seasonal Concert on Dec. 13

Joseph M. Martin's "A World of Christmas" will be sung by a combined chorus from the College Park United Methodist Church (UMC), Mowatt Memorial UMC and Eleanor Roosevelt High School's a cappella ensemble, The Suspenders, on December 13 at 11:30 a.m. at the College Park UMC.

The concert is free. The church is located at 9601 Rhode Island Avenue in College Park. For more information call 301-345-1010, email cpumchurchlady@yahoo.com or visit the website at www.collegeparkumc.org.

RESULTS Talk Dec. 5 At Community Church

Greenbelt resident and recently returned Peace Corps volunteer Ronda Ansted will present a slideshow of her experiences in South Africa working with HIV/AIDS organizations on Saturday, December 5 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Church. Ansted will talk about the work being done here and abroad to provide opportunities for people to overcome the obstacles of poverty.

This event is sponsored by RESULTS in honor of the December 10 Day of Action for a Global Fund for Education. RESULTS is a nonprofit action organization dedicated to eradicating global poverty.

More information is at www.results.org.

Weekend Star Party

On Saturday, December 5 the Astronomical Society will hold a star party at Northway Field. Set up begins about 6 p.m. The star party will last until about 8:30 p.m. Canceled for rain or hopelessly cloudy skies.

For information visit www.greenbeltastro.org/events/shtml.

Photo Club Events

The Greenbelt Photo Club will meet on Tuesday, December 8 from 7:30 to 10 p.m. for its annual holiday party in Room 112 of the Greenbelt Community Center. Everyone is asked to bring photos and a dish to share.

There will also be a photo trip to Ellicott City on Sunday, December 13. Meet in the parking lot at 9 a.m. to carpool.

For more information email greenbeltphotoclub@yahoo.com.

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December 6, 10 a.m.
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Last P&J Health Film Shown Dec. 8

The final episodes of "Unnatural Causes - Is Inequality Making Us Sick?" is to be screened at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church on Tuesday, December 8 at 7 p.m. This free documentary film explores causes and solutions for economic, racial and social differences in people's health. It was produced in 2008 by California Newsreel with Vital Pictures and has been shown on PBS. It is sponsored locally by the Peace & Justice Coalition of Prince George's County and the church's Social Action Committee and Diversity Anti-Racism Transformation Team.

The final episodes are presented in two half-hour segments: Collateral Damage -

How chronic disease patterns track with underdevelopment and military presence from the Marshall Islands to Springdale, Ark.; and Not Just a Paycheck - why the health effects of unemployment differ widely in case studies of layoffs that compare social policies in Michigan and Sweden.

An audience discussion will follow, led by a representative of Maryland Health Care for All. One key question to be discussed will be what can be done to promote a healthier environment for all.

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church is located at 3215 Powder Mill Road in Adelphi.

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Our sympathy to News Review staffer Barbara Hopkins on the death of her brother-in-law on November 24.

Condolences to the family and friends of Wallace R. Tayman, an original resident of Boxwood Village, who died on November 22, 2009. He was a member of the Greenbelt Golden Age Club and American Legion Post 136.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Charles Kendall on November 24, only 12 days after the death of his wife Margaret. The Kendalls were longtime Greenbelters, original residents of the Lakewood community.

Our sympathy to Betty Deitch, who is mourning the loss of her grandson Sean Boylan of Middletown, Calif., age 44, who was killed in a tragic accident while piloting his private airplane.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. To submit information email us at news-review@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

— Kathleen McFarland

Santa Breakfast Is this Saturday

The Greenbelt Lions Club and the American Legion Post #136 will hold the annual Breakfast with Santa this Saturday, December 5 from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Greenbelt American Legion post.

There will be all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage and beverages and a chance to meet and mingle with Greenbelt friends and neighbors. Parents are invited to bring a camera to photograph their little ones with Santa.

There is a fee for adults. Children 12 and younger are free. For more information see ad on page 3.

Toastmasters Meet

The next meeting of Toastmasters is on Wednesday, December 9 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.

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Peace & Justice Coalition



City Information

MEETINGS FOR DECEMBER 7-11

Monday, December 7, 2009, 7:30pm, **GREEN ACES**, Community Center, Room 114.

Monday, December 7, 2009, 8:00 pm, **CITY COUNCIL ORIENTATION with COG & MML**, Municipal Building. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov

Wednesday, December 9, 2009, 8:30 pm, **CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, re: Standing Rules**, Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

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

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

Vacancies exist on: Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Public Safety Advisory Board and Youth Advisory Committee.
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ANIMAL SHELTER PETS OF THE MONTH

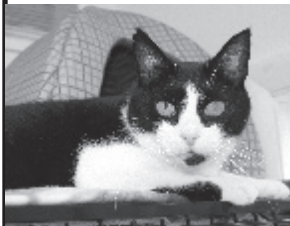


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For more information on any of these pets, call 301.474.6124.

75th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

The celebration of the City's 75th Anniversary will occur in 2012. Applications are being accepted from residents interested in serving on this volunteer planning committee. Applications are available on the City website, www.greenbeltmd.gov, or at the City Office Building, 25 Crescent Road. Council will begin interviewing applicants soon.

2009 GOBBLE WOBBLE



On Thanksgiving morning, the Greenbelt Recreation Department hosted the fourth annual Gobble Wobble. Considering the morning conditions were far from ideal with dense fog and wet ground from heavy rain the previous days, staff was not anticipating a very large turnout. However, a record crowd participated in the 2009 Gobble Wobble, with several experienced runners scattered amongst the many families that participated. Nearly 150 individuals registered for the race/walk, easily shattering the previous record of 91 participants. Prior to the start of the race/walk, participants were led in the traditional warm-up activity by Sergeant Chuck Dyson from the Sergeant's Program.

The 3 mile race and 1.5 mile family fun run/walk began with the firing of a starting gun and the ever-popular Gobble Wobble mascot leading the way. The course began on the path beside Braden Field and took runners around Greenbelt Lake. All youth participants received a medal upon completion of the race/walk. Prizes were awarded to the top 3 male and female finishers. For the first time in the short history of the Gobble Wobble, the top 3 male and top 3 female finishers were all residents of Greenbelt. The top finishers and their finishing times are listed below.

- 1st Place Male: Paul Leisnham (19:02)
- 1st Place Female: Cara Leisnham (23:21)
- 2nd Place Male: Kevin Stapleton (19:31)
- 2nd Place Female: Elizabeth Fairey (24:28)
- 3rd Place Male: Lloyd Rawley (19:49)
- 3rd Place Female: Chatarina Lindvall (26:34)

Thanks and congratulations to all that participated and completed the Gobble Wobble. The Greenbelt Recreation Department would also like to thank the sponsors of this year's Gobble Wobble: Sergeant Chuck Dyson and the Sergeant's Program, Greenbelt Co-op, Greenbelt Curves, and Stitchin' It Embroidery.

COME OUT AND ENJOY THE MANY COMMUNITY EVENTS THAT ARE PART OF THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS. VISIT WWW.GREENBELTMD.GOV FOR A COMPLETE SCHEDULE. ALSO POSTED ON FACEBOOK!

CITY OF GREENBELT FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Holiday Tree Lighting & Opening Ceremony: Friday, December 4, 7:00pm on the Community Center Front Lawn
Enjoy Holiday music by Eleanor Roosevelt High School a cappella groups The Pearls, Harmonize, and The Suspenders. The Greenbelt Concert Band Brass Choir will play holiday favorites while Santa arrives on the fire truck to light the City's Holiday Tree. Tree ornaments created by the Greenbelt Co-op Nursery School.

Greenbelt Museum Holiday Tour: Friday, December 4, 6:00pm – 9:00pm, Stroll over to the Greenbelt Museum's historic house at 10-B Crescent Road. Take a free tour of the house decorated for the holidays and peruse the museum's gift shop which will be freshly stocked with new holiday merchandise.

Juried Art and Craft Fair: Saturday 12/05, from 10am to 5pm, All Ages Craft Workshop: 11am-1pm, Sunday 12/06, from 11am to 4pm, Greenbelt Community Center Admission is free. Our annual fair offers a wonderful opportunity to find unique hand-crafted gifts for all occasions, available directly from the artisans. Register to win \$25 in art bucks accepted by all craft fair exhibitors. Enter online at www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts or at the fair before 11am Sunday. Lunch and snacks will be available for purchase courtesy of the Greenbelt Arts Center. Children under the age of 10 must be supervised by an adult.

Saturday's Schedule 11am-1pm Free workshop rm113 make paper boxes; 11am-12pm & 1pm-3pm NEW: make fused glass ornaments/sun catchers gym stage front; fee \$15, limited space; ages 6-adult; sign up starting at 10am. 3pm-5pm Jazz Concert on the gym stage. Glenn Harris, bass & Brent Hardestry, Piano Artist Demonstrations: 10:30am Ceramic Tile Making-Mary Gawlik

12pm Making Mud Cloth-Kathye Arrington, 1:30pm Jewelry Making - Karen Arrington

Sunday's Schedule 12pm Prize Drawing, gym. Win theater tickets, craft fair gift certificates. Enter online or at the Art Gallery. 1pm-3pm: Free - Make a Wreath. Rooms 113 & 116 1pm-4pm Artists in residence studio open house and sale. 2pm-4pm: Free concert on gym stage. Harp 46, Celtic Jazz Artist Demonstrations: 11:30am Stained Glass Mosaics; Richard McMullin, 1pm Potter's Wheel; Mea Rhee.

Pancake Breakfast with Santa: Saturday, 12/05, 8:00am to 11:00am, Greenbelt American Legion Post #136, Open to all ages. Adults: \$7.00, Children 12 & under: FREE For pictures with Santa bring your own camera. Information: 301-345-0136

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growing concerns about the implications such overlaps may have on resale and on an owner's ability to alter/expand his or her impacted unit."

The memo notes further that informal agreements are no longer viewed as the preferred approach, given the concerns of members, lending institutions and prospective purchasers (members). More recently, GHI has requested that the city consider abandoning rights-of-way where historic GHI yard lines and original structures overlap with street rights-of-way.

Over the last several months the city planning staff have been working with GHI staff to study the extent of encroachments of GHI structures and yards into city rights-of-way and to discuss eliminating or minimizing these encroachments. Based on GHI's ongoing yard lines study, in approximately 136 locations GHI yards overlap with street rights-of-way; nine situations involve structures.

According to the Hruby memo the most severe overlapping conditions occur on Crescent Road between Gardenway and Eastway. In that segment of Crescent Road, encroachments involve several portions of GHI housing units and substantial yard areas. City and GHI staffs agreed that this area warranted the highest priority for encroachment resolution. Hruby's memo outlined an approach for council consideration.

Objectives

City staff considered two ob-

jectives in framing a proposed approach: (1) to protect the historic community by allowing for continued use of units and yards to the extent practical and (2) to retain as much right-of-way as feasible for regulatory purposes and to accommodate future public improvements such as bus shelters, sidewalks and storm water retrofits.

Using that approach, the memo outlines two options. Option One would establish a new right-of-way based on the yard that extends farthest into the existing Crescent Road right-of-way. This option would establish a new right-of-way for that stretch of Crescent Road that would vary from approximately 55 to 90 feet in width, leaving a city-owned strip of green space ranging from eight to 14 feet in width.

This approach would eliminate all existing yard and unit encroachments in the area but would result in the loss of public green space. At the same time it would also create potential regulatory problems with existing utility poles and boxes that would now be located outside the right-of-way.

Option Two would establish a new right-of-way line based upon the location of the utility pole farthest from the street line. The new right-of-way desirable from a regulatory and maintenance perspective would be designated one foot off the rear of the subject pole. For this option the new right-of-way would be approximately 62 to 96 feet.

While this option would create a new right-of-way overlapping the majority of established GHI yard lines, the maximum encroachment in the area would be seven feet. Because some encroachments would still exist, city staff recommend that existing fences and hedges be allowed to remain in the public right-of-way and new or replacement fences or hedges be placed beyond the new right-of-way line. In effect this policy mirrors the informal practice of several years.

Hruby said the city staff prefer Option Two. They are prepared to stake the Crescent Road area showing the new right-of-way line so adjacent residents can view the impact. Staff has also received a cost proposal from a survey firm to prepare the legal description and computation of the area to be vacated by the city.

Staff also recommends that GHI should assume full responsibility for the cost of the survey work and that a worksession be scheduled.

Discussion

Limited discussion followed. Councilmember Leta Mach preferred Option Two and Councilmember Rodney Roberts preferred retaining the existing yards which have been in existence for over 70 years.

Councilmember Edward Putens asked whether property tax assessments would be involved, since either option would result in a net increase in GHI land area.

GHI president Sylvia Lewis described for council the process that GHI has been engaged in over the past several years to best delineate yard lines for all GHI units. They were concerned with encroachment not only on city property but also on GHI common areas. GHI has already expended about \$30,000 for the needed surveys, she said.

Discussion ensued on whether both options should be staked out to make visible the difference

between the two options. One commenter noted that utility poles are on GHI property already in several locations and that has not been a problem.

Lewis suggested that council schedule a worksession to consider the approaches and Hruby suggested that council direct city staff to continue to work with GHI on the staking issues and the funding. That suggestion was put into a form of a motion and adopted unanimously.



Saturday, December 5th, 2009

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		Fresh Grade A Whole Frying Chicken	\$1¹⁹ lb.
		Fresh Value Pack Boneless Bottom Round Swiss Steaks	\$2⁶⁹ lb.

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Shurfine Pure Butter Quarters 1 lb.	Deli Gourmet Roast Beef	Stouffer's Red Box Entrees Select Varieties 6-21 oz.
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		Nestles Chocolate Morsels Assorted 10-12 oz.	\$1⁹⁹
		Shurfine Original Chicken Noodle or Tomto Soup 10.5 oz.	50¢
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Police Blotter

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.

Robberies

November 20, 2:12 p.m., Beltway Plaza. A woman was approached by a man who demanded her purse. After getting it he fled in a late model SUV. No further descriptions of the man or SUV are available.

November 20, 10:45 p.m., 8200 block Greenbelt Road. A man approached a person, displayed a knife and took the victim's cellphone. The robber is described as a black male, 5'9" tall wearing a mask and dark clothing.

November 22, 1:21 a.m., 9100 block Edmonston Court. Three men approached two people, displayed handguns and demanded money. No distinguishing characteristics are available to describe the robbers.

November 23, 5:58 p.m., Springhill Lane and Market Lane. A man was approached by two males who assaulted him and took his cellphone. They are described as black males, 18-20 years old, one 6'0" to 6'1" tall wearing a black sweat suit and the other 5'6" to 5'10" tall wearing a gray jacket and blue jeans.

November 23, 6:16 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. A man approached a woman, assaulted her and took her purse. He is

described as being tall and wearing a dark coat and blue jeans.

Drug Arrests

November 20, 12:30 p.m., 5600 block Cherrywood Lane. A 20-year-old nonresident female was released on citation pending trial after being arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

November 22, 1:13 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. A 19-year-old nonresident male was released on citation pending trial after being arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Burglaries

November 20, 9:53 a.m., 7500 block Greenbelt Road. Attempted burglary.

November 23, 11:14 p.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway. It is not known at this time what property was taken.

November 24, 4:04 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road. Cash and jewelry taken.

Vandalism

November 20, 3:51 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Drive. Window broken.

November 22, 7:50 p.m., 9200 block Edmonston Road. Window broken.

Vehicle Crimes

One vehicle was reported sto-

len, a black 1995 Nissan Maxima with MD tags, taken from 6200 block Breezewood Drive.

Two stolen vehicles were recovered. A green 1993 Jeep Cherokee with MD tags stolen from 9100 block Edmonston Court was recovered by U.S. Park Police on Rt. 295 at Good Luck Road, with no arrest made. A black 2005 Honda Element with MD tags reported stolen through Prince George's County Police was recovered in the 9300 block Edmonston Road. No arrest was made.

One stolen tag was recovered and resulted in the arrest of a 40-year-old resident male. After being charged with theft under \$100 for displaying a Delaware tag that had been reported stolen through Harford County Sheriff's Office, he was released on citation pending trial.

Three thefts from vehicles were reported: 7200 block Hanover Drive (GPS unit), 7400 block Greenway Center Drive, (purse), and from a different vehicle (GPS unit, cellphone and iPod).

Incidents of vandalism occurred in 6100 block Breezewood Drive (vehicle scratched) and 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive (window broken).

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.

Festival Resumes with Pumpkin Carving, Walk

by Kyle M. Jones

When the annual Greenbelt Pumpkin Festival went missing from the fall list of community activities a few years ago, Allison Smith was bothered. "I went four years ago, and it was so cool, and so fun," said Smith.

So the local violin teacher contacted the previous organizer, enlisted the help of friends, and revived the 20-year-old Greenbelt festival, which includes a pumpkin-carving party and pumpkin walk. At one point, nearly 100 people were at Roosevelt Center Friday evening, October 23 for the free carving event.

Family and friends crowded tables with their pumpkins, taking part in one of the great traditions of fall, while Banjer Dan, The Nice Trys and others provided musical entertainment.

Fun to Do

Sharon Carroll Cordaro was looking for something fun to do in Greenbelt with her children, ages 4 and 6, when she found a listing for the Greenbelt Pumpkin Festival on About.com. She thought the event looked like fun for the kids. "It's cool that they get to carve their own pumpkins, and the pumpkins are included in a big display," said Cordaro.

As finished jack-o'-lanterns emerged throughout the eve-

ning, they were lit and put on display for passersby in Roosevelt Center.

Pumpkin Walk

The mass of pumpkins was used the next night for the annual Pumpkin Walk on the Northway Fields trail. The jack-o'-lanterns are placed randomly throughout the woods on the ground, in trees and on stumps for the community to enjoy during the 15-minute walk. Afterward people are encouraged to take their pumpkins home as fall decorations.

History of Event

The Greenbelt Pumpkin Festival began in 1987 as one of several awareness events coordinated by the Committee to Save the Green Belt, said former committee member Paul Downs. For years the forest in Greenbelt was threatened by a number of proposed development plans – apartments and even a high school.

"We wanted to get the public to develop a relationship with the woods," said Downs. "We figured we would put jack-o'-lanterns in the woods and hand out free cider and hot cocoa."

The forest was turned into a preserve in October 2003. After this act's passage by the Greenbelt City Council, the committee disbanded and the Greenbelt Pumpkin Festival disappeared. Because it had been organized by citizens of the committee,

it would be up to citizens to continue the event.

"It stopped and I was a little freaked out," said Smith. "The festival allows the community to experience something unique together." Smith believes this type of event, which brings together local residents who may not have known each other, is a true benefit to the Greenbelt community. "Allison took the torch and said, 'I want to do this,'" said Downs. "I love it; it's a great festival."

Pumpkin Bus

Cynthia Newcomer of Transit Riders United of Greenbelt followed the event on Facebook. She and Anna Socrates selected a pumpkin that wouldn't stand up, so they decided it was perfect to be carved in the shape of a bus. "See, there are the windows, with people inside," Newcomer points out. "And there are the wheels."

Smith is hopeful that the event will raise the same awareness of the woods among the Greenbelt community that it had done over the last 20 years during efforts to save them.

"People don't go into the woods anymore," said Smith. "There are beautiful trails there. You have this festival in there and people are so amazed" at the beauty of the woods.



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Representative Steny Hoyer greets seniors before discussing health care issues at Green Ridge House.

Hoyer Addresses Health Care Issues with Seniors

by Jon Aerts

As Dolly Tome pushed her walker across the cafeteria floor Monday afternoon, other residents of the Green Ridge House seniors' home in Greenbelt were already seated, waiting not on milk and cookies but for House Majority Leader Steny H. Hoyer.

"I worry about the loops and holes," Tome said of the Affordable Health Care for America Act, a bill the House thrust through Congress on November 7 by a slim, 220-215 margin. "I've always had health insurance," she added. "Will I lose it?"

Like Tome, Eugene Krebs voiced similar concerns. "Who understands this bill?" he asked. "Really, it's nearly 2,000 pages long," he said in disbelief, his right hand hovering a foot above his table.

Promoted as a discussion over the "impact of health care reform" on seniors and their Medicare benefits, Hoyer arrived on time, shaking hands with the 40-or-so elderly residents in attendance. Mayor Judith Davis and Delegates Justin Ross and Anne Healey were also present, with Davis welcoming Hoyer to the podium just after 2 p.m.

Interestingly, Hoyer pressed the press in his initial critique of the health care debate, citing the media's penchant for covering "the unusual" rather than the central point. Rush Limbaugh, Glenn Beck – those death panels – "all baloney," Hoyer said more than once.

During Hoyer's 45 minute message, he highlighted three major causes of rising health care costs: longer-life spans, costly prescription drugs and unnecessary diagnostic tests. "These costs," he said, "are escalating at a very,

very rapid rate."

Among other analogies, Hoyer compared the thrust of the House Bill to a "farmer's market," in which private insurers congregate and compete on an exchange; he compared current prescription drug coverage to a donut hole, through which many seniors fall due to high drug costs; and he compared the need to negotiate prices with doctors – "as the VA does" – with the inherent disadvantages poorer people face when trying to buy in bulk at Costco.

"It's a perverse system," Hoyer said, emphasizing the importance of incentives for doctors based in "value, not volume." He also emphasized the benefits of eliminating co-payments for preventative care. "It's cheaper to keep people healthy," he said.

By 2:45 p.m., Hoyer fielded questions from the audience, most of which focused on whether Medicare costs would go up for seniors. Through lowered-prescription drug costs, more preventative care and the right incentives for doctors, Hoyer reassured his audience that seniors' would not be "adversely" affected by the bill.

Following Hoyer's appearance, Gary Blackstock, a 63-year-old resident and the owner of a \$6,000 dollar pacemaker, said he already pays too much for health care. "As seniors, we don't have a lot of money to shoot down the tubes here," he said, munching on a sugar cookie provided by the senior home. "But if Hoyer thinks he can improve things, well then, I'm for that."

Meanwhile, Tome also seemed assured. "It's good to know those who have it won't be affected," she said. "Of course," she added, "a final bill remains to be seen."

TRU Transit Meeting Is Saturday at SHL

The next meeting of Transit Riders United (TRU) of Greenbelt is on Saturday, December 5 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane, in the Club House (the small building next to the Rec. Center).

Included on the agenda are proposed changes to the C2, R12 and TheBus 11, which may affect all local public transit riders. Those who need a ride or can offer a ride are asked to email trugreenbelt@gmail.com.

Join the TRU group listserv by emailing trugee-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

GCAN Has Alternative Energy Options Talk

On Wednesday, December 9 the Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN) is offering a talk by Ross Salawitch, Ph.D., on the Global Carbon Cycle, Climate Change and Renewable Energy at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center.

Salawitch will provide an update on the global carbon cycle, focusing on the rapid growth of carbon emissions and the inability of society to limit expansion of a fossil fuel driven economy. The majority of the presentation will examine the pros and cons of non-fossil fuel energy sources.

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Berwyn Mayor Protests Mitigation Funds Loss

Berwyn Heights Mayor Cheye Calvo, in a letter to Neil Pedersen of the State Highway Administration (SHA) dated November 20, expressed disappointment at recent SHA actions to eliminate compensatory mitigation projects in Prince George's County related to construction of the Inter-County Connector (ICC). Calvo is particularly concerned with the Indian Creek watershed, which flows through Berwyn Heights.

In his letter Calvo referred to earlier "severe contamination and damage" from Konterra development construction, "which . . . has still not been fully mitigated." He noted that the decision to eliminate ICC-related compensatory mitigation "appears to be totally contradictory to the Maryland Department of the Environment's push to eliminate nonpoint pollution to Indian Creek."

Calvo comments that the EPA is emphasizing "tougher pollution standards" for the Chesapeake Bay watersheds. "It makes no sense to us," he writes, "that one state agency is telling us to do no harm to Indian Creek and another state agency is saying that Indian Creek stream restoration will not be needed after a major highway construction project."

Café Is Seeking Board Member

The Board of Directors of the New Deal Café Cooperative is seeking candidates to fill a vacant board position. The bylaws specify that the board shall, by majority vote of the remaining directors, name a member to fill the vacant directorship until the next regular annual meeting.

Candidates must have been a member of the cooperative for at least six months and must be at least 21 years of age. Board members are expected to attend approximately three meetings a month and to perform tasks reasonably assigned to them.

Candidates are requested to submit a short statement of intent that includes a brief background summary and any particular ways in which the candidate can contribute to the cooperative. Interested persons should indicate their interest by December 11 either by emailing acting secretary Bill Wilkerson at whw26@verizon.net or by sending a statement of interest to the Board of Directors, New Deal Café, P.O. Box 1542, Greenbelt, MD 20768.

Walking Club Event

The Greenbelt Walking Club is hosting a holiday night walk in Greenbelt on Wednesday, December 16. Offered are two trails: a 10K (6.2 miles) and a shorter option 5K (3.1 miles). Register between 4 and 6 p.m. and finish the trail by 9 p.m. Start and finish will be at Generous Joe's Deli. Bring a flashlight. For details call Salva Holloman at 301-937-3549.

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Day parades. Also he was a Boy Scout troop leader and was president of the Greenbelt Historic Society. He could be seen each spring in front of stores seeking donations and giving white canes in return for helping the blind. He also collected used eyeglasses for the Lions Club. He drove elderly Green Ridge House people to the store, dressed and served as Santa Claus for the Recreation Department and was a volunteer for Neighborhood Crime Watch.

Mr. Harman was a member of the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club. He drove State Senator Leo Green in Greenbelt's Labor Day Festival parades.

When his children were of school age Mr. Harman was active in school PTAs and served as president of Greenbelt Center Elementary School and Greenbelt Junior High School PTAs.

He was chair of the Greenbelt 60th Anniversary Committee and a member of the 50th Anniversary Book Committee.

In August 2003 he was named Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen of the year. His eldest son refers to him as a Municipal Treasure.

Mr. Harman lived in Greenbelt for nearly 60 years. In 2006, because of his health, he moved to Riderwood Village in Silver Spring. It took him a while to adjust and he started a new Lions Club there.

Community Church

For over 55 years, Mr. Harman was active in Greenbelt Community Church, where he served on and was chair of numerous boards. He was church moderator in 1974-75. Each Sunday he would go to his church to fold that Sunday's bulletins so the ushers could hand them out before the service. He was an usher for many years and had been a Sunday School teacher. For many years he would bring an elderly church member to the service each Sunday.

UMCP

Mr. Harman's activities were not limited to Greenbelt. He was a strong supporter of UMCP athletics. He had played football there while a student. He regularly attended football and

basketball game regardless of the weather. He served as chairman of away game bus trips and was a life member of the "M" Club, the Fastbreakers and Rebounders (men's and women's basketball boosters). A past officer of the Terrapin Club, he served on class reunion committees including his own. This volunteerism earned him the Abraham Z. Gottwals Award. He donated several items to the UMCP archives including a receipt for his cap and gown for \$1.75.

Mr. Harman served for many years on the governor's judiciary nominating committee. He was past chairman for the Booster Club for Greenbelt American Legion Baseball.

In 2000 the Prince George's Voluntary Action Center, Inc. awarded him a Volunteer and Unsung Hero Award.

In January 2009 health and mobility issues necessitated his moving to Nectas Assisted Living. He enjoyed living at Nectas but his heart was in Greenbelt.

It was not a surprise to see him near the Community Church during this year's Labor Day Festival parade. Although he was no longer as mobile as he was at his 90th birthday party in 2007, nevertheless he seemed to be just as eager to talk to the many friends who gathered around him. He seemed very happy to be back in his Garden of Eden.

Mr. Harman was preceded in death by his wife Margaret Weimer Harman and his daughter Ellen Harman.

His survivors include sons Emory Harman, Jr., Gaithersburg, and Clay Harman and his wife Lucy, grandchildren Clay Harman, Jr., and Maria Harman of Greenbelt.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, December 2, 2009, at Greenbelt Community Church. Interment was in the Greenbelt Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to Greenbelt Community Church in his name.

The obituary was compiled by Barbara Likowski, James Giese and Stacy Hardy.

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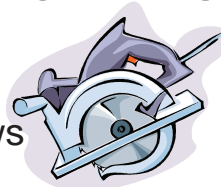
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SIMMS

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without Michelle, School Principal Kimberly Seidel emphasized Simms' warm and patient personality as a teacher. "She's dedicated and really strives to make students feel comfortable in their day to day studies," Seidel says. "She lets kids be kids."

Simms admits that when she struggles to find the right teaching device, she simply resorts to her own children's reaction to ongoing projects. "Do you think that [project] was nerdy or cool?" she'll ask over the evening dinner table. It's nice to know their take on the day.

Field Trips

In addition to storytelling and spelling bees, Simms is also an advocate of field trips.

In fact, she recently took her class down the Anacostia River on a pontoon boat. After witnessing a bald eagle swoop across the bow, Simms made it memorable for students by invoking John Denver's lyrics in "Rocky Mountain High." He sang, "You know you'd be a poor man if you never saw an eagle fly," she recalled.

Later that day, after listening to the song, Simms' students came to realize Denver wasn't referring to money in the music. "It's not 'poor' in money, but poor in life's experiences," said one student of their field trip.

Another student, who died of an illness shortly thereafter, had been particularly impressed with the song. "Rafael went home that evening and shared the lyrics and insisted on playing the song over and over again with his mom and dad," Simms says. To this day, her students still ask her to play "Rocky Mountain High." "It was a very powerful day on the Anacostia River," Simms concluded.

When asked how long she intends to remain a teacher, Simms says perhaps she'll stop at 75. "I love kids too much," she said.

A longtime resident of Bowie, Simms earned her degree in sociology from George Mason University. As a student, she also played soccer for GMU's Patriots, which placed 2nd in the women's National Soccer Championship in 1983. She was a midfielder.

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Science Bowl

This week Zanin's students are slated to participate in a county-wide, "Science Bowl" competition. Like Jeopardy, students will battle it out over science questions posed by Dave Zahren, the quiz show's game host. So long as they try, she'll be "proud" of her little Einsteins.

But back to those sprouts. In her spare time, Zanin likes to tend her own "bumper crop" of fruits and vegetables at the community garden for her family. Having given birth to her son Kassidy in May, Zanin says she and her husband, Nick, make quite the parental team. Nick is also a teacher - at Vansville Elementary in Beltsville.

Now in her seventh year in Maryland - two of which she spent teaching at Oxon Hill Elementary - Zanin is nothing but smiles over her life in Old Greenbelt. "I live right down the block," she says, pointing in the direction of her home. In this case, Zanin doesn't need Bill Nye, nor a compass. "I love it here," she says.



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Your Greenbelt Specialists

Council Chooses Committee Posts, Meets New Officers

by Thomas X. White

At its first regular meeting following the November 3 election, the newly enlarged Greenbelt City Council eased into its duties with only one substantive topic on the agenda, encroachments by the GHI properties into the street rights of way in historic sections of the original Greenbelt community.

Other topics on the November 23 meeting agenda were introductions, presentations, action on council's 2010 legislative program, appointments of the new council to various boards and committees and a briefing on the activities of the five council members who attended the National League of Cities (NLC) Congress of Cities & Exposition in San Antonio, Texas, following their election.

Introductions

Mayor Judith Davis introduced Altmann Pannell, the new constituent services aide for County Councilmember Ingrid Turner. Then Captain Tom Kemp introduced Greenbelt's newest police officer, Carlos "Charlie" Torres, who had actually been sworn in by the mayor on October 30 so he could begin his Field Training Program. Recently Torres completed the State Comparative Compliance Course.

Torres comes to Greenbelt with 14 years experience with the Puerto Rico Police Department with experience in both the patrol and marine divisions. He also served as the department's information technology director. He holds an associate's degree in criminal justice from John Jay College.

In recognition of November as Municipal Government Month, Davis presented a proclamation to Beverly Palau, the city's public information and communications coordinator. Palau has developed several city programs to promote public awareness of the role and function of municipal government. This year the educational quiz show, "Greenbelt Works," has been added to the city website.

Presenting administrative reports, Davis played catch-up with her outside activities since the last council meeting in October. She announced the election of Councilmember Leta Mach as incoming chairperson of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) Air Quality Committee and her own nomination for president of the COG board.

Davis also reminded council that the comment period on the COG 2050 Region Forward plan would end on November 30. She urged them to review the draft plan and comment.

Legislative Program

In preparation for a planned Legislative Dinner meeting with the State House delegation and county representatives on December 8, city staff had developed a proposed city legislative program for 2010. Because of severe fiscal constraints faced by Mary-

land, staff strongly recommended that the city's 2010 priorities be limited.

They recommended a package of four state and four county priorities.

The first state priority recommendation is for continued sufficient funding for a new Greenbelt Middle School. This was followed by a focus on key state funding programs that have been and likely may be threatened by the state's fiscal crisis.

Also on the state priority list are public safety funding for the county public safety/emergency radio upgrade and continued lobbying for an effective and efficient alternative fuels program.

County priorities also led off with middle school funding and protection of municipal funding and the stated shared revenue source. Other county programs are another stab at gaining additional planning and zoning authorities and making the case for a new Greenbelt Fire Station.

Other Issues

Under a heading of other issues, staff recommends "funding for Greenbelt Lake dredging," which was a 2009 legislative priority, and a proposal to look at "apartment (tax) assessment inequities." The latter is a Maryland Municipal League (statewide) issue directed at perceived disparities between systems used to assess property valuations for single family homes and condominiums versus rental apartments.

Council discussion produced a few minor changes in proposed legislative priorities and the seeking of authorization for the University of Maryland Shuttle (UM) bus to be available for residents of jurisdictions neighboring the College Park Campus.

Davis cautioned city staff to be on the watch for any proposals being discussed that would diminish the municipal share of residents' state income tax. She advised her colleagues that such a rumor has been circulating and that in today's economic climate we should be on our guard.

The staff-recommended legislative package was approved unanimously.

Council Appointments

Council ratified the liaison assignments for its members based upon an earlier informal discussion on November 16 following their election. The following assignments are for city advisory boards and committees and for liaisons to the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum and the Greenbelt Access Television (GATE) Board.

Davis will continue as liaison to the Museum board and Councilmember Emmett Jordan will take over the liaison position on the GATE board and the Community Relations Advisory Board.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts will continue on the Arts Advisory Board and the Youth Advisory Committee. Mach will

continue on the Advisory Committee on Education.

Councilmember Edward Putens will be liaison to the Advisory Planning Board and the Public Safety Advisory Committee. Councilmember Konrad Herling will be liaison to the Park and Recreation Advisory Board and the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability. Councilmember Silke Pope will assume the liaison position for the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee.

Davis noted that no liaison had been listed for the Forest Preserve Advisory Board and offered herself as liaison for that group. All assignments were approved unanimously.

League of Cities

Five of the seven members of council had attended this year's NLC Congress of Cities meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

Pope described her first experience at an NLC meeting, reporting that she focused on sessions dealing with programs for youth and how other communities are dealing with gang activities.

Mach serves on the NLC Community Development Committee. She described sessions dealing with city responses to the H1N1 flu pandemic as well as sessions covering prevention, intervention and enforcement aspects of gang violence. She noted that there was focus on the to- and from-school activity. Because of her active participation on the KaBoom! (Playground) Panel at NLC, she also participated in a portion of the NLC program "Play Matters."

Herling reported on his attendance at sessions on the economy and the choices and options being used by other municipalities. He described sessions on cost sharing among municipalities that mirror the local Four Cities program of Greenbelt, Berwyn Heights, College Park and New Carrollton.

Herling also brought back information on the earned income tax credit and a new program helping those without traditional banking services.

Putens reported on his participation on the NLC Small Cities Advisory Board and his efforts to host that board's meeting last year in Greenbelt. His coverage of sessions this year focused on public safety issues.

Davis is a member of the Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Steering Committee of the NLC, where she spent most of her time. That committee is working on policy recommendations in the areas of climate change, transportation, invasive species, water infrastructure and a new topic labeled "product stewardship." She brought information back for staff on the topics of cost savings, green buildings and a web-based climate action map.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

A Preview

GAC Presents Alternative To "A Christmas Carol"

For the holiday season, the Greenbelt Arts Center offers an alternative to the traditional "Christmas Carol" for those who have maxed out on Dickens.

Greenbelter Penny Martin has written a musical drama, "The Devil's Christmas Carol" about a group of people who find themselves in hell, condemned to perform "A Christmas Carol" over and over until they get it right. Their demonic director has his hands full dealing with "actors" who do not recognize the ironic juxtaposition of their roles and their personalities. His imp/urchin assistants create pandemonium both on and off stage as

the cast tries to sing, dance and act their way out of hell.

"The Devil's Christmas Carol" began as a poem Martin wrote about Jacob Marley, Scrooge's deceased partner. She then set it to music and it just kept growing. It premiered last July at the Capital Fringe Festival and since then it has been revised and had several new songs added. The majority of the cast is from Greenbelt and most of the others are familiar faces at the Arts Center.

Performances will be December 4, 5, 11 and 12 at 8 p.m.; December 6 at 2 p.m. and December 13 at 3 p.m.

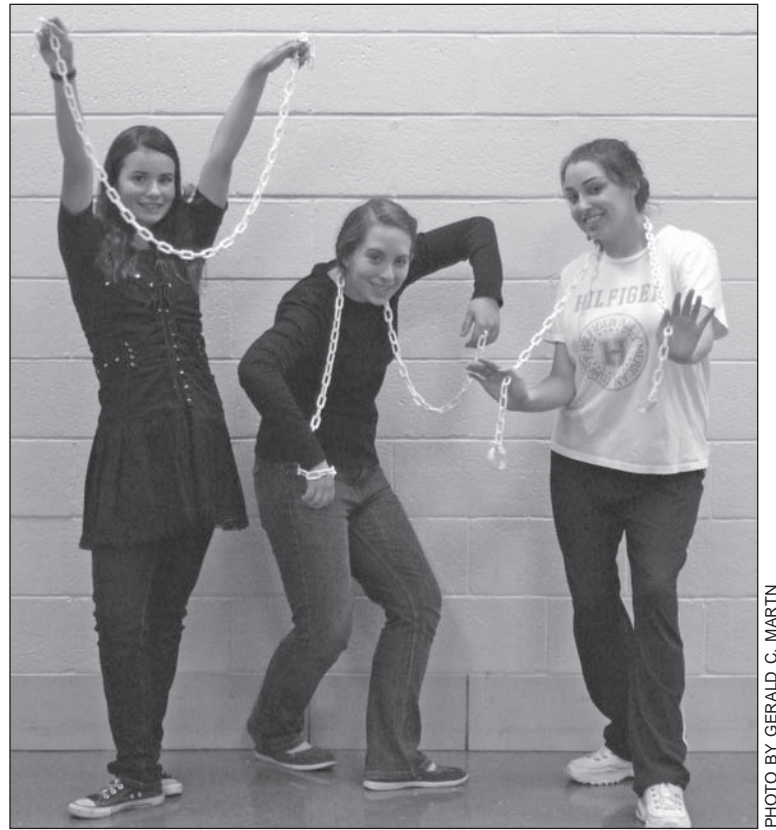


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Barbara Turnbull, Chloe Bush and Francesca Gonzalez rehearse for "The Devil's Christmas Carol."

Montpelier Arts Center December Exhibitions

From December 6 to January 3 the Montpelier Arts Center will hold its 19th Annual Open Juried Patuxent Art League Exhibition in the main gallery. Juror and artist Matt Zoll chose 60 works from 200 submissions in all media. A Reception and Awards Ceremony with a short talk by the juror will be held on Sunday, December 6 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Continuing through December 26 is an exhibit of large multi-layered aluminum paintings by Maryland artist Traudis Kennedy.

Mormon Temple's Lights and Music

The 32nd annual Mormon Temple holiday lights and free programs will open to public view at dusk on Saturday, December 5 and run through January 1. There are exhibits inside the Visitors Center and extensive outside lighting on display from dusk to 10 p.m. daily. Free music programs are offered nightly at 7 and 8 p.m. by a variety of local community groups.

For further information call 301-587-0144 or visit the website www.dctemplelights.lds.org.

GREENBELT MUSEUM



New 2009 holiday card

Holiday Open House

December 4, 6-9pm

FREE!
10B Crescent Road
Cider, cookies, gift shop
open with new items, house
decorated for the holidays!

Festival of Lights

December 5 & 6, Community Center Room 114

Retro toys, books, & more. Mother & Child statue is now back in stock. New Cats Meow! Great stocking stuffers and lots of other gift ideas!



Please note Museum house will be open by appt. only Dec. 27-Jan. 31.

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