

Greenbelt's New Middle School: Green and (Almost) Ready to Go

by Amber Larkins

On Tuesday, the lettering "Greenbelt Middle School" was attached to the new building.

The new Greenbelt Middle School will be opening its doors to students August 20 but all of the administrative workers are still in the old middle school for the rest of this week.

"You see we're still in transitional mode," said Principal Warren Tweedy, referring to the box-filled halls of the old school.

The new school, which has taken over 10 years to complete, is a large building and it's completely green.

The building has strategically placed windows to make use of natural light and underneath the field outside are geothermal wells which will be used to heat the school.

Even the wax used on the building, and the rugs are green, said James Smith, the school's building supervisor.

The new school can hold 1089 students. 682 students were enrolled in the old middle school last year but because



PHOTO BY BILL CORNETT

Nolan Murphy is putting finishing touches on the sign at the front entrance to the new middle school.

more sixth graders will attend, there are going to be an additional 300 students in the school this year.

As of Tuesday there were 974 students enrolled for the 2012-2013 school year.

The front doors to the building are always going to be

locked and parents will have to go through the office to sign in.

The center of the school features a courtyard.

"On nice days, [students] can eat breakfast in the courtyard," said Smith.

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Possible Future of Middle School Studied for More than a Decade

by James Giese

Serious contemplation of a new middle school for Greenbelt began over 10 years ago, in March, 2002 – when Greenbelt city representatives met with staff of the county school system Capital Projects Office to review results of a school feasibility study. Four alternative plans had been proposed

These ranged from thoroughly renovating the existing Greenbelt Middle School to tearing down various portions of the building and constructing new additions, to constructing a new school building on the same school site.

Plan D, creating a new building, was not only the least costly but it could be completed quickly since it would not have to be built around students still actively using the existing building. Unresolved in that plan, however, was what to do with the existing building and its historic sections that the school board, by law, was required to preserve.

For that reason, Plan C, which would tear down and replace non-historic sections of the existing building, was the apparent choice even though the school staff preferred a new building. Construction was to begin in two years and the new facility to open in fall 2006.

School planning became complicated by 2006, however, when additional school facilities to accommodate Greenbelt Station were being considered. This was the proposed new development at and south of the Greenbelt Metro station.

At the same time AIMCO, owners of the adjacent Springhill Lake (Empirian Village) apartment complex proposed to tear down the existing buildings, replacing them with new buildings, some as highrise apartments. AIMCO officials also proposed constructing a new elementary school on the middle school property, along with a new middle school.

The existing Springhill Lake Elementary School would then be torn down and replaced with a small lake and apartment buildings. Left unclear was who would pay which of these changes in school construction.

Greenbelters expressed concerns about locating the two schools in such close proximity, the large number of students to be concentrated in one site and the loss to the public of the existing elementary school site.

Plan D Go Ahead

The Prince George's County Board of Education decided in

spring 2007 to proceed with constructing a new school building – Plan D, with construction to start in spring 2008. The board rejected an AIMCO proposal to undertake school construction in conjunction with the redevelopment of the apartment complex or to build a new elementary school.

The new two-story middle school building was to be 220,000 square feet and located facing Breezewood Drive. Except for the two sections of the old school designated "historic," which were to be retrofitted, the old building would be demolished and the school bus facility expanded into that area. Construction would begin in 2008 and occupancy take place in 2009.

Deplorable

In May 2007 County Councilmember Ingrid Turner toured Greenbelt Middle School and found the building's condition deplorable, "almost third world." Principal Judy Austin advised Turner that improvements had been put on hold because there was soon to be a new building. School conditions were thus getting worse.

In fall 2008 a concerted effort

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Goddard Crew Is Thrilled By Rover Landing on Mars

by Jessica Wilde

When Curiosity landed on Mars early Monday morning, eager viewers crowded into the Goddard Visitor Center to watch the live feed from NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory alongside Goddard researchers who will use the rover's data to study the geological history of Mars.

The planetary geochemists will be using the rover to search for organic molecules and evidence of water – anything that might show signs of life, they told the audience in a presentation minutes before the live landing feed.

"This is by far the most capable device, set of instruments, we've put up there for determining whether Mars ever could have supported life," said John Holdren, Ph.D., assistant to the president for science and technol-

ogy. "And of course, the question of whether there was ever life on Mars is an enormously important scientific question, almost a philosophical question relating to our place in the solar system and our place in the universe."

Curiosity is equipped with 10 instruments, 17 cameras and a belly that serves as a geochemical laboratory, the Sample Analysis at Mars (SAM) instrument, part of which had been built at Goddard.

A Field Geologist

"Curiosity is like a field geologist," said Jennifer Stern, Ph.D., a planetary geochemist at Goddard. "And it's also able to be like a lab geochemist."

See **NASA**, page 7

Mark Perlman, City Intern, Completes Summer Program

by Yagana Shah

As Mark Perlman nears the end of his summer internship with the Greenbelt city manager's office, he sat down to reflect on his experiences during his 11-week stint. The Dallas native, 27, comes to Maryland with an array of experiences.



PHOTO BY YAGANA SHAH

Mark Perlman

Perlman earned his bachelor's degree in international relations at Ohio State University. Upon graduation he joined the Peace Corps and spent two years in Malawi, where he served primarily as a health volunteer, educating people on HIV and general health practices. "I wanted real hands-on experience and to live abroad," Perlman said.

He then went on to teach English at a high school in

France for seven months. When he returned to the States, he worked for the Meridian International Center in Washington, where he decided it was time to return to school. He attends the Maryland School of Public Policy.

Perlman's internship is part of a fellowship program through the Maryland Municipal League. He is the third intern to work with the city manager's office as part of this program.

"My main task has been to conduct a study on housing affordability in Greenbelt, he said. The city council and members have been very concerned. As

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What Goes On

Saturday, August 11

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot between City Offices and the Community Center

Sunday, August 12

2 to 4 p.m., Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance Celebrates Co-ops at Roosevelt Center

Monday, August 13

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

Wednesday, August 15

7 p.m., Public Meeting with PEPCO, Municipal Building

Letters

Heartfelt Thanks

On Monday, July 30 I returned to my route delivering mail to my customers in Greenbelt. I will be forever grateful to all those individuals who placed phone calls, took out petitions, placed ads or wrote letters on my behalf or kept myself and my family in your prayers. All of the support we have received over the past eight months was simply incredible. I am looking forward to providing the same service I have in the past to all of my customers and I am profoundly humbled by your efforts as they played an integral part in my return. I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Your Mailman,
Tony Schiavone

Finding Indian Springs

I enjoyed the remembrances of Eugenia Horstman about growing up in Greenbelt in the July 26 issue of the News Review. Although I am a few years younger than she is, I also grew up in 11 Court Ridge.

Many of her memories match mine, especially playing in the woods behind 14 and 12 Court of Ridge Road (where University Square Apartments, are now).

Regarding Indian Springs, however, Ms. Horstman is misinformed. The springs are still easily accessible by going up Walker Drive from Greenbelt Road past the TGIFriday restaurant. Just before the circle at the end of Walker Drive turn right into the parking lot for 7855 and 7833 Walker Drive. Directly behind 7855, there is a surface parking lot and a parking garage. At the far side of the surface lot, you will see a picnic table and a few blue trash cans. Walk down the path next to the picnic table toward the Beltway fence. About half way from the parking lot to the fence, the springs will be on your left. The stone wall into which the springs were set many years ago is in remarkably good shape.

The three ceramic cisterns in the wall are still full to overflowing with spring water, which runs into a stream. I was tempted to taste the water when I last visited in April but thought better of it.

It's amazing to see that the site looks exactly as it did when I last saw it 50 years ago . . . except now it is within 50 yards of 495/95.

Robert H. Haslinger

Editor's Note: Although cut off by the Beltway from the rest of "Buddy" Attick (Greenbelt Lake) Park to which it once belonged, Indian Springs and the nearby Walker Cemetery remain city parkland.

Anacostia Trails Holds 2013 Calendar Contest

The Anacostia Trails Heritage Area which produces the Maryland Milestones calendar has announced it is holding a contest for photos capturing the beauty, history, activities and character of Northern Prince George's County for its 2013 calendar.



Entries need to be submitted by September 7, with a limit of three images per photographer in one of the following four categories: Rivers to Rockets (history), Expression of Arts (culture), Nature of the Area (nature) or For the Fun of It (recreation). There will be a first, second, third and honorable mention awarded in each category.

Photos must be taken within the boundaries of the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area. A copy of the official rules, entry form and model release form is available at www.marylandmilestone.org, by emailing aaron@marylandmilestones.org, calling 301-887-0777 or by mail to: Anacostia Trails Heritage Area, Attn: Photo Contest, 4310 Gallatin Street, Hyattsville, MD 20781.

Laurel Museum Seeks Civil War Memorabilia

The Laurel Historical Society's (LHS) exhibit committee is looking for letters, photos, military records, diaries, maps, medals, articles, postcards, clothing or stories that mention the Civil War and this Maryland town for an upcoming exhibit.

Laurel, located midway between Baltimore and Washington on the vital B&O railroad line, was carefully guarded by Union soldiers throughout the war.

From January to September 1863, it was also the site of a small Civil War hospital. In a Southern-leaning state that remained in the Union, Laurel residents fought for both the North and the South.

Local History

Information about the town's African-American population during the period is also of great interest. Recent research has identified two black Laurel residents, Henry American and John Williams, who were drafted into the army in September 1863. Any additional information on them and the experiences of other African American residents of the town during the war and after would also be welcome.

Anyone with information or materials they would be willing to share, loan or give to the LHS is asked to contact Lindsey Baker at the Laurel Historical Society at director@laurelhistoricalsociety.org or 301-725-7975. The Laurel Museum is at 817 Main Street.

Library Now Loans OverDrive eBooks

The Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) was the first library system in Maryland to provide Amazon Kindle compatible eBooks to patrons as part of the OverDrive WIN initiative – a series of enhancements that support the library's virtual branch website.

By visiting <http://www.pgcmlls.info> and clicking the Online Library link at the top of the page, library patrons can download audio books and eBooks. The newly implemented enhancements will allow most OverDrive eBooks to be read on Kindle readers or by using free apps on the iPhone, iPad, Android and other mobile devices.

PGCMLS currently has over 6,800 eBook compatible titles in its collection. The eBooks expire at the end of the patron's lending period.

Hospice Bereavement Support Group Meets

The Hospice of Chesapeake Life Center is offering an array of bereavement support groups this fall for those in the community experiencing grief due to the loss of a loved one.

Among the groups is a monthly Stepping Stones drop-in support group for children ages 8 to 13. Participants take part in facilitated discussion, storytelling, arts and crafts and memory rituals. The group meets Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon at the Annapolis Office, 445 Defense Highway in Annapolis.

There is no fee for Hospice of the Chesapeake families; there is a fee for others. Call for more information. Registration is required for all groups, call 410-987-2129.

Labor Day Festival Volunteers Needed

The 2012 Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee is searching for new volunteers for two special positions – parade coordinator and a mini-entertainment coordinator.

Interested persons are asked to email laborday@greenbelt.com.

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pay for physical, occupational and speech therapy, counseling services, surgeries, prescriptions, wheelchairs, orthotics, eyeglasses and hearing aids.

More than 3,500 medical grants have been made since 2007 and are now being accepted for 2012 on a rolling basis. For more information or to apply online, visit www.uhccf.org.

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Obituaries

Albert Cousin

Albert F. (Johnny) Cousin, 84, of Bedford, Pa., died peacefully on Friday, July 20, 2012, at Donahoe Manor Nursing home surrounded by his family. He lived in Greenbelt from 1954 to 2005.



Al, as most Greenbelters knew him, was born on August 30, 1927, in Thomas, W.Va., the son of the late John Wesley and Hazel (Hedrick) Cousin. He had 13 siblings. He married Mary Ellen Helmick, also of Thomas, in Cumberland, Md., on February 19, 1954.

Mr. Cousin was a graduate of Thomas High School and after driving "the pop truck" as he called it (delivering beverages), answered the call for merchant mariners as he was too young to enlist in the regular WWII forces. He fought in the Korean War, was a master sergeant and was honored with two Bronze Stars. After Korea he went to trade school and worked as a business machine specialist until he retired.

Most Greenbelters knew Al as scoutmaster, member of the Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church and/or Greenbelt Human Relations Board member. He was Greenbelt's first Outstanding Citizen in 1973.

Mr. Cousin was Scoutmaster of Troop 746 for 30 years and was recipient of the Silver Beaver Award. The Cousins opened up "The Farm" as it has come to be called, property they bought in Morgan County, W.Va., in 1957 as a camping and recreation retreat to the scouts (Camp Dogwood), the Methodist Youth Fellowship and basically anyone who wanted to visit the mountains. He served as lay leader and chairman of the Mowatt administrative board and was still running the grill at the annual Mowatt yard sale until 2010. His presence was familiar at City Council meetings.

He is survived by his wife, son Gary Cousin of Greenbelt, stepson Bill Abell of Silver Spring, daughter Joy, wife of Joaquin Torres of Boynton Beach Fla. and their two children Diego and Kyla Torres.

His ashes were interred at Rose Hill Cemetery in Thomas, W. Va., on July 24.

A memorial service will be held at Mowatt Church in Greenbelt on Saturday, August 25 at 2 p.m.

Memorial contributions can be made to: The Alzheimers Assn., P.O. Box 96011, Washington, D.C. 20090, or The National Parkinsons Foundation Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 5018,



We were sorry to hear of the death of Anna Andrus of Lake-wood on August 5, 2012, and extend sympathy to her daughter Julie, granddaughter Joanna, and other family and friends. She was the wife of the late Julius Andrus, a Greenbelt pioneer.

Former Greenbelters Brenda and Bob Kosisky of Mobile, Ala., send greetings to their old friends and neighbors. Brenda was in town for a visit with Mary Hooper of Crescent Road while on a trip with her daughter Sherrie and granddaughter Jordyn.

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 (Franklin Park). To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at newsreview@verizon.net or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

— Gary Cousin

— Kathleen McFarland



Al Cousin is riding in the Labor Day parade as Greenbelt's first Outstanding Citizen in 1973.

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Nature Tots Program On How Wind Works

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Advance registration is required; call 301-497-5887.

Mark Rothko's Seagram Murals

Three murals related to Mark Rothko's decoration of the Seagram Building's Four Seasons dining room in 1958 will be on display at the National Gallery's East Building through August 15.

For more information visit <http://www.nga.gov>.

Schools Inaugurate Paypam System


Parents of students enrolled in Prince George's County Public Schools can now pay for their children's meals, sports activity fees and other fees through the school system's new Paypam electronic system. Paypam, which stands for Parent Account Management System, can be accessed at <https://paypams.com/HomePage.aspx>.

Annual Membership Meeting at NAMI


Elections to the Board of Directors for NAMI Prince George's County will be held Thursday, August 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Hanco Building at Beckett Field, New Carrollton. Affiliate budget and planned activities for the remainder of the year will also be reviewed.

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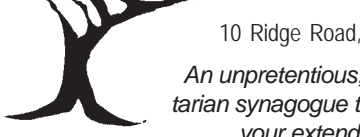


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Astronomical Society Holds Star Party

All are invited to join the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) for a free star party Saturday evening, August 11 at the City of Greenbelt Observatory at Northway Fields. In addition to the observatory telescope, several members will share personal telescopes and binoculars for the enjoyment of all. Observing will begin when it is dark enough, probably around 9 p.m. although people may begin to set up telescopes earlier if it is clear.

Objects to be observed include planets Saturn and Mars. In addition, several nice star clusters and nebulae may be seen.

The star party will be cancelled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot at the bottom of the hill unless bringing a telescope.

Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

Friday, August 10 jazz pianist John Guernsey plays from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then local Band Long Time. Coming headlines with rock 'n roll from 8 to 11 p.m.



Saturday, August 11 Bruce Krittr plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m., then John Guernsey takes over with jazz and blues piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. J.C. headlines with acoustic covers, soft rock and R&B from 8 to 11 p.m.

Sunday, August 12 Jack Couldn't Make It will perform old time folk from 5 to 8 p.m.

Next Week

Tuesday, August 14 is the monthly open microphone Poetry Night session from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, August 15 Tony DeSantis sings Celtic songs from 7 to 9 p.m. On Thursday, August 16 pianist Amy C. Kraft plays mid-day melodies from noon to 2 p.m., followed from 7 to 9 p.m. by an open microphone session with Mike and Noelle. Pianist John Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Friday, August 17, then legendary saxophonist Buck Hill returns from 8 to 11 p.m., accompanied by Not 2 Cool Jazz. The Saturday, August 18 schedule begins with Bruce Krittr on classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m., then John Guernsey takes over with up-tempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m.. Buck & the Bucktones headline with bluegrass, honky-tonk and originals from 8 to 11 p.m. Sunday, August 19 begins with the Not 2 Cool Jazz Trio playing from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. followed by the monthly kids open microphone session from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. for the whole family. The evening from 5 to 7 p.m. features Darkuba Dawg Hafla from 5 to 7 p.m. with live Middle Eastern music & dance and musicians playing the oud, darbuka and riq.

National Gallery Opens New Miro Exhibit

A new exhibition entitled Joan Miro: The Ladder of Escape is now open at the National Gallery of Art through August 12 in the East Building, Mezzanine. Celebrated as one of the greatest modern artists, Miro (1893 - 1983) developed a visual language that reflected his vision and energy in a variety of styles across many media. Through some 120 works of art, this exhibition reveals a politically engaged aspect of Miro's work, as well as his sense of Spanish - specifically Catalan - identity.

Tutoring Program For Grades 1-12

Tutoring sessions will be offered at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center club house every Saturday morning during the summer from 10 to 12 a.m. All students from grades one to 12 are invited to take advantage of the program, as well as students seeking to earn a GED.

For information call Judge Hering at 301-345-6660 or email her at jhering@greenbeltmd.gov.



City Notes

Animal Control staff reports two dogs were adopted, two dogs found running at large, one owner was assisted with a hysterical cat caught in a chair cover, one kitten found outside and one bat removed from an apartment.

Facilities/Building Maintenance staff installed a sign to instruct people not to climb on or sit on the Mother & Child statue in Roosevelt Center.

Camp YOGO traveled to XP Laser Sport and Cameron Run Regional Park. Camp YOGO and Camp Pine Tree II traveled to the Udvar-Hazy Air & Space Center to see the space shuttle Discovery

in its new home and enjoy the IMAX movie "Hubble." Camp Pine Tree I traveled to Severna Park Lanes for some pizza and bowling. All camps sponsored a bake sale on Thursday and Friday. Proceeds are being donated to the "Send a Kid to Camp" fund.

CARES

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living program is applying to be a designated referral agency for residents for the Project Reboot Program. Project Reboot is a certified Microsoft refurbishing agency that provides low income clients with a low-priced, basic computer package.



City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 13, 2012 - Municipal Building at 8:00 p.m.

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

Administrative Reports

Council Reports

Committee Reports

LEGISLATION

- An Ordinance to Authorize and Empower the City of Greenbelt to Issue One or More Tax Anticipation Notes in Amounts Not to Exceed \$3.5 Million Dollars in the Aggregate in Anticipation of the Receipt of Current Taxes and Other Revenues, Directing that the Proceeds of Said Notes Shall be Used for General Fund Operating Expenses Heretofore Authorized; and Providing for the Sale of Said Notes by Private Negotiation to Columbia Bank

-1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules

-2nd Reading, Adoption

- An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2 "Administration" Article IV "Ethics" of the Greenbelt City Code

- 1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules

- 2nd Reading, Adoption

- A Resolution to Repeal Resolution 1083 and Establish Admission Fees and Pass Rates for the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center Effective September 4, 2012

- 2nd Reading, Adoption

- A Resolution to Establish School Zones within the City

- 1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules

- 2nd Reading, Adoption

A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of a TYMCO 600 Sweeper Body from Mid-Atlantic Waste Systems at a Cost of \$112,280

- 1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules

- 2nd Reading, Adoption

OTHER BUSINESS

- Greenbelt Middle School Task Force (Final Report)

- Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Report #2012-3 (Prince George's County's Proposed 10-Year County Solid-Waste Management Plan)

- Award of Purchase - Cargo Van

- Award of Bid - Municipal Building Roof Replacement

- Memorandum of Understanding - University of Maryland Shuttle

- Sustainable Maryland Certified Green Team

- PEPCO Undergrounding - Pilot Project

- Other Reports

*- 75th Anniversary Committee Report

* - Appointments to Advisory Groups

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.

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Parking lot between City Office and Community Center

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VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Employee Relations Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability

For information call 301-474-8000.

PUBLIC MEETING WITH PEPCO

Wednesday, August 15 at 7:00p.m.

Municipal Building

25 Crescent Road-Council Chambers

Project plans will be available for review

at 6:30 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to give the public the opportunity to ask PEPCO representatives questions regarding the upcoming system reliability project.

There will be significant impact on trees near power poles and power lines. Trees that will be removed have been marked with orange paint. Public encouraged to review location of marked trees in advance of meeting.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this project, you may email them to pepcoproject@greenbeltmd.gov

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by the school board and the city, with Turner's help, successfully included planning funds in the state Capital Projects Budget for a new school building. In a November meeting with the city council, County Executive Jack Johnson pledged to include requests in his 2010 and 2011 budgets for engineering and construction funds.

At an open meeting at the school on July 14, 2009, attendees learned that groundbreaking for a new school would take place the following January. Diminished state funding had delayed an earlier groundbreaking planned for the previous May.

School board member Rosalind Johnson urged continued advocacy to keep the project on schedule, noting a number of actions needed before construction would be fully authorized.

To house 990 students, the new building would take 18 months to construct and cost \$54 million. School Superintendent William Hite reiterated to the Greenbelt City Council in August the groundbreaking plan and the need for continued advocacy.

Groundbreaking

With rain threatening, 65 people attended the groundbreaking ceremony, which did not take place until September 27, 2010. Mayor Judith Davis proclaimed it "a sunny day for Greenbelt" in spite of the weather. The new structure would be the third Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) school building in the county. Dressed in hard hats, school, city, county and state officials shoveled dirt to start construction of Greenbelt's newest public facility.

Once construction began, it apparently proceeded without significant problems. Allocated construction funds will be used for renovation of the historic portion of the old middle school building if not required for new building cost overruns.

While the amount of funds available for such renovation are not known at this time, school officials have been optimistic in the past that the new building will be completed with costs under budget. Although the new school is now significantly completed, workers were still busy completing extensive exterior landscape work when the site was observed in early August.

Old Building

The first portion of the original school was built by the federal government in 1937-38 as part of the original Green Towns project of the Resettlement Administration that had built the model planned community of Greenbelt. It was to be used as a junior-senior high school.

The building was located significantly away from the rest of the new town, reportedly as an appeasement to the residents of Berwyn Heights, whose children would also attend the school. (Some of them had not been happy to see housing for low-income people built near their own homes.) There were 11 classrooms plus two other rooms for domestic science and industrial arts.

In 1945 an addition to the high school was also constructed

by the government. Both this addition and the original building are now considered historic.

The Defense Homes added to Greenbelt at the beginning of World War II then necessitated expansion of the high school, which was not funded for another three years. That addition contained an office, seven classrooms and a multi-purpose room.

In 1949 the government sold both the building and the land to the Board of Education, which had always operated the school. In June 1951 the last high school class graduated from the school and the building became a junior high.

More students than classroom space then resulted in three Quonset huts, providing 10 classrooms, which stayed on site until 1961.

New Construction

In 1953, a multipurpose room, now a gymnasium, was added to the building. A 1957 addition provided a new multipurpose room with kitchen and cafeteria, two laboratories, nine classrooms and other facilities, while a 1962 addition provided 19 more classrooms. The last addition, in 1969, provided new administrative offices, 10 classrooms and other facilities. In 1981 the school board changed the school's use to become a middle school.

Believing it necessary to determine the future disposition of the old building by the time the new one was ready for occupancy, and with possible expanded city uses then proposed for the building, the Greenbelt City Council established a Greenbelt Middle School Task Force in December 2010 to study how the school might be re-utilized and whether or not the city should acquire it as had been done with the surplused Greenbelt Center School.

After three public hearings, a Community Planning Festival, an interim report and two follow-up reports, the committee issued its final report on June 21.

Proposals for city acquisition and the building's possible use were not resolved once it was learned that the school board would retain property ownership. A variety of possible social services proposed to be housed there were made less relevant by the new owners of the adjacent apartment project, now known as Franklin Park at Greenbelt Station, who were in the process of upgrading the income level of its tenants.

All proposed non-school uses were then put on hold when school staff announced they were studying the feasibility of relocating the French immersion program to the old building from Robert Goddard Middle School. School staff were also awaiting a determination of improvements to be required by the Maryland Historic Preservation Commission for the historic portions of the building.

Another issue to be resolved is what building space, if any, might be allocated for use by Turning Point Academy, a charter school, which has expressed interest in using part or all of the building.

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"On the roof they have grass and flowers. They're going to have a garden," Smith said.

"The kids will begin by caring for the garden," said Tweedy. "The program will definitely grow."

The roof also has stairs so Smith can easily get to different places in the building to maintain machinery.

The new school features a media center and a TV studio. There are plans to have a TV production class.

The modern family consumer services classroom is equipped with a laundry room, a pantry, two full kitchens and computer stations.

Culinary Arts

"[The teacher] is very excited about what she can do with the curriculum," Tweedy said.

Last spring the culinary arts club started with just 30 students but Tweedy hopes to expand the program this fall, utilizing the new equipment.

"I really think the kids are going to be excited," Tweedy said.

Each of the special education classrooms has its own large bathroom with a shower and audio visual stations to help the 42 to 45 students who are in communication reference instruction.

Tweedy's background is special education and he has a passion for it.

"I understand that the leader really impacts your special education program," Tweedy said.

Bleachers

The new gym has remote controlled bleachers that can seat approximately 500 people. In addition to this, the school has purchased 600 chairs.

Greenbelt Middle School's old building still has the original bleachers from when the school was first built. Some of the equipment, such as the fans, was so old that it could not be repaired because the companies that made the equipment were no longer in business.

The new gym has air conditioning and a workout room with machines that use green energy.

Teachers and students will use the gym.

The new school has lots of water fountains, which doesn't seem like a luxury, but at the old school there were many that did not work.

Security Cameras

There are 90 security cameras in the new middle school which will be available to all school administrators to watch.

Every classroom in the new school is fully equipped with Smart Boards, projected screens that are touch interactive.

The desks in each classroom are triangular tables that have been arranged into groups of four. The desks are for both left and right handed students. They wanted to do the best they could for feasibility and space.

"The teachers will make the classrooms more inviting," said Tweedy, looking around an empty classroom, "That's what will really be amazing."



Boxes stacked in a hallway are readied for the move to the new school. Principal Warren Tweedy and News Review reporter Amber Larkins converse in the background.



More boxes seen in the main office of the old school create cramped quarters for office workers.



Tweedy and Building Supervisor James Smith look over some of the plans for the new school.



Tweedy points to state-of-the-art projectors in one of the classrooms. Triangular desks arranged in groups can accommodate right- and left-handed students.

PHOTOS BY BILL CORNETT

For more details, see the Back-to-School Issue next week.

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She and her colleagues will use the rover's imaging to find interesting rocks to target. They will move the rover toward such rocks using its arm to do contact science, taking pictures and getting textures that tell about their formation. The scientists can use its arm to drill and scoop up a sample to put in the belly's laboratory, where they can look closely at mineralogy and organics.

Curiosity also has a ChemCam instrument, which uses a laser to vaporize rock and can tell about the rock's composition by looking at sparks thereby emitted.

"So from a distance we can already get some information about the elemental composition of this rock, which is pretty cool," Stern said.

Because Curiosity is so much larger than other rovers – it weighs a ton – and has many more capabilities, its landing proved quite a challenge. The sequence was pre-programmed because of the distance between Mars and Earth and the time lapse in transmitting data.

Minutes of Terror

After eight months of travel, the rover began its "seven minutes of terror" when it entered the Mars atmosphere at about 13,000 mph. It had to slow down to about 900 mph from atmospheric friction and then to 180 mph by deploying a supersonic parachute.



NASA staff and visitors view a projected image of the control room for the JPL launch of Curiosity to Mars.

"Then this is when the super cool stuff starts," said Melissa Trainer, Ph.D., planetary atmospheric chemist at Goddard. "This is the super new part."

A jet pack attached to the rover by cables flew it close to the landing spot, when the cables lowered it gently to the surface. The cables were then cut and the jet pack flew away, leaving Curiosity on the surface of Mars.

Because several opportunities existed for something to go wrong, when Curiosity landed the control room was in full celebration.

Pictures of the rover's wheels and shadow that came in via Mars' satellite Odyssey brought hugs and tears on the big screen and applause in the auditorium.

Curiosity is expected to explore interesting rock layers of Mount Sharp in the Gale Crater for about two years, one Martian year, said Amy Mcadam, planetary geochemist at Goddard.

"There are canyons and channels and all sorts of things all in one place to look at," Mcadam said.



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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.

Drug Arrest

July 31, 9:54 p.m., 7300 block Mandan Road. An 18-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released on citation pending trial.

DWI/DUI

July 29, 12:59 a.m., 8900 block Edmonston Road. A 35-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol-related violations among other charges after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

Burglary

July 28, 10:46 p.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace. Nothing was taken.

July 29, 1:49 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane. Electronics were taken.

July 29, 7:51 p.m., 100 block Westway. Credit cards, jewelry and clothing were taken.

July 30, 6:12 p.m., 7900 block

Mandan Road. Bicycles were taken.

July 31, 2:49 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. An 18-year-old resident was arrested and charged with burglary and theft. He was transferred to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner. Two resident juveniles were petitioned for the same charges and released to their respective guardians pending action by the Department of Juvenile Services.

Vehicle Crime

Thefts from autos occurred in the Beltway Plaza parking lot (front Md. tag), 7800 block Mandan Road (GPS unit) and 5800 block Cherrywood Lane (Md. temporary tag).

Vandalism was reported in the 9100 block Springhill Lane (vehicle window was broken) and 7800 block Mandan Road (car was scratched and tires flattened).

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more housing is developed, do they need to keep pushing affordable housing?" asked Perlman. "Working on the housing study has been extremely rewarding, trying to approach the question of housing affordability from an impartial stance and different data sources."

He has also helped draft a request for proposals for the city's search for a consultant to help evaluate development proposals upon land near the Greenbelt Metro station. In addition, he has been working on updating the city's visioning goals for the next five years, helping public works develop a fiscal plan and sitting in on meetings.

"It's been great just being in the presence of everyone in this office and seeing how a city is run day to day," Perlman said. "Learning about the balance of power and the leadership has been interesting."

Perlman, who is slated to graduate in May 2013, says he would like to work for local government, because it "gets you closest to the people you're trying to help." He is in the process of looking for positions in the Washington area as well as in New York City, as it's important for him to stay close to his family who live in Rockville. He plays tennis, takes advantage of Washington's many bike trails and hopes he can take what he has learned here and apply it to help other people."

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.

Back to School Fair At Showplace Arena

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) will host a Back-to-School Fair on Saturday, August 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Show Place Arena, 14900 Pennsylvania Avenue in Upper Marlboro.

With the first day of school on Monday, August 20 the fair will be a community-wide opportunity to provide all PGCPS students and parents with access to resources needed for a successful school year.

School representatives will be present as well as information on before- and after-school programs and county agency assistance. There also will be school registration, PTA registration and information on needed school supplies and school uniforms available for purchase.

Admission is free; interpreters will be available and backpacks will be given away.

Service Hours

Students who wish to earn community service hours are welcome to serve as volunteers at the fair and should email klibby@pgcps.org for the required form. The form must be completed and returned no later than August 15. Only students who have returned the form will be able to receive work credits.



ATTENTION GHI MEMBERS

IT'S BUDGET PREP TIME

You are invited to join the Board and Finance Committee on **Thursday, August 30, 2012**
8:00 P.M. - GHI Board Room

Attend this important meeting to share your ideas and suggestions as we begin the 2013 budget preparation process.

If unable to attend, clip this ad and submit your comments in the space below. Drop off at the Management Office or give to any Board member.

School Meal Prices for 2012-13 Year

Prince George's County Public Schools have announced meal prices for the coming school year – student breakfast: \$1.50; elementary lunch: \$2.60; secondary lunch: \$2.85. Milk alone will be \$0.55.

The required forms to apply for free or reduced-price meals can be obtained at each school and will be sent home with the children. Parents may also call 301-952-6517 to have an application form mailed to their home.



PEPCO MEETING

PEPCO will be holding a meeting to inform residents about its Infrastructure Rehab Project which includes tree trimming and removal.

Wednesday, August 15

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Franklin Park Apartments Freak Flooding Is Fixed

by Amber Larkins

Mary Babbitt's bathroom exhaust fan gushed water in her apartment at Franklin Park 11 times from September 2011 to June 2012.

Every time Franklin Park responded to the call that day and every time they thought they had solved the problem.

"It was so sporadic," Aaron Martin said. He had never seen a problem like this before. Martin is director of maintenance for Franklin Park.

"We had to test every plumbing fixture in the apartment," said Lesley Luckhardt, Franklin Park general manager.

"It was one of those tricky situations where you couldn't figure out the source of it," Luckhardt said.

Martin had never seen anything like this but believes a defective pipe caused the incidents.

Babbitt has lived in the same apartment for 35 years. The building is old.

We finally realized the problem happened whenever the two neighbors above her were draining their bathtubs, said Luckhardt.

They would have had to pull the stoppers at the same moment, said Martin.

"She's connected to three other apartments. It's a pretty off chance they would be taking a bath at the same time," Martin said.

The final fix was a complete replacement of the pipes. They also moved and replaced the ceiling vent on June 25.

Babbitt was so frustrated by the continued problems with her apartment that she filed a case with the county court.

"It's been just horrible for me. It takes up my whole life and impacts everything I do," Babbitt said of having to continuously call maintenance and management to figure out why this was happening.

Franklin Park offered her another apartment but she has been here 35 years and did not want to leave her home.

The management also offered her a settlement of \$1,200 but she wanted reduced rent in restitution for the months that this was ongoing, as well.

The case was dismissed Friday because the water flowing had been resolved.

Franklin Park has been the defendant in 20 cases this year, according to Prince George's court records.

The apartment complex has

2,877 units.

When you consider how many units there are compared to cases filed, it's not unheard of, said Luckhardt.

The situation was frustrating for everyone involved but especially for Babbitt, who just wants to enjoy her apartment in peace.

"Every time I hear water running I jump," Babbitt said, "I've just felt so helpless."

Insurance Help Given In Laurel Thursday

On Thursday, August 16 the Maryland Insurance Administration will have trained staff at the Laurel-Beltsville Senior Activity Center, 7120 Contee Road in Laurel from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with consumer materials and answers to questions about insurance. The state regulatory agency covers all types of insurance products from annuities to title insurance and health, auto and homeowners insurance.

More information can be found at www.mdinsurance.state.md.us or by calling 410-468-2360.



Recommendations on Unauthorized Rentals in GHI

The Board of Directors has asked for a member feedback period on the recommendations made by the Task Force on Unauthorized Rentals.

To see the draft recommendations, either pick up a hard copy at the Administration Building, or go to www.ghi.coop

Comments should be submitted via email to mgmtoffice@ghi.coop or written notes can be delivered to the Management Office, Attention: Sheri.

All comments are due by Friday, August 24, 2012

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Tuesday, August 21, 1 to 7 p.m.,
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On Saturday, August 11 cyclists are invited to join a free group social ride to the Bladensburg Marina and the Riversdale Mansion for the War of 1812 reenactment festivities.

This is an easy trail ride at a relaxed pace and lots of stops. The group will leave from Proteus Bike Shop in College Park at 11 a.m. and return to the shop at about 2 p.m. Greenbelt riders are welcome to meet at 10:30 a.m. at the New Deal Café to head over to the start. Call 301-441-2928 for more information.

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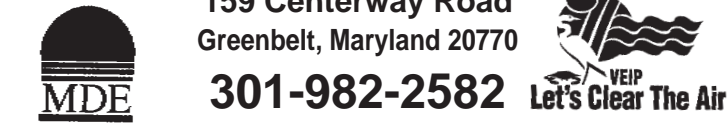
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Bridge Widening Impact On Stream Concerns City

by Jessica Wilde

Mayor Judith Davis urged the city's three watershed groups to consider the environmental impacts upon Indian Creek that might be caused by widening the Sunnyside Road bridge across it. "A lot of times it's folks from your groups that give us information that we need to know," Davis said at a council worksession.

The watershed groups, Beaverdam Creek, Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek (CCRIC) and Friends of Still Creek, are stakeholders as of two years ago and are the eyes and ears of parts of Greenbelt that council cannot otherwise follow.

"The Sunnyside bridge issue and CSX issues are ongoing and unresolved," said Cary Coppock from CCRIC.

He said he was concerned with the secrecy surrounding the project and suggested it might be related to the potential opening of a CSX intermodal facility in Beltsville, which has not been decided yet, or to the FBI possibly relocating its headquarters to the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, which has not been confirmed. Either option would infringe upon a very important piece of green space, he said.

When Davis asked Coppock to focus on the environmental effects of rebuilding the bridge itself, he said the project had been ambiguous about storm water management.

"If they sell this as environmental improvement, I'm not sold yet," he said.

But Vicky Hageman, CCRIC's chair, said the bridge might accommodate trucking for a new private recycling center for construction site debris in Beltsville.

"There's a lot of traffic impact that's happening on that side of town," she said.

CCRIC

In addition to CCRIC's educational project in Greenbelt with Food Forests near the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, the watershed group is working on an information table for the Labor Day Festival. Hageman personally monitors the stream, taking pictures and letting people know about any problems.

She would like to see more involvement between the three groups to account for internal struggles with active membership.

"I personally would like to see a little bit more training from the staff on the environmental concerns of protecting the creek when the projects are done and a little bit more recyclability from the contractors who are doing work in the area," she said.

Beaverdam Creek

Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group also focuses on ed-

ucation about water quality issues and they have discovered a great variety of life in some of the water they have sampled within their watershed. The creek runs through BARC, north of Greenbelt.

Beaverdam Creek's president Michel Cavigelli, a BARC employee, said he has been able to give tours of the watershed to other BARC employees.

Council plans to ask for an update from BARC on research that is being done, which involves cutting down trees to insert filters for landfills.

"Is there some way the city could be aware of these things?" asked Councilmember Rodney Roberts.

Friends of Still Creek

Friends of Still Creek is the smallest watershed and the flooding problems in Greenbelt Park and its surrounds are its biggest concern, said Bill Duncan of Still Creek. The stream is not in good shape and the fish population is not very good.

"Six years ago we hoped to do stream bank restoration but all of that is sort of secondary to flood water," he said.

Baltimore's municipal separate storm sewer permit (MS4) will be reviewed soon, said Goolsby, and he said it will become the template for other municipalities. It would be great if the three watershed groups could put in their two cents for any changes to Baltimore's MS4, he said.

Duncan thought Montgomery County's MS4 would be the template, since that area is comparable to Prince George's County.

"We'll have to keep our eyes and ears open," Davis said.

Still Creek is also working on a rebate program to encourage storm water management techniques and is looking for ways to promote it. Councilmember Konrad Herling suggested making a public service announcement.

Michelle Touchet of Still Creek asked that council help in addressing the problem of trash blowing out from the city's recycling center into the Sunrise property. She suggested an L-shaped fence that would catch the trash.

She was also concerned about a fallen tree blocking a service road that Still Creek uses to do cleanups, though Councilmember Edward Putens said the tree prevented teenagers from going down to the water late at night.

Touchet said one of the best parts of living in Greenbelt is how environmentally conscious the council is.

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Montpelier Summer Concert on Friday

The annual Montpelier free Summer Concert series continues on Friday, August 10 at 7:30 p.m. when the group "I + I RIDDIM" plays Caribbean: Reggae, Soca and Calypso. People are invited to bring a friend, picnic, blanket or chair to enjoy the outdoor lawn performance. Concerts are held at Montpelier Mansion at 9652 Muirkirk Road at Route 197 in Laurel. Admission and parking are free. No tickets or reservations are needed.

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