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## Middle School Task Force Planned by City Council

by James Giese

The Greenbelt City Council in a worksession on August 1 tentatively decided to create a citizen task force to study what to do about the old Greenbelt Middle School once a new school building is completed and the old ceases to be used. Although considered by the council to be historic since it was a part of the original Greenbelt project, the Prince George's County Board of Education ultimately will decide the old school building's fate. Councilmembers consider it important for Greenbelt residents to have a strong voice in that decision.

Councilmembers envision the new task force to be structured similar to the task force established to decide on the restoration and use of the Greenbelt Center School as a city multi-purpose community center. In that case, however, the city already had decided to acquire the property to be surplus by the county and voters had authorized a bond issue to refurbish the building as a community center. There is no decision yet as to how the middle

school will be reutilized or who will own it. Councilmembers have not ruled out the possibility of city ownership.

The new task force is to differ from the Community Center Advisory Task Force in that its size will be increased from 11 to 13 or 15 members. Each of the city's advisory boards had a representative on the community center task force. There are now two more advisory boards to be represented. Whether or not the citizen-members will be increased from six remains undecided.

Councilmembers asked city staff to prepare a resolution for first reading at its August 9 regular meeting and will decide before adoption on the committee's size. Because there is a relatively short time remaining before new school building construction is to begin, councilmembers were eager to get the new committee operational as soon as possible.

They hope that people interested in serving on the committee will make application as soon as the committee is created by resolution.

## Update on Plans for Public Charter School at St. Hugh's

by Mary Moien

The founding board of the Greenbelt Public Charter School (GPCS) submitted its formal application to Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) on July 22. The application is the first formal step to open a charter school in the county, which would be an International Baccalaureate School. Promoted by two current Greenbelt Elementary School faculty members, sixth grade teacher Beth Novick and counselor Donna Behe, the plan was first reported in this paper in May.

If plans continue on schedule, the school would open for students in late summer 2011.

Novick and Behe report they have created a founding board and won other support.

### Application

The application is reviewed in three stages. The first determines if all basic administrative requirements have been met. This technical review should be completed by mid-August.

The next step is the comprehensive review where the application is scored against a rubric designed by the school board. That stage should be completed by mid-September.

The third and final review and decision by the Prince George's County School Board occurs in mid-November.

The founding board is completing a grant application for funding from the Maryland State Department of Education. This grant, considered essential to the operational budget is due in two stages, on September 15 and October 12.

### School Building

The GPCS governing board reports it is in lease negotiations with the Archdiocese of Washington for use of the former St. Hugh's school building on Crescent Road. Negotiations would move forward once the charter has been formally

See **SCHOOL**, page 6

## City Conveys Conditional Support On Proposed New Bus Routes

by Thomas X. White

Following the special meeting of the Greenbelt City Council on Monday, July 19 concerning the proposed restructuring of bus routes serving the city, city staff and council have been engaged in round-robin electronic editing of a draft letter to convey the city's position. Both the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) and the Prince George's Department of Public Works & Transportation (DPW&T) "TheBus" routes are involved.

Council approved the letter to Peter Benjamin, chairman of the WMATA Board of Directors, and it was sent on August 3. The letter recognizes the ongoing collaborative discussions over the past several months between WMATA Bus Services Division, TheBus coordinators of the DPW&T, Greenbelt city staff, the Transportation Riders

United-Greenbelt (TRU-G) and other Greenbelt residents.

The purpose of these discussions was to identify changes to improve efficiency, accessibility and reliability of bus service in Greenbelt and to convey the message that council could give only conditional support to the proposed changes that had been reviewed and discussed earlier.

The letter characterizes the city's conditional approval as one where the city determined that it was important to take advantage of this opportunity for protecting transit investment in Greenbelt, while also trying to improve the efficiency of bus service for its residents.

The letter makes clear that while the city supports the proposed changes, the changes reviewed to date "do not fully address the transit needs of our residents. There is a great need

for Sunday service, extended late night service, extended Saturday service, increased frequency of service and improved transit accessibility."

The letter notes that the city will continue to advocate for these needed service improvements and asks for WMATA's help in urging increased transit funding at the state and federal levels, especially in this period of economic hardship when reliable and affordable transit is more vital.

### Conditions

The city's letter outlines 12 short-term conditions and four long-term conditions upon which its approval is based. (The letter now contains seven more conditions than those reported on in the News Review issue of July 22.)

See **ROUTES**, page 8

## Council Less Than Enthusiastic About Beltway Plaza Residences

by Thomas X. White

The entire council was on hand for a worksession Wednesday, July 21 to review a proposed Commercial Site Plan (CSP) application for the rear of Beltway Plaza. The plan involves construction of 700 multi-family dwelling units and 22,000 square feet of limited commercial space adjacent to Breezewood Drive and across the street from the Empirian Village apartment complex.

According to a report from city Planning Department staff, a substantial portion of the parking lot behind the mall would be rezoned from the Commercial Shopping Center (CSC) zone to the Mixed Use Infill (MUI) zone to accomplish the proposed development. Also in attendance for the city were City Manager Michael McLaughlin and Planning & Community Development Director Celia Craze.

A proposal for redevelopment by Plaza management has been discussed for the past five years. In the meantime it has been scaled down from the original proposal, a more extensive and comprehensive redevelopment proposal for the entire Beltway Plaza property.

At that time the Greenbelt planning staff identified three major elements that would be critical in order to receive city support:

- The front of Beltway Plaza facing Greenbelt Road must be addressed, including issues such as circulation, architectural de-

sign, signage, safety and aesthetics.

- Recreational amenities/open space that would address the needs of any new residential development must be provided.

- Residential development must address specific housing issues identified by council, such as workforce housing, 55+ housing and variety in tenure opportunities such as ownership (condo), co-operative and rental.

### Heated Session

Although the project has been scaled back in the number of residential units, the current version has not been well received by city officials. Following a reportedly heated session with the city's Advisory Planning Board

(APB), the board has recommended denial of the CSP and rezoning application. The city planning staff is also recommending opposition/denial of the application.

The gap between the city staff and the applicants is documented in a July 16, 2010, memo from Craze with updated Review Notes (14 total pages) to the city manager and in a detailed (11 page) response to her report by Beltway Plaza management that was made available just before the evening's worksession.

Representing Beltway Plaza for the council presentation were Larry Taub, attorney Fred Wine,

See **PLAZA**, page 10



Artist's rendition of proposed Greenbelt Plaza.

## What Goes On

### Monday, August 9

8 p.m., Regular City Council Meeting, Municipal Building. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)

### Wednesday, August 11

8 p.m., Council Worksession with University Square at University Square Community Center



## Letters

### Generator Noise

After the strong storm that swept through Greenbelt last week, many people had their generators running immediately after the power loss. I obviously have no problem with people who need to use them for medical or emergency use.

However, other than for essential needs, I find it very inconsiderate for people to run their generators all night. Yes, there is a risk of food spoiling in the refrigerator but everyone runs that risk and it is only a few times a year. Without power it would have been nice to sleep with the windows open to let the cool air in after the storm, except that there was constant noise from people running their generators all night! I had guests from out of town staying with me and no one was able to sleep because it was too hot with the windows closed and too loud with the windows open.

Regardless of whether you are a GHI member or not, I ask people to please take a cooperative attitude and be considerate of your neighbors in the future.

Matthew Beckley

### Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

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

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

Monday – Cranberry juice, BBQ beef on a bun, green beans, creamy cole slaw and fruit yogurt.

Tuesday – Chicken rice soup with crackers, sliced ham with fruit sauce, mashed sweet potatoes, broccoli florettes and strawberry parfait.

Wednesday – Grape juice, BBQ chicken, chopped collards, potato salad, corn muffin and green Jello with fruit.

Thursday – Minestrone soup, seafood pasta salad, sliced tomatoes and onion salad, bag of popcorn and a fresh banana.

Friday – Grape juice, baked tilapia fish with lemon butter sauce, green beans, baked potato with sour cream and watermelon.



### Corrections

In the front page article on the severe summer storm last week the date of the storm, of course, should have been July 25.

Last week's issue had a picture of a tree fallen against an apartment building in University Square Apartments which we incorrectly referred to as Charlestowne Village. Thanks to Karen Croom for pointing out this error and our sympathy to her for the loss of the magnificent tree she enjoyed viewing from her apartment for over 30 years.

## Ideas Sought for Celebrating Greenbelt's 75th Anniversary

by Frank DeBernardo

Because 2012 will mark the 75th anniversary of the founding of Greenbelt, the city council has established a committee of residents to plan events, programs and activities throughout that landmark year.

Since April the 75th Anniversary Committee has been meeting monthly to begin the mammoth task of coordinating projects appealing to a diversity of ages and interests among Greenbelt's citizenry. Committee members represent various city neighborhoods. They plan to host events in a wide variety of locations to maximize participation by all sectors of Greenbelt.

At one of the first meetings Dave Mills and Frank DeBernardo were selected as co-chairs. Carol Malveaux was chosen vice-chair.

Other members of the committee are Trina Coore, Isabelle Gournay, Barbara Havekost, Elizabeth Jay, Thelma Loret de Mola, Franklin Noll and Barbara Young. Megan Searing-Young serves as staff liaison to the city.

The committee's charge includes not only remembering the city's past heritage but also celebrating its present diversity. Toward that end, events and activities will be planned in neighborhoods across the city.

"The 75th anniversary can be a time when all Greenbelters can take pride in the city's accomplishments and achievements," Mills noted.

"Our hope is that the anniversary will be a time to build

the city's legacy of cooperation and community into the future," DeBernardo added.

### Resident Survey

In addition to electing officers, the committee has begun work on a survey to find out what types of activities, programs and projects residents would like to see take place during the anniversary year. Some ideas already suggested include public murals; a permanent display of a timeline of the city's history; a multi-disciplinary symposium; arts and history festivals; poetry, essay and video contests; a water show at Greenbelt pool and a dinner-dance.

"To make the anniversary meaningful for everyone, we need to have input from everybody," said Malveaux.

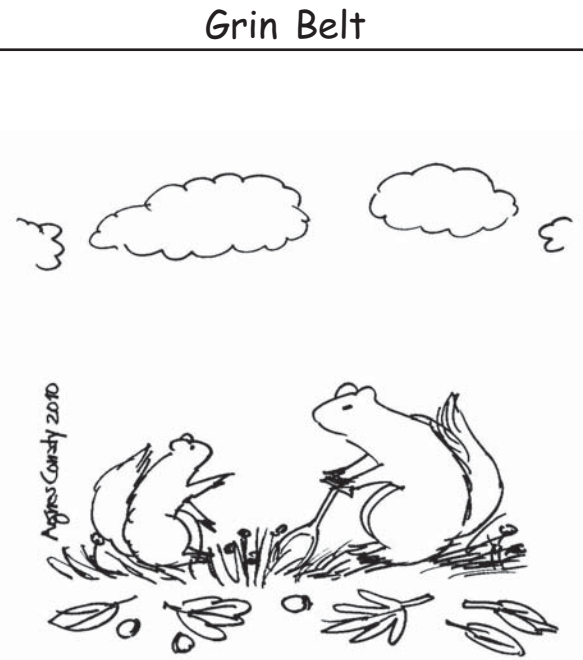
### Logo Contest

The committee has also instituted a logo and slogan contest and is still accepting entries through tomorrow, August 6. A \$75 gift certificate to the Co-op Supermarket is being offered. The logo should be suitable for printing on a variety of merchandising items, such as baseball caps and pens. Email entries to [greenbeltmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:greenbeltmuseum@gmail.com).

Future projects on the committee's agenda include fundraising and partnering with various Greenbelt organizations to develop programs celebrating the anniversary.

The committee meets regularly on the second Monday of each month in the Community Center.

For more information email [greenbeltmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:greenbeltmuseum@gmail.com).



"If you put salad dressing on the weeds maybe the bunny would eat them."

### TRU-G Meets Sat. At Youth Center

Transit Riders United of Greenbelt (TRU-G) will hold its next regular meeting this Saturday, August 7 from 10 a.m. to noon. They will meet at the Greenbelt Youth Center (99 Centerway).

The agenda includes concerns and possible new projects that have come out of the recent bus restructuring process. Limited rides to Saturday's meeting are available; to request a ride email [trugreenbelt@gmail.com](mailto:trugreenbelt@gmail.com).

Join the listserv by sending an email to [trugee-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:trugee-subscribe@yahoo.com) or [trugreenbelt@gmail.com](mailto:trugreenbelt@gmail.com).

### Free Kids' Soccer Clinics Next Week

The Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club will sponsor free soccer clinics for boys and girls age 6 to 16 in anticipation of the upcoming eight-game fall soccer season. The clinics will be held next week – August 9, 11 and 13 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Schrom Hills Park.

Registration (required) is now open for those who want to play in the fall soccer season. Basketball, football and cheerleading are also available for the same annual registration fee.

Email [jocallender20770@yahoo.com](mailto:jocallender20770@yahoo.com) or [dnwhiteman@yahoo.com](mailto:dnwhiteman@yahoo.com) for details.

### Learn about Prince George's County

People are invited to attend a series of free educational, entertaining lectures on the heart of Prince George's County.

Given by the Prince George's County Historical Society, the lectures will be held at Marietta House Museum, 5626 Bell Station Road, Glenn Dale (near the intersection of Route 193 (Enterprise Road) and Route 450 (Annapolis Road).

The second lecture will be held Wednesday, August 11 at 6:30 p.m. The subject will be "Riversdale Park: from Railroad Roots to Historic Gem" by Doug McElrath, chair, Prince George's Heritage, Inc.

Light refreshments will be served. For more information or questions, email [pgchsmembers@hotmail.com](mailto:pgchsmembers@hotmail.com).

### Navy Band Offers Free Concerts

As part of its summer concert series, the U.S. Navy Band will present a free concert on Monday, August 9 at 8 p.m. on the west steps of the U.S. Capitol. The Concert Band, Sea Chanters chorus and Cruisers will perform on Tuesday, August 10 at 8 p.m. at the U.S. Navy Memorial at 701 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. The public is invited.

For details call 202-433-2525 or visit [www.navyband.navy.mil](http://www.navyband.navy.mil).

### OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

#### WEEK OF AUG 6

#### The Kids Are All Right (R)

Friday

\*5, 7:30, 9:45

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

Monday - Thursday

\*5:15, 7:30

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# Community Events

## GHI Notes

Thursday, August 5, 7:30 p.m., Board Meeting – GHI Board Room

Friday, August 6, Offices closed (Emergency maintenance available – call 301-474-6011.)

Monday, August 9, 7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee – GHI Lobby

Wednesday, August 11, 7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee – Board Room

Thursday, August 12, 7 p.m., Finance Committee – Board Room

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

## Learn Healthy Eating Wed. at Green Ridge

On Wednesday, August 11 at 10 a.m. there will be an interactive healthy eating presentation in the Green Ridge House Community Room. Come to learn how to manage weight and diabetes with diet from Ratna Sarma, MS, RD, CDE Diabetes Educator and Registered Dietician. The workshop is offered by the Senior Health Center's "SAGES ROC!" program.

Everyone is invited and urged to bring a friend. Pre-registration is necessary. Call Service Coordinator Sharon Vanzego at Green Ridge House at 301-412-2480.

## Labor Day Art Shows, Details Are Revealed

Calling area artists of all ages – the 56th annual Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Art Shows are almost here! The two shows, one for adults and one for children and teens up to age 18, take place in the Greenbelt Community Center and are open to the public from Saturday through Monday during the Festival.

This is a chance for artists to share their work with the community – about 1,000 people visit the shows each year. Prizes are awarded in various categories in both shows as well.

Adults who live in Greenbelt or the surrounding communities or who work in Greenbelt are eligible to enter the adult show. Due to space limitations, the participation of children and teens is limited to those who live or go to school in Greenbelt or who have grandparents living in Greenbelt.

For more information call Barbara Simon at 301-474-2192. Fliers with full information are also available at the Greenbelt Community Center, the New Deal Café and the Co-op Supermarket in Roosevelt Center.

## Tutors Are Needed At SHL Rec Center

Greenbelt elementary schools tutoring and homework program and the Greenbelt Moving Ahead program (GMA) at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center are looking for new tutors.

The elementary school program (grades 1 through 6) and the GMA program (grades 7 through 12) meet Saturdays during the school year from 10 a.m. to noon. The programs are free and start on Saturday, September 11.

For more information or to volunteer call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212.

## Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

On Thursday, August 5 from noon to 2 p.m. pianist Amy C. Kraft plays mid-day melodies. Evening brings the weekly open microphone session with music, poetry, prose, storytelling and humor from 7 to 9 p.m. The Spanish Conversation Group meets from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. every Thursday for an hour of dining with Spanish-only conversation. Open to all at intermediate or higher level of Spanish-speaking proficiency.

On Friday, August 6 from 6:30 to 8 p.m., New Deal Piano Man John Guernsey plays snappy jazz and blues tunes (Saturday too). From 8 to 11 p.m. The Lonesome Pine Band plays bluegrass along with blues, country and dashes of Latin and do-wop from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Saturday, August 7 from 4 to 6 p.m. classical guitarist Bruce Kritter gives his weekly performance. From 8 to 11 p.m. The Unruly Blues Band plays an eclectic mix of music with audience participation and dancing encouraged.

Sunday, August 8 Jim Stimson plays Renaissance lute from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (first, second and fourth Sundays). From 5 to 8 p.m. Emily Yanek, a promising talent with a beautiful voice, plays acoustic/pop/folk music.

### Next Week

The Black Muddy River Band captures the music and spirit of the Grateful Dead on Tuesday, August 10 from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, August 11 from 7 to 9 Brena will appear with belly dancing. Friday, August 13 from 8 to 11 p.m. will have the high-energy Andy Poxon band playing originals and bluesy covers. Saturday, August 14 from 8 to 11 p.m. will feature a bevy of belly dancers with the return of the Starlight Shimmy beauties. Sunday, August 15 features The Not2Cool Jazz Trio who plays West Coast cool, classic jazz during brunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. followed by the monthly Kids' Open Microphone session from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Jack Couldn't Make It ends the night with old-time and folk music from 5 to 8 p.m.

For more information call Chef Karim Kmaiha at 301-474-5642 or visit [www.newdealcafe.com](http://www.newdealcafe.com).

## Wellmobile at SHL

On Monday, August 9 the Governor's Wellmobile will be at Springhill Lake Elementary School from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This program, which is held on the second and fourth Monday of every month, offers varied services and is open to all.

For information or to make an appointment call 866-228-9668.

## Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

You can't fight Mother Nature! This summer Greenbelters have survived earthquakes, 100° heat, power outages, fallen trees, closed streets and gale winds.

The Golden Age Club, however, has been strong and active. We've had good attendance at meetings and lunches.

We cruised on the Potomac on the Odyssey and enjoyed sunshine and the historical sights of the nation's capital. We did beat Mother Nature. The thunder began as we left the boat and rushed to the bus and drove home through a heavy downpour.

The club is going out to the ball game on August 10 to see the Nationals play the Marlins.

Jean Cook will be the speaker on August 11. She will report on her volunteer work with Habitat for Humanity in El Salvador.

A recent study indicates wisdom increases with age. We get wiser and more caring as we get older. Wish we could convince the younger generation of this fact, even if we aren't so great with computers or TV remotes.

## Glass Mosaics Ready For Pick up Saturday

Last Sunday's Artful Afternoon glass mosaics workshop was a big success with almost six dozen participants in just two hours according to workshop leader Richard McMullin.

The project involved assembling a design on a ceramic tile using stained glass, sea glass, stones, castings and ceramic and glass tiles. With so many participants, time ran short for the grouting and finishing of many of the over 70 tiles created during the two hour event. Participants were given the option to leave their creations for grouting this week by the workshop instructor. All these pieces will be ready for pick up from Room 116 in the Community Center on Saturday, August 7 between 2 and 5 p.m.

Those who are curious about mosaics and could not make the Artful Afternoon event are invited to stop by Saturday to see some of the local artists' creations at the Community Center.

Participants who need to arrange a different pick up time are asked to call 301-806-8796.

## Free Senior Movie "One True Thing"

The next free senior monthly movie, to be shown at the Greenbelt Community Center on Tuesday, August 10 from 1 to 3 p.m., is "One True Thing."

When a tough New Yorker (Renée Zellweger) learns her mother (Meryl Streep) has cancer, she quits her job, breaks up with her boyfriend and moves back in with her parents to help out. But she inadvertently uncovers several family secrets including one about her philandering father (William Hurt).

The film will be shown at the Greenbelt Community Center in Room 111. For further information call 301-397-2208.

## GMS Parents Invited To Meet and Greet

Greenbelt Middle School (GMS) parents, students, staff and community partners are invited to come out and meet the new principal Sharon Porter and the new administrative team. The meet and greet will be Wednesday, August 11 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the school, 8950 Edmonston Road.

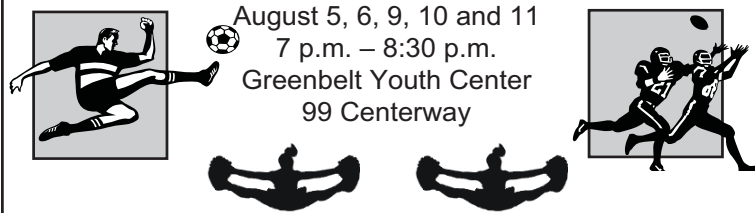
## Greenbelt Baseball Fall Ball Registration

Ages 9 to 12 years old, Season runs from September – October  
Fee is \$40.00

For more information please contact Commissioner: Greg Fisanich  
301-441-4647

Please call now to register!

## THE GREENBELT BOYS & GIRLS CLUB WILL HOLD REGISTRATION FOR THE 2010 FOOTBALL, CHEERLEADING & SOCCER SEASON



August 5, 6, 9, 10 and 11  
7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
Greenbelt Youth Center  
99 Centerway

Please call 301-794-0100 for more information.

## Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club Soccer Clinics

For Ages 6 - 16

!!!Free!!!

August 9, 11, 13 from 6 – 8 pm at

Schrom Hills Park

Registration for the upcoming 8-game fall season will also be occurring if you would like to play on one of the Boys and Girls Club teams.

Come out and give soccer a try!!

Information: [joecallender20770@yahoo.com](mailto:joecallender20770@yahoo.com),  
[dwhiteman@yahoo.com](mailto:dwhiteman@yahoo.com)

Greenbelt Arts Center is Proud to Present



## OPENING THIS WEEKEND Charleston Revisited

Written by Anthony Gallo, Directed by Erica Drezek  
Produced by the 7th Street Playhouse

Friday, August 6 & 13 at 8:00 PM  
Saturday, August 7 & 14 at 8:00 PM  
Sunday, August 8 & 15 at 2:00 PM

Tickets are \$15 Adults \$12 Students and Seniors

123 Centerway • Greenbelt, MD 20770  
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Located underneath the Greenbelt CO-OP

COMING SOON:  
August 20 – September 4 – King Lear – Guest Production from the Rude Mechanicals

Call 301.441.8770 for more information

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## 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

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## Week of AUG 6

FRI. – SAT.

Cats and Dogs, PG  
11:50, 2:10, 4:30, 6:50, 9:20  
Despicable Me, PG  
11:40, 2, 4:20, 6:45, 9:15  
Step Up 3 (IN 3D), PG-13 (!!)  
11:20, 2:20, 5:05, 7:45, 10:20  
The Other Guys, PG-13 (!)  
11:20, 2:20, 5:05, 7:45, 10:20  
Dinner for Schmucks, PG-13 (!!)  
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Salt, PG-13  
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Inception, PG-13  
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Charlie St. Cloud, PG-13  
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SUN. – THU

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Charlie St. Cloud, PG-13  
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### Nature Programs At Patuxent Refuge

Public programs at Patuxent Research Refuge are held at two sites, the North Tract located on Route 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 32 and the National Wildlife Visitor Center off Powder Mill Road just west of Route 197. All programs are free, although donations to the Friends of Patuxent are appreciated. Advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887; special needs can be accommodated with advance notice. For more information visit the website at patuxent.fws.gov.

#### Wildlife Visitor Center

Creatures of the Air – Friday, August 6, 10 to 11:30 a.m., ages 5 to 7. It's a bird! It's a plane! It's a flying squirrel? Birds are not the only ones that have taken to a life in the skies. Come learn about the unique adaptation of flight and the creatures of the air.

Wildlife Explorer – Saturday, August 7, 12:30 to 2 p.m., ages 5 to 7. Discover the outdoors through various games and activities. Upon completion of this program, participants can purchase the Patuxent Research Refuge Wildlife Explorer patch in the Wildlife Images bookstore.

Wildflower Wander – Sunday, August 8, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. and Saturday, August 21, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., all ages. Discover the role that wildflowers play in the ecosystem and learn to identify some common species on this guided walk. Field guides, water and magnifying glasses are recommended.

Twilight Tram Tour – Tuesday, August 10, 7:15 to 8 p.m., all ages. Enjoy a 45-minute guided tour through the habitats of Patuxent Research Refuge on an all electric, open-air tram. View wildlife and their habitats while learning how the land has changed over time and how Patuxent is managing habitats for wildlife. Space is limited and there is a minimal fee for this event. Call the Refuge for more information.

Bird Walks – Wednesday, August 11, 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., ages 16+. Search for birds in several refuge habitats on this guided hike. Field guides, water and binoculars are recommended.

### Meet State Candidates In Forum on Aug. 11

The Women's Action Coalition of Prince George's County invites people to participate in the 5th Annual Candidates Forum for State Delegate and Senatorial candidates. The forum takes place in the Queen Anne Theatre at Prince George's Community College, 301 Largo Road, Largo, on Wednesday, August 11 from 6 to 9 p.m.

For more information call June White Dillard at 240-619-5418 or email naacp-umarlboro@comcast.net.



Condolences to the family and friends of former Greenbelt Walter Charles (Charlie) Braun III, age 74, who died in Rockville, Md., on July 5, 2010. He was a research physicist at NASA.

#### Congratulations to:

– Audrey Berard and Billie McCain, who were named to the Dean's List at Salisbury University for the spring 2010 semester.

– Sister Kathleen Moroney, C.S.C., who celebrated her Golden Jubilee (50 years) as a Sister of the Holy Cross at a July ceremony held at the order's motherhouse in St. Mary's, Ind., with her brother John Moroney, sister Mary McGraw and niece Dawn Olverson present for the event.

– Amanda King, who was featured in a recent story in the Gazette sports section for her prowess as shortstop of the Fight-

ing Squirrels of the PG Women's Fast-Pitch Softball League. Amanda was a soccer and softball star at ERHS and recently completed a two-year scholarship at Prince George's Community College. She will continue her studies and sports career at Towson University this fall. Amanda, a Camp Pine Tree counselor this summer, is the daughter of Raymond and the late Diane (Ladnier) King of Research Road and the granddaughter of Jerriann King.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We'd especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Springhill Lake/Empirian Village). To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

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 www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410  
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 Prayer Meeting Sun. 9:45 am

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 "Water, Friend or Foe?" by Penny O'Brien of the Green Sanctuary with Donald Mitchell, worship associate  
 Penny O'Brien explores the ethical use of an essential resource, asking who owns the water?  
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 1-800-22-UNITE    301-345-2918  
 Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com    www.bahai.us

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**Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS**

Sundays 10 A.M.  
 Municipal Building

### Bowie Old Town Events Saturday

The Old Town Bowie Welcome Center and Bowie's Heritage and Children's Museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 7. The center and the museum are located at

8606 Chestnut Avenue. On the Old Town Village Green, ILYAIMY will perform a summer concert of Acoustic Rock/Folk music from 2 to 3 p.m. These activities are free.

**BERWYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
 301-474-7573  
 6301 Greenbelt Road  
 Berwyn Heights, MD 20740  
 berwynpresbyterian.net

Summer Schedule  
 Worship : 10:00 am  
 Office Hours : M-F 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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

Mass Schedule:  
 Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.  
 Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.  
 Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.  
 Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.  
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 8 a.m. simple, quiet service (no music)  
 10 a.m. main service  
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• Wednesdays  
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7010 Glenn Dale Road (Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)  
 301-262-3285 | rector@stgeo.org | www.stgeo.org

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Hillside & Crescent Roads  
 Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings  
 www.greenbeltucc.org  
 Sunday Worship  
 10:15 a.m.  
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**Greenbelt Baptist Church**  
 101 Greenhill Road  
 Greenbelt, MD 20770 – (301) 474-4212  
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Sunday 9:45 am    Sunday School  
 Sunday 11:00 am    Worship Service  
 Wednesday 7:00 pm    Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

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9:30 "Good Morning!" Coffee and Snacks  
 10:00 a.m. Bible Study    11:00 a.m. Worship  
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### 3-day Tech Camp Is Offered Next Week

The Geek Squad Summer Academy, a three-day tech camp for young people age 10 to 18, will be held by the Geek Squad and Camp Fire USA August 16 through 18 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at Bishop McNamara High School in Forestville. This is the second Metropolitan area 2010 Geek Squad Summer Academy. Although there is a registration fee for food and a student kit for the Tech Camp and a nominal non-member fee for those who are not Camp Fire members, the program is otherwise free.

Each Geek Squad Summer Academy session features customized modules that dive deep into computers, smart phones, MP3 players and other devices so participants literally get into the technology they use every day. Classes such as PC and Mac basics delve into how these platforms work while internet communications explores safety, security and ethics of the web and digital music. Video and photo sessions encourage creative expression through digital content.

To register for further information about the program and application process, visit [www.geeksquad.com/summeracademy](http://www.geeksquad.com/summeracademy) and choose the Washington, D.C. site. Those without internet access can register at the Camp Fire Office at Empirian Village or the Bladensburg Community Police unit.

### School Donations Start at Safeway

This year's annual month-long Safeway 10% Back to Schools program starts on Wednesday, August 11. Running through September 14, Safeway and food manufacturers are donating 10 percent of the sale price on more than 3,000 commonly-used products purchased by customers using Safeway Club cards.

The eligible items have a yellow school bus icon shelf tag. Customers will receive a final donation receipt that shows the total of their "school dollars" and can send it to the school of their choice, which then redeems the donations online for needed materials.

The program helps fill budget gaps for schools in the region. Since the program began, \$25 million has been generated for mid-Atlantic region schools. Last year's \$2 million contribution to the schools was second only to Safeway's contributions to local food banks and feeding agencies.

### War of 1812 Waged at Nearby Riversdale

In August 1814 a disheartened Rosalie Calvert, the mistress of Riversdale, described the Battle at Bladensburg: "You have heard the news of the battle of Bladensburg where the English defeated the American troops with [President James] Madison 'not at their head, but at their rear.'" Flush with success, the British then burned Washington.

Happily, events turned in Baltimore a few weeks later and the Star Spangled Banner was born.

On Saturday, August 14 from noon to 4 p.m. enjoy a day at Riversdale as costumed interpreters portraying both American and British War of 1812 troops provide a peek into camp life on the eve of battle. Children might even get recruited for the American militia.

There will also be drafts and dress-up stations at the ready, cannon firing, gunnery drills, children's activities, camp and kitchen displays and refreshments all on the grounds. Of course, the mistress of Riversdale will be on hand.

Scouts, call for details on how to earn a badge or patch.

All events on the grounds are free. There is a fee for house tours (free for children ages 4 and under). The Riversdale Kitchen Guild will sell historically inspired refreshments. Riversdale, a National Historic Landmark, is located at 4811 Riverdale Road in the town of Riverdale Park.

For more information call 301-864-0420; TTY 301-699-2544 or visit the website at [www.pgparcs.com](http://www.pgparcs.com).

### Afternoon Aviators Meet at Museum

Every Friday from 2 to 4:30 p.m. kids are invited to join in fun, hands-on aviation-themed activities at the College Park Aviation Museum. This is a weekly series for children ages five and up. The program is free of additional cost with museum admission.

### At Aviation Museum, Peter Pan Flies

Pre-school fun for little learners up to five years old is offered at the College Park Aviation Museum's Peter Pan Club. It includes story-time and hands-on craft activities. The club, free with museum admission, takes place the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 10:30 a.m.

### Free Tour Offered At Bartholdi Park

On Tuesday, August 10 from 10 to 11 a.m. walk around Bartholdi Park of the U.S. Botanic Garden (USBG) with gardener Adam Pyle to discover which garden plants are his favorites for growing in this area.

Learn about current plans for the garden and plants that add seasonal interest, are easy to maintain or have a special place in Pyle's gardening palette.

This free tour is held outside in the garden. Sunscreen, protective clothing and water are suggested. The tour is canceled if it rains.

Pre-registration is required: Visit [www.usbg.gov](http://www.usbg.gov) or call 202-225-1116.

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# City Information

## GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 9, 2010 - 8:00 p.m.  
Municipal Building

### COMMUNICATIONS

#### Presentations

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

#### Minutes of Council Meetings

- \*-Regular Meeting, May 24, 2010
- \*- Work Session, July 7, 2010
- \*-Interview, July 12, 2010
- \*- Regular Meeting, July 12, 2010

#### Administrative Reports

#### Council Reports

#### \* Committee Reports

- 75th Anniversary Committee, Report #10-1 (Committee Update)

### LEGISLATION

- A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Certain Goods and Services from Various Vendors as Enumerated Herein When Total Fiscal Year Purchases from Each Vendor Exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000)
- A Resolution Petitioning the Administration and the Maryland General Assembly to Reinstate State Shared Revenues Diverted from Municipal Governments to Fund Operations of the State and to Provide More Diverse Revenue Raising Authority to Municipalities.

- 1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules
- 2nd Reading, Adoption

- A Resolution To Establish a Greenbelt Middle School Task Force

- 1st Reading

### OTHER BUSINESS

- Federal Capital Improvement Programs for National Capital Region Fiscal Years 2011-2016

### MEETINGS

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

## MEETINGS FOR AUGUST 9-13

Monday, August 9 at 8pm, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING at Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov).

Wednesday, August 11 at 8pm, COUNCIL WORK SESSION with University Square, at University Square Community Center.

*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](mailto:cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov).*

Visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov).  
Join the City of Greenbelt on FACEBOOK!

## GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER



Cute kittens are still available at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter. Also, sweet adult cats like Theresa and Tommy Lee! They are waiting to become part of your family. Come visit the Greenbelt Animal Shelter.



**Wednesdays from 4-7pm,  
Saturdays from 9am-12pm or  
by appointment.**

Located behind the Police Station at 550-A Crescent Road. For more information on any of these pets, call 301.474.6124.

Become a fan of the Greenbelt Animal Shelter on Facebook!

## VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. Vacancies exist on: Arts Advisory Board, Board of Appeals, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Park and Recreation Advisory Board. For information call 301-474-8000.

## FREE BABYSITTING COURSE

Sponsored by Greenbelt CARES  
Monday, August 9th, 10am-1pm  
Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road

Course is free and targeted toward students completing grades 5-8. Students will learn responsibility and health and safety issues of taking care of children, as well as learning about poison control and fire prevention.

Students who complete the course will receive a certificate of completion and be eligible to participate in the Greenbelt CARES ODD JOBS/JOB BANK program.

For additional information and enrollment call 301-345-6660, ext. 2016

## 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. For information call 301-474-8000.

### Labor Day Festival Used Book Sale

Raising funds for:  
Greenbelt Elementary School PTA  
Book donation drop-off at  
Co-op Supermarket  
  
Large donation pickup available  
For information call:  
301-474-2041

### Holy Cross Thrift Store

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## Big Trees Mean Big Clean-up Operations



During the brief but violent storm July 25, at 9 Pinecrest Court a large section of a neighboring pignut hickory fell onto the home of Elaine Hendricks and Jim Schaefer, also bringing down a good part of two sweet gum trees on their property. The mess behind the house was phenomenal and difficult to access.

They contacted Bartlett Tree Service to remove the trees, which in turn brought in a 110-ton crane. The crane eased under the wires and set up in the driveway, from which they could reach over the house to haul the debris out to the street. The photo shows when the largest section of the hickory's trunk was lifted over the house.

Once on the ground and paced out, it was 35 to 40 feet long. Other logs at the bottom of the photo were portions of the crown of the same tree.

photo by Jim Schaefer

## New Greenbelt Bus Is to Serve Montgomery Co. Tech Centers

by John Stith

The Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) held three informational meetings this week concerning new bus routes that will use the Inter-County Connector (ICC) as parts of that new toll highway are completed. Of particular interest to Greenbelt residents, the proposed MTA Route 205 will provide new express service for weekday commuters from Greenbelt Metro Station to several employment centers in Montgomery County.

This "ICC Bus" initiative is groundbreaking for MTA, as all but one of its current long-range "Commuter Bus" routes bring riders from outlying communities like Columbia and Waldorf to downtown Baltimore and Washington, D.C. In contrast, the new routes all serve suburban workplaces.

Route 205 will begin operating when the entire ICC is open, which is currently scheduled for late 2011 or early 2012. The service from Greenbelt will run at four morning times with stops at Shady Grove Hospital, Shady Grove Life Sciences Center, the Human Genome and future Johns Hopkins Research Center, the National Institute of Standards and Technology and nearby Gaithersburg Park and Ride lot and the Germantown Transit Center near the U.S. Department of Energy headquarters.

On the way to those stops, the morning bus will also stop at the Muirkirk MARC rail station, a new Norbeck Park and Ride lot where the ICC will intersect Route 97 (Georgia Ave.) and the Shady Grove Metro station. Those will be the only three stops between Greenbelt and Shady Grove Hospital. MTA estimates that the bus will take 85 minutes to travel the entire 39-mile bus route from Greenbelt to Germantown.

In the afternoon, four bus-

es will make the return trip to Greenbelt, making the same stops. There will also be one mid-day bus run but MTA has not specified which direction it would travel. Route 205 will only operate on weekdays. The one-way cash fare would be \$5, with various multi-trip discounts and passes available, similar to MTA's existing Commuter Bus service.

New coaches have been purchased by MTA for the service, which begins this fall on other routes connecting Montgomery County with Fort Meade, the National Security Agency and Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport. MTA will contract out to tour bus companies the driving of the routes and the maintenance of the vehicles, as it does with the existing Commuter Bus service.

Transit makes employment possible for more people, improves traffic and highway safety for the overall community, provides mobility to many residents with disabilities and reduces the carbon emissions that cause climate change, among other benefits. The Maryland Transit Administration did not present any written information concerning these benefits or the budgetary cost of these new bus routes at the informational meetings.

The new routes are being created in the context of major route re-planning currently being undertaken by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and the Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation. Transit planners from Prince George's County expressed great concern to the Greenbelt City Council, at its July meetings on local routes, that Maryland's next annual budget could contain cuts for local transit services.

## \$6 Million Funding Is Set for Patuxent Work

Federal recovery act funding of \$6 million has been awarded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) for needed modernizations at Patuxent Research Refuge.

The FWS plans to demolish Patuxent's outdated, unsafe Stickel Lab; design and engineer an energy-efficient building for the agency's national migratory bird management program; design and engineer the rehabilitation of several historic structures; construct two energy-efficient residences; assess and mitigate for historic and cultural resources that may be affected by construction; and replace a number of gates on the property. Extensive work is expected to provide jobs and a significant economic boost to the local economy.

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), a sister agency under the Interior Department, operates the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center on the site. USGS and FWS are working together to complete a multi-year series of projects to improve Patuxent.

The USGS also has received \$8.5 million in complementary funding under the recovery act for other projects, including designing and engineering a state-of-the-art wildlife science laboratory and animal research facilities, constructing a few buildings associated with whooping crane recovery and building a residence for research staff on the site.

## Montpelier Summer Free Concert Series

On Friday evenings the South Laurel Recreation Council presents the annual Montpelier Summer Concert Series on the west lawn of the Montpelier mansion grounds located at 9652 Muirkirk Road, off Route 197 in Laurel.

On Friday, August 6 the group Jennifer Rose and the Mixx will play country rock at 7:30 p.m.

Bring a blanket or chair and a picnic. For further information call 301-776-2805.

## Festival Notes

The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee is the largest all-volunteer organization in Maryland. Volunteers are being sought to help with the 2010 Festival. The next committee meeting is Tuesday, August 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center.

### Shuttle

Parking near the festival will be limited to disabled and emergency vehicles only but free shuttles will be provided from various locations around Greenbelt. The committee is looking for shuttle drivers. Shuttles run throughout the Festival weekend. Visit [www.greenbeltlaborday.com](http://www.greenbeltlaborday.com) for more information.

### Parade

The parade will take place on Labor Day from 10 a.m. until noon. 2010 marks the 55th year of the parade. The parade route is along Crescent Road from Greenhill Road to Centerway. Groups of all types are invited to participate. Applications must be submitted by August 15. Email [greenbeltparade@gmail.com](mailto:greenbeltparade@gmail.com) with any questions.

### Miss Greenbelt

Register now for the Miss Greenbelt Pageant – Princess, Little, Junior and Miss Greenbelt 2010 information is available at [www.missgreenbelt.com](http://www.missgreenbelt.com). Rehearsals are Thursday nights from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Community Church.

The pageant is holding a Bag Bingo on Saturday, August 21 at 2 p.m. at the firehouse to raise money for the pageant scholarship. Coach and Vera Bradley bags will be prizes.

### Booths

Carnival booths are available to recognized Greenbelt nonprofit or civic organizations to raise

funds and make festival-goers aware of their existence.

Booths must be staffed all weekend from Friday evening through Monday afternoon. Organizations sponsoring booths may sell food and merchandise or host activities. Note that all food booths must pass a county health inspection. The deadline for booth reservations is August 30. Applications and information packets can be downloaded from the website.

### Ride Vouchers

Discount ride vouchers will be sold at Co-op the week before the Festival. Vouchers are good for all-day ride passes that can be used either Saturday or Sunday.

### Entertainment

The "Greenbelt Idols" competition will take the stage Friday, September 3 following the introduction of the Miss Greenbelt contestants. On Saturday night, travel back to the 80s with "The Reagan Years." The "CPR Band" performs Sunday night from 8 to 11 p.m. Monday afternoon's stage entertainment will feature "The Fabulous Hubcaps."

### Information Day

Saturday, September 4 is Information Day. Local organizations will have tables set up to share their causes, missions or products with festival-goers. The tables will be open from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Roosevelt Center. Local organizations interested in setting up a table should visit the Information Day Tables section of the website ([www.greenbeltlaborday.com](http://www.greenbeltlaborday.com)).

Pleasant Touch plans an all-day free spa party as part of Saturday's Information Day. Come tour this art deco furnished business in the heart of Roosevelt Center.

## Federal Appliance Rebates Announced

The Maryland Appliance Rebate Program launched in April has been expanded. The program is made possible by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act in partnership with Maryland's electric utility service providers, including Pepco.

Appliance rebates are already available through most of the state's utility providers but the Maryland Appliance Rebate Program will add more federal funding to the rebates currently provided by the utility companies as long as the funding lasts.

Maryland will offer a \$500 rebate for Energy Star electric air source heat pumps and central air conditioning units, \$25 for room air conditioners and \$100 for freezers for purchases or installations made after July 30. These are in addition to the currently available rebates of \$100 for super-efficient clothes washers, \$50 for super-efficient refrigerators and \$300 for electric heat pump water heaters, in addition to any rebates already being provided by the utilities.

For more detailed information go to the Maryland Energy Administration's website at <http://energy.maryland.gov> and click on "Appliance Rebates" or call 410-260-7655.

## SCHOOL

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approved by PGCPs. An initial 2011-2012 school year would offer K through 3 classes, the grade level would increase by one each year until the school becomes K through 8.

### IB Program

If the charter school application is approved, the board will contact the International Baccalaureate Organization to seek authorization as an International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program.

Novick said that this global curriculum focuses on active learning and meaningful school experiences to develop internationally minded creative thinking students.

### Community Involvement

The founding board will hold its next meeting by early September. The founders will send out details and post them online at [www.greenbeltpcs.org](http://www.greenbeltpcs.org).

"We encourage interested parents and others in the community to attend," Novick said. They are also planning outreach campaigns to gain support with local politicians and school board members.

Turning Point Academy in Greenbelt East, the first public charter school in Prince George's County, opened in August 2006. Greenbelt Public Charter School would be the second in the city.



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Fresh Sweet Jumbo Cantaloupe each	<b>\$2.50</b>	Fresh Crisp Iceberg Lettuce head	<b>\$1.50</b>

**Fresh Quality Meats**

Fresh Value Pack Grade A Split Chicken Breasts	<b>99¢</b> lb.	Fresh Lean Beef Boneless Bottom Round Roast	<b>\$2.79</b> lb.	Fresh Value Pack Southern Style Pork Spare Ribs	<b>\$1.99</b> lb.	Fresh Value Pack Chicken Leg Quarters	<b>79¢</b> lb.
Shurfine Meat Wieners 1 lb.	<b>99¢</b> lb.	Fresh Value Pack Boneless Bottom Round Swiss Steak	<b>\$2.99</b> lb.	Mama Lucia Homestyle Meatballs 25.6 oz.	<b>BUY ONE GET ONE FREE</b>	Villa Capri Italian Sausage Links	<b>\$1.99</b> lb.

**Dairy**

Kraft American Cheese Singles 14-16 oz.	<b>\$2.50</b>	Shedd's Country Crock Vegetable Spread 48 oz.	<b>\$3.00</b>
Pillsbury Grand Biscuits Assorted 12-16 oz.	<b>\$1.25</b>	Kraft Cheese Shreds/Cubes or Crumbles 7-8 oz.	<b>\$2.00</b>

**Deli**

Deli Gourmet Canadian Maple Ham	<b>\$4.99</b> lb.
Willow Brook Chicken Breast Roll	<b>\$3.99</b> lb.
Heidi Ann Swiss Cheese	<b>\$6.99</b> lb.

**Frozen**

Blue Bunny Premium Ice Cream Assorted 1.75 qt.	<b>BUY ONE GET ONE FREE</b>	Healthy Choice Select or All Natural Entrees 8-10 oz.	<b>3/\$5.00</b>
Banquet Assorted Dinners Select Varieties 5-10 oz.	<b>\$1.25</b>	Celeste Pizza For One Assorted 5 oz.	<b>\$1.00</b>

**Health & Beauty**

Colgate Wave Tooth Brushes 2 pk.	<b>\$2.89</b>
Day-2-Day Body Puffs each	<b>99¢</b>

**Seafood**

Fresh Catch Salmon Steaks	<b>\$8.99</b> lb.
Seabest Frozen Mahi Mahi Fillets	<b>\$6.99</b> lb.



**Natural & Gourmet**

Honest Natural Teas Assorted 16 oz.	<b>99¢</b>
Bob's Red Mill Whole Ground Flaxseed Meal 16 oz.	<b>\$2.99</b>

**Bakery**

Fresh Store Baked Rye Bread loaf Assorted	<b>\$1.79</b>
Fresh Store Baked Egg Onion Sub Rolls 6 pk.	<b>\$2.19</b>

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### Robbery

July 25, 12:44 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. A person was approached by young men ages 18 to 25 years old who displayed a handgun and demanded money.

### Trespassing

July 23, 5:45 p.m., Beltway Plaza. A nonresident juvenile was petitioned for trespassing on private property and later released to a parent pending action by the Department of Juvenile Services.

July 24, 11:20 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. A 23-year-old Hyattsville man was arrested and charged with trespassing on private property. He was released on citation pending trial.

### Car Theft Arrest

July 28, 9:19 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A 47-year-old Silver Spring man was arrested and charged with motor vehicle theft after being found driving a stolen gray 2010 Chevrolet HHR. He was transferred to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

### Drug Arrests

July 25, 1:37 a.m., Breezewood Drive at Cherrywood Lane. A Greenbelt juvenile was petitioned for possession of marijuana and later released to a parent pending action by the Department of Juvenile Services.

July 26, 12:20 a.m., 7500 block Mandan Road. Two Greenbelt men ages 29 and 26 were arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. They were transferred to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

### Burglaries

July 22, 9:32 a.m., Greenway Center. An attempted burglary occurred.

July 23, 10:08 a.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. Clothes, DVD players and household items were taken.

July 24, 8:10 p.m., 100 block

Ivy Lane. Currency was taken.

July 26, 12:32 a.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. Clothing, jewelry and currency were taken.

July 27, 10:14 a.m., 7800 block Mandan Road. A game system, television and camera were taken.

July 28, 2:28 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. A cellphone was taken.

July 30, 4:20 a.m., 9100 block Edmonston Terrace. Jewelry, a camera, a rifle and a game system were taken.

### Vehicle Crimes

One vehicle was reported stolen, a black 2002 Cadillac Escalade with MD tags, taken July 26 from the 9000 block Breezewood Terrace.

A rear MD tag, reported stolen through the Prince George's County Police, was recovered July 24 in the 100 block Lakeside Drive.

Twelve reports of thefts from autos were received: 6900 block Hanover Parkway, two incidents (GPS unit and a bag, GPS unit and camera), 7200 block Mandan Road (CD player), 6200 block Breezewood Drive (rear MD tag), 7800 block Mandan Road (DVD/CD player and sound system), 9200 block Edmonston Road (money order), 7200 block Morrison Drive (rear MD tag), 9100 block Springhill Lane (car mirror), 6600 block Lake Park Drive (GPS unit and registration card), 9100 block Edmonston Road (GPS unit and CDs), 6000 block Springhill Drive (GPS unit), 5800 block Greenbelt Road (GPS unit). There was an attempted theft from auto in the 6900 block Hanover Parkway.

Five reports of vandalism were received: 6200 block Breezewood Drive (a window was broken), Beltway Plaza parking lot, two incidents (a car window was broken; a bumper was damaged and car was scratched), Greenway Center (a vehicle was scratched), 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace (a trunk was damaged).

## ROUTES continued from page 1

### Short Term

1. WMATA and the county agree to preserve the implemented new routing for a trial period which shall be no shorter than the industry standard of 18 months. If it is determined that minor changes are necessary within the first 18 months, such changes shall be implemented in consultation/agreement with the city.

2. WMATA and the county agree that one of their primary goals is to plan and implement a seamless transit system that coordinates implementation of route changes, scheduling, transfers, bus stops, routing, frequency of service and connectivity.

3. WMATA and the county, in consultation with the city and TRU-G, shall develop a list of performance measures (i.e., ride counts, success rate of the Greenbelt Center timed transfer, number of complaints, etc.) prior to plan implementation. WMATA and the county agree to provide the city with a performance report on a monthly basis and to meet with the city and TRU-G on a quarterly basis to monitor these performance measures and identify improvements that can be made (i.e., expanded late night service, expanded Saturday service, Sunday night service and the expansion of the circulator concept into Greenbelt East).

4. WMATA and the county agree to maintain, at a minimum, the existing span of service on all new routes.

5. WMATA and the county agree to develop and implement an early public notification process that will provide ample time for the public to be notified and educated on the impending bus service changes.

6. WMATA agrees to work with the State Highway Administration, the county and the city

to ensure that all bus stops and pedestrian routes are accessible and safe.

7. WMATA agrees to provide planning support and funding to provide safe, handicap-accessible stops where new stops are being added on city and state roads.

8. WMATA agrees to work with the city and provide financial assistance to address any safety issues associated with Roosevelt Center being a timed-transfer station.

9. WMATA agrees to evaluate the impact of eliminating early morning bus service on the Route G14/16 into Beltway Plaza and, if justified, agrees to restore the service that currently is provided to Beltway Plaza by the T16/17.

10. WMATA agrees to evaluate ridership data for the NASA South Gate and to provide direct service, if justified. If it is found that ridership is not sufficient to provide direct service, WMATA agrees to monitor ridership levels on TheBus 15X after plan implementation to determine a need for providing additional service to the NASA South Gate.

11. WMATA and the county, with the assistance of the city, agree to develop and implement a comprehensive marketing and education campaign, including targeting residential and commercial developments, that takes advantage of all available media outlets. Education and marketing efforts shall utilize all present and future innovative technologies.

12. The agencies recognize the importance of public participation in the planning and implementation processes and agree to hold public hearings on future service changes, which shall be properly advertised. Meeting locations shall be accessible by transit.

### Long Term

1. WMATA and the county recognize that there are other opportunities to improve transit accessibility, efficiency and availability in Greenbelt and agree to provide longer operating hours, increased frequency, Sunday service and expanded Saturday service as funding becomes available.

2. WMATA and the county agree to work together to address the transit funding disparity that currently exists between Prince George's County and Montgomery County.

3. WMATA and the county agree to continue to develop a comprehensive marketing campaign to support the long-term success of transit in Greenbelt.

4. WMATA and the county agree to develop a map that shows existing and proposed bus stops so that during review of proposed route changes sufficient information is available to evaluate bus stop accessibility, safety and location.

Copies of the letter were sent to the city's legislative representatives in Annapolis, County Councilmembers Ingrid Turner and Thomas Dernoga, the Prince George's County representative on the WMATA Board and the mayors of College Park, Berwyn Heights and New Carrollton and officials of the Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation. The city was working under a deadline to communicate its position to WMATA by August 10 and the WMATA decision making on the proposed changes will take place within their committee structure and Board during September. If approved, the changes in the bus routes for Greenbelt would be implemented on December 26, 2010.

### Museum Hosts Exhibit On Losing Paradise

A new exhibit, "Losing Paradise," opening Saturday, August 14 at the National Museum of Natural History, uses 45 botanical illustrations to explore the diversity of threatened and endangered plant species, threats to plant survival and ongoing conservation efforts around the world. This traveling exhibition was designed and developed by the American Society of Botanical Artists. It runs through December 12.

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Marc (Kap) Kapastin and Dave Sullivan of Quantum Companies. Nancy Randall of Wells & Associates, a transportation consultant for Beltway Plaza, was also present.

Following introductions, Mayor Judith Davis outlined the agenda to be followed for the worksession. She also provided ground rules for the speakers to maintain good order and decorum.

Taub provided a brief overview of the CSP and rezoning proposal, outlining conceptual plans for the rear parking lot of the Beltway Plaza property. The proposed development is to be called "Greenbelt Place." The plan proposes parcels facing and adjacent to Breezewood Drive from the western corner of the property to the eastern corner.

First would be an age-restricted apartment rental building (50-100 units), a 100-150-unit owner-occupied apartment building and then a 100-unit market-rate rental building and, farther to the east, two additional market-rate rental buildings.

At the far eastern border of the property with the Board of Education property, Beltway Plaza is proposing just over an acre of park area. From the drawing it appeared that the age-restricted building faces Breezewood and the Empirian Village complex, as do the three market-rate rental apartment buildings to the east.

The owner-occupied apartment building faces the back of the existing theater. The plans allow for these buildings to be up to six stories tall. A new multi-story parking structure is also proposed just behind the first market-rate rental building. Underground parking is envisioned for the residential buildings. The age-restricted building and the first market-rate apartment building depict swimming pools within open courtyards.

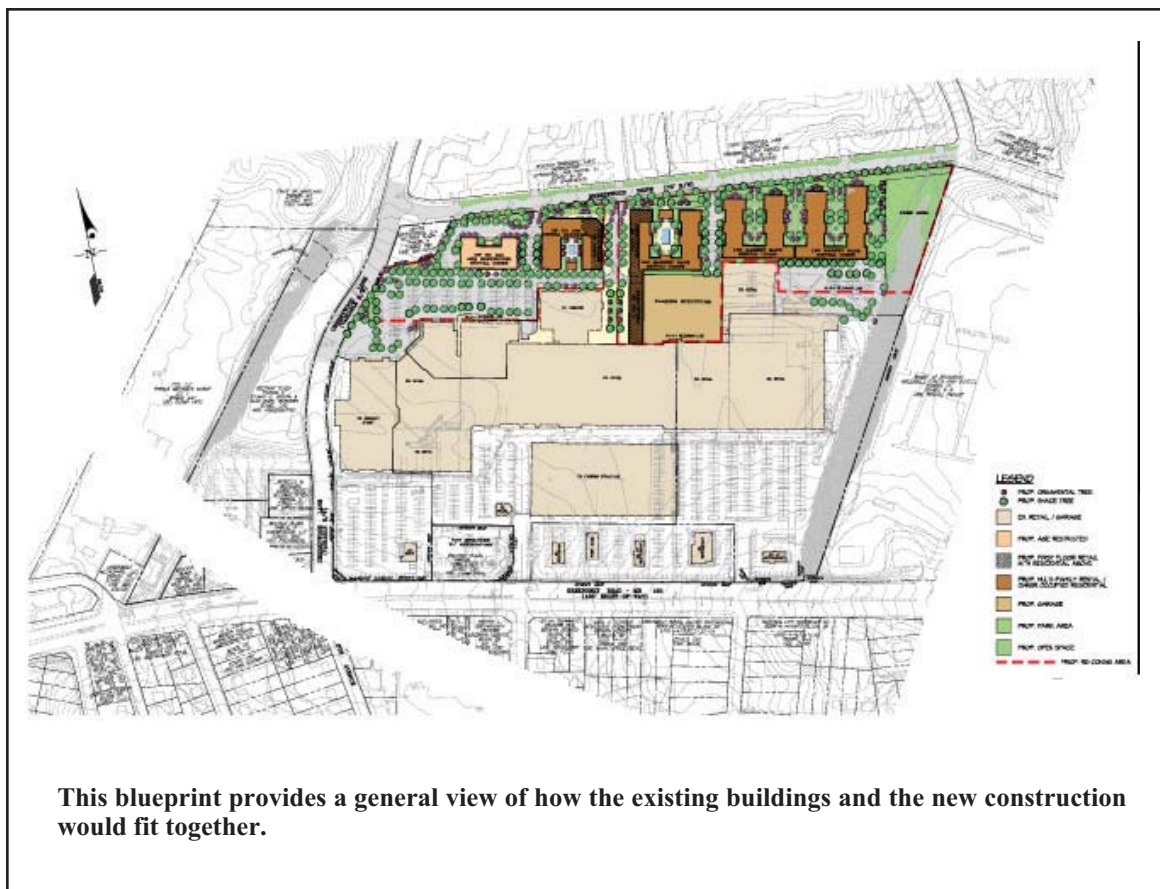
The plan also shows four entrances to the development from Breezewood Drive. The main entrance off Breezewood is between the owner-occupied structure and the first market-rate rental building.

According to Beltway Plaza spokespersons this is where the 22,000 square feet of commercial space would be located, primarily in a "Main Street" setting. Beltway Plaza officials believe this design will make the area more attractive to Empirian Village residents, giving them more reason to come to the mall.

The existing easterly vehicle route to reach the rear of the mall will remain but the outside route would be taken over by the proposed residential development, leaving circulation via the existing route only through the existing parking structure at the rear of the mall.

Craze then outlined the staff perspective on the CSP/rezoning proposal for the 15.4-acre project. She identified three "threshold" issues for the city posed by the proposed development: How does the proposed development fit into overall plans for Greenbelt West? What is the future of Beltway Plaza as a whole? Is the proposal consistent with the Greenbelt West Sector Plan Goals?

Craze reminded council that



This blueprint provides a general view of how the existing buildings and the new construction would fit together.

the adopted Sector Plan anticipates that Beltway Plaza will be updated as a shopping center. She also noted that the CSP plan does not address any current "problems." In addition, the CSP/rezoning does not address expressed city goals for diversity of residential uses.

Davis then requested that APB Chairman George Branyan provide the board's position. Branyan said the APB supported the direction the proposal was taking, in terms of a "walker friendly" town center approach but the board prefers that Beltway Plaza provide a well-planned vision for the entire (shopping center) property.

### Council Comments

Davis then asked for comments and questions from council. Councilmember Edward Putens asked if commercial uses had been considered. He also echoed the need to address planning for the entire complex.

Davis questioned whether the CSP actually constitutes "mixed use." Her understanding is that mixed use would be more integrated, with residential units placed above the main street shops. Councilmember Leta Mach pointed to the ongoing Hyattsville streetscape development and its integration into the Metro stop.

Plaza representatives said they would be "proffering" a shuttle van to Metro for residents, noting the rezoning request is compatible with existing and adjacent properties.

### Rezoning Applicant

Responding to further questions by council regarding specifics of the proposed residential uses, Wine responded that Beltway Plaza is the applicant for the CSP/rezoning. Its expertise is in commercial development, however. He could not answer specifically regarding the residential uses. At this time Beltway Plaza cannot identify prospective residential developers for the site.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts expressed concern about the proposed 700 residential units and what they would do for Beltway Plaza. He echoed the staff opinion that it would be considered in a better light if it were part

of an overall plan for the entire complex, not just "jamming" 700 apartments into the back parking lot.

Roberts reminded Plaza officials of past and continuing experiences with Empirian Village and the serious drain that project has constituted for public safety resources. Taub responded that the CSP plan envisions a more urban atmosphere.

Davis questioned the location and scale of the proposed park area in the far eastern portion of the property. Wine repeated that Beltway Plaza would not be doing the proposed residential section and that the developers doing that section and the associated recreation/park amenities would be required by their lenders to conform to any requirements.

Councilmember Konrad Herling followed up with a question about the tenant mix and whether there would be amenities for children. Plaza officials said it would not be a kid-friendly type of development. The target would rather be young professionals.

Davis noted that with Eleanor Roosevelt High School in the city, families with school-age children may be attracted to new apartments in the area. She would be more concerned, she said, with the issue that Roberts had raised in terms of public safety issues affecting the Beltway Plaza marketing plan.

### Storm Water

Councilmember Emmett Jordan raised a question regarding compliance of the proposed development with the new storm water management requirements. Their concept plan, they said, included approval for storm water management.

Roberts suggested that Beltway Plaza consider "greening" the existing mall structures, providing something unique and up to date.

Councilmember Silke Pope commented toward the end of the meeting that, in her view, the proposed CSP "just does not do it."

Davis suggested that Beltway Plaza should do an MUI rezoning for the entire project.

Putens suggested going back to

the drawing board and incorporating the previous comprehensive plan with this condensed one and coming up with a better overall plan.

The response from Plaza representatives was to ask council "if this (CSP) was the right thing to do" and "if this is a decent location to start something that would improve Beltway Plaza."

As it was a worksession, no council decision was forthcoming on the CSP/rezoning issue. The wrap-up was the decision for Beltway Plaza spokespersons to get a Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission planning board date to consider the CSP. The proposal would be brought back then to council for action.

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# Big Storm Plays Havoc with City, Police and News Review Telephones

by James Giese

As of Tuesday, August 3 some city residents were still dealing with problems created by the Sunday, July 25 wind and rainstorm. James Sterling, assistant director of Community Development reports that while a majority of the 69 Empirian Village families displaced by the storm have relocated to other apartments in the complex, some still remain housed in motels provided by the apartment complex. An engineer for structural damage has inspected the buildings but Sterling has not yet received a report. Damage to residents' personal property was minimal. In 12 units drywall ceiling was blown down upon dwelling contents. The roofs were quickly covered with temporary covering pending repair. Tenants were displaced from six buildings where roofs were blown off. Three other families were evacuated due to isolated damage elsewhere in the complex.

City Manager Michael McLaughlin reports that nearly the entire city had power restored by Wednesday afternoon, July 28. The last major areas without power were Parkway and portions of Boxwood Village on Periwinkle and White Birch Courts and Rosewood and Hedgewood Drives.

## Telephones

McLaughlin reports that there are still problems with telephone service within the city. The Greenbelt Fire House was still without landline telephone service more than a week later on the morning of Tuesday, August 3. City staff is trying to compile a listing of locations still without service to present to Verizon. Residents still without service are urged to contact the city offices.

Lack of communications created serious problems for the city. At one time, communications were so bad that McLaughlin sent Assistant Manager David Moran out to visit each councilmember's home physically in order to report on the storm situation.

At the Greenbelt Police Station when the power went off, the station continued operating on auxiliary power and police radios kept operating. However, the department lost both emergency and non-emergency telephone lines. Emergency calls were routed to the county, although Verizon also reported system-wide problems with the 911 system. The county had a great deal of problems communicating with Greenbelt. Even cell phones failed to work for a while.

Early Monday morning Greenbelt Lieutenant James Parker arranged for a county portable emergency communication system to be set up outside the station. Greenbelt police dispatchers then worked out of the mobile unit from about 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. when the non-emergency lines were restored. Then 911 calls were rerouted to the non-emergency lines until that separately dedicated line was restored.

The problem with the non-emergency lines related to the operation failure of the Verizon switching station on Greenbelt Road, Parker said. That station was reported to have had its back-up generator fail plus two portable generators brought to the site to provide temporary power until

permanent power was restored. The 911 emergency service was lost due to fallen wires.

Parker noted that new equipment now being prepared will provide an additional communication backup to the city. That is a new radio system that will enable the city to communicate directly to the county and other area departments. Presently, the city has its own radio frequency separate from other jurisdictions. The new equipment is part of a nationwide program to improve police communications during major catastrophes. Council authorized the equipment purchase in July and hopefully the new system will be installed by October, Parker said.

## City Email

On Monday, July 26 the city was without email service. Provided by ATT, the service uses Verizon lines and is separate from other city telephone service. After filing complaints, the service was restored Monday evening. However, sometime Tuesday the service went down again, according to city Director of Information Technology Dale Worley. City staff, unaware of the breakdown, continued to send out emails. Some went to this newspaper, providing copy to be placed in last week's paper. On Wednesday, frantic staff were calling about lost emails and the need for items to be put in the paper even though it was then past deadline. (We did it.) New emails were sent out on employees' personal accounts.

Worley reports that service was restored on Wednesday, after which the lost emails were successfully sent out. Worley reported to the city manager that the city's main access for the internet is through a county-municipal I-Net (fiber) network. A back-up phone line access is kept in place in case the I-Net fails. That backup is used for the email service and for access from police cruisers. Those services were kept there for simplicity of routing. While city staff considered rerouting the emails to the I-Net, it would have taken 12 to 24 hours of significant staff effort. So they decided to wait another day before undertaking that task. By then service was restored.

## News Review Crisis

The Greenbelt News Review volunteers take pride in the fact that this volunteer-run weekly newspaper has been in operation for nearly 73 years without missing an issue. The volunteers working last Wednesday, after the second Verizon back up generator failed, were sorely put to the test to keep that tradition going when the paper's telephone system acted erratically. News Review Board President Eileen Farnham, a key volunteer, reported that the telephones at the paper's offices "were going in and out, internet communications were going in and out and there was no fax capability at all."

There was a time when loss of telephone service would not have been a serious problem to the paper. Everything was hard copy. The most significant crisis of that time was when the paper's volunteer courier to Allen Printing had that week's paper copy fall off his motorcycle. Staff volunteers scrambled and were able to find

sufficient duplicate copy, some from the trash cans, to put the paper together again and continue the paper's record of reliability.

Nowadays everything is electronic. Reporters word process their stories and send them by email. Editing and corrections are made on file copies stored in the computer. Those stories then are sent to the paper's composition contractor, Lynn Eppard, late Tuesday night. She lays out the paper electronically and sends it back to the office where volunteers proofread and do final editing Wednesday night. Changes are discussed with Eppard, who lives near Olney, via telephone conferences. Eppard sends the print copy electronically to our printer Silver Communications in Sterling, Va. The printed paper is then trucked back 50 miles to Greenbelt on Thursday for distribution to our many readers.

The unreliable telephone service last Wednesday placed a great obstacle to the many volunteers, led by Assistant Editor Barbara Likowski, who were responsible for final proofing and editing. Fortunately, volunteer Pat Davis had a working cell phone with speakerphone capabilities and loaded with minutes. Farnham reports, "we did our usual three conference calls (one an hour plus long) on her cell because the office phones were off, off-on, on-off and so static filled we could not hear."

Once more the paper's staff of dedicated volunteers faced a crisis, rose to the occasion and brought our readers the latest news about Greenbelt on time.

# Lady Angels Basketball Team Takes Second Title

by Brian Butler

Sparks were flying while the basketball world celebrated Kobe and the Lakers winning their fifth championship and Lebron choosing to leave Cleveland and take his talents to Miami. It seems that it doesn't matter whether you win like Kobe or lose and leave like Lebron, if the excitement is there, the sparks will fly.

In the midst of it all, the Greenbelt community was preparing for its own fireworks. As amazing as our show at Buddy Attick Park is (and always will be), I'm not talking about that type of fireworks. Rather I'm referring to the Greenbelt Lady Angels returning to Canada to defend their 2009 International M.M.3. Championship on July 7.

This women's basketball team was put together by Coach Herbert Allen, a Center Leader at Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Coach Allen hosts "Ladies Night" basketball at the recreation center from 7:30 to 9:45 p.m. every Thursday. The women train and compete and every week are joined by a guest speaker and introduced to different careers and professions. During these weekly events, Coach Allen observes the skill set of the participants and selects those who will ultimately represent the United States and

compete in the International Tournament held annually in Canada.

This year the team started out with a major handicap. Four of the seven players did not return to compete this year. Even still, Coach Allen chose to look at the bright side; last year they only had seven players, this year they were taking 10. The Angels set out to defend their title July 7. The tension rose while the team went over the strategy and game plan, knowing that they could win like Kobe or lose and have to leave like Lebron.

It didn't take long for them to make their mark; they were victorious in the first three games, which landed them in the finals again. This was a beautiful opportunity for them to win back-to-back titles.

The entire team was nervous before the championship game, including Coach Allen. Allen said, "I am proud of the girls, win or lose." The Angels were on point and outscored their opponents by 30 points in the finals. As mentioned earlier, it doesn't seem to matter whether you win like Kobe or lose and leave like Lebron, if the excitement is there the sparks will fly.

*Brian Butler is a recreation coordinator at Springhill Lake Recreation Center.*

## City Notes

Code Enforcement staff reports 26 municipal infractions were issued to Empirian Village Apartments for non-abatement of code violations.

Public Works crews spent countless hours cutting up downed trees and large limbs

from personal property, streets, sidewalks and pathways. Efforts will continue until all of the cut up trees and other debris are removed.

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