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Pageant winners are Miss Greenbelt Victoria Gray, Junior Miss Greenbelt Sarah Crank and Little Miss Greenbelt Yasmyn Switzer.

Pageant Winners Selected At Well-attended Event

by Altoria Bell Ross

A world travelling straight A student, a home schooled would-be supreme court justice and a scholar and skilled pianist were crowned Little Miss Greenbelt, Junior Miss Greenbelt and Miss Greenbelt, respectively, on September 4 in front of a record attending crowd and pageant participation of 41 young ladies.

Little Miss Greenbelt and Miss Congeniality Yasmyn Switzer is a 10-year-old 5th grader at Patuxent Montessori School. During the question-and-answer period of the pageant, she told the judges and audience that she loves school so much that she helps her younger sibling with homework. Yasmyn's favorite subjects are math and reading. The future scientist or fashion designer also stressed

that international travel is an important aspect of education for which she has done much. A member of the Greenbelt Swim Team, Yasmyn also enjoys hiking. In addition, this summer she attended the young Actors Studio and Girls' Rock Camp in California. Of her new title she said, "I'm so happy. It's amazing."

Sarah Crank felt the same way. After three tries, she was crowned Junior Miss Greenbelt. "It feels wonderful," she said of her win. The rising home schooled 8th grader wowed the crowd with her explanation of how she would conquer her greatest fear, caves. The 13-year-old said she would slay

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Worksession with PEPCO Generates Heat, Some Light

by Marat Moore

After repeated Pepco power outages in Greenbelt, council finally met with Pepco officials in a September 14 worksession – the August 1 meeting was cancelled when the power went out. The meeting's purpose was to find out about the utility's "reliability enhancement plan" and upgrades to the city's electrical grid. Council probed details of summer outages and heard a presentation about "smart meters" that Pepco will install in the next 15 months. Sparks flew in the final moments when residents hotly criticized the utility and described the harsh impact of frequent power failures.

Mayor Judith Davis summed up residents' lack of confidence in Pepco service. "Even if it looks like rain, people expect an outage," she said.

Representing Pepco were

James Dudley, field supervisor for northern Prince George's County, who brought detailed maps of work planned for Greenbelt; and Avolon Joseph, a residential program manager from the parent company, Pepco Holdings, Inc., who outlined the roll-out of the smart meters (see sidebar).

The full council participated as well as City Manager Michael McLaughlin and David Moran, assistant city manager.

Power Outages

Most of Greenbelt's recent power outages have occurred in the central part of the city. Electrical lines serving newer residential developments in Greenbelt East, including Windsor Green and Greenbriar, are buried underground.

"People are asking, why can't

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Council Considers New Ethics Rule

A new ethics ordinance does not reference "partners" or "significant others," Mayor Judith Davis said at the Greenbelt City Council meeting on September 12, raising concerns that this omission could be read as an exemption for unmarried couples from disclosure requirements and standards of conduct for the city.

Requesting that the issue be brought up and discussed fully at a second reading for the ordinance on September 26, Davis asked City Manager Michael McLaughlin if these references must be included.

"The short answer is: that's not required by state law," he said. "But as council understands, the city can go more stringent than state law; it cannot go less stringent. But then it also became an issue of: how do you define that?"

The ordinance, which can be found on the city's website (www.greenbeltmd.gov), defines a "qualified relative" as spouse, parent, child, brother or sister. It defines "immediate family" as a spouse and dependent children.

Section 2-110 of the ordinance prohibits Greenbelt officials or employees from participating in the disposition or decision of any matter in which, to their knowledge "the official or employee or a qualified relative of the official or employee has an interest."

Section 2-111 requires all elected officials, all candidates to become elected officials and high-level city employees to file "a schedule of the immediate family members of the individual employed by the City of Greenbelt in any capacity at any time during the reporting period."

Section 2-113 requires lobbyists to file with the City of Greenbelt

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What Goes On

Saturday, September 24 – Full day of free activities as the Aquatic & Fitness Center Celebrates its 20th anniversary

Saturday, September 24 to Friday, September 30 – Active Aging Week (see city ad)

Saturday, September 24 9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot between City Office and Community Center

10 a.m., Buddy Attick Parking Lot, Renovating a portion of the woods along the trail

Monday, September 26 8 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov

Tuesday, September 27 7:30 p.m., Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES) Meeting, Community Center

75 Years Ago

Greenbelt: The Early Days

by Sandra A. Lange

This is the first in a 12-part series to continue throughout 2011-2012 celebrating the City of Greenbelt's 75th Anniversary.

"An experiment that ought to be copied" proclaimed President Franklin Delano Roosevelt when he first toured the new town of Greenbelt in 1936. FDR echoed the grand vision of Rexford Guy Tugwell, head of the Resettlement Administration (RA) and his trusted advisor. It was Tugwell who communicated to the president a bold New Deal plan. He convinced FDR that the federal government needed to build new communities that would give useful work to unemployed men, demonstrate to private developers the effectiveness of certain garden city planning principles and provide a healthy living environment for families of modest incomes.

By 1933 the country was suffering from the Great Depression with 31 percent of the American workforce unemployed. Families were living in overcrowded conditions in the cities. People were desperate for new jobs and new homes. Tugwell envisioned building ideal communities of "greenbelt" towns throughout the country.

Tugwell was anxious to start

construction as soon as possible and was forced to scale down his vision to building only four "greenbelt" towns. These towns would be located near employment centers: Greenhills, Ohio, near Cincinnati; Greendale, Wisconsin, near Milwaukee; Greenbrook, New Jersey, near Boundbrook; and Greenbelt, Maryland, near Washington, D.C. All but Greenbrook were actually constructed.

Greenbelt

Greenbelt was an especially attractive site because potential residents would be drawn from the federal workforce as well as the adjacent Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC). Greenbelt would also link Baltimore and Washington with future highways, utilities and populations.

The federal government assembled large tracts of land. About 12,260 acres were purchased for the construction of Greenbelt at an average cost of \$165 per acre. Some land

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Veteran Edward Putens Seeks 16th Council Term

Incumbent Edward Putens is the first candidate for city council to submit his biography to this newspaper. He has submitted his nomination forms which have been certified by City Clerk Cindy Murray. Incumbents Silke Pope, Judith Davis and Leta Mach have also filed with the city clerk's office.

Edward Putens, completing his 15th term on the Greenbelt City Council, has announced his intention to run again. Putens has been a resident of Greenbelt for 44 years, starting in Springhill Lake. He has also lived in Charlestowne North, Windsor Green and most recently in Greenbrook Estates. He was born in Hazelton, Pa., and grew up in Baltimore.



Edward Putens

Putens has been employed by the federal government for 39 years and has received many awards and commendations. He has worked for the Food and Drug Administration for the past 24 years, mostly in high management positions. He previously served in management positions at three other federal agencies.

In Greenbelt Putens has taken a leading role in improving police protection and crime prevention. For many years he has advocated the revitalization of Springhill Lake, now called

Franklin Park, and other property west of Kenilworth Avenue, in part to improve public safety. Council earlier supported his initiative to use video cameras in strategic areas in the city and to place two School Resource Officers in Greenbelt schools for security and he has successfully proposed traffic safety improvements.

Putens has taken a leading role on senior citizen concerns and initiated a Senior Task Force, which led to establishment of the permanent Senior Citizen Advisory Committee. He proposed the city's Public Safety Advisory Committee, as well as the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE). Putens also successfully initiated the Four Cities Coalition among Greenbelt, College Park, New Carrollton and Berwyn Heights to expand inter-city cooperation on issues and projects

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Letters to the Editor

Proposed Ethics Law Needs More Work

The city council introduced a Public Ethics Ordinance for first reading at the last council meeting. This ordinance is scheduled for second reading and adoption at the September 26 council meeting in order to meet a state deadline. A review of the draft ordinance shows it misses the mark.

In the proposed ordinance, members of the Ethics Commission tasked with investigating and determining whether or not an ethics violation has occurred are to be appointed by the city council. It would be a conflict of interest for individuals who may potentially be the subject of an ethics complaint to determine the members of the Commission who will be making the judgment as to whether or not a violation has occurred.

In terms of restrictions, the ordinance addresses compensation received by individuals from employers but does not appear to place the same restrictions on compensation received from consulting services.

The section on the solicitation and acceptance of gifts does not list a dollar amount of gifts considered to be of significant value, thus creating a subjective criterion. Most corporate ethics policies identify the dollar value of gifts considered acceptable in the normal course of business.

Under the ordinance, lobbyists are required to report gifts to city officials and employees with a cumulative value of \$75 or more. However, the officials or employees receiving such gifts are allowed under the ordinance to make a written exception to the inclusion of the aforementioned officials or employees names from public reports.

It is unfortunate the council did not leave more time for review and consideration of this very important Public Ethics Ordinance. Particularly given the county's recent history and the council's upcoming efforts with respect to economic development.

Molly Lester

The Value of Trees

In his September 1 letter to the editor, Randy Crenwelge has good suggestions for dealing with potential power outages during storms. One I didn't like so much, though: removing trees and branches based on a visual survey of potential problems.

Not to wax too poetic but Greenbelt is called that for a reason. Its trees are a major part of its appeal; who of us didn't consider them a significant factor in our decision to move here? Trees appeal aesthetically; but they also shaped our evolution and protect us in numerous ways that we take for granted. They not only give shade but recharge the air we breathe, protect us from wind (and cold, by trapping ground heat); house beneficial animals like pollinating insects, birds and bats; and buffer against damaging storm runoff, among other things. The risk they pose by standing above us is a small price to pay for what they give us.

Every tree is a potential problem. They're all going to come down some day. To begin removal because something might happen, however, is a slippery slope

on which I don't think we want to tread. Your power line is my roof, my car, my kids. Once we make this an institutional norm, where do we stop? I know that Crenwelge wants to look for "most likely" situations. But how is this defined? It shouldn't, in my opinion, include anything that is a "hazard" simply because it is big and there. Sick and dead trees and dead and cracked limbs are one thing. Something that is healthy, though, should be left, because in the long run, our health depends upon it.

Every tree and branch we remove, we should think about first. They're more than worth that.

Donn Ahearn

Happy 20th to GAFC

I would like to offer a loud shout out to the City of Greenbelt, the staff at Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center (GAFC) and my fellow swimmers for the 20th anniversary. I have been a member since the beginning (well, I guess I joined in November, two months after the opening). We didn't even live in Greenbelt yet.

We corrected that, moving here nearly 16 years ago. The indoor pool is a microcosm of our inclusive community – it serves our older citizens, our young ones, families and those who are challenged, mentally or physically. It is a community unto itself – when we bump into fellow swimmers at the Co-op, it's "Oh, I didn't recognize you fully clothed."

The front desk staff and their supervisors are heroes. I have witnessed a number of encounters by visitors, with issues small and large. The staff handles all with grace and ease. Might I suggest, if anybody wants a second career, they work for the Foreign Service using these honed diplomatic skills?

Again, thank you for GAFC, particularly the indoor pool, that keeps many in the community fit all year long.

Elizabeth Gaines

Bicycling on Walks

As an avid bicyclist who often rides in Greenbelt, and sometimes on the "inner pathways" of Old Greenbelt, I have to take issue with Catherine Hardy's letter warning bicyclists that they are violating the law by using these off-street routes. As the editors noted briefly following the letter, bicycle riding on sidewalks is in fact permitted on public sidewalks in Greenbelt (and most communities). Furthermore, I'd point out that these off-street routes within the "super-blocks" of the planned New Deal community of Greenbelt (now GHI) were a design feature specifically intended to keep non-motorized travellers – both pedestrians and bicyclists – out of harm's way from cars and trucks.

Clearly this does not mean that bicycles should be ridden recklessly and without regard to pedestrians – or other bicyclists for that matter. Many of these pathways through GHI are too narrow to safely accommodate anyone going at faster than a walking tempo. It sounds like the young cyclists Ms. Hardy had to dodge clearly need some instruction, for their own safety

as well as the safety of others, and hopefully they have already received it from the adult she believes was part of that entourage.

I am very sorry to hear about the fatality in San Francisco and am pleased that it appears authorities are making an appropriate prosecution. Pedestrians don't have much of a chance when they come into contact with any large and faster-moving conveyances, be they bicycles – or motorcycles, cars or trucks. But please remember that the latter three are responsible for the overwhelming majority of pedestrian injuries and fatalities. And bicyclists who do use the street – which is their legal right unless specifically indicated – do not get much respect from motorists there either.

Bottom line is that we all need to be aware of who/what is around us and share the space.

Marti Scheel

Ignored Controversy

Perhaps I overlooked it, but I was perplexed to see no reporting in the News Review coverage of the 2011 Labor Day Parade of either the group marching against gay marriage (Protect Marriage Maryland) or the local group marching in support of inclusion and full equality under the law (GreenBELT Pride). This appeared to be the central controversy of the event with numerous audience members cheering for or

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Correction

In the article on American Legion Post #136's 9/11 commemoration on page 6 last week, an editing error in the final paragraph incorrectly identified Rusty Beeg (correctly shown as president of the Post 136 Auxiliary earlier in the article) as its past president. Our apologies.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE WEEK OF SEP 23

The Help

(PG-13)

Friday

*4:30, 7:30

Saturday & Sunday

*1:30, *4:30, 7:30

Monday – Thursday

*4:30, 7:30

*These shows at \$6.50

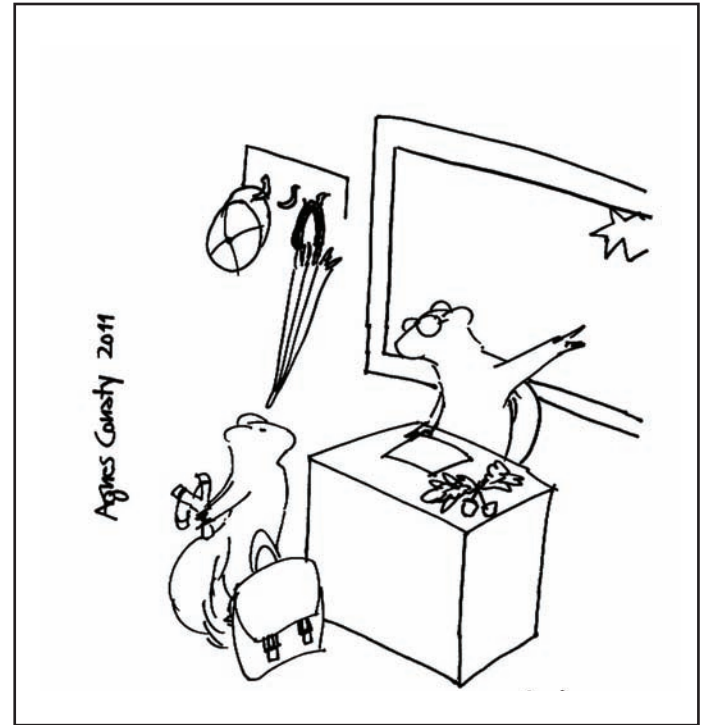
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Grin Belt



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On Screen

Getting at "The Help"

Opening at Old Greenbelt Theatre on Friday, September 23 is "The Help," based on a recent bestseller of the same name. Back in Jackson, Miss., in the 1960s, college graduate and would-be writer "Skeeter" (Emma Stone) starts as a newspaper columnist but is drawn into real stories of the help – local black women – who have raised Skeeter and her well-to-do friends. Thrumming tensions rise on all sides as Skeeter gets deeper into the lives of the women, especially Aibileen Clark (Viola Davis) and Minny Jackson (Octavia Spender).

PG-13, 137 minutes.

– Eli Flam

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Community Events

At the Library

Storytimes

On Wednesdays and Thursdays a librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props.

Wednesday, September 28, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages three to five years. Room capacity: 20 total.

Thursday, September 29, 10:30 a.m., Toddler Time for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver. Room capacity: 24 total.

Pick up a free ticket for the Storytime events at the information desk.

Coming Co-op Food Demos, Workshop

On Wednesday, September 28 (also Patron Appreciation Day) the Co-op will host a cooking demonstration from 4 to 6 p.m. featuring pan-seared, stuffed Portobello mushrooms, along with wine samples. Age identification is required for wine sampling.

Fall Workshop

The next workshop in the Co-op Shop Healthy Program will be held on October 4 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Youth Center. "Fall Foods & Soups" will provide tips on how to incorporate a variety of seasonal produce into menu plans, focusing on healthy, hearty soups. Registration is required by calling 301-474-0522, ext. 205 or emailing membership@greenbelt.coop. Healthy Explorations workshops at the Youth Center are planned quarterly.

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. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for Sept. 26 to 30:

Monday – Apple juice, meatballs with marinara sauce, parsley rotini, spinach, diced pears.

Tuesday – Orange juice, chicken fajitas, Mexican rice, Oregon-blend vegetables, tortilla, pineapple tidbits.

Wednesday – Grape juice, cheese egg omelet, turkey sausage patty, hash brown potatoes, escalloped apples with raisins.

Thursday – Apple juice, stuffed pepper with meat sauce, lima beans, butternut squash, fruit cocktail.

Friday –Cranberry juice, grilled pork chops with pineapple sauce, baked beans, seasoned carrots, diced peaches.

Two City Homes Part Of Solar Home Tour

On Saturday, October 1 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., two Greenbelt homes will be open as part of the annual Washington Area Tour of Solar Homes. A 48-page Solar Tour Guide brochure listing the more than 50 homes on the regional tour, including the two homes in Greenbelt, is available at the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket. There is a fee for the guide.

The national and regional Washington area tour dates are Saturday and Sunday, October 1 and 2 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. More information is available at www.solartour.org.

GHI Notes

Thursday, September 22, 7:30 p.m. – Board of Directors Meeting – Board Room

Monday, September 26, 7 p.m. – Communicator Task Force Meeting – Lobby

Wednesday, September 28, 7 p.m. – Buildings Committee Meeting – Board Room

Friday, September 30, Office Closed – Maintenance emergency service available only (call 301-474-6011).

Sunday, October 2 – Co-op Month Booth at Farmers' Market
Monday, October 3, 7:15 p.m. – Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

Thursday October 6, 7:30 p.m. – Board of Directors Meeting – Board Room

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

Widowed Persons Group Starts Anew

Men and women who have lost their spouses or partners are invited to a support group conducted by the Patuxent Widowed Persons Service (PWPS). The group will meet weekly from 7 to 9 p.m. for six weeks starting Tuesday, September 27 in the Senior Lounge of the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. The group, open to all, is conducted by trained volunteers and will provide both emotional support and practical information.

PWPS support groups are co-sponsored by American Association for Retired Persons (AARP) and the Greenbelt Senior Citizens Advisory Committee. There is no fee but pre-registration is required. Call Leonie Penney at 301-441-8943 or Kathleen McFarland at 301-474-6892.

Greenbelt Park, REI Host Project Sept. 24

On Saturday, September 24 for National Public Lands Day, Greenbelt Park and REI College Park will hold trail maintenance projects at the park including watershed cleanup and invasive plant removal starting at 9 a.m. National Public Lands Day is the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance public lands enjoyed by all.

Registration is needed to participate – go to www.rei.com/stores/27 under the Classes and Events section to use the registration link. General information about Greenbelt Park is at www.nps.gov/gree.



PHOTO BY STEVE LINDNER

Nearly 200 dogs and their people splashed together at the 8th Annual Pooch Plunge at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center on Saturday, September 10. The event raised more than \$1,000 for the city's Department of Planning and Community Development. Funds will help special-needs animals at the city's animal shelter. Those animals may have unusual injuries but are otherwise healthy and adoptable – like Tripod the cat, whose leg required amputation.

Above, Bella expresses her appreciation to Linda Guttman for bringing her to the party.

– Marat Moore

THIS WEEK ON
GREENBELT MUNICIPAL ACCESS

Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltdmd.gov

Programming will be repeated Monday-Saturday.
Monday evening programming will be preempted to show the City Council Meeting live at 8pm.

8:30am & 4:30pm: Greenbelt Youth Circus presents INSPIRATION
10:00am & 6 pm: MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS
10:45am & 6:45pm: LABOR DAY - OPENING CEREMONY AND OUTSTANDING CITIZEN
11:30am & 7:30pm LABOR DAY - MISS GREENBELT OPENING DAY
1:00pm & 9:00pm: REPLAY OF CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 26th (beginning on Tuesday)

Programming will also be uploaded to the city's on-demand library at http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/administration/Municipal_Access.html. For questions or information on Greenbelt Municipal Access, please contact bpalau@greenbeltdmd.gov.

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November 11 - December 3: Alice in Wonderland, directed by Betsy Marks Delaney

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Mowatt Holds Animal Blessing on Sept. 25

Mowatt United Methodist Church will hold its second Blessing of the Animals Service at the church on Sunday, September 25 at 10 a.m. The history of animal blessing is often attributed to St. Francis of Assisi in the 13th century but may well date back to the 4th century with St. Anthony of the Desert.

Plenty of water and treats will be provided for animals attending and coffee and treats for the people bringing them. Bring water and food as needed with dogs on a leash and cats or other pets in a carrier. Dogs and cats need to be friendly and wear a collar with current ID.

Photos of less social pets are welcome. For those without a live animal in their household, Mowatt welcomes children bringing Teddy bears or other toy animals.

Donations for the Greenbelt Animal Shelter and for Mowatt United Methodist Church will be gladly accepted.

Mowatt is at 40 Ridge Road in Old Greenbelt. Call 301-474-9410 for further information or visit the website at www.greenbeltumc.org.

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Children: \$6.00

ALL SHOWS BEFORE NOON
ON SATURDAY \$5.00

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Children: \$6.00
Seniors: \$6.50

R = ID Required
(!) = No pass, (!!) No pass weekend

Week of SEPT 23

FRI. – SAT.

Money Ball, R (!)
11:55, 3:30, 6:40, 9:50
Dolphin Tale, PG (!)
11:45, 2:20, 5:05, 7:50, 10:20
Lion King in 3D, G (!)
No fees at this location
11:15, 1:25, 3:40, 6:05, 8:15, 10:30
Contagion, PG-13 (!)
11:50, 2:25, 5:10, 7:45, 10:20
Killer Elite, R (!)
11:35, 2:15, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30
Abduction, PG-13, (!)
11:35, 2:15, 5:20, 7:50, 10:40
Drive, R
11:45, 2:25, 5:20, 8, 10:30
Colombiana, PG-13
11:45, 2:25, 5:20
Straw Dogs, R
8, 10:30

SUN. – THU.

Money Ball, R (!)
11:40, 4, 7:10
Dolphin Tale, PG (!)
11:45, 2:50, 5:30, 8:05
Lion King in 3D, G (!)
No fees at this location
11:40, 1:45, 3:50, 6, 8:05
Contagion, PG-13 (!)
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Straw Dogs, R
5:20, 8

More Community Events
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Holy Cross
Thrift Store

Every Thursday 10am – 4pm
Third Saturday every month,
10am–1pm
Good, clean clothes for women,
men and children!
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

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already belonged to the federal government; additional acres came from old Maryland families with titles going back to the original land grants from the King of England. Only about one quarter of the purchased land was used to construct Greenbelt, with the remainder transferred to BARC.

Since the road, street and building plans had not been completed by October 1935, thousands of relief workers were transported to Greenbelt to clear trees and excavate the site for a man-made lake. A total of 13,000 men were put to work on the Greenbelt project "making it one of the largest single projects of the New Deal," according to Joseph Arnold in his 1971 book, *The New Deal in the Suburbs*.

The RA sought to hire as many unskilled relief workers as possible, using shovels instead of bulldozers. In the beginning, hiring and training of unskilled workers increased labor costs. As building construction progressed throughout 1936-37, the RA hired more skilled union men and some private contractors. Workers wore colored buttons indicating whether they were skilled, semi-skilled or unskilled. (The Greenbelt Museum has one such button in its collection.)

The Plan

Tugwell's entire experiment in community planning was laid out before construction began. "The shape of the Greenbelt plan was indicated by nature," wrote the eminent urban planner Clarence Stein in his 1957 book, *Toward New Towns for America*. "Here, as in many other great plans, the planners job was to discover, not invent," he wrote.

More so than either of the other two green towns, the Greenbelt plan reflected the natural topography of the site. The two major roads, Crescent and Ridge, follow a natural curved ridge line. Streets, schools, businesses, recreation facilities and houses were linked through a series of underpasses and interior walkways, all to encourage walking. Pedestrian circulation would be safe from traffic. Homes would face green spaces with lawns, parks and playgrounds. "The inner crescent sweeps round the spacious community center . . . the heart of Greenbelt," Stein continued. The building would serve as a school, filled with students during the day and with community meetings at night and religious services on Sunday and a library.

Although original Greenbelt was projected to contain 1,000 housing units, escalating costs downsized the project to only 885 dwellings. There were 574 townhouses, 306 apartments and five single-family prefabricated houses constructed. A few existing farmhouses were remodeled. In addition, a private developer, the Fisher Brothers, constructed Parkbelt, 10 steel frame homes on



Men arriving at the Greenbelt construction site were required to wear colored buttons designating whether they were skilled, semiskilled or unskilled workers.

photo by Carl M. Mydans, Library of Congress collection

Woodland Way and Forestway.

Homes were arranged in super-blocks facing green inner courtyards, parks and playgrounds. This configuration encouraged neighborliness. Greenbelt's planners disparaged the suburban sprawl that was common to more commercial developments elsewhere.

According to Joseph Arnold, there were various numbers given for the cost of constructing Greenbelt, from \$8 million to \$13 million, averaging from about \$7,000 to \$9,000 per unit, a much higher cost than originally projected. There were 71 different floor plans among the flat and pitched roof homes with one, two and three bedroom models in rows of two, four, six or eight units.

Most of the unskilled workers who built Greenbelt earned only \$700 to \$800 per year and could not qualify to live in one of the houses which required a minimum annual wage of \$1,200. The average household income for Greenbelt was \$1,560 and families could earn as much as \$2,000 before they were disqualified from residency. Family size could be no more than six persons. Homes were assigned based on family size and the number of bedrooms in the unit. Monthly rentals ranged from \$18 to \$41 per month. Initially, 70 percent of families were government workers. All were white, 60 percent Protestant, 30 percent Catholic and seven percent Jewish.

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

 Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community 

September 25, 10 a.m.
 "The Power of the Unitarian Universalist Story" by Rev. Diane Teichert
 with Worship Associate Marilyn Pearl
 The Religious Exploration program for pre-school through high school starts today.


Greenbelt Community Church
 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

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

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



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

St. George's Episcopal Church
 Join us around a table where all are welcome!

Services
 • Sundays
 8 a.m. simple, quiet service (no music)
 10 a.m. main service
 (music includes a mixture of acoustic guitar, piano and organ music)

• Wednesdays
 7 p.m. service with healing prayers (no music)

7010 Glenn Dale Road (Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)
 301-262-3285 | rector@stgeo.org | www.stgeo.org





Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.
 Municipal Building

Cajun Jam at New Deal on Wednesday

On Wednesday, September 28 a free Cajun Jam will be held at the New Deal Café from 7 to 9:30 p.m. for dancers, musicians and listeners.


Beginners are welcome. For more information visit <http://www.newdeal-cafe.com/>.



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



Worship Service 10:00am
 Bring your pet or pet's photo for Blessing Service at 10 a.m.



O Ye Rich Ones On Earth!
 The poor in your midst are My trust; guard ye My trust, and be not intent only on your own ease.
 (Baha'u'llah)

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



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

Welcome!

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

ALL are Welcome!
 "Helping People Connect with Christ and His Family Through Loving Service"

BERWYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 Rev. James Lawton - Pastor
 301-474-7573
 6301 Greenbelt Road
 Berwyn Heights, MD 20740
 berwynpresbyterian.net

Worship : Sundays at 10:00 am -- Child Care Available
 Sunday School : Will resume on Sept 11 @ 9:30 am
 Office Hours : M-F 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

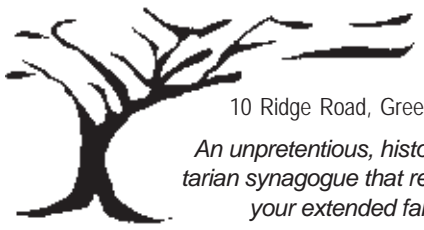
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 **HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH**
 6905 Greenbelt Road • 301-345-5111
 www.myholycross.org email myholycross@verizon.net

Worship 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday School & Bible Class 9:30 a.m.



Holy Cross Lutheran Church is a traditional Bible-believing, Christ-centered congregation! Join Us!
 Join us on Facebook at Holy Cross Lutheran Greenbelt

 **Congregation Mishkan Torah**
 10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 301-474-4223

An unpretentious, historic, welcoming, liberal, egalitarian synagogue that respects tradition and becomes your extended family in the 21st century.

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

Historic synagogue dually affiliated with United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation



City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING September 26, 2011 - 8:00 p.m. Municipal Building

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

- Cooperative Month – Proclamation
- Introduction of New Community Planner

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

Minutes of Council Meetings

Administrative Reports

Council Reports

Committee Reports

LEGISLATION

- An Ordinance to Repeal Article IV "Ethics" and Reenact Article IV "Public Ethics" of Chapter 2 "Administration" of the Greenbelt City Code - 2nd Reading, Adoption
- A Resolution to Amend Resolution 1084, a Resolution to Purchase Certain Goods and Services from Various Vendors as Enumerated Herein When Total Fiscal Year Purchases from Each Vendor Exceed Ten Thousand Dollars - 1st Reading
- A Resolution to Amend Resolution 1052 and to Provide for the Number of Judges and Clerks of Election, Their Rate of Compensation, and the Rate of Compensation to be Paid to the Chairperson and Members of the Board of Elections for the 2011 Regular Election - 1st Reading

OTHER BUSINESS

- Federal Courthouse Expansion – Environmental Assessment
- Other Reports

MEETINGS

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

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION

DRAWING FOR ORDER OF BALLOT PLACEMENT

A drawing to determine the order of candidates' names on the ballot for the November 8th election will take place in the City Council Room of the Municipal Building on Monday, September 26, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. Immediately following, a drawing will be held to determine the order for placement of campaign signs on public property for any candidates choosing to participate in that program. For more information, call Cindy Murray, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000, or e-mail to cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.



HELPING HANDS FOR AMERICA'S LANDS

Join us on
SEPTEMBER 24, 2011
10:00 a.m.

BUDDY ATTICK PARK PARKING LOT
555 Crescent Road
We will be renovating a portion of the woods along the trail.

On September 24th, an estimated 180,000 volunteers around the nation will build trails and bridges, pull invasive weeds, plant trees, remove trash and have fun getting back to nature. At the same time, they'll get quite a workout on America's public lands, the gym with a view. They'll learn about water conservation, invasive species, trail maintenance and other issues affecting public lands as well as take part in a service endeavor fed with the energy of volunteers in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and U.S. Territories.

Join the thousands who will take part in the National Public Lands Day and help do your part for America's lands.

To find out more, visit

www.publiclandsday.org

DONATION DROP-OFF: American Rescue Workers
Saturday, September 24, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.
Parking lot between City Office and the Community Center
Info: City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8308.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

The City has openings on its Board of Elections. Members of the Board of Elections are paid a nominal amount for the performance of their prescribed duties on Election Day.

To apply, please visit the City offices to submit an application, or call or e-mail Cindy Murray, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000 or cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov to request a form. Forms are also available at www.greenbeltmd.gov.

GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER

550-A Crescent Road
(behind Police Station)
COME OUT AND VISIT ALL THE ADORABLE PETS.



Peggy is a young girl who was found wandering all by herself behind a fire station. She is completely adorable and loves to play and be scratched. She's very anxious to find her new forever home

The shelter is open on Wednesdays from 4-7pm, and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm or by appointment.
INFO: 301.474.6124.
Donations welcome any time!
We especially need kitty litter!
Follow us on Facebook!

ELECTION CLERKS NEEDED

The City of Greenbelt Board of Elections is seeking several residents who would be willing to serve as election officials on November 8, 2011, from 6 a.m. until about 9 p.m. Clerks must also attend a training session on November 7 from 7 p.m. until about 9 p.m.

This is a rewarding experience for anyone who is interested in the political process and would like to play an active role in the local election. There is a stipend of \$135, plus a training fee of \$25.

There may also be a need for additional clerks to assist in the counting of absentee and early voting ballots. This job would entail working for two or three hours in the late afternoon/early evening of November 8. No preliminary training is necessary. The pay for absentee and early voting ballot clerks is \$35.

To apply, please visit the City offices to submit an application, or call or e-mail Cindy Murray, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000 or cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov to request a form. Forms are also available at www.greenbeltmd.gov.

Meetings September 26-30

Monday, September 26 at 8pm, **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING** at the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov.

Tuesday, September 27 at 7:30 p.m., **GREENBELT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY** (Green ACES) at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. Vacancies: Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park & Recreation Advisory Board, Public Safety Advisory Committee, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and Youth Advisory Committee
For information call 301-474-8000.

ETHICS ORDINANCE

The Greenbelt City Council introduced an Ordinance to Repeal Article IV "Ethics" and Reenact Article IV "Public Ethics" of Chapter 2 "Administration" of the Greenbelt City Code at its meeting of September 12, 2011. You may access the ordinance at www.greenbeltmd.gov or view at the City Managers office at 25 Crescent Rd.

The Ordinance will be up for 2nd reading and adoption on Monday September 26, 2011 at the Regular Council Meeting.

GREENBELT AQUATIC & FITNESS CENTER 20th ANNIVERSARY

Saturday, September 24th

Aquatic & Fitness Center, 101 Centerway
JOIN US FOR A FULL DAY OF FREE PROGRAMS!

- 8:15am – 9:00am Drop-In Aquacize Class
- 9:00am - 10:00am Stroke & Turn Class
- 10:00am -11:00 am Drop-In Aqua Zumba Class
- 11:30am – 12:00pm Welcome Reception
- 12:00pm – 1:30pm Light refreshments
- 4:00pm – 7:00 pm Family Fun Swim

GAFC will offer daily admission at the retro 1991 prices from September 24-28th!

Wednesday, September 28, 2011

Retro prices for daily admission
Giveaway to pass holders & Cake at 11am

ACTIVE AGING WEEK

SEPTEMBER 24-30, 2011

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

1:00pm-3:00pm: **Senior Citizen Open Forum**, Community Center Room 201. Senior Citizens' Advisory Committee.
All Day: FREE fun activities and classes at the **Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center 20th Anniversary**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

9-9:45am: **Holy Cross Senior Exercise** and 10-11:15am: **Fit 'N' Fun Cardio** both at the Community Center Gym (Free Drop-ins today) Both also on 9/28.
11:15am-12:15pm: **Senior Swim** at GAFC (Free today)
6-7pm: **Teen Anger Management**, SHL Clubhouse

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

10am-12pm: **Blood Pressure Screenings**, Community Ctr.
3:15-4:45pm: **Get Wii Active!** Community Center Room 114
6:00pm-7:00pm **Auricular Therapy**, Community Center
7:00pm-9:00pm: **Strategy Games**, Youth Center

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Holy Cross Senior Exercise & Fit 'N' Fun Cardio
11am-12pm **Golden Age Club Meeting:** Bingo
Community Center Room 201
1-2:30pm **Friends of the Resource Advocate Meeting**
7-8pm **P.L.A.Y. Preview**, Youth Center Multipurpose Room

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

9-10am: **Greenbelt Lake Walk**, Tennis Court Entrance
12:30-2:30pm **Green Ridge House Wii Bowling** (residents)
10am-2pm **Sew For Charity**, Community Center Room 116

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

9-9:45am **Holy Cross Senior Exercise**, Community Center
10am-12pm **Stitch for Charity**, Community Center Room 109
1-3pm **Explorations Unlimited, Speechless** (Foster)
Community Center Room 114
1-3pm **Green Ridge House Wii Bowling**, (residents only) Green Ridge House Community Room

ALSO, WEEK LONG ACTIVITIES AT CURVES OF GREENBELT. Please visit www.greenbeltmd.gov for a list of activities throughout the week. Info: Karen Haseley 301-397-2208.

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her trepidation with education, learning as much as she could about caves including stalagmites and stalactites. Sarah is also proud of her academic achievements in algebra and enjoyed logic and Spanish this past year. When she is not studying, Sarah plays basketball and spends time with her two cats. She plans to pursue a career as an actress, writer or a U.S. Supreme Court Justice.

Seeking a career as a computer engineer Miss Greenbelt Victoria Gray, also named Most Spirited and Most Photogenic, is a 16-year-old senior and honor roll student in Roosevelt's Science and Technology Program. She also excels in martial arts, a youth leadership group and as an accomplished pianist. When asked how her participation in various clubs and activities will help her in her future career, Victoria said she has gained critical thinking and leadership skills among others that will serve her well. Such skills, however, are already paying off now in dollars and cents. Victoria shared the pageant's Top Scholar Award of \$200 for having the highest overall pageant grade point average with Ogue Addeh, a 17-year-old senior and honor roll student in Roosevelt's Science and Technology Program. Victoria said the most challenging part of the pageant was the question-and-answer part. However, she persevered.

"I tried to do my best and be confident," said the National Honor Society student. As to her win, she said, "It feels great."



Little Misses Contestants: (front row, left to right): Amelia Evans, Ashley Wickline, Nicole Leech, Cynthia Quinton, Hannah Hawley; (second row): Kayla Kirchknopf, Starr Cunningham, Talia Ward, Hailee Christian and Serena Byers; (third row): Celena Major, Carrie Osterfield, Autumn Williams, 2010 Little Miss Greenbelt Juliana Clarkson, Allison Beatrez, Caroline Casey and Yasmyn Switzer.



Miss Greenbelt Contestants: (front row, left to right): Alena Abraham, Sarah Larkin, Amelia Benson, Danielle Dernoga, Miss Greenbelt 2010 Deborah Fishbeck, Katherine Crank, Rebecca Webster, Victoria Gray and Arianne Goolsby (second row): Cierra Major, Ogue Addeh, Vanessa Debra, Emily Biery, Julie Chernesky, Xavier Johnson, Jasmine Salters, Monica Venzke and Alyssa Meyer.

We congratulate all of this year's contestants. They are a talented group of girls and young women who have bright futures ahead of them..

Little Miss Greenbelt	
First Runner Up	Autumn Williams
Miss Photogenic	Autumn Williams
Second Runner Up	Hannah Hawley
Third Runner Up	Caroline Casey
Most Spirited	Caroline Casey
Fourth Runner Up	Ashley Wickline
Fundraising Award	Cynthia Quinton

Miss Junior Miss Greenbelt	
First Runner Up	Rebecca Hall
Miss Congeniality	Rebecca Hall
Miss Photogenic	Rebecca Hall
Second Runner Up	Kayla Shannon
Third Runner Up	Chayil Green
Most Spirited	Chayil Green
Tessa Osborne Scholarship	Jordyn Sobers

Miss Greenbelt	
First Runner Up	Danielle Dernoga
Second Runner Up	Sarah Larkin
Third Runner Up	Emily Biery
Fourth Runner Up	Katherine Crank
Miss Congeniality	Amelia Benson
Fundraising Award	Rebecca Webster



Junior Misses Contestants: (front row, left to right): Marayna Smith, 2010 Junior Miss Greenbelt Victoria Kerdock, Rebecca Hall, Kayla Shannon (second row): De'Yana Lancaster, Sarah Crank, Chayil Green, Elizabeth Leishear and Jordyn Sobers.

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we underground the lines in old Greenbelt?" Davis said.

"Who is going to pay for it?" Dudley responded. Davis agreed that it was cost-prohibitive.

Dudley said that downed trees or limbs have caused the city's recent outages that includes two fair-weather outages, on July 8 at 14 Lakeside Drive and on August 1 at 14 Ridge Road. Pepco did not address Hurricane Irene because the report is not complete.

Davis asked about blown transformers, and Dudley responded that squirrels or power overload can cause them to blow. Additional animal guards are being placed on new transformers.

Under pressure from the Maryland Public Service Commission, which is investigating Pepco's customer service and service reliability, the utility has launched an aggressive effort to improve reliability with automated switches, trimming trees back the equivalent of four years' growth with guidance from Pepco's forestry unit working with community arborists.

"It will be important to work with the city and with Greenbelt Homes Inc. (GHI) on the tree work. People go to battle here over trees," said Davis.

Greenbelt's tree canopy is not the only culprit. An investigation by The Washington Post in December 2010 found that equip-

ment failures caused far more routine outages to Pepco customers than fallen trees. In 2009 the report stated, the average Pepco customer experienced 70 percent more and longer routine outages than customers of other big-city utilities. Reliability began to slump in 2005, prompting investigations and media charges that the Pepco's rising dividends and stock price were serving shareholders far more than customers.

The Pepco representative acknowledged that equipment fixes are needed in Greenbelt. "We're replacing poles, transformers and wire," he said. The new poles will be larger and the wire will be consolidated" rather than hung separately. Major work will be done on two feeder lines that originate from the Toaping Castle substation on Greenbelt Road near the Beltway bridge.

Construction, however, won't begin until next year, Dudley said. Those feeder projects were not added until this July as a result of customer requests.

"When you have an area like Greenbelt with a history of continuous outages and a problem with a feeder line, like the one coming into the city from Kenilworth Avenue, why can't you do this work earlier?" Councilmember Edward Putens asked.

That feeder line, said Dudley, comes through Beltsville Agricul-

tural Research Center and Pepco was allowed to clear 300 feet of trees near the feeder to upgrade service.

Residents Heat Up

Audience members waited patiently to vent their frustrations. Tom Jones, a GHI member on Woodland Way, described the stress of frequent power surges.

"We have problems with day-to-day operations as well as major outages," he said. "Pepco cost me \$2,600 in repairs last year. Our refrigerator is on its third compressor, we paid \$950 for a heat pump that got fried and we had to replace the computer power supply. I've spent \$500 on surge protectors.

"We refer to Pepco as third-world power at first-world prices," he said. Dudley asked for his address and mentioned the possibility of a surge protector that could be installed for all power entering the unit.

"Pepco has a big credibility issue in Greenbelt," added GHI member Laura Moore. "We're always told it's a tree problem but the Washington Post investigation in 2010 said the biggest problem was equipment failure. So are you telling the truth this time?"

GHI member Chuck Hess followed up on Jones' third-world reference. "I have lived in LeSotho, a third-world country, and

Smart Meters Coming Here

Digital "smart meters" with two-way communication are coming to Greenbelt. These wireless meters will automatically report outages to Pepco, enable more accurate billing, and allow remote connections and disconnections for customers who relocate. Pepco's Avolon Joseph told council that the contractor, Scope Services, has begun work in Prince George's County but she didn't know the schedule for Greenbelt. Residents will be notified in advance.

we had more reliable electrical service there," he said.

"The service is not acceptable," he said. "I don't know who grants Pepco the monopoly of operating here."

Davis suggested that residents contact the Public Service Commission or state legislators who along with the governor appoint commission members.

City staff will meet with Pepco within the next month to follow up on a number of other issues, including the Hurricane Irene response.

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Ethics Commission a report that includes "gifts to or for officials or employees or their spouses or dependent children."

Penalties and fines for ethics violations range from reprimands and suspensions to fines and imprisonment.

— Jonathan Taylor

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against and an enormous flurry of public email debate in town about proper responses. And since it remains a very contentious issue in Annapolis, in addition to Greenbelt, I cannot understand why the News Review seems to have omitted all mention of it as news.

With so many members of the community expressing their support of one group or the other, was it not "news worthy"?

Andy Carruthers

Editors Note: While the expression of individual points of view may be controversial, the freedom to express those views in a small town parade and receive support or nonsupport from watchers is not.

Greenbelt



Supermarket Pharmacy

Farm Fresh Produce

Nutritious Ripe or Green Bananas 44¢ lb.	Gourmet Russet Potatoes 3 lb. bag 99¢	Fresh Crop Crisp Apples Select Varieties 99¢ lb.
Fresh Green Beans \$1.49 lb.	Sweet Jumbo Cantaloupe each \$2.99	Fresh Value Pack California Carrots 2 lb. bag \$1.99
Fresh Kiwi Fruit each 40¢	Fresh Green Peppers \$1.49 lb.	Fresh Apple Cider 64 oz. \$2.50

Fresh Quality Meats

Fresh Value Pack Boneless & Skinless Chicken Tenders \$1.88 lb.	Fresh Lean Beef Boneless Chuck Roast \$3.99 lb.	Fresh Value Pack Boneless Center Cut Pork Roast or Chops \$3.99 lb.	Fresh 80% Lean Ground Beef \$2.28 lb.
Fresh Value Pack Boneless Chuck Steaks \$4.29 lb.	Fresh Value Pack Boneless Country Style Pork Spare Ribs \$3.49 lb.	Fresh Value Pack Boneless New York Strip Steaks \$7.99 lb.	Shurfine Value Pack Country Rope Sausage \$2.79 lb.

Dairy

Deli

Frozen

Kraft Cracker Barrel Cheese Chunks Asst. 7-10 oz. \$3.00	Chobani Greek Yogurt Assorted 6 oz. \$1.00	Deli Gourmet Tavern Ham \$5.69 lb.	Banquet Assorted Dinners Select Varieties 5-10.5 oz. \$1.00	Green Giant Vegetable Steamers Assorted 12 oz. \$1.50
Shurfine Margarine Quarters 1 lb. 89¢	Silk Soy Milk Assorted 64 oz. \$3.00	Deli Gourmet Pastrami \$7.69 lb.	Stouffer's French Bread Pizza Assorted 10-12 pz. \$2.50	Blue Bunny Personals Ice Cream Assorted 7 oz. 88¢
Health & Beauty		Natural & Gourmet		Bakery

Seafood

Customer Appreciation Discount Day
Wednesday, Sept. 28
5% Discount to ALL customers on ALL purchases (except stamps and gift cards)

VO5 Shampoo or Conditioner Assorted 15 oz. 89¢	Fresh Catch Salmon Fillets \$9.99 lb.	Wasa Crisp N Light Crispbread 4.9 oz. \$1.99	Fresh Store Baked Kaiser Rolls 6 pk. \$1.50
Symak Daily Pill Boxes Assorted each 99¢	Seabest Frozen Tilapia Fillets 1 lb. \$3.99	Chocolove Gourmet Chocolate Bars Assorted 3.2 oz. \$2.50	Fresh Store Baked Toasted English Toasting Bread loaf \$1.99

Grocery Bargains

Campbell's Original Soup Chicken Noodle/Tomato 10.75 oz. 60¢	Tutorosso Pasta Sauce Assorted 24 oz. BUY ONE GET ONE FREE	Barilla Assorted Pasta 13-16 oz. \$1.25	Tutorosso Canned Tomatoes Assorted 28-29 oz. 98¢	Kellogg's Rice Krispies 12 oz. \$1.98
Cheer Liquid Laundry Detergent 50 oz. \$4.78	Ken's Family Size Salad Dressings Asst. 16 oz. \$2.00	Welch's Grape Jelly or Jam 32 oz. \$2.00	Kellogg's Pop Tarts Assorted 8 pk. 3/\$5.00	Arnold Bread Whole Grain/Country Classics Assorted 24 oz. BUY ONE GET ONE FREE

Beer & Wine

NOW INTRODUCING best buy Savings on thousands of items throughout the store. Look for the best buy signs in all departments.	Yuengling Beers 6 pk.-12 oz. cans \$4.99	Mirone Wines 750 ML. \$6.99	Blue Moon Ales 6 pk.-12 oz. bottles \$7.89	Blockbuster \$1 Movie Rentals Now At Co-op! 
	Lindeman's Cawarra Wines 1.5 Liter \$9.99	Miller High Life Beer 18 pk.-12 oz. btl. \$9.99	Banrock Station Wines 3 Liter \$13.99	

Prices Effective: SEPT./OCT.

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Saturday 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. 301-474-4400
Closed Sunday

Police Blotter

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

Robbery

September 9, 8:45 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, two men approached several people, produced a handgun and demanded money. The men assaulted one of the victims and fired shots in the area of the other victims. The suspects are described as black males, one 5'10" and the other 5'7" tall, both wearing all black clothing.

Drug Arrest

September 10, 11:04 a.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine in a school zone, possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine and possession of crack cocaine, among other charges. The suspect was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

September 10, 3:40 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, a resident man was arrested and charged with possession with intent to distribute PCP in a school zone, possession with intent to distribute PCP and possession of PCP, among others charges. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

DWI Arrest

September 11, 1:16 a.m., Greenbelt Road at Beltway Plaza, a resident man was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, driving while impaired by alcohol and other charges after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

Reckless Endangerment

September 8, 4:02 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Terrace, a bullet came through the ceiling of an apartment; no one was injured. September 9, 1:03 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane, police received a report of hearing possible gun shots in the area; nothing was found.

Trespass

September 9, 5:11 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, a nonresident man was arrested, charged with trespassing on private property and released on citation pending trial.

September 9, 10:15 p.m., 9100

block Springhill Lane, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespassing on private property. The man was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

September 9, 10:50 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, a resident youth was petitioned for trespassing on private property. The youth was released to a guardian pending action by the Department of Juvenile Services.

September 14, 9:56 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespassing on private property. He was released on citation pending trial.

School Disruption

September 13, 1:57 p.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School, a nonresident youth was petitioned for disruption of school activities and released to a guardian pending action by the Department of Juvenile Services.

Burglary

September 9, 9:57 a.m., 9100 block Edmonston Terrace, nothing was reported taken.

September 11, 9:51 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, it was reported that laptops were taken.

September 14, 1:59 p.m., 9200 block Edmonston Road, a purse and iPod were reported taken.

September 14, 4:29 p.m., 7300 block Hanover Parkway, an attempted burglary was reported.

Vandalism

September 12, 8:23 a.m., 7300 block Frankfurt Place, a brick was thrown through a window.

September 12, 4:34 p.m., 7200 block Hanover Parkway, a window was shot with a BB gun.

Vehicle Crimes

Seven vehicles were recovered, three by Greenbelt police and four by other police departments. No arrests were made in any of the recoveries.

Thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: Ridge Road (handicap placard), Springhill Drive at Edmonston Road (stereo), 7400 block Greenbelt Road (lug nut covers), 7600 block Greenbelt Road (GPS) and 200 block Lakeside Drive (set of wheels). Vandalism was reported at 9100 block Edmonston Court (broken window).

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Call 1-866-411-TIPS. People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 240-542-2145.

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PUTENS

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of common concern.

Putens was the first resident of Greenbelt East elected to the council and has worked actively with the Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition (GEAC), of which he was a co-founder. He was an original member of the Windsor Green Board of Directors and served on its board for eight years. For the past 11 years he has been the president of Greenbrook Estates.

While on council, Putens has served on numerous county, state and national committees to represent Greenbelt's interests. He is the past chair of the Small Cities Council of the National League of Cities (NLC) and has also served on numerous other NLC committees. He is a member of the regional Washington-Metropolitan Council of Governments (COG), Prince George's County Municipal Association and the Maryland Municipal League.

Putens is a graduate of the University of Maryland, where he earned his degree in microbiology and was a member of the University's lacrosse team. After college, he was employed in various research capacities for medical and research development companies and co-authored several patents dealing with minimizing air pollutants.

Beltsville Garden Club September Meeting

The Beltsville Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, September 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the James E. Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail, Beltsville.

Guest speaker Jim McKenney, will take "A Modern Look at Lilies." Lilies have been appreciated for millennia but it was not until well into the 20th century that a wide range of easily grown garden lilies emerged. Contemporary hybrids go a long way in combining the beauty of the wild lilies with ease of cultivation.

McKenney has been gardening in Montgomery County for over 50 years. Lilies and more of his garden interests can be found at www.jimmckenney.com.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting. Members are asked to bring a plant or plant related material for the club's door prize table. The public is welcome and admission is free.

Council Hires Consultant For Police Promotion

by Barbara Hopkins

At the August 15 meeting, the Greenbelt City Council considered spending \$18,000 to engage Fields Consulting Group for professional consulting services to develop a promotional assessment center and testing process for the promotion of police officers to the ranks of sergeant and corporal. The products developed would be consistent with the state code and the Greenbelt Written Policy Manual.

The police department seeks to contract with Fields based on the company's satisfactory service to departments in Montgomery, Prince George's, Howard and Loudon Counties as well as the cities of Frederick, Fairfax and Alexandria.

Greenbelt police Captain Dan O'Neill told council the company received outstanding comments from some other departments that are certified by CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies), as is Greenbelt.

Councilmember Edward Putens was disturbed that the choice had not been put out for competitive bid. He asked if services could be found for less money. He also questioned if the consultant services could be shared with another municipality. He was told, however, that such sharing was not feasible because services need to be specific to Greenbelt's requirements. City Manager Michael McLaughlin and O'Neill

reiterated the high recommendation and good reputation of Fields Consulting, adding that a consultant previously used is now out of business.

McLaughlin said the process had been included in last year's budget and carried over from there. He said the city could pay for promotions through pending retirements from the police department.

Company's Background

The owner of Fields Consulting Group spoke about the company's services and background. She said there are not many industrial psychologists that specialize in public safety testing. She said they had never been challenged and that their clients benefit through savings from reduced litigation of grievances.

In the end, only Putens opposed the motion to approve the expenditure, saying he was opposed to the city's process, not the project itself.

The latest city budget provides for up to \$50,000 to conduct an organizational study or assessment and staff had asked council for guidance in pursuing it. Putens said there were a number of ways to approach such a study, suggesting picking a functional aspect of the city's organization on which to focus.

Other councilmembers agreed and council decided to hold a worksession on the topic before proceeding further.

Botanic Garden Holds 5th Birthday Feast

On Saturday, October 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. the fifth birthday of the National Garden at the U.S. Botanic Garden will be marked with cooking instructor Danielle Navid creating food inspired by the National Garden and using fresh local and regional produce. Navid will demonstrate such seasonal recipes as Curried Apple & Leek Soup and a Pear-Walnut Salad with

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GMS Reports Test Success

by Anne Gardner

Greenbelt Middle School (GMS) Principal Warren Tweedy was happy to announce to incoming parents and students at the beginning of the school year that the school had made great leaps in the Maryland School Assessment (MSA) tests in 2010, with double-digit improvements in some cases. The school consists of 7th and 8th grade students coming from six local elementary schools in Greenbelt, Berwyn Heights and College Park, plus 6th grade students just from Springhill Lake Elementary.

For reading, the 6th grade reported an 11 percent increase in students scoring Proficient or Advanced, 7th grade had a five percent increase and 8th grade a seven percent increase over 2009. The school's 8th grade reading scores were higher than the overall county scores, as were the 6th grade math scores. Math scores also increased by 4.7 percent in 6th grade and 6.9 percent in 7th grade. Also notable was the fact that a high percentage of students scored Advanced in reading: 30.1 percent in 6th grade, 25.2 percent in 7th grade and 21 percent in 8th grade. This was also a significant increase over 2009.

Students take the reading and math MSA in grades 3 through 8 and the science MSA in grades 5 and 8. They are given a rating of Basic, Proficient or Advanced. Schools have to reach a certain percentage of students scoring Proficient or Advanced in Math and Reading in order to attain Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). This Annual Measurable Amount (AMO) is a moving target, which increases each year. In 2009 schools were required to have a 75.9 percent pass rate in reading and 64.3 percent in math; in 2010 the target was 80.8 percent in reading and 71.4 percent in math. In order for the school to meet AYP, the students in all subsets of the population have to each reach that goal: American Indian/Alaskan, Asian/Pacific Islander, African American, White (non-Hispanic), Hispanic, Free/Reduced Meals, Special Education and Limited English Proficient. By 2014, according to the No Child Left Behind Act, 100 percent of students in all subsets must reach proficiency in reading and math.

Because of the moving target and fact that all subsets of students have to reach that goal, none of the county's middle schools (grades 6-8 or 7-8) made AYP this year, except in the White and Asian/Pacific Islander subsets. About half of the specialty K-8 schools made AYP. If a school fails to meet AYP for five consecutive years, then the school goes into School Improvement. This can mean that the principal and vice-principals and as much as 50 percent of the teaching staff will be replaced. This occurred at Greenbelt Middle School last year, resulting in an impressive turnaround in school performance and morale.

Parent involvement has also increased at the school. There is now an active Parent Teacher Association, which runs events at the school during the year and fundraises to pay for field trips, assemblies and additional books and equipment for the

teachers. The PTA ran a booth at the Labor Day Festival this year, selling tea, coffee, popcorn and other snacks. Word is getting out that Greenbelt Middle School is a good place to be and students have been transferring into the school from private and specialty schools.

Tweedy says that this year will be historic for Greenbelt Middle: "(1) Our goal is to exceed ... the AMO for mathematics and reading that have been set forth on the Maryland State Assessments, (2) increase student achievement by differentiating instruction in all classes with more 21st century technology, incorporating student-based learning projects within the curriculum, and infusing (STEM) Science Technology Mathematics and Engineering into the everyday teaching and learning for all students at Greenbelt, and (3) will begin to prepare to leave the historic Greenbelt Middle School facility built in 1937 and transition to the new, state of the art, \$27 million new school [building]."

Greenbelt Combined Choir Rehearsals

The Greenbelt Combined Choir will begin rehearsals for its annual holiday performances on Thursday, September 29 at 7:30 p.m. Rehearsals are held at the Greenbelt Community Church at Crescent and Hillside Roads.

For further information call Jean Cook at 301-345-2597.

This year the choir will sing for the Thanksgiving Interdenominational Service as well as the traditional Christmas concerts. Music includes new and old, modern and traditional, gospel and foreign selections. New members are welcomed.

When the choir began in the 70s it was made up of choir members from local churches – over the years singers have joined from throughout the city and nearby towns, often not affiliated with any church. No audition is necessary; the only requirements are a desire to sing with a group and commitment to attending rehearsals.

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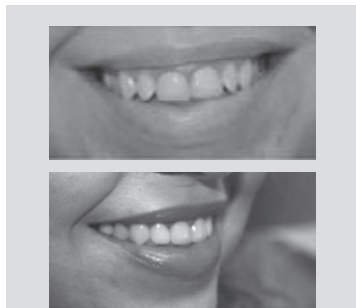


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Three Local Artists' Works Featured at Café

From now through November 7 exhibits by three artists will be on display at the New Deal Café. Rebecca Williams' textile art will appear in the display case, Elizabeth Barber's oil paintings in the front room and Paul Downs' stick art in the back room. A public reception for these local artists, sponsored by Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA), will be held on Sunday, October 9 from 7 to 9 p.m.



Williams

Rebecca Williams, who grew up in Greenbelt, studied textile arts at the Maryland Institute of Art, earning a bachelor of fine arts degree in 1993. For the last 10 years she has been the soft goods properties artisan at the Shakespeare Theatre Company in Washington, D.C., where she is responsible for producing all things fabric related.

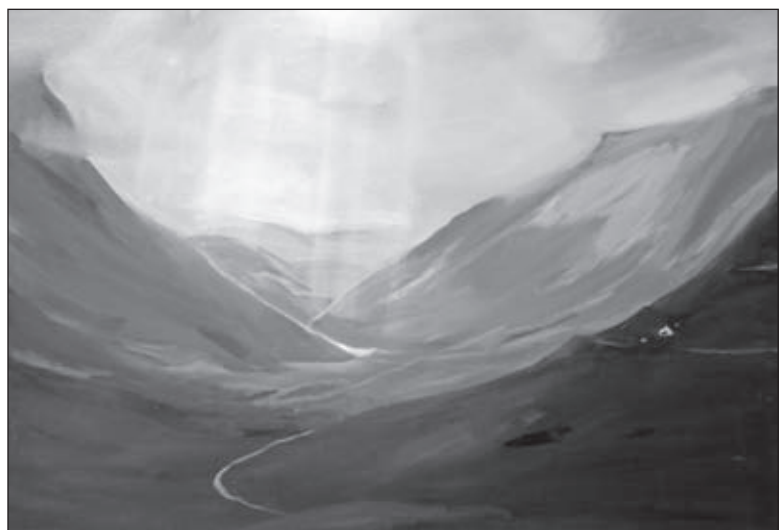
These include furniture upholstery, dying and painting of fabric props and creating decorative period bedding and drapery. On her own she produces everything from quilts and clothing to beads and jewelry.

In recent years Williams has formed an interest in working with glass, creating colorful compositions using combinations of hand-dyed fabrics, glass beads and acquired materials.

Barber

Elizabeth Barber received a bachelor of arts degree at Occidental College in Los Angeles, a master of arts at Howard University, Washington, D.C., and a doctorate in musical arts at the University of Maryland. Later she won a Fulbright scholarship to study music in Germany, then stayed on in Europe for singing engagements in Heidelberg and Rome.

Since then she has studied oil painting with Andy Reese of the Brooklyn Art Institute, with Tina Tomero of the North Light Art Studio, Cincinnati, Ohio, and with Dan Kennedy of Greenbelt. In addition she is organist and soloist for the First Church of



One of the oil paintings by Elizabeth Barber on exhibit at the New Deal Café during September and October.

Christ, Scientist in Clinton and teaches music and painting at her Greenbelt home.

In addition Barber has taught music at the University of Papua, New Guinea, and at her home studio in Annapolis and Hyattsville. Previously she has exhibited paintings at New Deal Café, Marietta Mansion and Shady Grove universities. One of her special places for walking and painting is Greenbelt Lake.



Downs

Paul Downs has created a one-of-a-kind style of art using sticks from the forest. Instead of using charcoal or paint, he renders designs of animals, nature scenes and Native Americans using the forest as his medium. "My palette is the white oak, the wild black cherry, tulip poplar, sassafras, red twig dogwood and maple sticks," says Downs.

For 26 years he has honed this skill down a trail where no one else has ventured. His artistic expressions range from the power of gallant oak to a delicate cicada to a portrait of a living-with-the-land dream born inside the hope of a white buffalo. Downs brings the viewer into a world of color and design and seemingly gravity-defying wall-hung sculptures that delight and amaze while bringing peace like a stroll in the woods.

A Greenbelt native, Downs grew up exploring, playing and falling in love with the woods – the Great North Woods, as he called them – of Greenbelt. This belt of green came under threat of development in the late '80s.

Downs then became a leader in the successful crusade to save the woods, now named the Greenbelt Forest Preserve. His art form developed alongside his conservation career. Since then his work has been shown in galleries, cafes and festivals throughout Maryland, Washington, DC, Virginia and West Virginia.

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Townhome With Addition - 3 br. GHI unit with laundry room addition, fenced backyard, hardwood downstairs, carpeted 2nd level, ceiling fans. \$123,900
Townhome With Addition - 2 br. GHI home with new carpeting, laundry room addition, updated kitchen, new paint, shed & ceiling fan. 300 sq. ft. patio.

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Kim Rush Lynch (left) and Jean Cook have a healthy chuckle at the Co-op.

Good Times with Enzymes!

by Jim Link

Lucky stray shoppers at the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket serendipitously happened onto a health food demonstration given by Kim Rush Lynch last Wednesday, September 14. In this latest in a series of "New to Natural (Foods)?" presentations, Lynch plied us with a tasty potion called a chocolate-banana cacao smoothie consisting of leafy spinach, almond nut milk, palm sugar and cacao (raw unheated chocolate) stirred up in a blender.

"There are no chemicals, no salt in this; all the ingredients are unprocessed," explained Lynch. "You can add strawberries or raspberries to make it fruity."

"Transcendent!" was my reaction to this exotic elixir, but more sophisticated shoppers were less hyperbolic, though impressed. "It's delicious," said Barbara Simon. "Pretty good," said Deborah Solis, "healthful." "Very interesting," said Michael Benton ambiguously. "I'm walking away from here so healthy," chirped Lowell Owens.

Leo Kuo, 9, liked it. Asked if he would give it to his little sister, he said "Yes, if she got home in time before I drink it." Jean Cook and Dorrie Bates were quietly noncommittal.

But Bates tossed out a big compliment for Lynch. "Kim is our stealth resource at Co-op – she is unusually qualified." Lynch is a Certified Nutritional Consultant who has attended the Institute for Integrative Nutrition at Columbia Union in New York City and the TULSI Institute in Georgetown. Google "Cultivating Health, Kim Rush Lynch" to learn more of her credentials and workshops.

Lynch's larder contained other treats, too: Medjool Dates wrapped in cacao chocolate and a cashew nut, goji berry, cacao trail mix. "All these items have enzymes, anti-oxidants, vitamins, minerals," said Lynch.

The "New to Natural?" demos are given the second Wednesday of every month from 4 to 6 p.m. Let the Co-op tease your palate on September 28 with more delectables from Navitas Naturals Superfoods.

City's Active Aging Week Begins this Saturday

by Karen Haseley

Greenbelt will celebrate Active Aging Week from Saturday, September 24 through Friday, September 30 with free activities for people of all ages.

The Holy Cross Hospital exercise class will be held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 to 9:45 a.m. Other events and activities will include the Fit 'n Fun Cardio class, the 20th anniversary celebration at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center, the Senior Citizens Open Forum, free workouts at Curves, a Double Dutch and variety of other free presentations.

On Monday, September 26 from 6 to 7 p.m. Darren Stephenson from Greenbelt CARES will talk on teen anger management at the Springhill Lake Clubhouse. He will provide an overview of treatment, discussing how to manage and take control of anger and provide resource material handouts for attendees.

Acupuncture Therapy

On Tuesday, September 27 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center longtime resident and licensed acupuncturist Kathy Gonzalez, M.Ac. L.Ac., will talk about auricular therapy and will include complimentary treatments. In auricular therapy a needle is gently inserted into the outer ear, a rich source of acupuncture points associated with various body systems. Aimed to stimulate movement of Qi, the therapy is commonly used in the treatment of anxiety, addiction and in group settings when one-on-one treatment is not convenient. Gonzalez will offer treatment (and answer questions) for the first 12 people who call her practice, A Greater Well Being, at 301-345-7385.

P.L.A.Y.! Classes

On Wednesday, September 28 Kim Rush Lynch and Chelsea Calhoun will offer a healthier lifestyle program from 7 to 8 p.m. in "P.L.A.Y.! (Play. Love. Achieve Youthfulness.)" at the Greenbelt Youth Center. Lynch and Calhoun

feature an interactive game to take participants back to their childhood and will give an introduction to the two-month class they will offer on Thursday evenings from October 13 through December 15. For more information on the P.L.A.Y.! classes visit www.greenbeltplay.com.

Explorations Unlimited

At Explorations Unlimited from 1 to 3 p.m. on Friday, September 30, Angella Foster of Alight Dance Company will be the guest speaker. In its original dance-drama, *Speechless*, Alight asks, "Without a voice, how do you say I love you? How do you communicate who you really are to the people who care about you?"

Weaving together dance, live music and video, *Speechless* is the story of four families and their common struggle to find a voice for each special-needs child who cannot communicate verbally. A Greenbelt resident, Foster is artistic director of Alight Dance Theater and director/choreographer of *Speechless*.

The theme was inspired by her cousin Taylor's struggle to communicate verbally in the midst of repeated medical crises. After screening of *Speechless*, Foster will talk about the research and interview process as well as the creation of this work and how art can speak to issues of voicelessness in society.

Foster is also director of the studio dance program at the Greenbelt Community Center and is adjunct faculty member at Towson University and UMD-College Park. More information about *Speechless* and Alight Dance Theater is available at www.alightdancetheater.org.

For more information on Active Aging Week activities, call 240-542-2058 or visit http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/seniors/Active_Aging_Schedule.html.

Karen Haseley is the city's therapeutic recreation supervisor.

Greenbelter Shoots One-minute Movies

Izolda Trakhtenberg of Greenbelt has enlisted several area actors, directors and theater tech people in her One-Minute Movie Project (OMMP), to be filmed only by iPhones. Aiming for 52 movies by year's end, the OMMP released "Fifth Anniversary Faux Pas" this month. It stars actors and clowns Matthew Pauli from Laurel, Rich Potter from Greenbelt and Karen Beriss from Washington, D.C.

Movies already produced can be seen on <http://OneMinuteMovies.biz>, which also has material on the process and challenges of shooting the films plus stills, storyboards and scripts. Upcoming movies – none longer than two minutes – are to feature science fiction themes as well as spy thrillers and other movie genres.

Trakhtenberg, born in Moldova, released a CD, "Sound the Deep Waters," in 2003 and her first book, "Life Elements," in 2008 and a second book, "The Fiddler's Talisman," in 2011.

ACE Holds Workshop On Grant Writing

The Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) will hold a Schools Grant-Writing Workshop on Thursday, September 29 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 114 at the Greenbelt Community Center. The instructor will be Emmett V. Jordan.

The workshop is aimed at school administrators, teachers and parent-teacher association volunteers from the six ACE core schools: Greenbelt Elementary, Springhill Lake Elementary, Magnolia Elementary, Turning Point Academy, Greenbelt Middle and Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

This workshop will provide an overview of the grant writing process and offer some insight into effective grant development techniques. Topics include how to turn ideas into successful grant proposals, what to include in a proposal and identifying and researching potential funding sources.

The workshop is free and open to the public.

Note that the deadline for ACE grant proposals is November 1.



Lowell Owens plans to chug his smoothie.

PHOTOS BY JIM LINK

Did you know that the City of Greenbelt turns 75 years old in 2012? Did you know there will be monthly events during this year-long celebration?

Here are just a few:

- The kick-off event on January 8
- Three musical performances
- A Fun Walk/Run at Greenbelt's three lakes in April
- A Symposium: Sustaining Greenbelt's Legacy on April 27 & 28, 2012
- The Golden Age Club will sponsor a Birthday Party for 75 year olds
- Three lectures and a dance performance, planned by the Greenbelt Museum
- Art exhibits throughout the year
- A vintage film festival
- GAVA/GATE unveils its Animation Project
- A Retro Town Fair at the 2012 Labor Day Festival
- A speech by James Roosevelt, Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt's grandson, on September 22, 2012
- The Grand Gala Dinner Dance on October 13, 2012
- 2012 Greenbelt Restaurant Week during the first week of November
- The closing event and concert on December 14, 2012



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