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City Council Candidates Report Election Expenditure Details

by James Giese

All but one candidate for the Greenbelt City Council filed their final campaign financial statements timely. Kelly Ivy filed his final report one day late according to Greenbelt City Clerk Cindy Murray, but due to a glitch, the report was not posted on the city's website, greenbeltmd.gov, until well into November.

Che Sayles, who came in last in the election, led in the amount spent on his campaign, \$13,335. This is more than double the \$5,170 spent by newcomer Emmett Jordan in his successful effort to be elected to the Greenbelt City Council, the second largest amount reported by a candidate. (The figure for Jordan includes the value of in-kind contributions he received.)

By spending less than \$1,000 on his campaign, Kelly Ivy spent the least amount of any candidate. Ivy also lost.

Leta Mach was the only candidate not to report spending

any of her own money. She did report a contribution of \$511.13 from her husband, Darrell, but her campaign repaid him \$429.79 for a net contribution of \$ 61.34. Jordan also spent little of his own money, reporting a personal contribution of only \$45.

Sayles, who reported no contributions from others to his campaign, spent the largest amount of personal funds of any candidate. Edward Putens also spent mostly his own money on the campaign. His campaign expenses of \$4,439 were offset by only \$100 of contributions.

Expenses

For most candidates, a big campaign expense was the cost of preparing and printing brochures, flyers and other printed materials to pass out or mail to potential voters. While the candidates did not use a standardized method of accounting for these expenses and therefore not all expenses are identified in the same way,

it would appear from the financial reports that Sayles spent the most for printed materials and mailings, \$3,574, with Putens spending the next largest amount at \$2,479. Mach spent only \$318 on such materials and Ivy showed no expenses for brochures on his report.

Advertising in the News Review was another major expense for most candidates. Putens spent the most of any candidate (\$1,308), followed fairly closely by Konrad Herling and Judith Davis. Sayles was the only candidate not to advertise in this paper. Five of the candidates, Davis, Jordan, Mach, Silke Pope and Putens also advertised in some homeowner association publications.

Four candidates reported spending money for signs, with Jordan spending the most, \$681. Each candidate paid the city \$75 to hang their signs at various designated locations. Some repeat candidates, such as Rodney Roberts, Ivy and Mach reported no sign expenses and presumably recycled signs from past years.

Sayles is the only candidate to report spending funds for office rental, key chains or robo calls. He also reported spending \$248 for food and water for volunteers.

At a cost of 79 cents per vote

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City Playground Work Schedule

A few years ago the City of Greenbelt reached agreement with most of the owners of Greenbelt's playgrounds to maintain, upgrade and assure compliance with safety regulations after reaching a 20-year agreement with the property owners to allow anyone who wants to come to use the playgrounds. Assistant City Manager David Moran has now released a list of playgrounds which will receive renovations or construction over the next four years – assuming funds are available. In 2010 the playground on Mandan Road in Windsor Green will be worked on in the spring; in the fall work will be done on McDonald Field.

Future work will be as follows: In 2011 a city playground in A block of GHI will be renovated in the spring and one at the Community Center in the fall. During 2012 a playground located in 12 Court of Hillside (GHI) will be worked on in the spring and a city site in Greenspring Park in the fall. Finally, in 2013 playgrounds in the 8 court of Southway (GHI) will be renovated in the spring and one on Jacobs Drive (Windsor Green) in the fall.

Top Ten Stories of 2009

The following summaries of leading News Review stories in the past year were prepared by Virginia Beauchamp, Judy Bell, James Giese, Barbara Hopkins and Thomas X. White.

Historic City Election

A February 2008 letter from the ACLU and NAACP questioned city election procedures, seeking to make elections "fairer and more inclusive." After numerous executive sessions and nine public meetings, two proposals were presented – to increase council size from five to seven and to change the election date to even-numbered years. After those public hearings, council voted to undertake greater voter outreach, offer early voting by machine, expand absentee voting, increase council size to seven and change elections to even-numbered years. By August 10 the needed ordinances and charter amendments to implement four of the council decisions were enacted. However, the election date change proposal was tabled until after the city election.

All five incumbents plus four others sought council office at the November 3 election. Early voting and absentee voting proceeded smoothly. With a somewhat increased number of citizens voting, all incumbents and two newcomers, Emmett Jordan and Silke Pope, were elected. Jordan, who is African American, received the second largest number of votes, behind Judith Davis. The new council elected Davis once more as mayor and Jordan as mayor pro tem.

Public Works Building

On April 25 the new City of Greenbelt Public Works Building opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house. Cost for the project was \$4.2 million. The building's "green" features, such as geothermal heat and air conditioning and automated light sensors, are expected to save energy and other costs. The building contains a lunch and locker rooms for employees and a larger equipment storage building; salt storage sheds and a fuel service area complete the redesigned compound.

Greenbelt Schools

Groundbreaking for a new Greenbelt Middle School, once scheduled for May 2009, was rescheduled for January 2010. Prince George's County proposed funding for the new school in its Capital Improvement Plan. However, concerns remain with school construction funding cut 31 percent by the state and over 56 percent by the county.

St. Hugh School announced late in the year that it will close at the end of the current school year. Hope remains for combining St. Hugh with St. Joseph's School in Beltsville but a final decision has not yet been announced.

Greenbelt West Development

While most development proposals for the Greenbelt Metro Station area have languished because of the economic crisis, potential revised development for Metropark South Core was proposed. In July 2009, the city's Advisory Planning Board first considered a proposal by Craftstar Homes to construct up to 151 townhomes in a part of the development originally subdivided in 2006 for Pulte Homes for a much larger and more complex project. The Craftstar proposal required approval by the city of a revised Detailed Site Plan.

After APB recommended approval for a modified Craftstar proposal, the city council met with developer representatives in October to deal with building plans and agreement issues.

Council struggled but could not reach agreement on the issues. At year's end the city planning staff and APB are continuing to evaluate architectural specifics of the Craftstar proposal; the county Planning Board has postponed its consideration until February 2010 or beyond and council requested city staff to evaluate and propose approaches to safeguard the city's interests in the 2006 development agreements.

City-GHI Right-of-Way Issues

Through the year the Greenbelt Homes Board of Directors and the Greenbelt City Council and their staffs have mulled over what to do about significant portions of GHI yards and even portions of some homes being located within public street right-of-ways. The problem dates to 1953 when the federal government dedicated the streets, long after homes were built and without determining their actual locations. At a July stakeholders meeting, board and councilmembers agreed that the city should address the problem by vacating unneeded portions of the street that overlap yards and homes. By December city staff had put forth a report on the problems and issues related to vacating street right-of-way. Two alternative methods were proposed – to use existing yard

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One-room Library to Open In Community Center Soon

by Virginia Beauchamp

For the next five months while the Greenbelt Library is closed for renovation the room in the Greenbelt Community Center currently used as a display space for the Greenbelt Museum will be made available as a "satellite" library. This change is made clear in the words of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Greenbelt, Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM) and the Prince George's County Memorial Library System. This room, numbered 110, is adjacent to the main office in the Community Center.

During the five-month period beginning January 15 and ending on June 15 the Greenbelt Library next door will undergo renovation, including a major rewiring project throughout the structure.

Also affected will be access to the ground-floor library of the Prince George's County Historical Society. That facility, however, may be able to open earlier once the rewiring is completed, barring unforeseen problems during the renovation process.

According to the MOU with the City of Greenbelt, in lieu of paying rent or any other monetary exchange, the county library system agrees to remove existing wallpaper in room 110 and to purchase paint and redecorate the walls. "The work performed is expected to be of quality workmanship," the city memo specifies and FOGM and the city must provide final approval.

Once painting is completed, the

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What Goes On

Thursday, December 31

7 p.m. to midnight, Greenbelt New Year 2010 Celebration

Friday, January 1

City, GHI and Greenbriar Offices Closed for the New Year holiday

Sunday, January 3

1 to 4 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center

Monday, January 4

7:30 p.m., Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES), Community Center, Room 114

Tuesday, January 5

7 p.m., Arts Advisory Board, Community Center

Wednesday, January 6

7:30 p.m., Advisory Planning Board, Community Center, Room 114, Discussion of City Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan

Letters to the Editor

Bus Stop Unplowed

I was spared the grand nuisance of shoveling my car out of the snow and ice thrown over by the snow plows and that is because as a long-term environmentalist I choose to no longer own a car.

But, alas, there remains a problem and that is the city's virtual opposition to public transit as evidenced by its recent failure to clear the snow and ice away from the main Metrobus stop at Town Center, even after six days have passed. This stop is at the end of the C2 bus route and is a pick-up/discharge point for the R12 and T17 buses and one route of TheBus.

There has been no safe way to walk toward the bus stop or to stand at the bus stop or to board the bus while at the bus stop. One must walk along Crescent Road, along the traffic side of the parked bus(es), then (for some) struggle to climb up onto the bank of snow and ice thrown into the bus stop by the snow plows. (The sidewalk parallel to where the Metrobuses park was also covered with snow and ice left by the snow plows.)

Also, on Sunday I rode my bike to Greenway Center and found that the sidewalks along Rt. 193 and along Southway had been almost completely neglected, yet showed thousands of footprints indicating that walkers do exist locally. I had to ride out in the street where it is more dangerous. I wonder whether for sidewalks there should be a plan whereby the main thoroughfares would be cleared before the hundreds of miles of smaller neighborhood sidewalks.

If we want to better protect our environment by increasing the use of buses, biking and walking, we must especially address the needs of riders and walkers during these weather challenges.

Bill Norwood

Editors Note: Sidewalk maintenance on Greenbelt Road (Md. 193) is the responsibility of Maryland State Highways.

Garden Plots Need Overhaul

Small-scale gardening is increasingly popular and great for exercise, food, flowers and learning garden lore. But I am wondering when the City of Greenbelt will take some responsibility for its three large sunny community gardens on city property.

I love gardening but as both a Greenbriar and GHI resident for 21 years with no home garden (and now a small shady yard) I have tried all three Greenbelt community gardens, which are managed by the Greenbelt Garden

Club. I have struggled with water (there is no water source in any garden and we are not allowed to use a hose), deer and deer ticks (I tried to put up high plastic fencing and twice got Lyme disease), mosquitoes (there are many open-water storage containers), rabbits (they easily get under the homemade fences), huge plots (the usual size is 50 x 50 foot), increasing tree shade, overgrown plot paths and the mandatory annual plot-allocation meeting (the time I was out of town and requested a plot in advance I did not get one). The Greenbelt Garden Club holds no other regular meetings to deal with garden problems, does not communicate regularly with gardeners (no email), will not help gardeners contact each other (the membership list is a secret) or allow gardeners to contact the city about items like tree trimming or delivery of free city mulch. A number of the large plots are only partially gardened over the year. I share my big plot with eight other gardeners but there was no established way to do this and I eventually turned people away.

With the help of other gardeners I wrote three proposals to send to the Greenbelt Foundation to get funding for a secure perimeter fence and to bring metered water outlets to two gardens. However due to active opposition by the Greenbelt Garden Club they were never considered. No plans have emerged since.

What could be done? The new Cheverly Garden Club has a large area (about 1/6 of our combined gardens) with a secure perimeter fence enclosing 20 x 10 foot plots serving 48 gardeners and a shed with shared tools, a common mulch pile, clear pathways, a shared herb garden, a central water cistern built from Pepsi barrels filled by hose from a city outlet as needed and an active membership with meetings and email communication that organizes the mandatory volunteer hours to help with chores and assist in group projects like the cistern. It has been able to get support from the city, the county and local business.

When will the City of Greenbelt take enough interest in its community gardens to enable the Greenbelt citizens who do not have the trucks or strength to haul water, the money to put up adequate fencing for their gardens or the time and interest to work the huge plots . . . but simply want a sunny place to do a bit of gardening, raise a little food and flowers and enjoy the outdoors exercise with friends? I think I may not be the only one who would like an answer.

Harriette Phelps

Susie's Snowflake Is Planetarium Program

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow! On Friday, January 8 this month's program at the Howard B. Owens Science



Center is Susie's Snowflake, an introduction to the easily recognized constellations in the winter sky. Learn along with Susie, a young girl who learns that snowflakes have six points. She also recognizes six bright stars in the night sky that she uses to make a snowflake. An experienced astronomy teacher will lead a tour of the night sky following the recorded presentation.

Doors open at 7:15 p.m. and the program begins at 7:30 p.m. There is a nominal fee for this program.

The Owens Science Center is located at 9601 Greenbelt Road, Lanham. Park in the lot at Catherine T. Reed Elementary School. Call 301-918-8750 during school hours to confirm the topic or see the website <http://www1.pgcp.org/howardbowens/>.

EPA Video Contest On Recycling

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is sponsoring a video contest challenging filmmakers to produce short, creative videos that highlight the "Three Rs" of individual consumption: reduce, reuse and recycle. Submissions for the contest, called "Our Planet, Our Stuff, Our Choice," will be accepted through February 16.

Entries should be either 30 or 60 seconds in length. The video should creatively promote steps individuals and organizations can take to minimize negative environmental impacts within their communities on the following topics: reducing and reusing, recycling, composting and consumption and its effect on the environmental footprint.

The winning submissions will be announced in April 2010 in time for the 40th anniversary of Earth Day. Awards will be presented to the top three videos in the following amounts, as well as a special "Student Winner" category exclusively for submissions by those 13 to 18 years old at the time of entry. The prizes are first place, \$2,500; second, \$1,500; third, \$1,000 and for two student winners (13 to 18 years old), \$500 each.

For more information on the contest visit <http://www.epa.gov/waste/wyacd/video>.

Grin Belt



"And this, my son, is a recycled list of New Year's resolutions from the last decade."

AstroZone Open House at Zoo on Jan. 2

On Saturday, January 2 from noon to 4 p.m. there will be a free AstroZone Open House at the National Zoo Amazonia Building.

During the four-hour open house families, teachers and kids can explore some of the current science that is happening in the field of astronomy. Participants will have the opportunity to meet scientists, do hands-on astronomy and take home lots of interesting astronomy-related resources. Activities will include experiment-

ing with ultraviolet beads, growing a snaky beanstalk, designing an exoplanet and more.

The event is sponsored by the NASA Solar Dynamics Observatory, the Rochester Institute of Technology Center for Imaging Science Insight Laboratory and the American Astronomical Society.

For more information about the AstroZone open house visit <http://www.imascientist.org/astrozone>. Open to the public; registration is not required.

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 I Wish Everyone
 A Very
 Happy And Prosperous
 New Year!

Silke Pope

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WEEK OF JAN. 1

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Friday
 *5, 7:30, 9:45

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

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

Monday - Thursday
 *5, 7:30

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Community Events

At the Library

Storytimes
 A librarian will read age-appropriate stories.
 Tuesday, January 5, 1:30 and 2 p.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies for each group.
 Wednesday, January 6, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months, with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group.
 Thursday, January 7, 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.

GHI Notes

Friday, January 1, offices closed New Year's Day. (Emergency maintenance available - call 301-474-6011.)
 Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

Chromatics Concert Rescheduled for Jan. 1

The Chromatics concert originally scheduled at the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) during what turned out to be a blizzard has been rescheduled for New Year's Day. The Chromatics will perform "Haul Out the Holly!" at 8 p.m.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald
 Neither snow nor rain can stop the Golden Agers. We don't do so well on ice. However, the snow proved people do care about helping other people and being good neighbors. Kudos to the city for the great job on the streets and walks!
 The club will hold a business meeting on the first Wednesday of the month, January 6, when the new slate of officers will be installed.

On January 13 there will be a presentation by Greg DeWall, the recreation intern working with Karen Haseley, on expertise in Judo. DeWall has impressed all of us with his ability to overcome handicaps and we wish him lots of luck as he travels on.

Just a reminder: the memorial service for Ellie Rimar will be at the Borgwardt Funeral Home in Beltsville at 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 2.

Best wishes for a happy, healthy and active 2010!

Co-op to Host Zeke's Coffee Tasting Jan. 9

The Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy will host a free coffee tasting sponsored by Zeke's Coffee on Saturday, January 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. John and Autumn Kepner (who were at the Greenbelt Farmers Market) of Zeke's will provide free samples of six different coffees including three coffees currently sold by the Co-op.

Zeke's is a small family-owned business roasting daily in Lauraville (in the Northeast section of Baltimore City). Their roastery is also a small retail shop. They can be found at several local farmers markets as well as many restaurants and shops in the Greater Baltimore area.

All are invited.

Pleasant Touch Hosts January Activities

Pleasant Touch Wellness Center and Day Spa in Roosevelt Center will host several "start the new year right" activities in January.

On Saturday, January 9 Nyla Elise will lead a beginners belly dance class from 9 to 10 a.m. for 12 weeks. Instructor Elise has studied with master instructors Malika Negwa, Morocco, and Tarik. Students can expect great music and a fun environment to learn shimmies, undulations and rib lifts.

Beginning the same day and again on Saturday, January 23 from 2 to 4 p.m. Sarah Garcia will facilitate "Finding Your Healing Symbol Mandala" workshop.

On Saturday, January 16 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Heather Hanko will offer the first of six psycho-educational group sessions on self-esteem building for women.

On Sunday, January 17 from 1 to 4 p.m. spa owner Gwen Vaccaro and others will hold a fun workshop based on the book "How Not to Look Old."

During January the regularly scheduled yoga classes will continue; Karl Gary is available for photo sessions; and, of course, the Pleasant Touch staff is available for all of the center's services.

Call Pleasant Touch at 301-345-1849 for more information and registration.


Greenbelt Arts Board to Meet

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, January 5 at 7 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. For additional information call Nicole DeWald, staff liaison, at 301-397-2208.

Celebrants!
 Tell us what you particularly enjoyed at the Greenbelt New Year 2010 celebration for next week's issue.
 P.S. Send photos, too.

Holy Cross Thrift Store
 Every Thursday 10am - 4pm
 Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!
 Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

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Haul Out the Holly!
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The snowman, generally standing tall at this residence on Hillside, was overwhelmed by the near-blizzard conditions in last week's heavy snowfall. Ace-fighter-pilot Snoopy, however, never flinched.

PHOTO BY SUSAN TAYLOR

New Deal Café Upcoming Events

On Thursday, New Year's Eve, December 31, pianist Amy C. Kraft plays Mid-Day Melodies from noon to 2 p.m. John Guernsey will play his regular upbeat jazz and blues piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. From 9:30 p.m. to 12:15 a.m. jazz player Buck Hill brings in the New Year with the Not 2 Cool Jazz Trio.

Reservations are taken for those wanting to buy an optional dinner menu that is a special mix of items from the Mideast, Portugal and Brazil.

On Saturday, January 2 Bruce Kritt, classical guitar's "Wunder-

boy" gives his regular Saturday performance from 4 to 6 p.m. Then John Guernsey will play from 6:30 to 8 p.m. (repeats every Friday and Saturday.) From 8 to 11 p.m. it's Joseph Stich and the Outer Fringe with their version of blues.

Sunday, January 3 from 5 to 8 p.m. there will be music by Andy and Joe, the New Deal's own "The Nice Trys."

Tuesday, January 5, 7 to 9 p.m. is Americana Music Night with Don Walters.

On Wednesday, January 6 Jon Senna plays Indie/Acoustic music from 7 to 9 p.m.



CALL FOR AUDITIONS:
 Transitions Theater, a social outreach theater company, is calling for auditions for its new production entitled "Greenbelt Voices." This monologue-driven show, based on real life interviews with Greenbelters going through life transitions, will run from **February 26-28, 2010, at the Greenbelt Arts Center.**
 Auditions will be held on Saturday and Sunday, January 2 and 3 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. and will be held at the Greenbelt Arts Center at 123 Centerway. Prepared material is not necessary. Cold readings from the script will be provided and a theater resume, with or without headshot, would gladly be accepted, although not necessary.

For questions and/or additional information please call Transitions Theater at 240-485-4025 or send email to transitionstheater@gmail.com.

Greenbelt Arts Center
 This WeekEnd Only!
THE CHROMATICS RETURN to the Greenbelt Arts Center
January 1st, 2010 at 8:00pm
 Tickets are \$15 general admission, and \$12 for seniors and students.

Coming Soon: Les Liaisons Dangereuses
 January 8-30, 2010 (No children admitted)

Auditions: *Greenbelt Voices* - January 2 and 3 at 7-9:30 PM
Man of La Mancha - January 4 and 5 at 7 PM
Moon over Buffalo - January 25 and 26 at 7:30 PM

Call for Reservations at 301.441.8770

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 Students/Military: \$7.50
 Children: \$6.00
 Seniors: \$6.50
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Week of JAN. 1

FRI. - SAT.
 Invictus, PG-13
 12:15, 3:30, 7:15, 10:15
 Princess and the Frog, G
 11:40, 2:20, 4:40, 7:15, 9:30
 Alvin & the Chipmunks "The Squeakquel," PG-13 (!)
 11:40, 12:20, 2:20, 2:40, 4:40, 5:05, 7:15, 7:40, 9:30, 10
 Avatar, PG-13 (!!)
 11:15, 12:05, 2:45, 3:20, 6:15, 7, 9:40, 10:15
 Sherlock Holmes, PG-13 (!)
 12:50, 4, 7, 10:15
 It's Complicated, R (!)
 12:35, 4, 7:10, 10:15

SUN.
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 Princess and the Frog, G
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 Sherlock Holmes, PG-13 (!)
 12:50, 4, 7
 It's Complicated, R (!)
 12:35, 4, 7:10

MON. - THU.
 Invictus, PG-13
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 Princess and the Frog, G
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 It's Complicated, R (!)
 12:15, 3:15, 6, 8:45

In Memoriam

Marsha Summers

Marsha Bussard Summers, 65, died December 17, 2009, at Sinai Hospital in Baltimore of complications from a heart bypass operation. She had been in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) for 60 days. She is survived by two children, Jeff and his wife Suzy of Boonsboro and Cindy Kasza and her husband Dave of Westminster. Her grandchildren include Jeff's daughter Brittany, 18, and his and Suze's son Matthew, 4. Cindy and Dave's two boys are Alex, 11, and Ryan, 9. She loved and bragged on those grandkids just like she loved and bragged on Jeff and Cindy.

Only a little more than a year ago I wrote a piece about the death of her husband of 45 years, Ronnie. Marsha took that death very hard and I believe it was part of the unofficial cause of her death. As I noted in the article about Ronnie, I knew Marsha from my earliest years. She was the daughter of Herb and Tina Bussard who lived in the 2 Court of Plateau. Mr. Bussard drove to downtown D.C. in a carpool that included my mother after she went to work when I was three. Mrs. Bussard watched me during the day for a time while my mother worked. Marsha related this to me in a straight-forward matter-of-fact way at a luncheon after Ronnie's service. I certainly did not remember it but she had a highly accurate memory.

Besides raising her kids Marsha made a career working in a dentist's office. She was a very focused person who kept details well. She also enjoyed a good laugh, especially at things that were ironic. We enjoyed camping together at Swallow Falls when our children were little and our families spent many afternoons and evenings together for a few years. Marsha was the kind of person who included everybody in her activities. If there was someone standing around, with a hang-dog face, she would say "Well, you need to come on over here and get something to eat." That was her way, looking after everyone. It was the Greenbelt way too. She would often say "There's always room for one more," even as she served a four-person dinner to what was now a party of five or six.

Longtime friend Paul Fletcher and I traveled to Taneytown for a memorial service last week. Cindy wrote a eulogy for Marsha

Free Music & Dance

The College Park Arts Exchange offers "Connecting People through Arts Experiences" on Friday, January 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road in College Park. In Transatlantic Crossing, Greenbelters Anne and Jon Gardner play Irish jigs and reels and more. Guest Susan Taylor will lead dancing.

For information email info@cpae.org or call 301-927-3013.

that she had planned to read but at the service she just couldn't bring herself to do it. The pastor read it for her. She noted that "I didn't just lose my mother, I lost my best friend." She also thanked Jeff for his love and support through the difficult months of Marsha's declining health, noting "I couldn't have made it without you." Family was a concept Marsha stressed to her children and grandchildren. Looks like they got it.

I know Jeff and Cindy are saddened by your death, Marsha, but they have each other and their kids and many good friends. Thanks to you they feel that's enough. I reckon it is. That's how I was raised, growing up in Greenbelt.

- Rick Ransom

Addendum To In Memoriam

In the In Memoriam article in the December 24 issue about Peggy Manuel, it was stated that "Pops" Oliver was a family friend and he was. But he was more than that. Art had lost his father when he was 22. Mr. Oliver had married Art's mother many years later. When Art's mother died in 2004, Pops started going to lunch with Peggy on Fridays. Art related that the family went to lunch with him last Friday to celebrate the tradition. "Pops" noted that he certainly enjoyed the lunch but that he missed Peg because she was a lot better looking than Art.

- Rick Ransom



Condolences to the family and friends of Nancy Muller of Bowie, who died Christmas Eve, December 24, 2009. She was the wife of Dr. Gerald Muller, organist and former director of St. Hugh's choir, and the mother of Jennifer Goltz, present choir director. A funeral Mass was held at St. Hugh on December 29.

Sympathies go out also to Judi and Allen Moien of Greenbelt East on the death of her father, Mickey Rosenthal. Judi is a counselor at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Congratulations to:

- Kenneth Silberman of Southway, who has been appointed public affairs officer for Flotilla

0542403 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

- Hannah Gould of Ridge Road, who wants everyone to know she was quoted in an article in the DaVita Dialysis employee's magazine on the benefits of exercise and also wrote an article for new employees that DaVita posted on the private employee website.

Here's wishing a very Happy New Year to all Our Neighbors.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

- Kathleen McFarland

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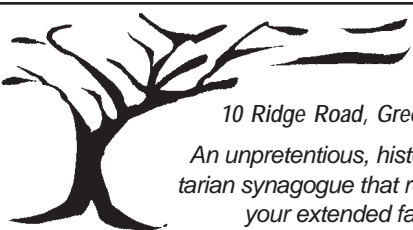
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

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Remembering . . .

Friends and fellow Greenbelters whose deaths were noted in 2009:

- Erwin Hirschmann, 84, Jan. 1
- Pearl Marie Keeney, 89, Jan. 1
- Pearl Siegel, 85, Jan. 5
- Bruno P. Zanin, 90, Jan. 9
- Beatrice Bronstein, 92, Jan. 9
- Paul Lewis Lentz, 90, Jan. 14
- Judy Reilly, Jan. 15
- Donna Mangum, 57, Jan. 15
- Rachel Azar Algaze, 70, Jan. 18
- Rosemarie Mangialardi, 73, Jan. 22
- Gloria C. Schulstad, 84, Jan. 23
- Grace Amelia Hamilton, 84, Jan. 26
- Katherine Moore Gough, 71, Feb. 2
- Eileen C. Turner, 84, Feb. 10
- Mary Lou Wolfe, 80, Feb. 11
- Ted Kliman, Feb. 16
- Ethel Mae Fisanich, 74, Feb. 16
- Esther Smith Webb, Feb. 27
- Ronald W. Sweeney, 82, Feb. 27
- Brandon Dwyer, 22, Feb. 28
- Rita Howard, March
- Pat Parker, March 4
- Katherine M. Gibson, 63, March 22
- Audrey Zoellner Stewart, March 30
- Cyril Hamilton Femrite, 83, April 1
- Nora Mullane Bosak, 75, April 15
- Msrgr. William O'Donnell, 87, April 23
- Patricia Cantwell, 79, April 25
- James M. Williamson, 77, April 25
- Bill Uber, 80, May 4
- Raymond Gibson, 50, May 14
- Ray L. Smith, May 15
- Elaine Carol Heffernan, 75, May 15
- Brodie Frederick, Jr., May 23
- Lillian E. Greenbaum, 90, May 30
- Frank Joseph Kellaher, 74, June 10
- Dorothy M. Davis, 86, June 24
- Sarah Crowe, June 28
- Christel K. Converse, 75, June 28
- Torey John Ferguson, 37, July 5
- Dorma Ashley Dealing, July 8
- Alberta B. Tompkins, 87, July 9
- Rolando Loret de Mola, 89, July 23
- Ruth Eileen Huggins, 82, July 24
- Elizabeth F. Allen, August 13
- Jonathan A. Laster, 54, August 23
- Florence Mae Holly, 100, August 25
- Stephen German, 62, August 27
- Walter Andersen, 74, August 31
- Art McKenney, Sept. 4
- Paul Runnion, Jr., Sept. 5
- Dorothy Galvin, 93, Sept. 14
- Waldir Pedersoli, 75, Oct. 1
- Doris Luckett, Oct. 9
- Jon Martin Peckenpaugh, 61, Oct. 9
- Phillis K. Galt, Oct. 10
- Catherine Sillers, 81, Oct. 18
- Rafael Martins, 9, Oct. 20
- Gerald Wayne Potts, Jr., 44, Oct. 24
- Katherine Moomey, Oct. 25
- Raymond L. Stevens, 92, Oct. 29
- Mary Theresa Brady, 63, Oct. 31
- Ernest Varda, Nov. 9
- Margaret Kendall, Nov. 12
- Revere Nielsen, Nov. 21
- Ann W. Bittenbender, Nov. 21
- Emory Harman, Sr., 92, Nov. 23
- Frances Belk, Dec. 6
- Elinor Mae Rimar, 85, Dec. 12
- Jean Marie Bowen, 66, Dec. 12
- Kathleen Hamby, Dec. 13
- Theresa Johnson Manuel, 62, Dec. 16
- Marsha Summers, 65, December 17



Experience Tradition Of Viewing Stones

Enjoy rocks and stones in their natural state. Members of the Potomac Viewing Stone Group are presenting an exhibit of Chinese and Japanese stones from their collections in the National Bonsai & Penjing Museum at the Arboretum on New York Avenue in the District of Columbia. The exhibit runs through February 7. There will be a free lecture on traditional stone appreciation on Sunday, February 7 from 1 to 2 pm in the Lecture/Demonstration Center.

History's Mysteries: Maryland Institute

The Laurel Historical Society will present a historical lecture in the History's Mysteries series on Monday, January 4 at 7 p.m. at the Savage Library, 9525 Durness Lane in Laurel.

Learn about the Maryland Industrial and Agricultural Institute for Colored Youths and the impact the once-thriving school of 87 acres in the Laurel area had on the Laurel community. This exciting conversation will attempt to unravel one of Laurel's greatest historical mysteries.

For additional information visit www.laurelhistoricalsociety.org or call 301-725-7975.

EXPENSES

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obtained, Ivy spent the least amount per vote. But he lost. At a cost of \$21.58, Sayles spent the most per vote gained. He, too, lost the election.

Among those elected, Jordan spent the most per vote received, \$2.68, while Pope spent the least, \$1.21. Both were non-incumbents, but Jordan became the second-highest vote getter while Pope had the fewest votes of those elected.



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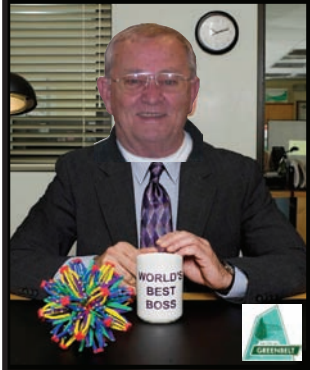
City Information

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MEETINGS FOR JANUARY 4-8
Monday, January 4, 2010: **GREENBELT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY** (Green ACES), 7:30 pm, Community Center Room #114

Tuesday, January 5, 2010, 7:00 pm, **ARTS ADVISORY BOARD**, Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. For information contact Nicole DeWald, staff liaison at 301-397-2208.

Wednesday, January 6, 2009, 7:30pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD**, Community Center Room # 114. On the Agenda: Discussion of the City-wide Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan.

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, and the Youth Advisory Committee**
For more info call 301-474-8000.

AN ARTFUL AFTERNOON
Sunday, January 3 from 1-4pm
Greenbelt Community Center
15 Crescent Road

Before there was a football game, there were oranges and ostrich races! Make an orange clove pomander with Artist in Residence, Gina Mai Denn Artist Open House and Exhibits!

**ANIMAL SHELTER
PETS OF THE MONTH**



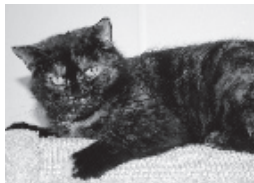
Duke: 1 year old neutered male long haired tuxedo. Good with other cats.



Pumpkin Pie: Buff and White colored long haired female. Very friendly.



Bucks: 2 year old male boxer. High energy, playful. Gets along with other dogs.



Shannon: Long-Haired female torti. Beautiful cat!

Congratulations to Ike, Dapple, Chuck, Barney, Tomas, and Chocolate on their adoptions! We are sure they will be very happy in their new homes!

Become a fan of the Greenbelt Animal Shelter on Facebook! Greenbelt Animal Shelter is open on Wednesdays, from 4-7pm and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm or by appointment.

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

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Florida's Natural Orange Juice Assorted 64 oz.	Heidi Ann Swiss Cheese	Hanover Prem. Silver Line Vegetables Assorted 10-16 oz.
Crowley Cottage Cheese Assorted 16 oz.		Shurfine Potato Fries Assorted 28-32 oz.
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Vo-5 Shampoo or Conditioner Assorted 15 oz.	Baltimore Seafood Cakes Salmon/Shrimp 2.5 oz.	Haddon House Hearts of Palm 14.4 oz.
		Bakery
		Fresh Store Baked French Bread White/Wheat loaf
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Hunt's Tomato Paste 6 oz.	60¢	Swiss Miss Hot Cocoa Mix Assorted 10 oz.	Shurfine Flour All Purpose/Unbleached 5 lb. bag
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Stolen Vehicles

A black 2000 Jeep Cherokee with MD tags was stolen from 100 block Westway on December 19 and recovered by the Laurel City Police on December 21 with no arrests made.

A gray 2003 Dodge van with MD tags was stolen from 8100 block Lakecrest Drive on December 19.

There was an attempted theft of auto in the 7800 block Hanover Parkway on December 22.

Recoveries

A maroon 2004 Ford Explorer stolen from the 7000 block of Hanover Parkway was recovered in the 7500 block Mandan Road on December 18 with no arrests made.

A black 1999 Ford Crown Victoria reported stolen through Prince George's County Police was recovered December 20 in the 6000 block Springhill Drive with no arrests made.

A green 1998 Jeep Cherokee with MD tags reported stolen through Prince George's County Police was recovered December 21 in the 7900 block Mandan Road with no arrests made.

A gray 2000 Dodge Stratus with MI tags stolen from the 8100 block Lakecrest Drive was recovered in the 100 block Westway December 21 with no arrests made.

Vandalism

A car door lock was damaged December 21 in the 8000 block Mandan Road.

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.

Stars Delight Viewers Finally At Rainfree Star Party Here

by Martha Gay and Craig Levin

After months of cloudy weekends, the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) was finally able to offer a star party Saturday, November 7. Ten people, ranging in age from "over 65" to about 3, attended. In the observatory Jupiter was the first target willingly offering its moons and cloud bands for all to see. Subsequent targets included the Andromeda Galaxy. At a distance of 2.9 million light years, it is the Milky Way's closest neighbor. Even in the severely light-polluted skies of Greenbelt two bright planetary nebulae, the Dumbbell and the Ring, could be found. These were formed when stars exploded, ejecting a shell of hot plasma. The final target in the observatory was a globular cluster, Messier 15, which has many thousands of stars in its tightly-packed core.

In addition to the observatory guests could view objects through four telescopes brought by ASG members and through one pair of binoculars. Star parties offer an excellent opportunity for folks to become familiar with types of optics. In particular, many people are amazed that one doesn't need a telescope to see wonder sights. Some objects are best viewed with binoculars.

Friday night, ASG helped out its sister Goddard club at a special event for over 40 students and parents from the Southwest Baltimore Charter School. The students brought a degree of knowledge and enthusiasm which inspired all who participated. Most of the same favorite objects were targeted. Solar observing was also featured. Regrettably, the bus was leaving as the moon rose.

Nobel Winner Tells Story of Universe

NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center presents "The Story of the Universe" as told by NASA scientist and 2006 Nobel laureate Dr. John Mather. In this new web interactive Mather discusses his beginnings on a farm in New Jersey, what it was like to win the coveted Nobel Prize in physics and how he feels about his work on the James Webb Space Telescope.

Members of the Goddard multimedia team created a web video browser that provides viewers with a virtual seat in the lecture hall. Listen in as Mather presents a history lesson spanning more than 13 billion years about the formation of the universe, galaxies, stars, planets and life. The story also describes the accomplishments of modern astronomy pioneers Galileo Galilei, Edwin Hubble and Albert Einstein, whose discoveries lent support to the Big Bang theory.

This is no typical lecture. Through the use of video chapter navigation, the listener is in control. Jump from topics like "The Center of the Universe" or "How Did We Get Here?" to "Dark Matter/Dark Energy" and others. The interactive includes supporting materials and links to related sites. See the lecture at www.nasa.gov/externalflash/mather/.

Taken from story by Dewayne Washington, Goddard Space Flight Center, for www.nasa.gov.

LIBRARY

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city will powerscrub and/or strip the floor, the memo states.

FOGM Issues

In the meantime FOGM members will have cleared the room, removing all current display items for storage. FOGM will retain use of a closet during the period of the agreement and may also be permitted to "exhibit vintage photographs" and other materials, the memo states.

The redecoration process will begin after January 15 and is to be completed before the library moves into the space.

During the five months only limited library services will be available. A book hold pick-up and public computer access to library system holdings will be offered, as well as librarian assistance.

According to the memorandum, the hours of use of the library will fall within the normal hours for the Community Center facility – from Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Currently library hours are more restricted.)

The city memo also requires the presence of library staff whenever the library facility is open. An information sign will also be posted outside Room 110. The city will be responsible for heating and air conditioning of the space.

To longtime Greenbelters, seeking library assistance in the Community Center will recall old times before the current library was built. While the structure still served as an elementary school, a large room near the east entrance was set aside as the public library. The late Frances Herling, mother of Councilmember Konrad Herling, served as librarian and she and her husband, Albert, advocated strongly for the larger facility.

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lines as the basis for new right-of-way lines or to use utility pole locations. With councilmembers not in agreement as to what to do and questions of who will pay costs to resolve the problem, further consideration was deferred to the new year.

Empirian Village Fire

Empirian Village residents endured another fire this year when an electrical malfunction caused a three-alarm blaze on October 17. Nine people, including a firefighter, were injured and 168 were displaced. Two buildings were damaged.

The community of Greenbelt responded with an outpouring of support. Families displaced were moved into empty units at the complex. Excess donations were distributed to local families in need.

Sewer Backup

At a June 22 city council meeting homeowners from the Greenbrook Estates neighborhood sought assistance regarding a May 15 simultaneous sewer backup in the basements of their homes. They complained that WSSC's response was "very poor" and compensation for damages not forthcoming.

After the July 29 council meeting, when WSSC continued to disavow responsibility, the city manager sought a meeting with senior WSSC officials.

On October 7 WSSC offered \$10,300 in damages to one homeowner hours before a scheduled meeting and nothing to another, stating it could not compensate customers who have previously "engaged" with their own homeowners insurance. After a heated exchange between Councilmember Edward Putens and WSSC staff, WSSC offered the aforementioned homeowner reimbursement of the \$1,000 deductible paid.

Greenbelters at Inauguration

After supporting Barack Obama's election in 2008, many Greenbelters turned out on a cold and windy day to attend his January 20 inauguration. Nine Greenbelt police officers provided crowd assistance at the parade while the remainder were assigned in and around the Greenbelt Metro station and at local inaugural events. Mayor Judith Davis got to her assigned blue-ticket place early but could not see over the tall heads in front of her, enjoying instead the sounds of the event and the joyful exuberance of her neighbors in the crowd. The Navy Sea Chanters including Bill Edwards sang the National Anthem and watched from above at the Capitol. Ty Robbins was Michelle Obama's stand-in for the ABC-televised Neighborhood Ball. Sandra and David Lange rode a special MARC train, Cynthia Cummings bicycled, Frank DeBernardo and Mike and Tim Mullaney took Metro to watch the event on Jumbotrons on the mall far from the Capitol. Kelly Ivy talked with both Obama and Vice President-elect Joseph Biden while working the special Amtrak train bringing the Obamas and the Bidens to Baltimore before the inauguration. Most Greenbelters watched on TV in the warmth of their homes or at special gatherings such as those held at the New Deal Café or Green Ridge House.

Changes to Bus Routes

In the spring Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) proposed changes to area bus routes, some of which would affect accessibility to public transportation for Greenbelt residents. The Transit Riders United of Greenbelt (TRU-Greenbelt) responded by meeting with WMATA staff, local and county elected officials and staff to work up a transit plan. In August, TRU-Greenbelt members met with county transit planners in a public meeting to suggest changes that would improve the bus system with riders' needs in mind.

Utopia Film Festival

This year's fifth annual Utopia Film Festival in October, sponsored by Greenbelt Access Television (GATE), drew more than 50 submissions from around the world. Among those shown were short works by Greenbelt children in GAVA/GATE classes and a documentary, "Green Towns U.S.A: A New Deal," that brings up-to-date the stories of the three greenbelt towns and drew a large crowd to the Old Greenbelt Theatre. Another popular film was "Signs of the Times" about the origin of baseball hand signals to assist an early deaf player. Several film makers attended to discuss their work.

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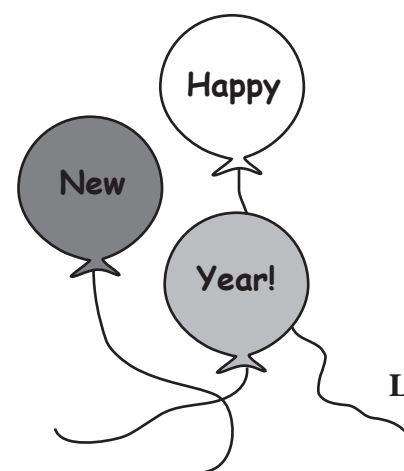
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The costume winners from Greenbelt's Halloween Parade on October 30 pose for the camera. Winners are, from left: Pet, Chica Williams (held by Barbara Rondeau); 8-9 years, Zombie Saidah Hawkins; 6-7 years, Layla Nordrum as Frida Kahlo (in picture frame); 1-1/2 to 3 years, Connor Mooney as Little Fisherman; school's out category, Mary Alice Yoho as Super Dog; 18 months and under, Brooklyn Fletcher-Scott as Chili Pepper (held by mom); 4-5 years, Tooth Fairy Leah Magnotto; 10-12 years, Hippie Katie York; family category, Hudson and Bennett Seavers-Reale as Mailman Joe and Priority Mail.

January Exhibitor at Café Will Be Barbara Stevens

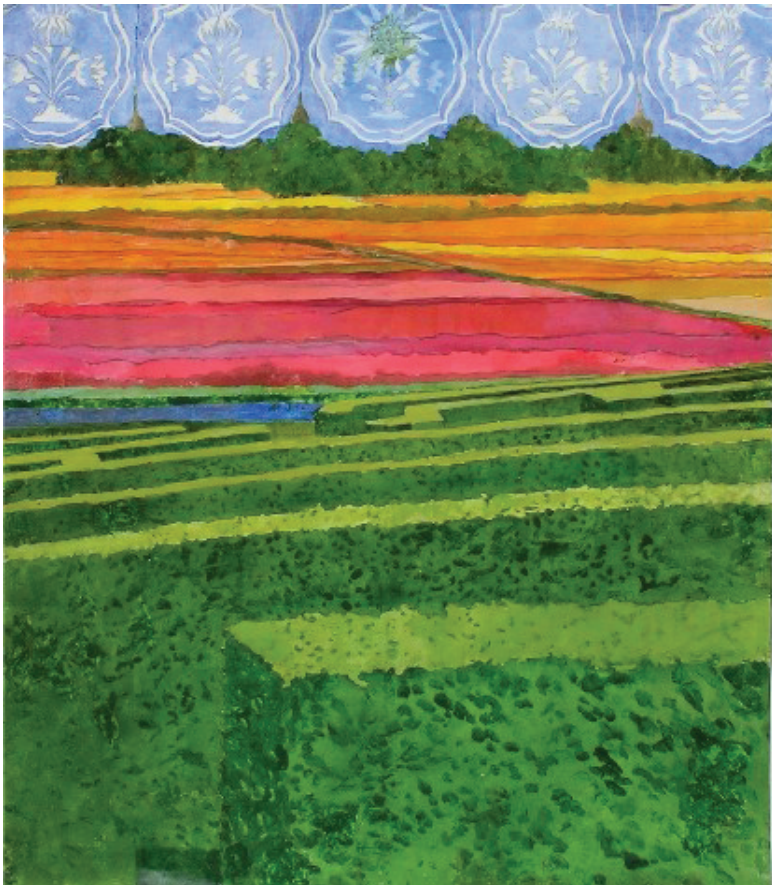
Sunday, January 10 from 7 to 9 p.m. there will be an Opening Artist Reception for Barbara Stevens' new green paintings, the Amsterdam Series, at the New Deal Café. Everyone is welcome. The exhibit will run from January 5 through March 1.

This new green series was inspired in many ways by Michael Pollan's book "The Botany of Desire." (A program about the book was recently aired on PBS.) It was this book which set Ray and Barbara Stevens on an extended adventure in the Netherlands. In January 2006 they cashed in savings, bought a canal boat, then spent April through October for most of 2006 through 2008 living on a canal in the north part of Amsterdam. This new set of green paintings comes directly from that experience.

The Green Painting Series started when the Stevens' came back to Maryland after 20 years in New Mexico and included the merging of local indigenous designs (like her New Mexico landscapes). In the Maryland Green Paintings, Stevens explored that universal phenomenon of being able to see changing faces and various creatures as in the clouds - but with trees and hedges.

Stevens has been a college art instructor for many years and has had studios and shows at Montpelier Art Center as well as Greenbelt and is continuing to teach classes through the Greenbelt Community Center programs.

The art exhibits program at the New Deal Café is sponsored by the Friends of the New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA).



A series of clipped green hedges defines the foreground of this "green" painting from Amsterdam by Barbara Stevens.

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