

# GREENBELT News Review

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## Drains, Playgrounds, Pepco and Cats Are Topics for GHI and the Council

by Justine McDaniel

Storm water drainage, the replacement of water piping by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC), encroachment, playground improvements, roaming cats, Greenbelt's Green Team, work by Pepco, natural disaster aid, the GHI open house, unauthorized rentals and unoccupied houses were topics for discussion at the Greenbelt City Council annual stakeholder meeting with Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) on Wednesday, June 12.

### Storm Water Drainage

The buildup of storm water in a city park area bounded by 56 Crescent Road, 33 Ridge Road and 1 Gardenway has been a problem throughout the history of GHI.

Although there are storm drains, water is unable to get to them. Sidewalks flood during heavy rainfall, with all the water flowing downhill to one location.

GHI Secretary Ed James noted that vegetation in cracks between the sidewalks contributes to puddles by blocking the water flow.

City Manager Michael McLaughlin and GHI General Manager Eldon Ralph have agreed to meet in order to discuss remedies.

### WSSC Piping

Talks with the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) regarding the proposed replacement of the water piping in GHI masonry homes have come to a standstill.

GHI has inquired about the WSSC's long-term plans for both the masonry and frame homes in GHI but is still awaiting a response.

"Before meeting with WSSC, we feel that we should look at this from a holistic standpoint," Ralph said. "Anything we agree to with masonry homes can affect what happens to framework homes in the future."

GHI is also waiting for answers to questions about repairs and meters. GHI wants WSSC to remove water meters from crawl spaces in order to make them more accessible. Currently meters go for too long without being read because they are hard to get to, Ralph said.

Once WSSC responds, a GHI task force will make a recommendation to the GHI board about the position the housing cooperative should take.

GHI wants a good understanding of what WSSC will do about frame homes, which make up 992 of GHI's 1,600 homes, before moving forward.

Piping was last replaced in the early 1980s, with the exception of piping on Ridge Road, replaced in 1951, and on Southway, which was replaced in 1960.

Mayor Judith Davis said council would be willing to participate in discussions with GHI and WSSC, noting that the impasse is affecting some repairs in the rest of the city.

### Rights-of-Way

Four buildings on GHI property currently encroach on city rights-of-way. This came about due to the federal government dedicating the rights-of-way for city streets based upon design plans rather than field surveys of what actually was built and affected a number of GHI properties. The GHI board asked the city to re-designate the right-of-way at five locations and between 2009 and 2012 GHI and the city have worked on removing the encroachment on Crescent Road.

The main obstacle to remedy-

ing these encroachments is the amount of time it takes to complete the process of re-designating the right-of-way boundaries. In the case of Crescent Road, this has required three years.

"We are fully aware of the encroachment issue and also how long it takes," Davis said.

Ralph said there isn't much that can be done to streamline the inherently long process, although utility companies are often the slowest parties to approve the changes. It was agreed that the city will discuss the process with the utility companies in stakeholder meetings in an effort to ensure their reviews proceed as quickly as possible.

As GHI Board of Directors member Chuck Hess said, the city and GHI have an understanding of the process thanks to the Crescent Road project. Both parties are aware of the issue and are working to make progress.

### Playground Improvement

GHI has requested plans from the city for future playground improvements so the cooperative can begin budgeting. Under a 2005 easement agreement, GHI must pay 25 percent of the total cost of new playground equipment and materials installed in playgrounds located on GHI property. In return, GHI then gives access to the public in exchange for city maintenance.

The current discussion regards the resurfacing of the Laurel Hill playground. An objection from a Greenbelt resident to the use of rubber mulch has interrupted

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## City's Emergency Fund Needs Community Help

In a letter last week to city religious, civic and community organizations, City Manager Michael McLaughlin alerted the organizations that the city's emergency eviction relief fund is nearly depleted. In the letter he noted a large number of requests in the past year and that there is a need for residents, faith communities and other Greenbelt organizations to contribute to the fund so Greenbelt residents in need can be helped.

The fund was established by the city in 1992 to provide relief for residents with temporary housing problems (e.g., the inability to pay one month of rent or a mortgage payment). The purpose of the fund is to help Greenbelters faced with homelessness and

not for other purposes. It is intended for emergency use on a one time only basis. Recipients of the relief funds are asked to repay the fund, if possible.

The funds are managed by Greenbelt's director of Social Services, who takes steps to verify the requests and authorizes disbursements from the emergency fund. No city funds are contributed and the fund relies entirely on the generosity of Greenbelt residents and organizations.

Contributions can be made to: City of Greenbelt Emergency Relief Fund, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770. Donors help assure that emergency relief is available for Greenbelt families facing eviction.

— Thomas X. White

## Open Forum on Health Care Held in Greenbelt at ERHS

by Woody Wilder

District 22 Delegate Alonzo T. Washington, in conjunction with the Democratic Central Committee of Prince George's County, hosted a health care forum on Wednesday, June 12 at Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt.

Joining Washington on the panel were Jonathan Kromm of the governor's Office of Health Care Reform; Dourakine Rosarion from the Department of Health and Human Services of Montgomery County; Joy Hatchette of the Maryland Insurance Administration; Maryland Delegate Melony G. Griffith; and Pamela Creekmur of the Prince George's County Department of Health.

The forum allowed each panelist to address the audience and ended with a question and answer session.

Kromm began the panel session with a lengthy presentation on the Affordable Care Act (ACA) — otherwise known as Obamacare. He discussed the four pillars of the ACA: stronger insurance coverage, expanded access to health insurance and care, making insurance coverage affordable and controlling costs while improving quality of insurance.

Kromm also shed light on the state's Medicaid expansion targets. By next year his department is striving to add new coverage for 128,000 currently uncovered Marylanders. The number will increase by 7,000 the next year and then to 187,000 newly covered Marylanders by

2020, Kromm said.

The Medicaid expansion will also include full Medicaid benefits for adults under 138 percent of the federal poverty level.

### How to Apply

Kromm stressed that everyone currently uncovered should apply immediately for health care coverage during the next year.

For more information, residents are encouraged to visit [marylandhealthconnection.gov](http://marylandhealthconnection.gov).

Hatchette debunked a common myth of the ACA, that it is not destroying Medicare. Instead the ACA makes improvements to Medicare. Employees will still be able to be covered by their employers.

In addition, individuals without an insurance plan now have a way to gain a health plan with better benefits and protections than would have been available before.

"Be happy and be proud," Hatchette said in response to the effect she felt the ACA will bring to Maryland. She conceded that the cost of Medicare for the upcoming year is unknown at this time. The rates are still being reviewed, she said.

More information can be found on the Maryland Insurance Administration's website, <http://www.mdinsurance.state.md.us/sa/jsp/Mia.jsp>.

Griffith's message to the audience was to teach Maryland residents the appropriate channels to reach the health care they need — from mental illness to a

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PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

**Assistant Director of Recreation Joe McNeal accepted a proclamation declaring July Recreation Month in Greenbelt at the city council meeting June 17. The proclamation summarizes the benefits of parks and recreation programs. It encourages people to participate in and appreciate them and to recognize the "creativity and hard work" of Recreation Department staff. McNeal said there are still spaces available in some summer camp programs and encouraged interested parents to contact recreation staff.**

### What Goes On

**Saturday, June 22**

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

**Sunday, June 23**

**10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**, Bikes for the World, Collection of Used Bikes for Developing Countries, Parking Lot behind the Municipal Building, next to the Farmers Market

**Tuesday, June 25**

**7 p.m.**, Advisory Committee on Education Meeting, Municipal Building



# Letters to the Editor

## Nominations for 2013 Outstanding Citizen

With the Labor Day Festival rapidly approaching, Greenbelters are asked to help identify this year's Outstanding Citizen by completing the nomination form (on page 2). Describe, in your own words, your nominee's contributions or acts of kindness. Nominations are due by July 29, 2013. This year's honoree will be the 41st since the award began in 1973.

While a committee selects 2013's Outstanding Citizen, that selection is made from nominations submitted from the community. Identifying that special person in a city of citizen volunteers requires input from citizens like you! Some outstanding citizens are easily spotted because of their creative leadership and high visibility within organizations. Some may touch others in a quiet way and their compassion and desire to serve are evident.

The opening ceremonies of Greenbelt's Labor Day Festival will include the announcement of Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen for 2013. Besides recognition and congratulatory proclamations, the honoree serves as the Grand Marshal for the Labor Day Parade.

All of us have had the opportunity to be associated with individuals from Greenbelt who have distinguished themselves for their outstanding volunteer service to our community. Rarely do they receive the recognition they deserve. History indicates that many of Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizens have been nominated several times before their selection. The Committee encourages nominators to be persistent. We know we can count on you to keep this one of Greenbelt's special events!

*Bob Zugby, Chair  
Outstanding Citizen  
Selection Committee  
94 Ridge Road  
Greenbelt, MD 20770  
301-345-2065*

## Commendation to GHI For Smoke-free Courts

Congratulations to Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) members and board for creating a process that will allow rows to voluntarily become smoke-free indoors. I suggested this mechanism only eight years ago while I was living in GHI and I will be even more delighted to see many members take advantage of it, creating a stock of indoor smoke-free multi-family housing.

I further look forward to the day when GHI members will decide to expand this to yards and common areas. Also, the problem of second-hand smoke harming those who are stuck living in rows that do not unanimously volunteer for this option remains and must still be addressed.

Conclusion: You took an important step that will provide valuable life benefits for some but there is still more to be done to make the community safe and healthy for all.

*Stephen Jascourt*

## Wood Chips Make Sense

As a mother it just makes sense to have a playground that

is safe if your child falls and safe from cancer causing chemicals.

Huge mushrooms were growing at the Laurel Hill playground due to lack of maintenance and as I write this letter there is standing water filled with mosquito larvae. If the wood mulch were cared for properly, it would not get moldy or grow mushrooms. This is the issue being skirted around. In the city council meeting all agreed that proper maintenance would address the wood chip mold issue. How about putting in a rain garden, installing proper drainage to the area and replacing the wood chips as recommended. Why is it taking so long?

I detailed the significant science in my letters to the city council. Serious concerns about tires in children's playgrounds have been expressed by Environmental Health Doctors, Toxicologists and Water Safety Groups.

A Poured in Place surface contains the same chemicals and more as the shredded tire mulch surface. Both off-gas PAHs which are known carcinogens when inhaled. Both contain 30 hazardous chemicals according

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## Corrections

The issue of a new bridge and road widening for Sunnyside Road was not scheduled for the June 17 council meeting as reported in the front page story in our last issue. According to City Manager Michael McLaughlin, "After all the discussion at the June 3 meeting, the APB members asked to take it back to discuss some more. They meet [met] on June 19. The matter should be back on council's July 8 agenda."

The News Review has recently learned that a photo used in the Forest Preserve article in the May 9 issue was incorrectly credited to the wrong photographer. The actual photographer of the photo on page 12 of that issue was Catherine Plaisant.

In the Retro Town Fair announcement on the back page of last week's issue (pg. 12, col. 1) there was a typo in the email address for the Greenbelt Museum. For more information about the Retro Town Fair at the Labor Day Festival email Sheila Maffay-Tuthill at greenbelt-museumedu@gmail.com.

## NOMINATION FORM

### Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen — 41st Year

Submit this form  
by July 29, 2013 to: Bob Zugby, Chair  
Outstanding Citizen Committee  
94 Ridge Road  
Greenbelt, MD 20770

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Attach a statement (preferably printed or typed), which explains why this nominee deserves recognition as Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen. Possible subjects include a list of organizations or activities in which the nominee has participated, including length of time, specific accomplishments during period of service, the impact on Greenbelt or on people within the City, and personal qualities which make the nominee special. Award is for volunteer (unpaid) work only. Supporting printed material is useful to the Committee but is not required. Testimonials by others as to the person's good works will be helpful.

You may be contacted for additional information. If you prefer, send this form now and complete the statement later, but no later than the July 29th deadline.

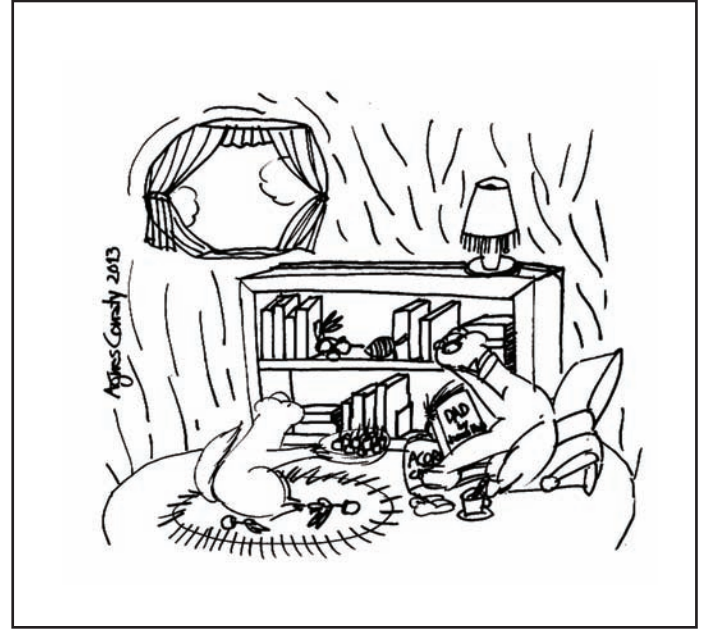
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Thank you!

## Grin Belt



"Dad, I know it's late but I got these 'free to try' finger foods and thought of you."

## Early Deadline for July 4th Holiday

All ads and materials for the July 4 paper must be submitted by 9 p.m. Monday, July 1 to be in the issue dated July 4.

The office will be OPEN Monday, July 1 from 2 to 5 p.m. and 8 to 10 p.m.

The News Review will be CLOSED Tuesday, July 2 (except night-time proofreading of our finished July Fourth issue).

Thank you and a happy, safe Fourth of July!

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## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

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#### FRIDAY

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#### SATURDAY

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

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# Community Events

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

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

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for June 24 through 28 are:

Monday – Apple juice, meatball hoagie with marinara sauce, green beans, cucumber and tomato salad, hot spiced fruit.

Tuesday – Grape juice, shredded Cuban pork, crispy cubed potatoes, cole slaw, hot curry fruit.

Wednesday – Orange juice, apple squash soup, chicken salad, mixed green salad with French dressing, seasoned fruit.

Thursday – Fruit punch, potato-crusted fish, lima beans, sliced carrots, fresh fruit.

Friday – Apple juice, Moroccan chicken stew, couscous, broccoli salad, mixed fruit cobbler.

## Co-op Wine Tastings, Food Demos Offered

On Friday, June 21 there will be a wine tasting at the Co-op store from 4 to 7 p.m.

On Wednesday, June 26 from 5 to 7 p.m. there will be both a wine tasting and a cucumber food demonstration at the store. It is also Patron Appreciation Day, with five percent savings on most purchases.

Coming up Tuesday, July 9 there will be a Healthy Horizons workshop on cooking with fresh garden herbs at 7 p.m.

More information is available at [www.greenbelt.coop](http://www.greenbelt.coop).

## Windsor Green Elects Year's New Officers

On June 5 the following officers for Windsor Green Homeowners Association were elected for the coming year: President Randall Evans, First Vice President Vicki Focht, Second Vice President Edith Beauchamp, Secretary Derek Thompson and Treasurer Robin Burts.

Board meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at the Windsor Green Community Building (7474 Frankfort Drive). Owners and residents are encouraged to attend.

## At the Library

### Children's Programs

Saturday, June 22, 11 a.m.: For children ages 6 to 12. Spring Gardening Workshop continues with "Leaf Rubbings and Trees."

### Storytime

On Thursdays, a librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props. Wednesday and Thursday programs have been combined due to low attendance at the former Wednesday programs. Pick up a free ticket from the information desk before the session.

Thursday, June 27, 10:30 a.m.: Drop-in Storytime for ages 2 to 5 years intersperses stories with fun activities including songs, rhymes and fingerplays. Babies are also welcome. The usual 20-person room limit applies.

### Summer Reading Program

The library summer-long reading program is now underway and all are encouraged to participate, making reading a family event. The program has four age levels: "Dig into Reading" is for two groups – children from birth to 4 years and those 5 to 12; "Beneath the Surface" is for 11- to 18-year-olds; and "Ground-breaking Reads" is for those 18 and over.

For more information visit the Greenbelt Library, call 301-345-5800 or visit the library system website at [www.pgcmlls.info](http://www.pgcmlls.info) for a number of library services, to review accounts or renew materials. For automated phone renewal call 301-333-3111.

## GHI Notes

Thursday, June 20, 6:45 p.m., Investment Committee Meeting – Board Room

7:30 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting – Board Room

Friday, June 21, Office Closed. Emergency maintenance available by calling 301-474-6011

Monday, June 24, 7 p.m., Communications Committee Meeting – GHI Lobby

Tuesday, June 25, 8:30 a.m., Yard Lines Committee Meeting – GHI Library

Wednesday, June 26, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee Meeting – Board Room

Thursday, June 27, 7 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting – Board Room

8 p.m., Work Session (Board's Action Plan) – Board Room

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



The Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) and the Seventh Street Playhouse will present *The Botticelli Cruise* for two weekends starting June 28. J. Gadsden (Arthur), T. Long (Boo), P. Martin (Bernard) and D. Weaver (Captain) travel the dangerous East Coast of Africa. Where do they come from? What are they looking for?

## P&J Coalition Holds Teen Talk Saturday

On Saturday, June 22 from 2 to 4 p.m. the Prince George's County Peace and Justice Coalition and I Got Heart (IGH) will hold a workshop for Greenbelt youth at the Springhill Lake Club House.

IGH is a nonprofit group of recent college graduates who formed in 2008 to help teens improve their lives and communities.

The program Saturday is the first in a series to help youth carry out their own self-designed project related to peace and/or justice in Greenbelt. This Saturday, those attending will describe what it is like to live here and share some of their personal aspirations. More information on IGH is available at <http://heartwards.org>.

All Greenbelt youth are welcome. For more information email Tip Fallon at [tip@heartwards.org](mailto:tip@heartwards.org) or text 301-523-0809.

More Community Events can be found throughout the paper.

## Astronomical Society Has Monthly Meeting

The June meeting of the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will be held on Thursday, June 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 114 of the Community Center.

Dr. Reggie Hudson, associate chief of the astrochemistry laboratory at Goddard Space Flight Center, will make a presentation on "Molecular Evolution in Extraterrestrial Environments."

Although physical conditions of extraterrestrial environments differ dramatically from those of Earth, in the past few decades many astronomical molecules have been discovered that would seem to have been impossible to form outside the Earth. Hudson will describe these discoveries and show how scientists in NASA laboratories study extraterrestrial chemistry.

All are welcome. Admission is free.

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Coming Soon to the Greenbelt Arts Center:  
June 28th - July 7 - The Botticelli Cruise  
July 14 - July 15 - Auditions for Avenue Q

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## Greenbelt Writers Group Meets

On Friday, June 21 the Greenbelt Writers Group will hold its monthly meeting at the Community Center at 7:30 p.m. Special guest and author Tod Ewing will speak on "A spiritual approach to racial healing."



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Monsters University in 3D, G (!)  
4:10, 9:15  
World War Z, R (!)  
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Now You See Me, PG-13  
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Fast and Furious 6, PG-13  
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The Purge, R  
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Puss in Boots (Free Family Film)  
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The Heat, R  
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## NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

### PRELIMINARY AGENDA

## GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 PM

### GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Contract for Phase 2C of the Pilot Project, 2nd Reading
- Exception Request from Member of 6A Hillside re: Placement of Shed in Service Side Yard
- Review of Name for Community Wide Upgrade Project

Regular Board meetings are open to Members

For more information, visit our website - [www.ghi.coop](http://www.ghi.coop)



To request a sign language interpreter for this meeting, go to <http://www.ghi.coop/content/interpreter-request-form>, or go to the GHI Office (One Hamilton Place) or contact us by phone (301-474-4161) or fax (301-474-4006).



### Baha'i Holds Bike Recycling Event

As one of June's Peace Month activities, the Greenbelt Baha'i Community is holding its annual bike collection on Sunday, June 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot behind the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

Bikes of all models in repairable condition, bicycle parts, accessories and tools will be collected, although children's tricycles cannot be. Bikes for the World collects thousands of bicycles donated this way, donating them to nonprofit partners overseas, where they are reconditioned and transform lives. A \$10 per bike donation is suggested to defray part of the cost for shipping.

More information about Bikes for the World is at [www.bikesfortheworld.org](http://www.bikesfortheworld.org); questions about the Baha'i collection day here can be emailed to [jamesfischer@mac.com](mailto:jamesfischer@mac.com).

### Annual Pride Picnic Sunday at the Lake

On Sunday, June 23 from 5 to 7 p.m. the annual GreenBELT Pride free picnic will be held at Buddy Attick Park, 555 Crescent Road. No rain date has been set.

The Pride Rainbow Flag will indicate the picnic location, near the playground.

Greenbelt Pride is a community-recognized organization for GBLTQ friends and allies.

The picnic is a family-friendly event open to all. There will be food, conversation and fun. Those attending are asked to bring a dish to share, a beach chair or blanket; hotdogs, drinks and utensils will be provided by the board of directors for Pride.

### Foundation Forum On Estate Planning

On Wednesday, June 26 at 2 p.m. the Greenbelt Community Foundation will sponsor an estate planning seminar in the Greenbriar Terrace Room on Hanover Parkway.

The seminar will be presented by lawyer and asset management-protection speaker Thomas Downs. He will cover information about how to avoid probate costs, minimize taxes and use charitable trusts to preserve one's legacy.

There is no fee. For more information or to make reservations call 301-776-7900.

### Cajun Jam to Be Held At New Deal Café

On Wednesday, June 26 a free Cajun Jam will be held at the New Deal Café from 7 to 9:30 p.m. for dancers, musicians and listeners who enjoy Cajun music. Beginners are welcome. For more information visit [www.newdealcafe.com](http://www.newdealcafe.com).

### Arab-Jewish Equality, Bedouin Women

On Friday, June 28 at 8 p.m. at Mishkan Torah's evening Shabbat service, Amal Elsana Alh'jooj, director of North American Relations for the Arab Jewish Center for Equality, Empowerment and Cooperation and the Negev Institute for Strategies of Peace and Development will speak on Bedouin Women's Rights and Arab-Jewish Equality in Israel. This program is free for all and concerns a topic of wide public interest.

Alh'jooj will briefly describe the Bedouin community within the state of Israel, share her personal experiences growing up in that society and discuss her efforts to promote women's rights within the Bedouin community while at the same time working to create an atmosphere of equality, mutual understanding and respect for both the Arab and Jewish populations in her home country.

A leader of Israel's Bedouin community, Alh'jooj earned a B.A. in social work at Ben-Gurion University and an M.A. in community development from McGill University, where she is currently working on her doctorate.

The program is followed by refreshments and fellowship. Mishkan Torah is at 10 Ridge Road. People of all faiths are welcome.

### Montpelier Summer Concerts Resume

The annual Montpelier Summer Concert Series will begin on Friday, June 28 at 7:30 p.m. with a free two-hour concert of classic rock, rhythm and blues and "Top 40." Bring a friend, picnic, blanket or chair to enjoy the outdoor performance on the west lawn of the Montpelier Mansion at 9652 Muirkirk Road in Laurel (Muirkirk and Rt. 197).

No tickets or reservations are needed. All ages are welcome. Free parking is available. In the event of heavy rain near the time of the concert, the performance will be cancelled. After 5 p.m. on the day of the concert, call 301-953-7882 for verification.

For other information call 301-776-2805.

### U.S. Botanic Garden Offers Cooking Demo

What's in the garden now and what's coming along in the next month – blueberries, strawberries, cucumbers, peas, beans, early squash – will be among the bounty featured in a cooking demonstration and growing tips discussion led by Adrienne Cook, gardening specialist, and Danielle Cook Navidi, nutritionist, at the U.S. Botanic Garden.

This free program will be offered at noon and repeated at 12:45 p.m. on Wednesday, June 26 in the Conservatory Garden Court. No pre-registration is required.

### Old Town Bowie Hosts Free Events

A free summer "Top 40" concert will be given from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 22 on the Village Green on Ninth Street in Old Bowie. Concerts are cancelled in case of inclement weather.

A & M Cycle will exhibit the "muscle bikes" of the 70s – the bikes every kid had or wished they had – lemon peeler sting-rays, fastbacks, western flyers and Ross Apollo racers.

Admission is also free from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays at the Old Towne Bowie Welcome Center, the home of Bowie's Heritage and Children's Museum and at the Railroad Museum.

For more information call 301-575-2488.

### Peace Month Program On American Muslims

On Sunday, June 23 at 11:45 a.m. as part of Greenbelt's Peace Month activities, there will be a special program at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church on the experience of American Muslims since 9/11.

Rabia Chaudry, founder and president of Safe Nation Collaborative, will present a program on post-9/11 experiences, examining how politics, policy and the media have shaped public discourse.

Sponsors include Paint Branch's Social Action Committee, the Prince George's Peace and Justice Coalition and the City of Greenbelt.

The program will be held in the church Religious Exploration Building, 3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi. All are welcome. See ad on page 5.

### 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](mailto:rector@stgeo.org) | [www.stgeo.org](http://www.stgeo.org)

### BERWYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Rev. Mary Pullen - Pastor**  
301-474-7573  
6301 Greenbelt Road  
Berwyn Heights, MD 20740

Summer Worship : Sun 10:00 am - 11:00 am (Child Care Available)  
Office Hours : Mon, Thu, Fri 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Tue, Wed 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

"A hospitable, multicultural community of faith"

Well is it with the king who keepeth  
a tight hold on the reins of his  
passion, restraineth his anger and  
preferreth justice and fairness to  
injustice and tyranny. (Baha'u'llah)

Greenbelt Bahá'í Community  
1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918  
[Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com](mailto:Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com) [www.bahai.us](http://www.bahai.us)

### Mishkan Torah Congregation

10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
Rabbi Jonathan Cohen Cantor Phil Greenfield

Friday evening services 8:00 PM except first Friday of the month, when children's service begins at 7:30 PM

Saturday morning services - 9:30 AM  
Children's Education, Adult Education, Social Action, etc.

For further information call 301 474-4223 [www.mishkantorah.org](http://www.mishkantorah.org)  
Conservative and Reconstructionist

### Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors  
[www.greenbeltumc.org](http://www.greenbeltumc.org) 301-474-9410

Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor

Worship Service 10 a.m.  
Community invited to Campfire & Bible Stories  
Tuesday 7 p.m.  
The Birth Narrative (Luke 6:1-6) Birth Stories

### Christian Science Church

8300 Adelphi Rd. • Hyattsville, MD • 301-422-1822

- Sunday service 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. (doors open at 10 a.m.)
- Sunday school (youth up to age 20) 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday Bible lesson topics:
  - June 16: *God the Preserver of Man*
  - June 23: *Is the Universe, including Man, evolved by Atomic Force?*
  - June 30: *Christian Science*
- Wednesdays: 7:30 p.m. readings/testimonies sharing meeting (doors open at 7 p.m.)

### 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 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

### Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Hillside & Crescent Roads  
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings  
[www.greenbeltucc.org](http://www.greenbeltucc.org)  
Sunday Worship  
10:15 a.m.  
Clara Young, Interim Pastor

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

### Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi  
Phone: 301-937-3666 [www.pbuuc.org](http://www.pbuuc.org)

Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community

Sunday at 10 a.m.  
Years in our Lives, Life in our Years  
Deb Rubenstein, geriatric social worker, Worship Leader,  
with Bettie Young as Worship Associate.  
Exploring the meaning of growing older for ourselves,  
our community, and our congregation.  
Summer fun for children offered with youth assisting.  
See our website: [www.pbuuc.org](http://www.pbuuc.org)

Catholic  
Community  
of Greenbelt

SUNDAY MASS, 10:00 AM  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING

SERVE BREAKFAST  
AT S.O.M.E.  
Sunday, June 30  
Meet at St. Hugh's School  
Parking Lot, 6:00 AM  
All are welcome.





Our sympathy to Steve Lindner and News Review staffer Marat Moore of Hillside on the death of his mother Rosa Lindner of Ill., who died on June 12, 2013.

Sympathy also to Maria Snoddy on the death of her mother, Edna Waters, a longtime resident of Berwyn Heights, on June 8, 2013, at the age of 102.

**Congratulations to:**

– Former Greenbelt resident, St. Hugh parishioner Charles (“Chip”) Luckett, who was ordained to the transitional deaconate of the Catholic Archdiocese of Washington on June 1 and served his first Mass as a deacon on Sunday, June 2 at St. Hugh, preaching his first homily. After serving as a deacon at St. Peter’s Parish in Olney this summer, he will return to seminary for a final year of theological study before ordination to the priesthood in June 2014.

– Jon Gardner, who was awarded a certificate in public leadership by the Brookings Institution Executive Education.

– Captain Kenneth Silberman of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), who graduated from the Civil Air Patrol National Legal Officers College (NLOC) on Sunday, June 17. The NLOC trains Civil Air Patrol legal officers for senior positions in its Legal Officer Corps.

– William J Donahue, who will graduate from the Tenney Grammar School in Methuen, Mass., on June 21, 2013. His proud parents are Gerard, formerly of Greenbelt and Linda Donahue. His mother Alice Donahue, brother William G. Donahue and sister Evelyn Hillier live here. In the fall he will go to Greater Lawrence Vocational Tech High School in Andover.

– Margaret Williamson, an infectious disease physician, is again named to the Atlanta Top Docs list. Margaret is the daughter of our Editor Mary Lou Williamson.

Best wishes to Lakewood residents Dan and Lillian Dambrauskas, who celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on June 20. They moved to Greenbelt in 1954 and raised their three children Ray, Donna and Susan here.

It was nice to see Bob and Brenda Kosisky in town recently, visiting with Mary Hooper and other friends and family. The Kosiskys now make their home in Mobile, Ala.

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

– Kathleen McFarland

**City Notes**

Animal Control staff attended court to testify in a cruelty case regarding a cat that was severely beaten and the case was continued. Five cats and one dog were adopted and an animal behaviorist came to work with the dogs at the shelter.

Public Works staff met with GPI Engineering at the Greenbelt Metro Station regarding construction, sediment and erosion inspection transition from city staff to GPI.

Horticulture/Parks/Playgrounds crew installed four bicycle racks at the front entrance to the Aquatic & Fitness Center.



You are invited to a presentation on **“Accepting American Muslims”**

Mrs. Rabia Chaudry, Founder and President of Safe Nation Collaborative, will present a program on the experience of American Muslims since 9/11. She will examine how politics, policy and media have shaped the public discourse.

**Sunday, June 23, 2013, 11:45 AM**

at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church, Religious Exploration Building, 3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi MD 20783.

Part of the City of Greenbelt’s Peace Month

**Greenbelt Baptist Church**  
presents:

**KINGDOM CHRONICLES**  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL • JULY 8-12  
6:00pm - 8:30pm  
Pre-K to completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade

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**Standing Strong in the Battle for Truth!**

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301-474-4212



# City Information

**MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 24-28**

Tuesday, June 25 at 7:00pm **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION** at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

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

**DONATION DROP-OFF**

American Rescue Workers  
Every second and fourth Saturday of the month  
Saturday, June 22nd, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon  
Parking lot behind City Office, 25 Crescent Road Info:  
City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8308.

**VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Youth Advisory Committee  
For information call 301-474-8000.

**MISSION 20/20**

Bringing clearer futures for Prince George’s County Residents  
**Free Eyeglasses - Free Eye Examinations - Free Glucose Screenings - Free Blood Pressure Screenings - Free Wellness Assessments**  
Participants must call to schedule an appointment and to receive a registration packet. Income guidelines do apply. Additional walk up slots will be available on a first come first serve basis. All participants must have photo identification, Social Security card and should not have vision insurance.

Greenbelt CARES, register at 301-345-6660. Registration begins on Monday, June 17th. Screenings will take place on August 13, 14, 15, & 17, 2013 from 9-4:00 pm at various locations.



**GREENBELT PEACE MONTH 2013**

Sunday, June 23 at 11:45 am. **Accepting American Muslims.** Presenter: Rabia Chaudry, president of Safe Nation Collaborative and legal practitioner engaged in varied civic issues. Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church, 3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi. Sponsor: PBUU Social Action Committee. Contact Marj Donn, 301-474-1353

June 23, Sunday, 10:00-2:00. **Bikes for the World collection of used bicycles for developing countries,** in the parking lot behind the Municipal Building next to the Farmers’ Market, 25 Crescent Road. Sponsor: Baha’i Community of Greenbelt. Contact: Jim Fischer, 301-793-1015 cell, jfischer2@verizon.net

June 29, Saturday, 2 pm. **Paradox and Hope: Viet Nam Today.** Presenter: Daniel Hamlin, report and reflections on his recent trip. Greenbelt Community Center. Sponsor: Prince George’s Peace & Justice Coal.



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**GREENBELT WELCOME PACKETS**

The City of Greenbelt will be assembling Welcome Packets the week of July 22. If you have any informational materials, coupons, flyers etc. that you would like to have included in this batch of packets, please provide 300 of them to the City by bringing them to the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, by Friday, July 19th.

For more information contact Beverly Palau at 240-542-2026.

Visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov) for City information!

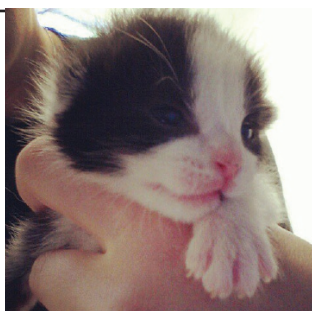
**HAVE YOU VISITED THE GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER LATELY?**

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Kitten who was born at the shelter. His first look at the world. Will be available in a couple of months.

Come visit the cute kittens.  
Give us a call 301-474-6124

Come out and visit all of the available pets!

The shelter is open on Wednesdays from 4-7pm and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm or by appointment. See all our pets on Facebook!





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the process. Currently the city is considering different types of playground surface materials.

Concerns about rubber mulch have to do with the potential for the rubber to emit gas fumes that some believe to be carcinogenic.

Both council and the GHI board have noted that research on the issue is inconclusive.

Wood carpet or engineered wood chips is an alternative favored by those who oppose rubber mulch. However, this material develops spores and mold when wet and would have to be raked and dried after rain, as well as be replaced more often, Davis said. It also does not absorb shock as well as rubber, making it less safe.

Council's favored option is poured-in-place rubber, which is more durable. In testing, it emitted less gas than rubber mulch, although "off-gassing" for both stayed in background levels.

Poured-in-place rubber is more expensive, and will raise the cost previously agreed to by GHI and the city.

The mayor said the discussion will continue at the city council meeting in July.

Playground projects are planned at Green Spring Park, a replacement of the existing city park in 2014, and a new city park at Belle Point, marked for 2015. Also slated for a playground is 8 Court Southway, but council said that may not happen until the 2016 fiscal year.

### Roaming Cats

The city is working on attempting to stop companion animals such as cats from roaming in Greenbelt in an attempt to prevent disease, car accidents and bird and vole deaths. Complaints have come from GHI residents and others about roaming cats. It is against the city law to allow a cat to roam. If a complaint is filed about a roaming animal, the city Animal Control will put out a trap to capture the animal. If it is not claimed after being trapped, it will be put up for adoption. Young feral cats will be socialized before adoption. The City of Greenbelt does not euthanize trapped cats. It is not licensed to trap wild animals.

### Green Team

The Green Team is the last step in Greenbelt's process to become a Sustainable Maryland Certified Community. The GHI board, which previously nominated Director of Maintenance Matt Berres to serve on the Green Team, asked council for an update on the team.

The city has been unable to get the Green Team together, said Davis.

The city is eager to complete the certification process. Council has decided to lower the number of people needed for the team from 15 and to explore other options, like us-

ing GreenACEs to help with the Green Team.

The aim was to unite members from a variety of categories, including the business community and apartment complexes, but the formation of the group has been met with little support from community members. Only three people so far have applied for the team.

Once the Green Team is created, the city will be able to apply for certification, which will allow it to apply for grants and funding that would not otherwise be available.

### Pepco

The GHI board reported that they have been satisfied with Pepco's current work in the area. The utility company has been replacing poles and wires.

GHI is considering beautification plans in the affected areas, including replanting trees.

GHI credited the preplanning done by City Planner Celia Craze and the collaboration between the city and GHI with helping the project to go smoothly.

Pepco is prepared to wrap up work by August, they reported.

### FEMA Aid

Council followed up on the issue of disaster relief aid in GHI. The mayor had received a response from Senator Barbara Mikulski on the issue.

FEMA does not supply aid to condominiums or co-ops, so GHI would not be eligible for assistance in case of an emergency. However, residents would be able to apply for funds for the contents of their homes.

Senator Barbara Mikulski responded to a letter from Davis, confirming that FEMA would not assist the co-op and saying that she shared Greenbelt's concerns about expanding emergency assistance coverage.

### GHI Open House

On Sunday, June 9 GHI held an open house showcasing 20 of 70 homes currently for sale. Based on anecdotes from participating realtors, the board said the open house was successful. The realtors noted that prices are stabilizing and that the housing market has seen an uptick in volume.

GHI plans to hold two open houses per year. The next is slated for the Sunday after Labor Day.

### New Policies

GHI reported that it is working on curbing unauthorized rentals and subleasing. They also set up a smoke-free building policy. The organization is working on addressing the problem of unoccupied homes. Sometimes when residents die, marry or move unexpectedly, the homes continue to be paid for but are not lived in. GHI Board President Susan Ready said they are aware of the problem.

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simple physical for a high school sport. People have been going to the wrong health center for their respective condition, she said.

Not only is this a problem in they're not getting the proper treatment; it also is what is driving health care prices up, Griffith said.

Knowledge is the key and getting residents to proper healthcare facilities is the first step in developing a healthy lifestyle, she added.

Health care can be complicated. Those with questions are encouraged to contact the local department of health, who can direct individuals to proper information.

## Peace Month Events Continue in June

The Prince George's Peace and Justice Coalition reminds everyone that June is Peace Month in Greenbelt. Activities on the calendar for the last half of the month include the following free events:

Friday, June 21 – the Greenbelt Writers Group will host special guest and author Tod Ewing, who will speak on "A Spiritual Approach to Racial Healing" at its monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. Contact: Matt Arbach, mparbach@verizon.net.

Sunday, June 23 – The Greenbelt Baha'i Community will collect "Bikes for the World" from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot of the Municipal Building (close to the weekly Greenbelt Farmers Market). Bikes are distributed for reuse in developing countries. Contact: Jim Fischer, jfischer2@verizon.net.

Sunday, June 23 – Accepting American Muslims will be the topic of a presentation by Rabia Chaudry, president of Safe Nation Collaborative and a legal practitioner engaged in varied civic issues, at 11:45 a.m. at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church, 3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi. Chaudry will tell how the U.S. has marginalized its Muslim residents since 9/11 and report on her work of consciousness-raising with police departments. The church Social Action Committee is sponsoring the event. Contact: Marj Donn, 301-474-1353.

Saturday, June 29 – Peace Month wraps up with retired pastor Daniel Hamlin's report and reflection, "Paradox and Hope: Vietnam Then and Vietnam Today." Traveling in March with a small group of U.S. veterans, he met many Vietnamese veterans and visited historic sites and battlefields of the long conflict in their country. Hamlin will explore an answer to how a people can set aside old hostilities and embrace former enemies. A slide show accompanies his talk, starting at 2 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. Contact: justpeacepg@earthlink.net.

## Letters to the Editor

### THANKS!

Many thanks to those who have participated in the Cookies at the Bridge project by donating funds or cookies. They include Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church members Rev. Fay Lundin, Erick Lundin, Ralph Webb, Randi Anderson, Betty Kolbe, Gary Krueger, Ellen Noll; College Park United Methodist Church member Joyce Mangum; Greenbelt Community Church members Rev. Clara Young, Rena Hull, Larry Hull, Gerriann King; Greenbelt Safety Patrol members Laura Kressler, Harris Maclay, Glenn Harris; and Chef Lou at Roosevelt Center.

The Cookies at the Bridge project began several years ago after rumors of violence and gang fights on the GHI side of Spellman Overpass were noted after school let out. It was spearheaded by Mowatt handing out cookies and showing an adult presence, which has been very successful. At the last work-session of the Greenbelt City Council, Mayor Davis encouraged other organizations to help with the project.

The mayor herself comes when she can to welcome students across the bridge from 3:10 until about 3:45 p.m. in the afternoon.

The small band of volunteers cannot, at present, be at the bridge every afternoon. They would welcome help from others for the next school year. To participate call Mowatt at 301-474-9410 and leave a name and telephone number for a call back as soon as possible.

Ellen Noll  
Mowatt Activities  
Coordinator

## Use of Old Middle School Delayed

The city has learned that the French Immersion program will not be moving to the old Greenbelt Middle School building this coming fall as expected. Additional structural work needs to be done to ensure building safety.

## Tour Medicinal Plants At USBG Program

On Saturday, June 22 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the U. S. Botanic Garden, join biochemist and USBG volunteer Beth Burrous on a walking tour of the Conservatory and National Garden highlighting African plants that are used to make everything from life-saving medicines to sweet and savory foods and coffee. This program is offered in conjunction with the Smithsonian National Museum of African Art's Earth Matters Exhibition.

This free tour meets in the Conservatory Garden Court; no pre-registration is required.

to the EPA's own study. Both contain endocrine disrupting chemicals that can be absorbed through our skin. Both leach zinc into the water table at levels that can be "toxic to aquatic organisms." Frogs are the canaries in the coal mine. And if it hurts frogs (bad enough) . . . then shouldn't we wonder what it is doing to our children?

The Consumer Protection Safety Commission says that it cannot regulate lead levels in play surfaces because they are used by citizens over 12 years old. Does this make sense to you? One seventh of the EPA study playground samples had high levels of lead which would recall a toy from our stores. Apparently it is OK to have lead in our playgrounds but not our toys? Kids use playgrounds. The sign at the new playground says the slides are for kids under 12 years old. Kids crawl on it, rub it and eat snacks on it. Playgrounds should not have lead dust. Seems like common sense to me.

The EPA did not show up at the worksession. Perhaps it is because they publicly have stated their study is "too small to apply" to all surfaces? Perhaps it's because they currently are under fire on the issue? I think you would be hard pressed to find any doctor that defends using tires or styrene, butadiene or ethylene propylene diene monomer in a playground. So far it is only the playground companies and rubber industry groups that say such chemicals in a play area are safe. The EPA never says anywhere that such fields are "safe."

Furthermore, I just read a recent study of 32 playgrounds surfaced in recycled tires and only 10 met that state's standard for "head impact safety" to reduce brain injury. In contrast, all surfaces made of wood chips met the safety standard.

Our government does not have the best track record on dealing with these health issues. Usually it takes years for action to be taken. Why wait? Research is showing that even at 77 degrees these tires off-gas dangerous fumes. If doctors are concerned and taking action, then shouldn't we parents be concerned? This just makes sense to me.

I never thought that my first letter would stall the playground from opening and I apologize to all the kids (including mine) who are waiting to play on it and, frankly, pretty upset. Why is this taking months? It seems sensible to put in a safe surface and care for it. No mushrooms. No mold. No chemicals.

Thea Scarato

Greenbelt is a great place for families!



### Worksession Canceled

The council worksession scheduled for June 19 with representatives of the State Highway Administration was not held. It will likely be rescheduled.

### Find Birds, Herps All Day, All Night

Patuxent Research Refuge will hold the following programs at its North Tract on Saturday, June 29. Advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887. Special needs can be accommodated with advance notice. All programs are free but donations to the Friends of Patuxent are appreciated.

Bird Walk from 8:15 to 10:15 a.m., for all ages. Participants will search for birds in several refuge habitats on this guided hike. Field guides and binoculars are recommended.

Herp Search from 1 to 2:30 p.m., for all ages. A refuge naturalist will guide this search for reptiles and amphibians. Wear good walking shoes.

Owl Prowl from 8 to 9:30 p.m., for ages 10 and older. Young prowlers will have the chance to explore the refuge at night while looking and listening for owls.

The North Tract is located on Route 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 32. For more information visit the website at patuxent.fws.gov.

## “Night of Surprise” At the New Deal Café

by Jim Link

“The Night of Surprise” is my nickname for the poetic experience unleashed the third Tuesday of every month at the New Deal Café. On May 21 a pod of poets orated, ranted, whispered and caressed language to tell us of “love, sex, death and the divine” (Rob’s material) and much else.

In two fleeting hours we heard witty, insightful, tender poems about dishwashing (John), refinancing one’s house (Julie), the joys and traps of bisexuality (Grushenka), “the most adorable granddaughter in the world” (Tony), the Newtown school massacre and a haiku by a spiritual agnostic.

“Purple Girl” was Janet’s witty portrait of a down home country wench with a decidedly sophisticated streak. Could Loretta Lynn and Cole Porter both have been hovering near Janet when she penned her words?

The evening’s big noise was clearly Jon Gardner’s boffo rendition of three parodies. Allen Ginsberg’s “Howl,” Samuel Taylor Coleridge’s “Kublai Khan” and Robert Frost’s “Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening” were hilariously revised to celebrate the Café’s rather successful emergence from its time of troubles in 2008.

The next poetry night is planned for July 16 at 7 p.m.

### Retro Town Fair Returns Labor Day

The Greenbelt Museum has secured a commitment that last year’s very popular Retro Town Fair will return to this year’s Labor Day weekend festivities. All are invited to plan ahead to bring needlework, flowers, garden vegetables, canning and baked goods for judging and admiration of all.

It will be held, as last year, at the rear of Roosevelt Cen-



ter, with categories similar to those of last year. More information will follow as it is developed, with a registration form to be available in August. Meanwhile, start those vegetables, flowers, canning and needlework projects and dig out best recipes!

For more information email Sheila Maffay-Tuthill at greenbeltmuseumedu@gmail.com.

### Club125 Summer Fun!



#### Activity Center Science Technology Arts & Crafts

Join the fun and explore Greenbelt’s newest clubhouse!

Monday, June 24, 6-9pm  
125 Centerway  
Roosevelt Center

More info at: <http://club125.com/>

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6/23 2pm	Soldering Class
6/23 3pm	Arduino Lab
6/24 11am	Social Media Help
6/24 6pm	<b>Open House!</b>
6/25 7:30pm	Website Class
6/26 6:30pm	Robotics Club
6/26 7:30pm	Arduino Class
6/27 6:30pm	Python Programming

Coming this Fall: Citizen Science Program & Greenbelt Technical Institute

## HALL RENTALS

(CATERING)

Luncheons–B'Day Parties–Anniversaries–Weddings

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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](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf).  
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

### Robbery

June 9, 2:28 p.m., Beltway Plaza. 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A woman entered a business, implied she had a weapon and demanded money. She is described as being black with a stocky build, wearing a gray hooded jacket.

### Disorderly Conduct

June 8, 12:09 a.m., 7300 block Sunrise Court. An 18-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. He was released on citation pending trial.

June 9, 2:44 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. A 41-year-old Greenbelt woman was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. She was released on citation pending trial.

### Trespassing

June 6, 11:44 p.m., 7800 block Hanover Parkway. An 18-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with trespassing on private property and trespassing on posted property. He was released on citations pending trial.

June 11, 1:21 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road. A 21-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespassing on private property. He was released on citation pending trial.

### Burglary

June 11, 8:25 a.m., 100 block Westway. Electronics were taken.

June 11, 11:29 a.m., 7800 block Hanover Parkway. Nothing was taken. Two men fled, possibly in a green car. One man is described as being black, 6'0" to 6'2" tall, heavysset, with shoulder-length dreadlocks, wearing a blue shirt and blue jeans.

### Vandalism

June 8, 1:32 a.m., 9100

### Teenager Harassed By Male Motorist

Greenbelt police warn that Tuesday, June 11 at 9:23 p.m. they received a tip that a 16-year-old young woman walking in the vicinity of Mandan Road at Hanover Parkway was approached by a motorist in a black SUV, possibly a Cadillac Escalade. The driver, described as a black male in his 30s, wearing a black, red and yellow button-down shirt, got out of the vehicle and tried to engage the girl in conversation.

She refused to talk with him; whereupon he grabbed her arm and asked why she wouldn't talk to him. When the young woman told the man to leave her alone, he got back in the vehicle and left. The juvenile was not injured.

Police request that anyone with information about this incident contact the Criminal Investigations Unit at 240-542-2133.

Police remind all residents to stay vigilant and report suspicious activity in their neighborhoods.

block Springhill Lane. A door was spray painted.

### Vehicle Crime

Thefts from vehicles occurred in the 7600 block Greenbelt Road (purse from unlocked car), 6400 block Capitol Drive (rear Md. tag), 6200 block Breezewood Drive (rear Md. tag), 100 block Westway (stereo system).

Vandalism was reported in the 8200 block Canning Terrace (vehicle was damaged by a person known to the owner), 8000 block Brett Place (car window was broken).

## Traffic Enforcement Gains Police Excellence Award

by Mary Moien

The Greenbelt Police Department was named the winner in its size category for a prestigious Maryland Law Enforcement Challenge Award. Co-sponsored by the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association, the Maryland Sheriff's Association and the Maryland Highway Safety Office, the Maryland Law Enforcement Challenge promotes increased enforcement among Maryland police agencies and both recognizes and honors those that excel in traffic safety enforcement.

The award is made for the best overall traffic enforcement programs in the State of Maryland in areas of concentration that include enforcement of traffic laws, education about occupant protection, impaired driving preven-

tion and speeding enforcement. Agencies submit an application documenting their efforts and effectiveness in the areas. Winning safety programs are those combining officer training, public information and enforcement to reduce crashes and injuries within each competing jurisdiction.

A panel of traffic safety experts reviews each application and assigns points based on the program's criteria; then the scores are averaged and a final score assigned, establishing the ranks earned. The judges are members of the law enforcement or public safety community with demonstrated advanced knowledge of highway safety initiatives.

## FONDCA Call for Art For October Tour

Before artists and craftspeople go away or into summer mode, the Friends of the New Deal Café (FONDCA) is issuing a call for applications for the second Greenbelt artists' studio tour in early October.

The first tour, on a Sunday in April 2012, was a success with the 13 exhibiting artists and the public and will be repeated with a second, longer two-day tour planned for 2 to 5 p.m. the weekend of October 5 and 6.

Artists or craftspeople at least 18 years old with a studio in Greenbelt are invited to participate, whether they live here or not. They may participate one or both days and will be asked to contribute one piece of art for display at the Café from September 9 through October.

For more information email Julia Wade, art show coordinator, at [newdealcafeart@yahoo.com](mailto:newdealcafeart@yahoo.com) or visit [www.newdealcafe.com](http://www.newdealcafe.com).

## Police Issue Identity Theft Reminders



The Greenbelt Police Department reminds residents to protect themselves from identity theft, which continues as one of the fastest growing crimes in America, affecting half a million new victims each year. The following advice will help:

- Do not give out personal information over the phone, through the mail or by internet when not sure who is receiving the information.
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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.  
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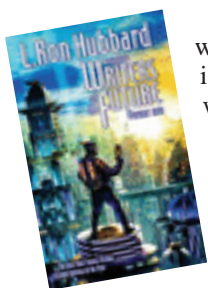
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# Business Page

The Greenbelt's Business column may be showing signs of reviving now that reporter Altoria Bell Ross has been searching out new business owners to tell their stories. This newspaper has in the past given space to introductions of newly promoted store managers, department heads, honors won – rather like what the Our Neighbors column does for the residents. Email news items to [newsreview@verizon.net](mailto:newsreview@verizon.net) in care of Ross.

## Books-A-Million Holds Book Signing



Eric Cline, winner of an international writing contest, will be signing books on Saturday, July 13 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Books-A-Million in Beltway Plaza Mall.

His work is included in L. Ron Hubbard Presents Writers of the Future Volume 29.

Cline, an aspiring writer, lives with his wife and their three dogs in Bowie.



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## New Allstate Office In Beltway Plaza Mall

by Altoria Bell Ross

Greenbelt is in good hands with Laura Nguyen, who recently opened an Allstate office in Beltway Plaza Mall. Nguyen parted her way into the insurance business. At her 1986 high school graduation celebration, an Allstate agent recruited her to work with him at his Landover office. Nguyen agreed. The agent picked her up from her Fairfax, Va., home and took her to work every day.

Nguyen, who also speaks Vietnamese and Spanish, worked during the day and went to school at Northern Virginia Community College where she received an associate degree in business. These days Nguyen splits her time between Greenbelt and Suitland where the Landover office is now situated.

Two years ago Nguyen, who has 25 years of experience, became an agent. “I just grew up with it (insurance),” said the second oldest of five siblings. “I love it.” Nguyen recalls helping



PHOTO BY ALTORIA BELL ROSS

Laura Nguyen poses outside of her new Beltway Plaza office.

a customer who was pregnant acquire insurance. Now 16 years later, Nguyen is assisting the same client get insurance for her son.

“I know the customers so well. It is easy to talk to them,” she said. “They are more like family.”

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# Crazy Quilt Brings Out a Crowd

by Amanda Salvucci

In the shaded courtyard outside of the New Deal Café, people lounged at the picnic tables, listening to the sounds of guitars playing gypsy folk rock and watching the swirl of the rainbow colored hula hoops spin around and around on a warm Saturday evening.

It was Greenbelt's 13th annual Crazy Quilt Festival, hosted by the New Deal Café, which featured a variety of performers including musicians, an improv troupe and hula hoopers.

Contrary to its name, the festival has nothing to do with quilts or arts and crafts.

"It's only called that to suggest the variety of music that is the festival — like a quilt, a pastiche of different genres," said Joseph Harris, 44, who organized the music for this year's festival.

The music performances started in the late morning outside and ended in the evening inside the Café. Throughout that time, the festival includes a large variety of genres.

"There's Americana, there's electronic, there's a comedy improv troupe," Harris said.

The festival was first established to showcase all the different acts that perform at the New Deal Café throughout the year, but it has expanded through the years.

"It's come to something more than that now. We book bands throughout the region," Harris said.

The festival also features local bands, including one that Harris is in, The Bachelor and the Bad Actress, who play Honky-Tonk.

Karin Kilper, 31, another member of The Bachelor and the Bad Actress, said their performance went well.



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The Galt Line plays at the Crazy Quilt Festival.

"We rehearsed last night and everything went well today. It was fun," Kiper said. She also enjoyed the rest of the festival.

"It's always been really fun and enjoyable. It's a nice day to enjoy all the good music," Kilper said.

The community of Greenbelt plays

a supportive role in the festival, from stopping by to listen, to people coming out to perform with hula hoops.

"Like most things in Greenbelt, it takes the village. It's a cooperative effort and it required a bunch of different people coming together to play a role," Harris said.



Heather Lloyd sings and plays as part of iLyAimy. A variety of musical entertainment all day kept the Center filled with enjoyment.



At left, boys practice their hula hoop moves to the beat of the Galt Line.

Above, even grown ups get into the aerobic exercise of the hoop.

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