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## Council July 22 Worksession Explores Some Ethical Issues

by Thomas X. White

During the past year the Greenbelt City Council has been discussing potential ethical issues relating to service on various community boards and committees by council members. While their primary focus has been the unique relationship between council and the board of Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATE), discussion has included all such relationships, including participation by Greenbelt staff on various boards and committees.

Armed with legal opinions from the city solicitor and staff input, council discussion at its July 22 worksession was intended to lead to new city policies governing situations where council or staff served on boards and committees receiving financial benefits (actual funding or in-kind services) from the city. The backdrop for such discussions included not only actual receipt of city funds and services but also the perception by citizens regarding the importance of such relationships.

In an October 25, 2012, let-

ter to City Manager Michael McLaughlin, City Solicitor Robert Manzi noted provisions of ethics laws of both the city and Maryland that would apply generally to city officials participating on boards of entities receiving funds from the city. His letter admitted that while neither of the provisions were specific, he believed there was enough intent to state that "the official should recuse themselves [sic] from any vote on any budgeted amount given to an organization where (they) are either a member, a member of the board or in some official position."

Five members of council attended the worksession, with Councilmembers Silke Pope and Leta Mach away. Also attending were McLaughlin and Assistant City Manager David Moran.

### GATE

As the issue has developed over the past year or so, the situation at GATE was the principal focus. Since GATE was established under the auspices of the

city in December 1986, it has operated under Articles of Incorporation and bylaws developed by a city committee formed specifically for that purpose. Manzi had assisted the committee in drafting the charter and bylaws, both still intact after nearly 27 years of operation.

Article six of the Articles of Incorporation under "Board of Directors," section (a) states: "There shall be nine (9) voting Directors of the Corporation, one (1) of whom shall be appointed by the Greenbelt City Council." Similarly, Article IV of the GATE bylaws under section 2, states: "The number of Directors of the Corporation is initially set at nine (9), eight (8) directors elected by the membership and one director appointed by the City Council . . ."

Currently Councilmember Konrad Herling serves as council's representative on the GATE board. At the worksession he

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## GATE's New Computers, Cameras Are Now Hi-Def

by Cindy Henneberger

The Greenbelt City Council had its annual stakeholder meeting with Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATE) on July 17, the same day that 10 new computers arrived at the public access station. The equipment is part of GATE's over \$127,000 camera, computer and software upgrade plan.

On the purchase list is a camera that will record at a 4K resolution, delivering images at four times the resolution of today's 1920 x 1080 high-definition television.

The new camera is key in GATE's transformation from standard-definition to high-definition technology – and will be teaming up with five other new cameras, 12 new computers in all, plus new software and a new central storage area network capable of holding 24 terabytes of media.

GATE's Board of Directors knew the access station was in a rapidly changing environment and had the foresight to create a replacement reserve, Board

President Bob Zugby told meeting attendees. GATE will also pay for the upgrades with assets and savings it has built up for almost 20 years, said Board Treasurer Thomas White in a subsequent interview.

It was about time, according to GATE production assistant Scott Candey, who said some of the station's cameras are 15 and 18 years old respectively, older than he and GATE Production Manager Aaron Solomon. Solomon reported approximately three camera failures this year where production footage was not recorded. He said the upgrades will help GATE make a seamless transition into high definition.

### Service in Lieu of Rent

Most organizations pay the city for space in the Community Center, but GATE has operated there rent-free since 1996. Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES), a seniors-oriented work exchange

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## Campaign Season Opens Aug. 19 For November Council Election

by Kathleen Gallagher

In little more than two weeks, the starting gate will open and both incumbents and challengers will begin the race to be winners at the next city council election on Tuesday, November 5. Candidate packets containing all necessary information and forms for running will be available at City Clerk Cindy Murray's office in the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, beginning Monday, August 19. Candidates may file to run from then until 5 p.m. on Monday, September 23.

Any "qualified voter" of the city may run for city council. A qualified voter is a city resident who is duly registered to vote with Prince George's County at

a Greenbelt residence address. Since 2009 Greenbelt has had a seven-member council, all of whom are elected at-large for two-year terms: that is, there are no wards or districts in Greenbelt and each voter may vote for up to seven candidates.

No separate contest is held for running to be mayor. Both mayor and mayor pro tem are elected by the city council, which traditionally has chosen for these offices the two candidates who had received the highest and second-highest number of votes, respectively, in the biennial election.

In some years the city election ballot also includes advisory

referendum questions to solicit the opinions of voters on various matters. Although no referendum questions have been proposed so far for this year, council has until September 30 to adopt a resolution for that purpose.

### Forms, Forms, Forms

To run for office, would-be candidates must fill out the following forms in their entirety and submit them to the city clerk no later than 5 p.m. on September 23:

A nomination petition meeting certain criteria and bearing the signatures of at least 50 registered city voters must be obtained. Each petition page identifies the candidate and candidate's address of residence, with the notarized signature and residence address of the person circulating the petition. The city clerk verifies the petitions.

An acceptance of nomination form certifies the nominee's agreement to serve if elected. An affidavit of candidate form provides personal identifying information. These forms also must be notarized.

A financial disclosure statement provides for a declaration of business, investment and real estate interests held by the nominee and close family, as well as

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PHOTO BY TONY ALLEN

**Boxing Around The Beltway's Gary "Digital" Williams and Pro/Am Fight Talk's Juan Marshall are pictured with Seth Mitchell NABO Heavyweight Champion.**

## Beltway Plaza Celebrates "Mayhem" Mitchell's Win

Beltway Plaza Mall hosted a victory celebration on July 28 for Seth "Mayhem" Mitchell who won the WBC International Heavyweight and North American Boxing Organization (NABO) Heavyweight Titles with his unanimous decision on June 22 win over Johnathon Banks at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, New York. A crowd was on hand to congratulate the champ and chat with him about his recent fight and possible upcoming matches. Mark "Kap" Kapastin, a member of the management team of Beltway Plaza, made a congratulatory toast (with non-alcoholic beverages) and fans re-

ceived autographs and photos of themselves with Mitchell. Part of Beltway Plaza's support of Seth Mitchell was his previous inclusion in the Beltway Plaza Wall of Fame, which honors members of the Prince George's County community and notes their contributions to bettering the community.

Mitchell's (26-1-1, 19 KO) 12-round decision over Banks was a form of redemption for the up-and-coming heavyweight who was stopped in two rounds by Banks last November. This time Mitchell used a safer, more tactical approach that proved to be a winning approach to the fight.

### What Goes On

#### Sunday, August 4

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

#### Monday, August 5

8 p.m., Council Worksession on City Manager Update, Capital Projects, Public Records Request Policy, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at [www.greenbeltnmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov)

#### Tuesday, August 6

Evening, Times Vary, National Night Out (See City Ad, page 5)

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

#### Wednesday, August 7

7:30 p.m., Board of Elections Meeting, Community Center, Room 201

8 p.m., Council Worksession, City Election Process, Community Center



# Letters to the Editor

## A Visit from Rep. Steny Hoyer

Congressman Steny H. Hoyer was at the Co-op grocery store last Friday afternoon when I was there and he was buying a whole mess of peppermint patties for a woman to whom he delivers Meals on Wheels.

He came right over to me and I said, "My father was Bob Auerbach, who ran against you a few times? . . ." (Hoyer's staff and other onlookers chuckled appropriately). "My father passed away."

He said, "Oh yes, I saw that, I was sorry to hear that." And put a hand on my shoulder, making good eye contact. Then he added, "He was always very gracious . . . and dedicated to his principles." We chatted a little more before parting.

Hopi Auerbach



**Congressman Steny Hoyer was spotted in the Co-op Supermarket and stopped to chat with Hopi Auerbach.**

## Clarifying Café Food Service Contract View

I hope this letter will clarify one point made in last week's letter which Jerry Dancis and I sent in regarding the New Deal Café.

All organizations have a responsibility to perform due diligence and look at all options before a contract is entered into. While the current restaurant management at the Café is doing a good job, negotiating a new agreement should be a comprehensive process. I hope that at the upcoming August 5 meeting the board will be able to reassure the members this is what they are doing in this instance.

Also, the views expressed here and in the previous letter are my own, writing as a member of the Café and do not reflect the opinions of FONDCA (Friends of New Deal Café Arts).

Barbara Simon

## THANKS!

The Greenbelt Pantry thanks all donors for their faithful donations to the pantry.

Special thanks go to Co-op Manager Bob Davis, who continues to provide space in the store for the pantry's green bin for foodstuffs.

Our thanks to the McCarl Dental Group for their large gifts of oral hygiene supplies. We're grateful, too, to our anonymous donors of beauty gifts and hygiene supplies.

We could not supply pantry needs without the ongoing support of members of Greenbelt's houses of worship – Mishkan Torah, the churches and St. Hugh's church community.

Our heartfelt gratitude to you all – there is no vacation from hunger!

Solange Hess, Chair  
The Greenbelt Pantry

## Another Point of View On Café Food Contract

It's no exaggeration to say the New Deal Café is the heart and soul of Roosevelt Center. The Café occupies this position through the efforts of many individuals but especially through the hard work and dedication of Chef Karim and his wife Maria, the restaurant's managers. We support Karim and Maria's continued management of the restaurant at the New Deal Café.

### Secret Sauce

Karim and Maria's Lebanese food, freshly prepared on site, is an attraction in its own right and a unique and valuable addition to the local Greenbelt-College Park-Hyattsville restaurant scene. As restaurant options in our area increase, this unique food will keep people coming to Roosevelt Center. There's something for everyone – the Café offers many vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free options as well as a children's menu.

We don't agree that "the music packs the café" and the food is "not crucial." (Letter "Changes Considered At New Deal Café" July 25.) We believe the café is the best of all worlds, where the good music and the delicious food support each other in a mutually beneficial relationship. But we also know many people who patronize the café primarily for

the food. The restaurant is full for weekday lunch and weekend breakfasts. Carryout does a brisk business and on weekdays, many music patrons choose to purchase food, even though they are not required to. They do so, because the food is great!

### Community Living Room

In the five years that the New Deal Café has been under Karim and Maria's management, the "community living room" has become even more appealing because of the warm and inviting atmosphere that Karim and Maria have worked hard to create, shawarma by shawarma.

The Café hosts many formal and informal community meetings, celebrations and events. Patrons of these events usually purchase food, because the food is great!

### Giving Back

We can't emphasize enough how much the New Deal Café gives back to the community, just by being the proverbial "great, good place." But Karim and Maria also give back to the community in tangible, measurable ways. They make donations to school fundraisers and donate half the cost of the \$10 meal vouchers for the volunteer bartenders, even though the volunteers do not assist the wait staff or kitchen crew.

Perhaps Karim and Maria's biggest contribution to our community is their hard work and "sweat equity" to build a stable restaurant business that pulled the New Deal Café Cooperative out of its crushing debt. Don't forget that five years ago, the café served food on an irregular schedule and the cooperative was facing bankruptcy.

Since that time, Karim and Maria have paid the rent, the utilities and the WiFi bills. Additionally, they make monthly \$1,000 payments to the cooperative that have paid down the cooperative's debt. What many don't know is that Karim and Maria also incurred personal debt to renovate and modernize

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## Grin Belt



"Sunny (days) and a windfall of acorns.  
That's my idea of a most perfect day!"

## Doctors Hospital Seeks Front Desk Volunteers

Doctors Community Hospital, 8118 Good Luck Road in Lanham, is seeking volunteers to staff its front desk in four-hour shifts between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. daily. These volunteers greet and check in visitors, comfort family members, answer telephones and provide hospital campus directions.

Volunteers must be 18 or older with good people and telephone skills. They will need to complete an application that includes consent for a background check and health screening, sign volunteer and confidentiality

agreements and attend a required orientation. The next orientation will be held on Thursday, September 12 from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

In addition to helping, volunteers receive a free daily meal at the hospital cafeteria when they work, access to social and education sessions offered by the hospital, basic health screening and a free flu shot, free parking and an invitation to the annual volunteer recognition event.

For more details about volunteering call 301-552-8001, email [mudley@DCHweb.org](mailto:mudley@DCHweb.org) or visit [www.DCHweb.org/volunteering](http://www.DCHweb.org/volunteering).

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

## NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

### PRELIMINARY AGENDA

## GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING Thursday, August 8, 2013

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 PM

### GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Approval of Minutes: June 13, 2013
- Yard Line Certifications: 13 E-H Hillside Road
- Member Outreach Committee Proposal for GATE Participation
- ARC Proposal to Create a Pictorial Library for GHI Members to Use for Remodeling Ideas
- Approval of Revised Board Action Plan
- Request for Additional Funds from GHI for Playground Construction at 2 Laurel Hill Road
- Repairs to 14G Hillside Road, 1st Reading
- Approval of Permit to Allow WSSC Sewer Project at 2 Eastway and 59 Ridge Road

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).

## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE WEEK OF AUG 2

The Way Way Back  
(PG-13)

### FRIDAY

\*5, 7:30, 9:30

### SATURDAY

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

### SUNDAY

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

### MONDAY – THURSDAY

\*5:15, 7:30

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# Community Events

## At the Library

### Children's Programs

Saturday, August 3, 2 p.m. Special summer reading audience-participation children's show with Mike Rose of "Magic You Will Dig." Rose, with lots of participation and using many of the audience, will perform magic tricks, mind-reading stunts and off-the-wall comedy all themed on dirt around things that happen in the ground.

### 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, August 8, 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

The library summer-long reading program is underway. All are encouraged to participate in one of the four age-level programs: "Dig into Reading," broken into two groups - children from birth to four years and those ages five to 12; "Beneath the Surface" is for 11- to 18-year-olds; and "Groundbreaking Reads" for those 18 and over.

For more information, visit the Greenbelt library branch, call 301-345-5800 or 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, August 1, noon to 4 p.m., Office Closed for Employee Picnic

Friday, August 2, Office Closed. For emergency maintenance call 301-474-6011.

Monday, August 5, 7 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation - Board Room

Tuesday, August 6, 8:30 a.m., Yard Lines Committee Meeting - GHI Library

Thursday, August 8, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting (Open Session) - Board Room

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

More Community Events can be found throughout the paper.

## Beltway Plaza Has Mariachi Band

On Sunday, August 4 from 2 to 4 p.m. as part of its ongoing Latin Sunday series Humberto Guzman and his mariachi band will stroll through Beltway Plaza Mall playing live mariachi music. They will offer a blend of old and new Latin tunes.

## Greenbelt Computer Club Meets August 8

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its next monthly meeting on Thursday, August 8 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 103 at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. Everyone is welcome.



## Arts Advisory Board To Meet on August 6

On Tuesday, August 6 at 7 p.m. a subcommittee of the Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet about the city's Contribution Group process at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

For more information contact staff liaison Nicole DeWald at 240-542-2057 or email [ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov).

## Labor Day Parade Participants Sought

Labor Day Parade Coordinator Jim Tilton urges community, school and government groups, local businesses, political incumbents and candidates and even informal groups formed just for the 2013 parade to make plans now and fill out and submit parade applications.

To obtain an application go to the Greenbelt Labor Day website at <http://greenbeltlaborday.com> and click on "Parade Participants" or go directly to <http://greenbelt-laborday.com/get-involved/parade-participants>. Groups are invited to create a float, put together a performance, show off antique or otherwise unique vehicles or march together displaying signs advertising participant groups.

Pre-registration is required by Friday, August 23 by emailing completed parade applications to [GreenbeltLaborDayParade@verizon.net](mailto:GreenbeltLaborDayParade@verizon.net).

The Labor Day Festival Parade will be held Monday, September 2 from 10 a.m. to noon. The parade route is along Crescent Road from Greenhill Road to Centerway. Participants will line up in the staging area along Crescent Road between Lastner Lane and Greenhill Road between 8 and 9:30 a.m. More information is available at the "Parade Participants" website address above.

## Greenbelt National Night Out Events

Greenbelt will be participating in the National Night Out events that are taking place on Tuesday, August 6 across the country. Consider joining in the celebration with your neighbors!

**Franklin Park Apartments/Beltway Plaza Mall, 5 to 9 p.m.**  
Rear lot of the mall, 6000 Greenbelt Road

**Greenspring Community, 5:30 to 8 p.m.**  
8000 block Greenbury Drive, at the community park

**Greenbelt Lake Park Community, 6 to 7:30 p.m.**  
6640 Lake Park Drive

**Greenbriar Condominiums, 6 to 8 p.m.**  
7700 block Hanover Parkway, parking lot by overpass

**Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, 6 to 8 p.m.**  
40 Ridge Road

**Windsor Green Community, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**  
7474 Frankfort Drive, community center

**Old Greenbelt Neighborhood Watch, 7 to 9 p.m.**  
Roosevelt Center, 100 block Centerway

**Hunting Ridge Condominiums, 7 to 9 p.m.**  
6914 Hanover Parkway

## Academy Stadium Free Kids Movies

On Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. until school begins, Academy Stadium theaters at Beltway Plaza is showing free kids movies.

The offerings for the two weeks remaining in the program before school resumes are: August 7 - Monsters vs. Aliens and August 14 - Shrek Forever.

## Dinner Theater Trip Tickets Still Available

The Greenbelt Recreation Department still has seats available to see Les Miserables at Toby's Dinner Theater in Columbia Wednesday, August 14.

The world's favorite epic musical, Les Miserables, about love, honor and redemption, plays out against the dramatic backdrop of the French Revolution.

The bus will leave from the library parking lot at 9:30 a.m. and be back by 5 p.m. There is a fee, with a reduction for Greenbelt residents. (See city ad on page 5.) Children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required; call 240-542-2054 for details or questions.

## Used Books Sought For GES Book Sale

Good news for those whose bookshelves are overflowing - during August the Greenbelt Elementary School PTA will collect used books to sell at the used book booth at the Labor Day Festival.

Book donations may be dropped off at the Co-op Supermarket no later than Thursday, August 29 at noon. At-home pick-up for large donations can be arranged; leave a message at 301-474-0390. Donations are tax deductible; just ask for a receipt.

The PTA says it is easiest for them to handle books in boxes, packed spine side up and sorted by fiction or non-fiction. All books are accepted.

Money raised through the book sale is used by the PTA to support school events, arts, music and science programs, for teacher appreciation and student rewards and to purchase items needed.

More details are available at <http://greenbelt.com/gespta>.





## Greenbelt Arts Center

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Percy Jackson, PG (!)  
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Elysium, R (!)  
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### Looking for young talent to perform at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Rising Stars/Talent Show

The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee is looking for young talent (musicians, singers, dancers, etc.) from Greenbelt to perform on the Greenbelt Community Center stage during the Labor Day Festival. Each performance will be 15-30 minutes (depending on number of acts signed up). Performers must be 17 years old or younger. Performances will be on Sunday, September 1, 2013 (Time TBA). Please contact Scott and Courtney Ritz if interested, ([scott.ritz@gmail.com](mailto:scott.ritz@gmail.com) or 301-602-3890).



# Obituaries

## Leonie Penney

Leonie Penney died peacefully in her home in Greenbelt on Monday, July 22, 2013, at the age of 95.



Mrs. Penney was born on March 29, 1918, during the final months of World War I in The Hague, the Netherlands. She was the only child of Bernard and Olga Snatager, a working-class Jewish family. Growing up in the Netherlands she earned her master's degree in economics in 1940 from the University of Amsterdam, the first woman in her field to do so.

She survived the Holocaust of World War II by adopting an assumed identity and going underground. In 1948, she emigrated to the United States with her job as senior economist for the World Bank.

She met Walter Penney at the International Student House in Washington, D.C. and they married on October 11, 1952. After raising three children, she took a position as a systems analyst with the Department of Agriculture.

She received a second master's degree in computer sciences from the University of Maryland in 1975. After retiring from the Department of Agriculture in 1983, she established her own home-based database consulting firm, Penney Associates, using a computer she built herself.

Mrs. Penney loved her American hometown of Greenbelt. Throughout the 56 years she lived in Greenbelt, she served the community through her involvement with the Greenbelt Co-operative Nursery School, GIVES, Greenbelt CARES, the swim team, Twin Pines Savings and Loan, the recycling community, the Senior Citizens' Advisory Board, Greenbelt Assistance In Living, Friends of the Resource Advocate and the News Review. After her husband's death she became very active in the Widowed Person's Support Group, where she brought comfort to many other widowed persons.

Mrs. Penney won numerous medals at Senior Olympics events. She was chosen as Greenbelt's Citizen of the Year in 2008; she received the Greenbelt Outstanding Service award for her work on the Senior Advisory Board; and she received a Governor's Citation from Governor O'Malley of Maryland in 2013.

In addition to her Greenbelt activities, Mrs. Penney was instrumental in creating the body of work dedicated to her childhood friend Etty Hillesum. These works detailed the struggles Etty endured in concentration camps during the war through her diaries and letters to Mrs. Penney. She dedicated the Etty Hillesum

memorial at the National Holocaust Memorial in Washington, D.C. and was invited back 20 years later as one of the last remaining survivors, where she met President Bill Clinton.

Mrs. Penney was predeceased by her husband Walter in 2000 and son Walt in 2002.

She is survived by her daughter Olga Garber (Jon), of Leesburg, Va., and son Bernard (Julie), of Pittsboro, N.C., 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was dearly loved and will be greatly missed.

A memorial service and reception will be held at the Greenbelt Fire House Meeting Hall, 125 Crescent Road, on Sunday, August 4 at 4 p.m. Parking is limited at the Fire House; younger attendees are asked to park behind St. Hugh's Catholic Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the "Leonie Penney YMCA Camp Letts Scholarship Fund." Mrs. Penney attended this camp on the Chesapeake Bay with her family for 50 years and found it to be a very life-enriching experience. The Leonie Penney Scholarship Fund will enable underprivileged children to benefit from this experience. To contribute call the camp directly at 410-919-1400 or mail a check payable to YMCA Camp Letts, noting the memo line "Leonie Penney Scholarship Fund" and send to: YMCA Camp Letts, 4003 Camp Letts Rd., Edgewater, MD, 21037. Secure online payments may be made at [www.campletts.org](http://www.campletts.org) (click on "About Us - Donations - The Leonie Penney Scholarship Fund").

## In Memoriam Aren't We Lucky!

Leonie Penney was already in her mid-80s when I got to know her. It was about 10 years ago, after her husband and her elder son had died. She was a leader in the widowed persons support group I'd joined after my own husband's death. Soon I became her assistant in the group and she invited me to join her in her walks around Greenbelt Lake.

Leonie made no concessions to age. She was proud of her medals from the Senior Olympics and, when I met her, was still going to exercise class twice a week. Gradually I heard

about all her other activities: the city committees, the work at the News Review, the Mensa meetings, her Dutch club, even "sustainability" groups and book clubs studying "the string theory." She told how she met her husband at the International Students Center in Washington and had such a happy marriage and how she enjoyed raising her children here, with the swim team and the other activities for kids. She truly loved Greenbelt and even encouraged other people to move here. I'd known her for several years before she ever mentioned her early life in Holland during WWII and that her mother and aunt and nine cousins had died in the Holocaust.

Leonie was a very organized person; every meeting and event had to be listed on her calendar. But she always made time for her family whom she loved, scheduling in visits with her children and grandchildren, attending all the graduations and weddings, upholding all the family traditions such as Labor Day at Camp Letts and St. Nicholas day at the Dutch Embassy. Each year she organized a longer family vacation.

To celebrate her 90th birthday, she arranged a trip to Holland for the entire family, 19 persons in all. She became ill on the plane as it left New York, forcing an emergency landing in Newfoundland where her daughter stayed with her at a hospital for two weeks, while the rest of the group proceeded to Holland and enjoyed their vacation. She recovered that time and later that year led the Labor Day parade as Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen of 2008.

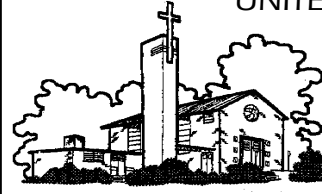
My favorite memory of Leonie, the one I'll keep whenever I think of her, is from our walks around the Lake. As we got to a certain place, in the middle of the dam, she invariably would stop and gaze at the lovely scene, the sky and clouds and trees reflected in the clear water and say, "Isn't it beautiful! Aren't we lucky! Aren't we lucky to live in Greenbelt!" I agree. We were lucky that Leonie arrived in Greenbelt and I am lucky to have been her friend.

— Kathleen McFarland



## 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

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Rev. Mary Pullen - Pastor

301-474-7573

6301 Greenbelt Road

Berwyn Heights, MD 20740



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Office Hours : Mon, Thu, Fri 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Tue, Wed 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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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)



Greenbelt  
BAPTIST CHURCH

101 Greenhill Road Greenbelt, MD 20770

(301) 474-4212 [www.greenbeltbaptist.org](http://www.greenbeltbaptist.org)

ALL WELCOME!

11:00am Worship Service

9:45am Sunday School

August 4<sup>th</sup>

"Kept for Condemnation"

Jude 3-4

August 18<sup>th</sup>

"Kept for the Love of God"

Jude 17-23

August 11<sup>th</sup>

"Kept for Judgment"

Jude 5-16

August 25<sup>th</sup>

Guest Speaker:

Jeff Kelly

## 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)



## 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, August 4 at 10 a.m.

Fresh from the Garden (of Eden)

Leo Jones, Worship Leader, with Ken Redd, Worship Associate. The myth of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden has been told for millennia. Yet many important details have been overlooked. How can we make sense of the "real" story and what does it tell us about human nature? Were Adam and Eve expelled from paradise or were they set free into a world of wonder and beauty?

Summer Fun for children, with youth assisting, after the Singaway Song.



## 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.



## ST. HUGH OF GRENABLE 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



Catholic  
Community  
of Greenbelt  
MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building

ALL ARE WELCOME.



# Obituaries

## In Memoriam

### Mike Magrum

Mike Magrum, a Greenbelt boy from his earliest childhood, suffered a cardiac arrest in the hospital after transport there following a fall. He was turning 66 this year, the same as me. Mike had been in bad health for some time with liver problems. He grew up in the North End of Greenbelt and attended St Hugh's School and Greenbelt Junior High.

Mike was preceded in death by his brother Jim, or "Shorty" as Mike called him, whom I wrote about in this paper. Shorty was best friends with the late Donnie Dorsey so Donnie's younger brother Leigh soon enough became friends with Mike.

I met Mike through Leigh and we spent some teenage years together. That's how it is in the Greenbelt family; connect the dots. In those days, Mike and I shared the same "tall and skinny" body type.

Mike was around when Leigh and Kenny Nickolson and I played in my first band during high school. Mike did not play an instrument so he decided he was going to be the band's manager. In Mike's mind this consisted of him introducing the band and many of the band's songs, much to the consternation of the band members, who were anxious to start the music. You see Mike's mouth did not suffer much from inactivity, which often resulted in some trouble with whoever was within earshot. But we found a way to accommodate Mike, which was another facet of growing up in Greenbelt; a place for everyone. Mike was always supportive of my singing and I appreciated that. (It's tough to find fans!)

Mike lived his entire life in and around Greenbelt. He was living with his daughter Sarah in Landover most recently. He had two other children with his wife, the former Phyllis Whipp of Landover: Joshua, also of Landover, and Melissa Scott of College Park. Mike loved his kids and his five granddaughters. Two of the girls work at the College Park Diner and Barbara and I see them there and we're keeping in touch with Mike that way, as well as seeing them at events occasionally. Mike is also survived by an older sister, Janet Mae, with whom he talked regularly despite their wide difference in age.

Mike was a meat cutter for a number of years, just like his brother. He later worked with his friend Stanley Attick for Beltway Plaza management. He was a Vietnam vet and that in and of itself speaks well of his life story. He had some troubles that he brought on himself, perhaps more so than most, but he worked regularly to support himself and his family.

He was a member of the family of Greenbelt kids and shared in the ups and downs, smiles and tears that mark our experiences. He will be missed, especially by his life-long friend John "Pappy" Parker.

The family invites everyone to a memorial service to be held on Saturday, August 3 from 4 to 6 p.m. at J.B. Jenkins Funeral Home, 7474 Landover Road, Landover.

— Rick Ransom



# City Information

## MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 5-9

Monday, August 5 at 8:00pm **COUNCIL WORK SESSION** - City Manager Update/Capital Projects/Public Records Request Policy at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at [www.greenbeltnmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov)

Tuesday, August 6 at 7:00pm, **ARTS ADVISORY BOARD re: Contribution Group Process** at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. Contact Nicole Dewald at 240-542-2057.

Wednesday, August 7 at 7:30pm, **BOARD OF ELECTIONS**, Greenbelt Community Center, Rm 201.

Wednesday, August 7 at 8:00pm **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: City Election Process**, Community Center.

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



## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Come out and join your neighbors for National Night Out! Tuesday, August 6, 2013.

The following communities will gather for the event:

**Franklin Park Apartments/Beltway Plaza Mall**  
5-9pm, Rear lot of the mall, 6000 Greenbelt Road

**Greenspring Community**, 5:30-8pm  
8000 block Greenbury Drive, at the community park

**Greenbelt Lake Park Community**, 6-7:30pm  
6640 Lake Park Drive

**Greenbriar Condominiums**, 6-8pm  
7700 block Hanover Parkway, parking lot by overpass

**Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church**, 6-8pm  
40 Ridge Road

**Windsor Green Community**, 6:30-8:30pm  
7474 Frankfort Drive, community center

**Old Greenbelt Neighborhood Watch**, 7-9pm  
Roosevelt Center, 100 block Centerway

**Hunting Ridge Condominiums**, 7-9pm  
6914 Hanover Parkway

## CITY ELECTION INFORMATION DATES & DEADLINES for the 2013 City Council Election

First day to receive papers and file nomination petition	8/19
Last day to file nomination petition (by 5 p.m.)	9/23
Date of drawing for placement on ballot	9/23
First Interim Campaign Contribution/Expenditure Report due by 12 p.m.	9/27
Last day to register to vote (rec'd by 4:30 p.m. in Upper Marlboro)	10/7
First day to receive an absentee ballot	10/16
Early Voting begins	10/19
Second Interim Campaign Contributions/Expenditures Report due by 12 p.m.	10/25
Last day to request regular absentee ballot (by noon)	11/4
Training session for Election Judges and Clerks	11/4
Election 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.	11/5
Absentee ballots must be rec'd by 6 p.m.	11/5
Final Contributions/Expenditures Report due by 12 p.m.	11/8
Charter Meeting for swearing-in at 7:30 p.m.	11/11

**For additional information, contact Cindy Murray, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000 or e-mail [cmurray@greenbeltnmd.gov](mailto:cmurray@greenbeltnmd.gov).**

## 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.**

## SEATS AVAILABLE TO SEE LES MISERABLES!

The Greenbelt Recreation Department still has seats available to see LES MISERABLES at TOBY'S Dinner Theater in COLUMBIA. The world's favorite epic musical about love, honor and redemption is played out against the dramatic backdrop of the French Revolution. The trip is on Wednesday, August 14 and the bus leaves from the library parking lot at 9:30am and will be back by 5:00pm. The cost of the trip is \$65 for Greenbelt residents (children must be accompanied by an adult) and \$75 for non-residents.

Please call 240-542-2054 if you have any questions. Registration is required!

GREENBELT RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
25 Crescent Road  
Greenbelt, MD 20770  
301-397-2200  
[www.greenbeltnmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov)



## Mom's Morning Out

Your pre-school solution for children 3-5 years old.

This traditional pre-school program offers activities that develop listening, social and gross motor skills. Children must have their immunizations up to date and be fully potty trained prior to registering. Mom's Morning Out is not offered on some County scheduled school holidays, when schools are closed, delayed due to inclement weather and/or emergencies. Please fill out the a "Student Profile" packet to register your child.

**Ages 3-4**  
Registration # 427503-1  
Tu/Th 9:00am-12:00pm/Youth Center  
Classes: September 10-December 19  
(No class 11/26, 11/28)  
Greenbelt Resident Rate: \$379, Non-Resident Rate: \$465

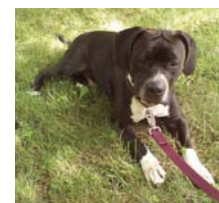
**Ages 4-5**  
Registration # 427503-2  
M/W/F 9:00am-1:00pm/Youth Center  
Classes: September 9-December 20  
(No class 11/11, 11/25, 11/27, 11/29)  
Greenbelt Resident Rate: \$739, Non-Resident Rate: \$899

**Payment Plan**  
1/2 payment due at time of registration.  
Final payment due 10/25.

**IMMUNIZATIONS MUST BE UP TO DATE  
ALL CHILDREN MUST BE POTTY TRAINED**

## HAVE YOU VISITED THE GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER LATELY?

550-A Crescent Road  
(behind Police Station)



**Duke is about a year old and loves everyone. He is an easy going dog that loves to play. He is very patient with our other pups.**

**Give us a call 301-474-6124  
Come out and visit all of our 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!



## Artful Afternoon

Sunday, August 4th from 1-4pm

Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road  
Make your own Wind Mobiles (1-3pm) with Artist in Residence Karen Arrington. Repurpose and recycle materials to create decorative mobiles of your own design. Adults and children will love this activity. Open to all ages. Free; materials are provided. Artists in Residence studio open house, 1-4pm, plus art and local history exhibits.

Artist Reception for Subversion, a photography exhibition by Rahshia Linedoll-Sawyer will take place in the Gallery from 1:30-3PM. All ages welcome.



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**Wildflower Walk At North Tract**

On Friday, August 2 from 6 to 8 p.m. there will be an evening wildflower walk for all ages at the North Tract of the Patuxent Wildlife Refuge.

Walkers will discover the role wildflowers play in the ecosystem and learn to identify some common species on this guided walk. Bring a field guide, water and magnifying glass.

Public programs at the Patuxent Research Refuge are free although advance registration is required; call 301-497-5887.

The North Tract is on Rt. 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 32.

**New Schools Head To Meet Public**

The new Chief Executive Officer of Prince George's County Public Schools, Dr. Kevin Maxwell, will visit DuVal High School in Lanham for a community meet-and-greet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, August 13. County Executive Rushern L. Baker III will also attend.

Hosted by the Prince George's County Board of Education, residents will have an opportunity to meet and talk with Maxwell, a former county school student himself. Light refreshments will be served.

DuVal is at 9880 Good Luck Road in Lanham.

**Learn to Identify Trees at Refuge**

On Sunday, August 4 from 10 to 11 a.m. there will be a tree walk for all ages at the Patuxent National Wildlife Visitors Center.

For those who want to identify trees but are not sure where to start, this naturalist-led program and half-mile hike show how easy it is to identify some local trees by leaf, bark and flower.

Advance registration is required; call 301-497-5887. For more information visit the website at [www.patuxent.fws.gov](http://www.patuxent.fws.gov). The Visitor Center is on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 197.

**Get to Know your Community Newspaper**  
 Visit the Greenbelt News Review booth at the **Greenbelt Farmers' Market** on **Sunday, August 11** from 10am to 2pm

- Buy a GNR T-shirt (no MD sales tax on clothing that week)
- Learn how to reach almost 10,000 people through classified or display advertising
- Find out how you can be part of the diverse group of volunteers that produces the newspaper each week
- Make a paper hat
- Buy a raffle ticket
- Or just drop by to say "hi" and give us your ideas.

*We'd love to see you.*



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**NEWS IN REVIEW**

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August 1, 2013

**Thinking about Fall Cleaning? Community Wide Yard Sale**

*(All Greenbelters Welcome!)*

**September 21, 2013**  
 9am - 1pm

**GHI Administration Building**  
 1 Hamilton Place

Sell the items yourself by reserving a space:  
 \$10 with table  
 \$5 for space only (bring your own table/blanket)

Contact Monica in Member Services to reserve your space by calling 301-474-4161 x140 or e-mailing [memadmin@ghi.coop](mailto:memadmin@ghi.coop).

*Or, you can donate items to the GHI table where proceeds will benefit the Cooperative. Donated items may be dropped off at the GHI Member Services Office, during regular business hours, after September 9.*

There will also be a "plant swap" table, run by Susan Harris. Bring a plant and take one away - your garden or window box will thank you for it.

For more information, contact Susan at [gardenersusan@gmail.com](mailto:gardenersusan@gmail.com)

**GHI Maintenance Projects for August**

Contractors will be working throughout GHI on the following maintenance projects:

- Concrete Sidewalk Repairs**
- Underground Utilities**
- Parking Lot Repairs**

If you have any questions about these activities, please contact Rean in the Technical Services office at 301-474-4161, ext. 143 or email: [rsecharran@ghi.coop](mailto:rsecharran@ghi.coop).

**Community Beautification Program**

Community-wide inspections are ongoing. If you have any questions or need assistance please contact:

Herb Jackson, Community or George Bachman, Beautification Inspector or Asst. Maintenance Manager  
 301-474-4161 x139 or 301-474-4161 x155  
 e-mail [hjackson@ghi.coop](mailto:hjackson@ghi.coop) or e-mail [gbachman@ghi.coop](mailto:gbachman@ghi.coop)

**How Can You Help Increase Your Home's Value?**

The more new residents we attract to GHI the stronger our co-op and ideally our home values should increase with buyer competition. The GHI Marketing Committee is responsible for helping to promote the cooperative as a great place to live. If you have a passion for living in GHI and want to help spread the word about this one-of-a-kind community, join the Marketing Committee now. We need new ideas and help attracting new members to GHI. The committee meets the second Monday of each month from 7:30-9:00 pm. Contact Lauren Cummings at [lbcummin@hotmail.com](mailto:lbcummin@hotmail.com) or Bill Edwards at [scooteratw@mac.com](mailto:scooteratw@mac.com).

**Interested in a GHI home? Attend a Pre-Purchase Orientation**

Monday, August 5 at 7 pm  
 or  
 Saturday, August 24 at 11 am

For more information, Contact Bruce Mangum: 301-474-4161 x146 [contractprocessing@ghi.coop](mailto:contractprocessing@ghi.coop)



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**WHAT'S HAPPENING!**

*Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held at the GHI Administration Offices on Hamilton Place, and are open to all GHI members.*

August			
Fri	2		Office Closed
Mon	5	7:00 pm	Pre-Purchase Orientation
Tue	6	8:30 am	Yard Line Committee
Thu	8	7:30 pm	Board Meeting
Mon	12	7:00 pm	Member Outreach Committee
Mon	12	7:30 pm	Marketing Committee
Wed	14	7:30 pm	Architectural Review Committee
Thu	15	6:45 pm	Investment Committee
Thu	15	7:30 pm	Finance Committee
Fri	16	--	Offices Closed
Tue	20	7:30 pm	Companion Animal Committee
Wed	21	7:00 pm	Woodlands Committee
Thu	22	7:30 pm	Board Meeting
Sat	24	11:00 am	Pre-Purchase Orientation
Mon	26	7:00 pm	Communications Committee
Wed	28	7:00 pm	Buildings Committee
Fri	30	--	Offices Closed

September			
Mon	2	--	Offices Closed - Labor Day
Thu	5	7:30 pm	Board Meeting

*(Dates are subject to change)*  
 \*Maintenance service is available - for emergencies only - outside of normal maintenance hours or when offices are closed.  
 Call 301-474-6011.

**GHI Labor Day Booth Volunteers Needed**

Do you have 2 free hours during the Labor Day Weekend? Why not spend them in the GHI booth, selling raffle tickets and distributing information to current and prospective members? Call Sylvia Lewis 301-474-3635 or email her at [revs.lew@verizon.net](mailto:revs.lew@verizon.net) for more information or to schedule your 2 hour shift.



**A Review**

# Reel & Meal “Flesh” Film Uncovers Local Slavery

by Aileen Kroll

On the third Monday of the month Greenbelters have a chance to expand their hearts, minds and souls through films shown in the Reel and Meal at the New Deal program of free monthly social justice, environmental and animal rights films that is sponsored at the New Deal Café by Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group, Green Vegan Networking and the Prince George’s County Peace and Justice Coalition.

Co-sponsored by Greenbelt CARES, July’s film was “FLESH: Bought and Sold in the U.S.,” a searing account of sex and labor trafficking across the United States. FLESH exposes a world where girls and women are kidnapped, tortured and enslaved. Through carefully orchestrated displays of deceit and manipulation, girls, averaging 12 to 14 years of age, become the targets of large-scale criminal industrial operation.

Representatives from organizations serving those entrapped by the modern-day slave trade attended the showing and stayed until 10 p.m. providing additional background information and responding to audience queries. Human trafficking and slavery, we learned, exists in Prince George’s County. Greenbelt is not exempt.

**Labor Trafficking**

Humans trafficked for labor also include domestic workers brought over from abroad, such

as nail salon workers, nannies and many in the so-called “massage parlor” sector. Boys also fall victim to enslavement and Jeanne Allert, founder and director of The Samaritan Women, informed us there are no designated shelters for boys in Maryland.

The evening’s facilitators included Allert; Tina Bigdeli, MSW, Maryland Outreach & Direct Services program manager, FAIR Girls; Glenda Bullock-Willis, crisis counselor at Greenbelt CARES; Corporal Robert Lauer, police supervisor/Homeland Security Coordinator for the City of Greenbelt; and Kathryn Maslanka, development associate, Polaris Project.

For more details about how this growing issue impacts our town, county, state and region, visit: [www.marylandcoalition.org](http://www.marylandcoalition.org) (“40 Things You Can Do To Prevent/Eliminate Human Slavery”); [www.safehouseofhope.org](http://www.safehouseofhope.org) (“Together We Can Change Lives”); [www.polarisproject.org](http://www.polarisproject.org) (“How Does Your State Rate on Human Trafficking Laws in 2012?”); and [www.fleshthemovie.org](http://www.fleshthemovie.org), which contains information on the movie and what people can do to help.

Most importantly is the advice: “If you see something, say something.” The Human Trafficking hotline number is 888-373-7888. They advise locking the number in your cell phone. Anonymous calls can save lives.

# Letters to the Editor

the café’s kitchen. So without Karim and Maria, there probably would be no music today. The idea that Karim and Maria might now be closed out of the business they helped to build before they have paid down their own debt is unconscionable.

We plan to attend the informational meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, August 5 to support Karim and Maria’s continued restaurant management and we hope that everyone else who loves the shawarma, chocolate mousse and shakshouky at the New Deal Café comes out to show their support for Karim and Maria.

Anna Socrates  
Cynthia Newcomer

## Call for French Drains For Our Playgrounds

“Playground Solutions,” Susan Stewart’s poignant letter July 18 regarding the material selected for Greenbelt playgrounds appeared several pages away from two obituaries for former Greenbelters who died from cancer. Most of us know those who live in Greenbelt who have this disease.

Why in the world would anyone who is aware select a product that is even slightly suspect for toxins for the surface of a playground? Anyone who has sat in a waiting room at a tire center knows the rubber smell quite well. Stewart’s experience with this kind of surface at other playgrounds should serve

as a wake-up call to pause and consider going natural.

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation frequently warns that impervious surfaces result in runoff, which carries toxins into creeks, streams, rivers and eventually into the Bay and then into those crab cakes we often enjoy. Natural products reduce the risk of producing dangerous toxins and also prevent runoff.

A solution might be to install French drains, which I described in a previous letter, under each piece of equipment. Cover the area under and around the equipment with hardwood mulch. The remainder of the playground could be planted with zoysia grass. Zoysia is a very thick grass which blocks out most weeds. It thrives merely on grass clippings. No weed killer nor fertilizer is ever needed. Water is absorbed into this thick mass and does not result in runoff. It is drought resistant and grows very slowly needing

mowing only about every three weeks. Anyone falling onto this grass would not be injured because it is so resilient. The grass lasts forever and never has to be replaced. The two downsides of this grass are that the plugs are more expensive than grass seed and the grass turns brown in the winter.

Hopefully Stewart’s letter will inspire others to take a long look at the elements we bring into our community especially where children play. My daughter and other kids all played on the grassy playground between the 37 Court of Ridge and Eastway, survived without a scratch and were never exposed to dangerous toxins that exist in the surface proposed for these play areas.

This issue deserves a second look at the products that are chosen for these play areas for the sake of the kids and our precious water resources.

Shelva J. Angle

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Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

## Robbery

July 24, 11:03 a.m., Beltway Plaza parking lot. A man approached another man from behind, assaulted him and took his property. The robber is described as a black man, 18 to 25 years old, with a thin to medium build, wearing a dark shirt, driving a dark gray Nissan Altima with partial N.J. tag number D97.

## DWI/DUI

July 21, 2:05 a.m., 7200 block Hanover Parkway. A 68-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol-related offenses, among other charges, after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

## Trespassing

July 23, 2:47 p.m., 9200 block Springhill Lane. A 19-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespassing on private property among other charges. He was released on citations pending trial.

## Vandalism

July 22, 5:57 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. A sliding glass door was broken.

July 23, 5:21 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. A sliding glass door was broken.

## Vehicle Crime

A Chevrolet Suburban stolen from the 100 block Westway was recovered by D.C. Metropolitan police. No arrests were made.

An attempt was made to steal an auto in the 9300 block Edmonston Road.

Thefts from autos were reported in the 5800 block Cherrywood Lane (air compressor), 8000 block Mandan Road (doors) and Beltway Plaza parking lot (gas powered weed cutter).

Scratches were made on a car in the 7800 block Walker Drive.



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## Police Arrest Woman For Three Robberies

Greenbelt police have announced the arrest of resident Ebone Lasha Edmonds, 37, in the recent armed robberies of three banks in the Greenbelt Road area, the latest on July 24 at about 9:15 a.m. at the Bank of America in the 6000 block of Greenbelt Road. Officers were able to quickly locate and arrest Edmonds, who was charged with armed robbery.

During the investigation detectives were able to link Edmonds to two other armed robberies of banks in Greenbelt: on July 16 at 4:06 p.m. at the BB&T Bank in the 8900 block of Edmonston Road and at PNC Bank in the 6000 block of Greenbelt Road on June 9 at 2:48 p.m.

After being charged with three counts of armed robbery Edmonds was transferred to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

## August to Be Traffic Enforcement Month

Greenbelt police have announced they will participate in the "Toward Zero Deaths" Maryland campaign throughout the month of August with stepped up enforcement. Statistically, with Maryland traffic crash deaths averaging 500 per year, August is the deadliest month of the year in traffic-related fatalities due to summer travel.

Police will be out in force throughout the state, especially at night, as Maryland strives to reach the goal of zero traffic deaths in a concentrated summer push to affect August fatality levels.

Greenbelt police remind drivers to slow down, driver sober, pay attention to the road and other drivers – and always wear seatbelts and assure that children are properly restrained in safety seats.

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defended his position but said he recognizes concerns of some of his colleagues regarding the voting status of the position.

An immediate potential effect would be his requirement to abstain during council consideration of the annual adoption of the city budget including city payments to GATE. He recognizes as well that if council sets a new policy restricting the council representative on the GATE board, both organizations would be affected.

Herling suggested some accommodation instead for the "voting role," its recusal or the appointment of another (non-council) person to serve as city representative on the GATE board.

These potential solutions were supported by GATE President Robert Zugby, including another option: that council exercise its authority to "instruct" its representative regarding that person's participation on the GATE board.

## Council Discussion

Council discussion was mixed. Mayor Judith Davis said she had resigned from her longtime participation on the Board of the Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) when she realized that GIVES receives "in-kind" benefits from the city for its accommodation within the Greenbelt Community Center. She also suggested that making rooms available for community meetings should be considered insignificant in terms of "benefits" from the city.

Councilmember Emmett Jordan would consider the recusal option and wondered about the application of the new policy for councilmembers' participation on boards of other community associations. His comment led to discussion of such community associations at times receiving in-kind benefits from the city. Jordan also suggested council participation can help such community groups to build organizational skills.

In comments from the audience, Brian Gibbons from Greenbelt West urged that any policy developed employ a clear "bright line" for council behavior subject to such a policy. William Orleans offered an even stronger application of any policy with stronger prohibitions on council participation in any organization and that it should be adopted as an amendment to the city charter. Then he offered a somewhat mixed metaphor describing council fingers in too many pies.

## Proposed Policy

Davis suggested a proposed policy statement covering participation by councilmembers within local organizations. The following was an amalgamation in part of the city solicitor's recommended January 15 proposed policy statement and a proposed revision by the mayor:

"City Council members are frequently called upon to join or support organizations which provide valuable services on a volunteer basis in the city. Such organizations sometimes request funds from the city to help support their purposes. Thus, they become partially funded by the city. This can create real or perceived conflicts of interest for council members when they vote on budget matters.

"Council members will not be-

come active (i.e., board member or officer; elected or appointed) members in any organization that solicits or receives city funds in order to prevent potential conflict of interest when council members carry out one of the major duties of their office, which is approving the city budget."

At the worksession, council was not sure whether the proposed new policy statement should thus stand as a policy statement or instead be added to council's standing rules. Staff seemed to recommend inclusion in the standing rules. The proposed policy statement would be considered at a future regular council meeting.

## Staff Participation

Also considered during the worksession was similar participation by city staff within local groups and organizations. The discussion on this topic was somewhat informed by a May 13 memo to the city manager from Director of Recreation Julie McHale. The memo was primarily focused on traditional city support given to local groups and organizations and, regarding their funding, primarily to "contribution groups."

For such groups, annual requests for city funding are submitted each year, considered by relevant advisory groups and determined by council as part of the annual budget review process. McHale noted that over the past 20 or more years there have been only a few limited occasions when city staff held positions within contribution groups.

Nevertheless, the city has been sensitive to the practice of allowing city staff to hold leadership positions in contribution groups because of concern that staff could receive enhanced levels of (city) support financially because of their employment with the city.

## Dance Theater

In a recent development, Alight Dance Theater, which is currently a "Recognition Group" eligible only for in-kind services from the city (such as for meeting room space), has applied for contribution group status, including financial support. One founding member, current president of the organization, is also a paid non-classified city staff member who provides performing arts programs through the Recreation Department.

McHale recommended that a policy be developed and implemented within the Contribution Group and Recognition Group Policy Guide which would prohibit all employees of the city from holding appointed or elected positions on the governing bodies of all contribution groups. The memo also recognizes the value of services provided by contribution and recognition groups and understands there may be times when recognition groups need funding to meet "one-time" needs and that council has chosen to fund some of such one-time grants to organizations for specific projects. Staff supports that method.

With little discussion, council agreed that such a policy relating to employee participation on boards and committees be drafted by staff. It was not completely clear that such a policy would apply only to classified employees (generally full-time or permanent) or to all employees, includ-

ing part-time, seasonal or contract employees. Staff indicated a draft policy could be considered at a September council meeting.

## Information Items

With greater frequency, an informal policy of the mayor at the beginning of council worksessions to ask her colleagues if they have any "information items" to discuss following the worksession adds to such agendas with little or no notice to the public. Often, audience members and reporters leave the meeting at this point. At this particular worksession, however, the coverage of "info items" blended into the agenda as if they were indeed part of the agenda.

The first item related to proposed possible changes to the city's election process. Although specific items were not noted, the subject of proposed Greenbelt election process changes will be the subject of a council worksession on Wednesday, August 7.

The only discussion by councilmembers present was the "drama" of whether the city's Election Advisory Board should be invited. Apparently, the election board had been made aware of the August 7 council worksession and had wondered if they were invited. It became clear that the election board had been advised of the meeting but had not been invited.

## Public Record Policy

Another item was the scheduling of a worksession on the topic of public record policy. The proposed policy will be added to the agenda for a worksession scheduled on Monday, August 5 for the city manager's update and capital projects.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts advised council of his concerns that city staff appeared to be applying pesticide in the Greenbelt Lake Park area. He requested that McLaughlin look into the issue and provide a report to council.

Councilmember Edward Putens suggested it may be time for council to schedule another worksession with representatives of the Greenbelt Post Office.

Davis requested another Pepco update. In response to a question to Moran, council was advised regarding specifics relating to the city's request for funding under the Community Block Grant Development program.

Moran advised that the county had approved Greenbelt's request and will allocate approximately \$140,000 for the city's plans for repairs and improvements to the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Davis asked that consideration be given to improved lighting at the facility.

She also queried whether the new blacktop improvement on Westway was permeable material and was assured that it was. Finally she provided a bit of intelligence gathered from recent political gatherings regarding the status of the FBI move and indicated support for the Greenbelt location.

Jordan requested that staff keep council informed of the status of the city's organizational assessment.

Thomas White served on the committee involved in the establishment of GATE; as a member of council, he served as council representative on the GATE Board and is currently vice-president/treasurer of GATE.

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program, also operates there without rent, said City Manager Michael McLaughlin in an interview with the Greenbelt News Review, although it has a desk, computer and space in a corner of a room.

At the annual meeting, stakeholders considered a city staff memorandum of understanding (MOU) that suggested terms for GATE's use of space. It said that GATE could continue on a rent-free basis in exchange for its ongoing provision of an estimated \$3,400 in services to the city.

Mayor Judith Davis objected to the MOU's statement that GATE had access to its space "rent-free." GATE offers the city in-kind services, not the same thing as getting its studio for free, she said.

Councilmember Emmett Jordan suggested GATE should bill the city for its work. It would be easier if GATE were charged rent, Councilmember Rodney Roberts added.

Zugby pointed out that GATE already provided services to the city and had a close and casual relationship with Greenbelt Municipal Access television. His inclination was to leave the relationship alone because it was working, though he recognized it might be "politically wise" to formalize it, he said.

Davis agreed to Zugby's request that GATE draft an MOU to submit to council.

**Other Items**

Council and GATE took a moment of silence at Davis' request to honor GATE's former board Vice President Doug Love, who died in April. "Because he's still here," Davis said.

"Doug was active almost from the beginning of GATE," Zugby said. "We do miss Doug."

Animation instructor George Kochell talked to stakeholders about how GAVA/GATE is celebrating the 15th Anniversary of its animation classes. He estimated that some 430 films have been created since the class's inception involving some 500 students.

Board member Alan Haley gave a Utopia Film Festival update, heralding a new light show for the event's 2013 kickoff. "We hope to have something spectacular," he said.

Haley also discussed a potential conflict between the October festival's use of the Old Greenbelt Theatre and the venue's planned renovations.

**Bond Grant Funds**

Bond money may be at stake, warned Davis, saying Greenbelt got notice from the state that it had to complete construction by 2014 in order to receive state

board funds. McLaughlin said the city would brief council on the renovation status at the end of August, but said he did not think there was a problem.

In all, theater renovations will cost between \$1.2 and \$1.5 million, McLaughlin said. He confirmed the city was facing a 2014 deadline to use Maryland bond grant funds, which constitute \$300,000 of the \$875,000 the city estimates it has available for the project. But the city could request a deadline extension, McLaughlin said.

**Broadcasting Worksessions**

Jordan advocated transparency on council and discussed GATE's potential role in broadcasting council worksessions.

Konrad Herling suggested moving council worksessions to Tuesdays when council's chambers were free, since that space is already set up for Greenbelt Municipal Access television.

Wooing a potential new FBI headquarters to the city generated discussion at the meeting when Councilmember Edward Putens suggested creating a marketing video about Greenbelt to attract the bureau. In terms of an existing video, "We have nothing," Putens said. Davis thought such a production could also promote local economic development in general.

GATE Board Member Bill

Cornett, who replaced Love, said he had already started taking aerial and stock shots of Greenbelt for a similar project. GATE Director Malia Murray offered to meet with Cornett and Greenbelt Public Information Coordinator Beverly Palau, who heads up Greenbelt Municipal Access, and said they would report back to council with a plan.

Murray also reported on the progress of GATE's work to help Greenbelt nonprofit organizations create free public service announcements (PSAs). At least a dozen PSAs for groups and events had been produced so far in 2013, she said.

After the meeting adjourned, Cornett expressed optimism for GATE's future.

"With the Scarlet (camera) and with the computer equipment we have here, it's the technical equivalent of a small Hollywood studio," he said.

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sources of specified income and debt. Because of legislation enacted by the Maryland General Assembly in 2010, this form is more detailed than it was in the past and might argue against procrastinating about making a start on the paper work. Although non-incumbents must file this form with their nomination materials, an incumbent candidate who had filed at the required time as a sitting councilmember does not have to file again to run in the election.

In addition, candidates must submit a form designating their appointed treasurer and including in writing that person's acceptance of appointment.

### Ballot

As soon as the September 23 filing deadline has passed at 5 p.m., it is possible to establish the ballot. At 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, candidates will draw by lottery for ballot position. In a separate drawing immediately following, they then choose their positions on the election signs posted in selected locations by the city, for which candidates are charged a fee by the city. In doing so, the candidates are voluntarily agreeing to limit their sign postings to these designated locations and to not post campaign signs elsewhere, thereby curtailing sign proliferation. The city's board of elections oversees these drawings, which are open to the public.

### Serious Penalties

Candidates must also file three reports of campaign contributions and expenditures. This year the two interim reports are due by noon on Friday, September 27 and Friday, October 25, with the final report due following the election by noon on Friday, November 8. With some items excepted, candidates are required to report the totals of all contributions and expenditures and to itemize those in excess of \$25. These reports, maintained in the city clerk's office, are open to public inspection during business hours.

The penalties are severe for not submitting these reports on time or for failure to maintain the appointment of a treasurer. The candidate will be deemed unqualified and the name stricken from the ballot prior to the election. A candidate who falls out of compliance after the election will not be sworn in without having complied. Furthermore, no one who is in violation of a city law or reporting requirement may run as a candidate or submit

a nomination petition in a future city election.

### Early Voting

The astute candidate, as well as the voter, is advised to be aware of the dates for the onset of early voting, since the days are gone when a candidate could design a campaign to get a message across by Election Day. Early voting is available in two forms in Greenbelt. Any registered voter who prefers not to vote at the polling place may vote by absentee ballot, either by mail or in person at the Municipal Building beginning, Wednesday, October 16 and ending at 6 p.m. on Election Day. Early voting by voting machine will be available to all voters in the Municipal Building at specified times from Monday, October 21 through Friday, November 1.

Weekend voting will be available to all city voters at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center Club House on Saturday and Sunday, October 19 and 20 and in the Schrom Hills Park Community Room on Saturday and Sunday, October 26 and 27.

### Voter Registration

For anyone thinking of running for city council, signing a candidate's petition to run or voting in the city election, it is never too early to take care of voter registration. The deadline for registering or for correcting registration information for purposes of the city election is Monday, October 7. Voters can check to see if their registration information is correct on the website of the State Board of Elections at elections.state.md.us; however, the polling places identified there will be incorrect for city elections.

A change since the last city election is that anyone with a Maryland driver's license or Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration ID card can now register to vote or make corrections to registration information online at the State Board of Elections website. For those who prefer paper, forms can be printed from the state website and returned by mail. Forms are also available at the Greenbelt branch of the public library, from the city clerk's office or from the Prince George's County Board of Elections at 301-430-8020. Forms must be received by the county by the October 7 deadline.

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In ladybug swim caps, some Greenbelters enjoy their lap swimming at the indoor pool, out of the scorching sun. Shown are Margaret Sydavar, Elizabeth Gains and Dea Zugby.

## APB Bike-Ped Plan Now In Hands of City Council

by Justine McDaniel

The Greenbelt City Council and the Advisory Planning Board (APB) met Monday, July 29 to discuss the APB Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan aimed at making Greenbelt more cyclist- and pedestrian-friendly.

In a three-hour worksession, the APB presented its plan and took questions from council, which praised the APB's hard work. Both groups stressed how long and arduous the process of developing the plan has been.

The meeting was a culmination of the APB's work on the plan, an idea first hatched in 2008. The 80-page final draft of the plan identifies existing conditions that present barriers to walking and biking in Greenbelt and makes general and location-specific recommendations for improving pedestrian and bike safety. Its aim is to make these alternative modes of transportation safe, accessible, easy, direct and comfortable.

"This is a framework for establishing priorities," said Brian Gibbons of the APB. The plan is made to be a living document that can be changed and adapted as needed over time, he said. The APB plans to work with council, other organizations and Greenbelt residents to "assess, revise and add to" the plan, continually updating it to reflect new improvements and problems in the city.

APB members stressed that the plan is simply a guideline. It will be up to council to prioritize the recommendations, decide on solutions to problems outlined in the document and oversee their implementation.

The plan was funded by National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. While funding made the plan possible, Gibbons also said that money was the only limitation they had faced.

Council discussed many specific issues with the APB, including sidewalks, crosswalks, access to transit, bike parking and

particularly dangerous or problematic areas. The report discusses specific recommendations for Southway, Hanover Parkway and Cherrywood Lane, where some of the worst problems were identified.

The purpose of the meeting was not to come up with solutions to each problem but for council to review the problems and recommendations identified by the APB.

While the plan mostly focuses on physical improvements that can be made to road design, it also discusses education, enforcement and encouragement, which the APB said is the other piece in making improvements work.

Council and the APB discussed various strategies for enforcing traffic rules, including collaboration with the police, and for educating the public about safe behavior and pedestrian and bike awareness, including events like International Walk to School Day and Bike to Work Day and programs like Safe Routes to School and Safe Routes for Seniors, all of which promote walking or biking.

"Education alone can't do much but education backed up by enforcement can change behavior. We've seen that with seatbelts, we've seen that with drunk driving and I think we can see that with pedestrian and bike safety," said George Branyan, a former chair of the APB who now works for the District of Columbia Department of Transportation and with whom the APB consulted for this project.

Community Planner Jaime Fearer said the APB will make edits to the plan. As soon as it is ready, it will go on council's agenda.

Councilmember Konrad Herling praised the APB, saying the plan falls in line with the city's founding philosophy.

"This is a wonderful framework to begin what may be a step-by-step process but ultimately will move us in the direction of our legacy," he said.

## Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

Thursday, August 1 pianist Amy C. Kraft plays midday melodies from noon to 2 p.m., followed in the evening by an open microphone session with Paige Powell from 7 to 9 p.m.

On Friday, August 2 John Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then Beggars Tomb recreating Grateful Dead music from 8 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, August 3 Bruce Kritt plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m., followed by John Guernsey with up-tempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. From 8 to 11 p.m. Karen Collins and the Backroads Band play honky-tonk, roots songs and vintage country.

Sunday, August 4 the weekly deaf brunch discussion is held from 10:30 a.m. to noon. From 5 to 8 p.m. Jack Couldn't Make It plays Americana.

### Next Week

Tuesday, August 6 from 7 to 9 p.m. Ruthie and the Wranglers host the New Old Jamboree from 7 to 9 p.m. On Wednesday, August 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. Sharon Knight performs Celtic-inspired songs. Thursday, August 8 pianist Amy C. Kraft plays midday melodies from noon to 2 p.m., followed in the evening by an open microphone session with James and Martha from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, August 9 John Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then Too Big to Fail offers classic rock, rhythm and blues and straight blues from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Saturday, August 10 Guernsey plays up-tempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. with Stacy Brooks headlining traditional R&B and blues from 8 to 11 p.m. Sunday, August 11 the weekly deaf brunch discussion is held from 10:30 a.m. to noon. In the evening, the café will hold an art reception from 7 to 9 p.m. for current exhibitors – Nora Simon's screen printing in the back room; Zsudayka Nzinga's paintings in the front room; and Susan DePlatchett's cigar boxes in the display case. All are invited to come meet the artists.

## City Notes

Animal Control staff reports one dog was impounded due to an eviction and returned to the owner the following day, eight cats were surrendered by owners and three kittens were housed at the shelter, one needing to be bottle-fed.

Street Maintenance/Special Details crews dug out the old blacktop bike path on Hanover Parkway, topped it with new asphalt and applied seed and straw on either side.

Horticulture crews pruned low branches and removed poison ivy along the blacktop pathway adjacent to Hanover Parkway in the Greenspring I development.

Facilities/Building Maintenance crews began replacing ceramic tile on the indoor pool deck.

Aquatic and Fitness Center staff reports that to date, 100 passes to the ShuttleUM have been sold. Approval is pending to continue the program for another year.

Arts staff reports that this summer, 20 stagecraft interns (mostly teens) have been creating and maintaining puppets, masks and garments for the shows.



PHOTO BY MONIQUE SHEPPARD

Mayor Judith Davis (right) and Councilmember Ed Putens (second from left) present the Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team Volunteer of the Year award to Terence Sheppard (center) while Team President Diane Irving (left) and Team Manager Marilyn Clune (second from right) look on.

## Swim Team Recognizes Volunteer T. Sheppard

by Marilyn Clune

The Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team (GMST) celebrated the end of summer competition season in the Prince-Mont Swim League with a team banquet held at C.H. Flowers High School on Saturday evening, July 27.

Mayor Judith Davis and Councilmember Ed Putens took part in the festivities, presenting GMST's Volunteer of the Year Award to Terence Sheppard.

Sheppard has two sons, Greyson and Kameron, who have been swimming for Greenbelt for a number of years. He and wife Monique have been enthusiastic volunteers for GMST but he stepped up his efforts to help the team starting last year when he took over the role of the team's meet manager. As meet manager, Sheppard is responsible for coordinating the efforts of 50 plus

volunteers to set-up and run the team's home meets.

The evening's festivities included other awards, gifts and prizes. Trophies were awarded to team members in recognition of their contributions during the summer season. Head Coach Stacey Russell and her assistant coaches received thank you gifts for their excellent work on the team's behalf. Graduating seniors Michelle Gray, Kevin Pham and Greyson Sheppard each received a graduation gift.

Team member Dinah Cohen received a prize for her winning team T-shirt design. Team members and their families who participated in the Swim-a-thon fundraiser were also recognized for their efforts. The evening ended with a prize raffle for volunteers.

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