

Greenbelt Station South Core Site Now Closer to Development Start

by Thomas X. White

Representatives of NVR/Ryan Homes and the Woodlawn Development Group met with the Greenbelt City Council on August 28 and provided a brief update on progress underway at their South Core site. Based on the report, Greenbelt residents will start to see increased activity soon after Labor Day at the site just off Greenbelt Road. Attorney Norman Rivera represented NVR/Ryan Homes and Will Yokel of the Woodlawn Development Group represented the construction group preparing the site for development.

All members of council were in attendance as well as City Manager Michael McLaughlin and Director of Planning and Community Development Celia Craze.

The first activity at the site will be the placement of a sales trailer near the entry just off Greenbelt Road.

The road access then will be

improved with guard rails leading to the sales site. The two water retention ponds also will be finished and landscaped and a marketing billboard erected at the entrance.

Initial marketing will focus on the townhome portion of the development, mainly east of the proposed connector road to the Metro Station. The marketing of these townhomes will be followed by construction of model homes in about four months.

Owners of the site have said they are in negotiations with a potential partner for development of apartments at a site to the west of the connector road. In addition they have filed a request with the county that would reduce the amount of retail that had been approved, also on the west side of the connector road. Based on an agreement with the city, if the retail is reduced, part of the area will revert to park-

land on the west side.

Members of council were generally pleased to receive the report that further site development and sales activity finally will be taking place at the South Core. Nearly seven years have elapsed since development for the site was first approved.

Councilmembers comments for the developers were supportive. They dealt mainly with ideas to help sales efforts by ensuring that potential buyers were made aware that the project is within the city and that full city services would be available to new residents.

NVR representatives were urged to make contact with the city and the Greenbelt Museum as sources of information regarding the historic character of Greenbelt and its range of services. Councilmember Leta Mach suggested the placement of ads in the local newspaper as part of their marketing efforts.

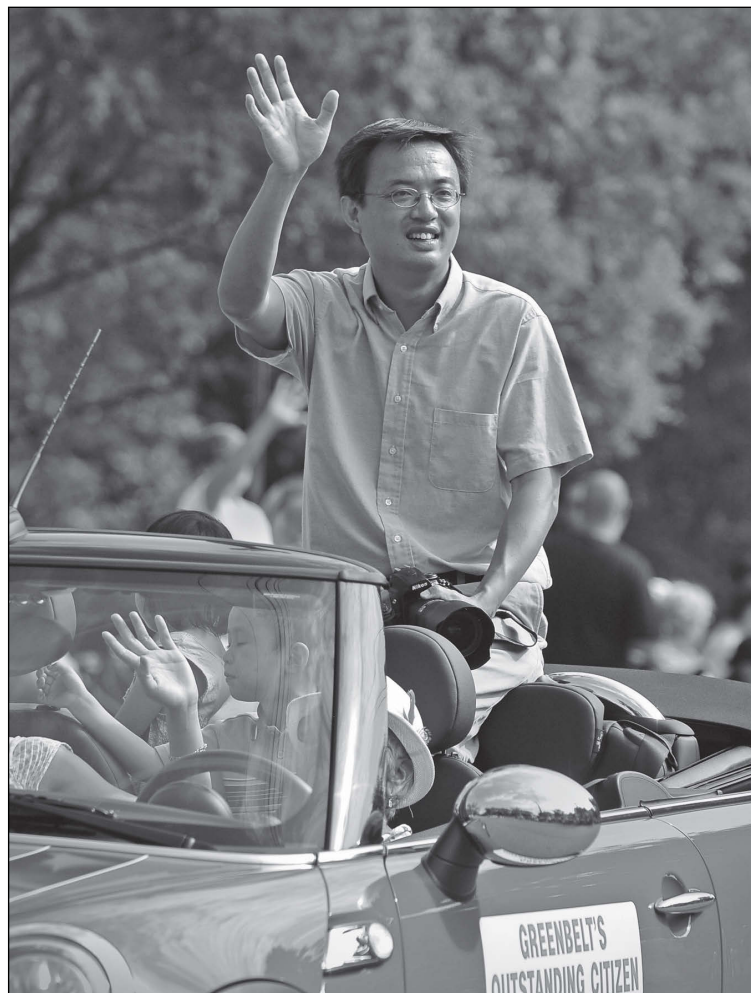


PHOTO BY SHARON NATOLI

Eric Zhang, as parade marshal, rides in the lead car with his family.

Greenbelt Theater's Renovation Not Yet Ready for Prime Time

by Thomas X. White

With a nearly full house in the Greenbelt Community Center Multi-Purpose Room, council held a worksession on August 28 to consider staff recommendations related to the long-awaited renovation of the Old Greenbelt Theatre in Roosevelt Center. All seven councilmembers were present along with City Manager Michael McLaughlin, Director of Planning and Community Development Celia Craze and David Konapelsky from GTM architects.

Although invited to attend, Mike Adams of the contracting firm Gardner and Gardner – the firm likely to accomplish the proposed theater renovation – was not present. Adams' absence turned out to be a critical issue later in the meeting when council weighed which aspects of the project could be best delayed, based upon the currently limited funding available for the project.

Worksession objectives were outlined in a four-page memorandum prepared by Craze. It was hoped council could address the prioritization of renovation projects to fit the somewhat limited funding available. In her memorandum to McLaughlin, Craze noted, "Even at a price of \$1,500,000 for the entire project (including digital projection equipment), this price exceeds the estimated \$875,000 included in the 2001 Bond Fund." Even with those estimates, some work has not been included, mainly

A breakdown of the costs for renovations (as of July 15):

Item	Estimated Cost
PEPCO/Electric Upgrade	\$175,000
PEPCO Permit	\$15,000
HVAC Upgrade	\$162,500
Bathrooms	\$202,402
Ticket Booth & Concession Area	\$337,336
Auditorium, Doors, Plumbing, Runners	\$337,172
Projection Room (limited)	\$134,935
Contractor Subtotal	\$1,364,345
Other projected Costs: (not funded)	
Contract Administration/Third Party Inspections	\$60,000
Estimated Cost for Digital Projection	\$100,000
Total Estimated costs	\$1,524,345
Available City Funds (based upon City FY 14 Budget)	\$875,000

improvements to the auditorium, such as removal of the acoustic fabric on the walls and replacement with acoustic tiles; removal of all seats for cleaning, repair and repainting of the auditorium floor; cleaning of the stage curtain; replacement of the wall sconces and painting of the auditorium.

Based on comments and suggestions by speakers at the worksession, captioning technology for people with hearing loss was requested, as well as attention to applicable technology for people with vision loss. Such technology may be associated with the selection of digital projection

equipment and those costs were not discussed.

The scheduling of the worksession provided an opportunity for council to hear from interested residents and to provide staff with their priority items so that staff could prepare a proposed Resolution of Negotiated Purchase to present at the next council meeting with adoption at the following meeting.

Such a schedule would allow for initiation of the renovation project late this year, following the Utopia Film Festival. As it turned out council was not in a

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Eric Zhang Is Greenbelt's 2013 Outstanding Citizen

by Marat Moore

Eric Zhang and his family moved to Greenbelt three years ago but he has made such a lasting contribution to the city in that short time that he was named Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen for 2013 during opening ceremonies for the Labor Day Festival. The annual presentation, sponsored by the Greenbelt Rotary Club, is Greenbelt's main civic event of the year and recognizes exemplary volunteer service.

Zhang, 40, documented the life of the city through photographs and narratives for a full year – Greenbelt's 75th anniversary year of 2012. His goal: to align his work with the tradition of the now-famous New Deal photographers of the Farm Security Administration (FSA). But he used a new format – an online blog (greenbelt2012.wordpress.com).

As stated on the blog, he wanted to "produce a photo-

graphic record of Greenbelt in 2012 as the FSA photographers such as Arthur Rothstein and Marjory Collins did during the early years of the town's history." Zhang continued, "I am interested in seeing how this New Deal experiment worked out 75 years later."

The project took months of research and planning before he created his first in-depth posting on January 1, 2012. Each post included multiple photographs and narratives. By his last entry at midnight on December 31, his blog included 9,000 images and showcased nearly 300 in-depth portraits of organizations, people, history, day-to-day life and special events. The result is the most comprehensive documentation of a year in the life of Greenbelt.

As Bob Zugby, chair of the Outstanding Citizen Selection

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What Goes On

Saturday, September 7

10:30 to 2 p.m., Pooch Plunge, Aquatic and Fitness Center

Sunday, September 8

noon to 3 p.m., GHI Open House at GHI tent at Roosevelt Center

Monday, September 9

8 p.m., Council Meeting, Municipal Building, Verizon 21, Comcast 71, and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov

Wednesday, September 11

8 p.m., Council Worksession, Community Center

Letters to the Editor

Dog Park, City's Best-kept Secret

One of the best-kept secrets regarding the services that Greenbelt provides for its residents is the dog park located on Hanover Parkway. For many Greenbelters, space for their canine companion is unavailable due to living in a condo or townhouse. We cherish not only the fields for the dogs to exercise but the sense of community that has developed within the dog park as well, for owners and pups alike.

It is the residents using the dog park that maintain the culture of the dog park; promoting the rules of the park, maintaining it by routinely cleaning the grounds, providing water for the dogs and even going so far as to leave toys for all dogs to enjoy. I would like to kindly suggest that the city invest more attention to park maintenance as an investment in responsible dog ownership. While the city has installed a sanitation station (where bags are provided near the trash cans), the supply has not been replenished as long as I have been frequenting the park. This action would drastically cut down on the amount of waste that is not cleaned up. If the city lacks manpower, the park could certainly find volunteers to pick up and install the materials.

Also the park is in dire need of a spigot or water pump. With the park's proximity to multiple condo complexes, shopping centers and swimming pools, I cannot imagine this would be a difficult task and it would be very much appreciated, especially in the summer months.

Kenny Savercool

Marching Achievement

What a pleasure it was to read of Lois Rosado's re-dedication of her passion for civil rights. To have been on the mall on August 28, 1963, as a teenager to hear Dr. King's thrilling oratory and then to stand there again 50 years later . . . What an extraordinary achievement!

Jim Link

2013 Outstanding Citizen Eric Zhang's letter – Thank You to Greenbelt – appears on page 9.

A Thrilled Winner's Thank You

As the thrilled winner of the raffle basket full of restaurant gift certificates from the Greenbelt Homes booth at the Labor Day Festival, I would like to thank GHI and the many participating merchants. I also want to encourage everyone not to overlook the annual GHI raffle at next year's Festival.

I bought six tickets for \$5 and the return on my money appears to be \$450. Such a deal! Equally exciting was having Barbara Havecost, Sylvia Lewis and Marat Moore pull up at my door with the basket – just like the Publishers Clearinghouse Prize Patrol!

Lunch, anyone?

Kathleen Gallagher

Family's Apology

We regret that a misinformed obituary appeared in last week's News Review.

Our father was medically diagnosed with dementia in 2003. He was one to spin life stories and he loved an audience. The more captivated the audience the bigger the tale. As our mother would say, "Who's around to dispute it?" Well, we are. He reeled in quite a few people late in life and was very believable especially when he got weepy. We have submitted a corrected obituary on behalf of his family that we and his lifelong friends will know to be true.

We offer a heartfelt apology to our service men and women who may have been offended. He served his country honorably both in and out of service and was a hero in his own way.

Priscilla Doan Mizani
Tessa Doan Ptak

Bravo on Outstanding Selection of Zhang

I'd like to commend the 2013 Outstanding Citizen Committee for its unconventional yet wonderfully spot-on selection of Eric Zhang as Outstanding Citizen.

For anyone still unsure who this guy is, I'd urge a visit to his 2012 photo blog documenting Greenbelt's 75th Anniversary Year at greenbelt2012.wordpress.com. There just isn't a more comprehensive, generous or unbiased portrait of modern Greenbelt. His lens is Greenbelt's unassuming mirror.

Colette Zanin

Grant-Writing Class At Magnolia Sept. 12

On Thursday, September 12 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) will hold a grant-writing workshop in the Media Center at Magnolia Elementary School, 8400 Nightingale Drive, Lanham. The instructor will be Councilmember Emmett V. Jordan, who has extensive grant experience.

The workshop will offer insight into effective grant development techniques and is aimed at school administrators, teachers, parent-teacher association volunteers and community members from the six ACE core schools that serve Greenbelt students: Greenbelt Elementary, Springhill Lake Elementary, Magnolia Elementary, Turning Point Academy, Greenbelt Middle and Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The program is free and all are welcome to attend.

Jordan has designed and implemented successful marketing, communication and fundraising programs for educational, health care, cultural and social service organizations for more than 25 years. He has worked with nonprofit associations, businesses, universities and government agencies on grant writing and other fundraising activities.

Information will also be provided on how to apply for the ACE Grants to Schools program. The deadline for ACE grant proposals is November 1.

Greenbelt Park Offers Trail Walk Sunday

On Sunday, September 8 at 10 a.m. there will be a ranger-led trail walk to discover Greenbelt Park. Meet at the Dogwood parking area; bring a water bottle, hat, sunscreen, tick/bug repellent and wear long pants and sneakers or trail boots. The park entrance is at 6565 Greenbelt Road.

For more information call 301-344-3944 or visit the website at <http://www.nps.gov/gree>.



OLD GREENBELT THEATRE WEEK OF SEPT 6

Blue Jasmine
(PG-13)

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Botanic Garden Talk Boosts Eggplant

On Thursday, September 12 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

the U.S. Botanic Garden will host a free cooking demonstration of eggplant by Cook sisters Adrienne and Danielle in the Conservatory Garden Court.

Adrienne is a gardening specialist and sister Danielle Cook Navidi is a nutritionist. In "Egg-

plant Eggstravaganza," they will demonstrate uses of this versatile, nutritious and handsome member of the nightshade family.

The eggplant cooking demonstration will be offered again on Friday, September 27 at noon and 1:30 p.m., also in the Conservatory Garden Court.



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The Greenbelt Community Foundation makes grants ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 to local nonprofits and cooperatives for new projects in the arts, education, environmental preservation and community enhancement which "celebrate, respect and build upon the legacy and best ideals of Greenbelt."

Application materials as well as tips for a successful application can be found at our website: greenbelt-foundation.net. Completed forms should be sent to the Greenbelt Community Foundation at P.O. Box 234, Greenbelt, MD 20768.

Deadline for submission is September 15, 2013

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 September 9 through 13 are as follows:

Monday – Cranberry juice, turkey à la king, brown rice, broccoli, sliced peaches.

Tuesday – Apple juice, crispy baked chicken, sweet tater puffs, Capri vegetables, fresh fruit.

Wednesday – Orange juice, beef and bean burrito with enchilada sauce, lettuce and tomato, Mexican rice, Mexican corn, fresh apple.

Thursday – Pineapple juice, creamy tomato basil soup, roast beef and Swiss cheese, mixed green salad, seasonal fruit.

Friday – All sites closed for annual senior picnic.

At the Library 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, September 12, 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.

Adult Programs

Saturday, September 7 at 11 a.m.: The opening session of the Fall Gardening series, presented by the Master Gardeners of Prince George's County, features "Starting a Fall Vegetable Garden."

Library Card Sign-up Month continues through September.

For more information call 301-345-5800, visit the Greenbelt branch library or go to the library system website at pgcmlls.info to review accounts, renew materials or for other library services. For automated phone renewal call 301-333-3111.

GHI Notes

Saturday, September 7, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

Sunday, September 8, noon – 3 p.m., GHI Open House (GHI tent at Roosevelt Center)

Monday, September 9, 7 p.m., Member Outreach Committee Meeting – Board Room

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

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

Thursday, September 12, 6:45 p.m., Investment Committee Meeting – Board Room

Friday, September 13 – Office Closed. For emergency maintenance call 301-474-6011.

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

Sketch Forest Sights With Marci Nadler

The celebration of the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the Greenbelt Forest Preserve continues on Saturday, September 7 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with a session on sketching nature with Marci Nadler, an award-winning artist who lives and works in the Blue Ridge Mountains piedmont area. Those of all levels are welcome to join this free drawing experience.

Nadler says she is inspired by the constantly changing landscape of the Virginia countryside. The session will encourage learning to see the environment in a different way by focusing on minute details – a leaf pattern, insect or fungi – or on a broader subject, such as a landscape view. Nadler will guide participants as they sketch their own visions.

Participants will meet behind Mowatt Church at 40 Ridge Road and should bring a sketching pad, pencils (colored or not) and other materials of their choice. Some hiking may be involved, so be prepared to carry materials. Dress for possible mud, ticks and poison ivy (wear long pants and long sleeves). Bring water. For more information email Susan Barnett at greenbelt-forestpreserve@gmail.com or call 301-474-7465.

GIVES Schedules Quarterly Meeting

The Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) will hold a quarterly membership meeting on Saturday, September 14 at 10 a.m. in the Community Center.

GIVES is an organization of Greenbelt residents of all ages who volunteer to assist one another by providing services in times of need, especially to those who may require some help to live independently in their own homes. Services include, for example, local transportation, pet care, errands, light house work and minor home repairs.

Members and potential members are encouraged to attend. For more information call the office at 301-507-6580 or Jean Cook at 301-345-2597.

Garden Tour Here On September 15

Sunday, September 15 from 1 to 5 p.m., 18 Greenbelt gardens will be open. Building on the theme "Less Lawn, More Life," the tour will feature gardens mainly used for something other than lawn – like perennials, shrubs and patios. Of the open gardens, 16 are in Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) and the other two are nearby, overlooking the lake.

All the garden addresses, garden descriptions, photos and some plant identifications will be available online at www.greenbeltlive.com/garden-tour. The webpage will also include a link to a custom Google map that tour-goers with mobile devices can use to find the gardens. A printed tour brochure will be available at the Greenbelt Museum anytime after 1 p.m. the day of the tour.



Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald
Members of the Golden Age Club are still talking about the great trip to Cape Cod – the good food, beautiful weather and lots of new friends. Many thanks to Mary and Barry Moien, who planned and led this trip.

The speaker on September 11 will be Dr. Maria Chou. She will speak on arthritis and joint pain.

We're looking forward to September 25 when members will be models for Taylor Marie's at 1 p.m. in the Community Center Gym. Come shop for clothes and accessories.

Remember good advice may be forgotten but a kind word lasts forever.

Greenbelt Computer Club Meets Sept. 12

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its next monthly meeting on Thursday, September 12 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 103 at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. Everyone is welcome.

City Wins Grant For Playground

Existing facilities at the Greenspring Park playground will be renovated to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and current National Playground Safety Standards. Mayor Judith Davis was recently notified by James Price, director of Program Open Space Grants, that the city will receive a grant of \$82,000 for the project from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

City Manager Michael McLaughlin said city staff will meet with The Greenspring Association board soon to plan the project, which he is hopeful will begin this fall or next spring at the latest.

Financial Reporting Award Won by City

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the City of Greenbelt for its comprehensive annual financial report. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting.

This is the 29th consecutive year that Greenbelt has received this award. "Kudos to Jeff Williams, city treasurer and the finance staff," said City Manager Michael McLaughlin.

The GFOA is a nonprofit, professional association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals.

NARFE Meeting At Greenbriar

The next monthly meeting of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) chapter will be held on Wednesday, September 11 at 1:30 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Building Terrace Room, 7600 Hanover Parkway.

The speaker will be Dr. Keith Aboucher, senior policy adviser to Congressman Steny Hoyer, who will talk about what congress is up to regarding the future.

Refreshments will be available. For directions call the Greenbriar office at 301-441-1096, ext. 0.

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Obituaries

Miles C. Doan

Former Lakecrest Drive resident Miles C. Doan died at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home on August 14, 2013.



Mr. Doan and his wife Lorraine moved to Greenbelt in 2000 and they enjoyed their time here.

Mr. Doan was born to T. Harvey Doane II and Marion Miles Doane on June 1, 1923 in Berwick, Pa. He was the youngest of five children.

Before enlisting in the army Mr. Doan left school and had not held a job at that time. His mother falsified his work record and date of birth for him to enlist underage and signed him up. He trained at Fort Livingston in Louisiana not Indiantown Gap in Pennsylvania. During his army enlistment he served as a cook and a truck driver for the cleanup crew, both important jobs. He didn't participate in the Omaha Beach D Day invasion or the Battle of the Bulge as he liked to claim. For his service he received a Purple Heart for an injury sustained in France, an American Defense Service Medal and a European African Middle Eastern Service Medal (but no Bronze or Silver Stars). He received a commemorative French pin (but not the French Croix de Guerre) along with everyone else who attended a WWII reunion in Philadelphia. He enlisted as a private and was honorably discharged as a private.

After the war he worked at Weis grocery store in Berwick and then as a roofer in Pennsylvania, Kansas and Maryland. Later, he worked for the General Services Administration as a general carpenter in Washington, D.C., until his retirement. (He did not work for the State Department or the White House).

Mr. Doan was a member of the American Legion Post 19 in Washington, D.C., for several years before transferring membership to Post 136 in Greenbelt. He frequented the Greenbelt Post regularly and enjoyed his time there.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 55 years Lorraine Palmatier Doan and a brother T. Harvey Doan, III.

He is survived by daughters Priscilla Mizani of Greenbelt and Tessa Ptak of Anderson, S.C.; sisters Janet Helwig of Millersburg, Pa. and Sara Van Houten of Tampa, Fla.; a brother Robert Doan of Sun City, Fla.; two grandchildren and four great grandchildren.





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of Greenbelt
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ALL ARE WELCOME.

Haitian Missionary Talk At Community Church

On Tuesday, September 10 at 7 p.m. Haitian Missionary Jeanette Salley will give a talk at Greenbelt Community Church on her work and the status of the country following 2010's devastating earthquake. The church is at the corner of Crescent and Hillside.

There will be a soup dinner at 6:30 p.m. before Salley's presentation.

Foundation's Grant Deadline Looming

Sunday, September 15 is the deadline for applications for the Greenbelt Community Foundation's fall grant cycle.

The Foundation, which calls for proposals twice a year, spring and fall, seeks applications for grants from local organizations, nonprofits and co-operatives looking for help in funding projects that enhance life in Greenbelt. Grant amounts range from \$500 to \$5,000 and are given to local organizations for projects that can be completed in one year.

Information about the Greenbelt Community Foundation as well as the materials related to submitting an application for funding can be found at the Foundation website, <http://www.greenbeltfoundation.net>.

Completed forms should be mailed to: Greenbelt Community Foundation, P.O. Box 234, Greenbelt, MD 20768.

Annual Blues Festival To Be Next Weekend

On Saturday, September 14 the New Deal Café will offer a day of free acoustic and electric blues in the 2013 Greenbelt Blues Festival at Roosevelt Center. Music outdoors will be from 1 to 8 p.m. and continue inside the café until 11 p.m.

Seven bands will perform in front of the Mother and Child statue, with picnic tables set up for seating, before the festival moves into the back room of the café for the three evening bands. A special "blues" menu will be available for purchase with a Blues Burger, sweet potato fries and cole slaw. Lawn chairs and blankets are welcome also.


- Music Schedule**
Outdoors in Roosevelt Center:
 1 p.m. Lady Rose Blues Band
 2 p.m. Fast Eddie & The Slow Pokes
 3 p.m. Capitol Blues Ensemble
 4 p.m. Billy Thompson Band
 5 p.m. Oz R&B Review
 6 p.m. The Paulverisers (Preview)
 7 p.m. KERQ (Preview)
Inside the New Deal Cafe:
 8 p.m. Jennifer Cooper & Groovespan
 9 p.m. Anthony "Swamp Dog" Clark
 10 p.m. Unruly Blues Band
 For more information visit www.newdealcafe.com.



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 Stay for the Welcome Party for Dayna Edwards after the service!

State Hopefuls Walk In Labor Day Parade

Two declared candidates for the Maryland House of Delegates in District 22 walked in the Greenbelt Labor Day Parade.

Rushern Baker IV (Democrat) is an artist and lecturer in the Department of Art at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Alonzo T. Washington (Democrat) was appointed in the past year to replace Justin Ross in the House of Delegates.

Botanic Garden Lecture

The U.S. Botanic Garden offers a free lecture on Friday, September 13 from noon to 1 p.m. Native Plants: Wild and Neat will be presented by Claudia West, North Creek Nurseries Inc. Think native plants are weedy and messy? Claudia West debunks this myth and explores the aesthetic value of native plant species and their highly attractive cultivars. Numerous design examples and plant combinations demonstrate the beauty, elegance and diversity created through a sense of place, using regionally appropriate native plants in the landscape. This lecture is in the Conservatory garden court. Pre-registration is required, visit www.usbg.gov to register.

City Notes

Public Works crews worked to prepare for the Labor Day Festival by constructing booths, providing electrical power and water, installing lights, setting up tables and chairs and delivering picnic tables, helium tanks, bales of straw and art board displays. They also prepared ball fields for weekend tournaments, putting out trash and recycling containers around the carnival site, training volunteers and modifying parking arrangements.

Refuse/Recycling/Sustainability crew installed the city logo on the new electric vehicle.

Arts staff reports a new edition of the Freddie Mac Foundation's Heart Gallery was installed in the first floor hallway of the Community Center. This display features photographs and information about young people in need of adoption. The exhibit will be on view through September 13.

Last Week

Greenbelt CARES' Darren Stephenson was among several thousand people who attended the Back to School Fair sponsored by the Prince George's County School System and distributed information on behalf of CARES.

Greenbelt Community Church
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Services

- Sundays
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 - 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)

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Doctors Hosp. Stroke Support Group Meets

On Wednesday, September 11 from 1 to 3 p.m. Doctors Community Hospital will hold a stroke support group in the ground floor conference room at the Professional Office Building.

Join stroke survivors and caregivers to explore resources and learn about stroke prevention, healthy lifestyles and empowerment. Registration is required by calling Maher Kharma at 301-552-8144.

Arts Exchange Has Bangladesh Exhibit

From Monday, September 9 through Saturday, October 19 the Brentwood Arts Exchange will exhibit "Layer by Layer: Storytelling with Saris," by artist Monica Jahan Bose. The display is free and available during regular Exchange hours Mondays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"Layer By Layer" is a collaborative printmaking and story project led by Bose that celebrates women's literacy in her ancestral village of Katakali, Bangladesh.

There will be a free opening reception for the exhibit on Saturday, September 14 from 5 to 8 p.m.

The Brentwood Arts Exchange is at 3901 Rhode Island Avenue, Brentwood. For additional information call 301-277-2863.



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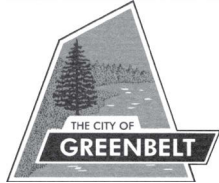
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City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING Monday, September 9, 2013 - 8:00 p.m. Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road

COMMUNICATIONS Presentations

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

- Minutes of Council Meetings**
- Administrative Reports**
- Council Reports**
- Committee Reports**

LEGISLATION

- A Resolution of the City of Greenbelt Adopted Pursuant to the Authority of Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland and Section 13 of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition as Amended), Title, Corporation-Municipal, Subtitle "Home Rule" to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt Found, in Whole or In Part, in the Compilation of Municipal Charters of Maryland (1983 Edition as Amended), as Prepared by the Department of Legislative Services Pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1983, by Adding Section 58B Titled "Financing of City Retirement and Pension Plans" (Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2013-1)

2nd Reading, Adoption

OTHER BUSINESS

- Board of Elections, Report #2013-1 (Compensation for Election Judges and Clerks)
- Windsor Green Request for Curfew Law – Youth Advisory Committee Report #2012-2, Community Relations Advisory Board Report #2013-1, Public Safety Advisory Committee Report 2013-1
- Greenbelt Dam Consent Order
- Award of Street Work
- Award of Purchase – Police Vehicles
- Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Report #2013-2 (Daily User Fee at Buddy Attick Park)
- Other Reports
- * - Resignations from Advisory Groups

MEETINGS

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

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CITY OF GREENBELT

Defining a Role and Strategy for the City of Greenbelt
in Economic Development

The City of Greenbelt invites proposals for a consultant to help shape and define a role and strategy for the City of Greenbelt, a municipal corporation, in economic development. Interested consultants and firms should provide an original and two (2) copies of their response/ proposal in a sealed envelope titled "Proposal to Define Economic Development Role for the City of Greenbelt".

Proposals shall be delivered to the City of Greenbelt, attn.: Michael McLaughlin, City Manager, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

The deadline for submission of proposals is 2 p.m. on Monday, October 14, 2013. A pre-submission conference is scheduled for 10 a.m., Wednesday, October 2, 2013 in the Council Chambers of the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland. Attendance is not mandatory.

A more detailed description of the project is available on the city's website at Greenbelt CityLink, www.greenbeltmd.gov.

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION

ANY REGISTERED GREENBELT VOTER MAY CHOOSE
TO VOTE BY EARLY VOTING or ABSENTEE VOTING
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EARLY VOTING DATES AND LOCATIONS

Schrom Hills Park Clubhouse, 6915 Hanover Parkway
Saturday, October 19th, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and
Sunday, October 20th, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane
Saturday, October 26th, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and
Sunday, October 27th, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road
Mondays – Fridays
October 21st – November 1st, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Tuesdays until 8:00 pm

ABSENTEE VOTING

An ABSENTEE BALLOT may be requested in one of two ways. Each individual requesting a ballot must submit a separate, signed application form or letter.

- Fill out an application form that you may 1) pick up in the City Clerk's office, 2) request from the City Clerk by phone at 301-474-8000 or by e-mail at cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov, or 3) print from the City's Web site at <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov>; or
- Write a letter of application to the City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, including your full name, domicile address in Greenbelt, signature, and telephone number.

Military service members, their families, and other U.S. citizens abroad who are covered under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act may also use the Federal Post Card Application (<http://www.fvap.gov>) to request an absentee ballot for City election.

Applications to receive absentee ballots must be received by noon on Monday, November 4, 2013. The completed ballot must be received by the City Clerk no later than 6 p.m. the day of the regular election, November 5, 2013. No absentee ballots will be distributed prior to October 16.

Return your executed absentee ballot by 1) sending it through the U.S. mail in time to arrive by November 5, 2) hand-delivering it to the City Clerk's office, or 3) placing it in the locked drop-box at the east door of the Municipal Building at 25 Crescent Road.

Questions? Call the City Clerk at 301-474-8000, or send email to cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.

Pooch Plunge 2013!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
10am-2pm
GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER
\$5 per dog/1 dog per handler
Rain date September 8

PRESENTED BY GREENBELT ANIMAL CONTROL AND THE AQUATIC & FITNESS CENTER
Pre-register at the Animal Shelter Booth at the Labor Day Festival.
Greenbelt residents receive priority registration.
You may also register at the event. Participation is limited.
Proceeds will benefit Greenbelt Animal Shelter and Local Wildlife Sanctuary.



I NEED A HOME!
VISIT ME AT THE GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER
550A Crescent Rd
(rear of the Greenbelt Police Station),
(240) 508-7533

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
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NEWS IN REVIEW

For the most up-to-date info from GHI, subscribe to our e-Newsletter!
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September 5, 2013

Monthly Communicator Debuts in October!

GHI's newsletter is soon beginning its monthly production schedule. The first issue, October, will be delivered to GHI member homes the last weekend of September.

If you have any questions, please email Sheri Swaim at: sswaim@ghi.coop or call 301-474-4161 x148.



Community Wide Open House September 8, 2013 Noon – 3 pm

GHI's Marketing Committee is hosting this Community-wide Open House. Over 20 homes will be holding Open Houses on the same date--and there's no better way to check out all the different kinds of homes for sale! Tell your friends, relations, co-workers... anyone who might be interested in becoming part of our wonderful community. An information table will be at Roosevelt Center (near the Farmer's Market) to distribute maps and helpful information. If you'd like your home (must be approved for sale) to be listed, please contact Bill Edwards at will.i.edwards@mac.com

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

Saturday, Sept. 7 at 11 am or Monday, Sept. 23 at 7 pm

For more information, Contact Bruce Mangum: 301-474-4161 x146 bmangum@ghi.coop

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

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

September		
Mon 2	--	Offices Closed* - Labor Day
Thu 5	7:30 pm	Board Meeting
Sat 7	11:00 am	Pre-Purchase Orientation
Sun 8	12-3 pm	Community Wide Open House
Mon 9	7:00 pm	Member Outreach Committee
Mon 9	7:30 pm	Marketing Committee
Wed 11	7:30 pm	Architectural Review Committee
Thu 12	6:45 pm	Investment Committee
Thu 12	7:30 pm	Finance Committee
Fri 13	--	Offices Closed*
Sun 15	1-5 pm	Garden Tour
Tue 17	8:30 am	Yard Line Committee
Wed 18	7:00 pm	Woodlands Committee
Thu 19	7:30 pm	Board Meeting
Sat 21	9-1 pm	GHI Yard Sale (at 1 Hamilton Place)
Sat 21	10:00 am	Plant Swap (@ Yard Sale)
Mon 23	7:00 pm	Pre-Purchase Orientation
Mon 23	7:00 pm	Communications Committee
Tue 24	7:30 pm	Companion Animal Committee
Wed 25	7:00 pm	Buildings Committee
Fri 27	--	Offices Closed*
Sun 29	11-3	"Are You Ready?" Disaster Prep Event
October		
Thu 3	7:30 pm	Board Meeting
Sat 5	11:00 am	Pre-Purchase Orientation
Sun 6	1-3 pm	Annual Picnic
<i>(Dates are subject to change)</i>		
*Maintenance service is available - for emergencies only - outside of normal maintenance hours or when offices are closed. Call 301-474-6011.		

"Are You Ready?" Disaster Preparedness

Rescue Vehicles, Displays & Exhibits

Sunday, September 29, 2013
 11-3 pm Rain or Shine
 Roosevelt Center

GHI staff and the GHI Companion Animal Committee (CAC) are holding an "Are You Ready?" event.

Come and learn how to prepare for a disaster and how to develop an emergency plan for your family and companion animals.

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Mega Community Wide Yard Sale and Plant Swap

September 21, 2013

Next to the GHI Building on Hamilton Place

YARD SALE: From 9 am to 1:00 pm over 20 vendors will be offering items including refurbished computers, printers, cubicle dividers, tools, jewelry (for sale and custom order), children's and adult clothing, storage bins, plumbing fixtures, office supplies, books, paintings, household items, Winnie the Pooh music box, vases, massage back cushion, and much, much more. Questions?

E-mail memadmin@ghi.coop

PLANT "SWAP": Find new homes for your extra plants, or come and get free plants to fill up your new garden. Not a one-for-one "swap" but a give-away for plants and any garden-related item (like pots). Got nothing? Bring a snack for the group. 10:00 to 10:30 items will be received and organized. **At 10:30 SHARP the give-away begins.**

Questions?

Email: gardenersusan@gmail.com

All are welcome

"Less Lawn, More Life" Garden Tour

Everyone's invited to a FREE tour of 17 gardens with "Less Lawn, More Life" in Historic Greenbelt.

That means that most of the yard is used for *something other than lawn* – more plants for pollinators, for screening, for their sheer beauty, more patios, paths and other ways to enjoy the yard.

So the gardens are lovely AND instructive, we hope.

Come and get ideas!

WHEN: Sunday, September 15 from 1 to 5 pm

HOW: Pick up a brochure at the Greenbelt Museum (10B Crescent Road) from 1:00 pm on, or just use the information on the website below. Start the tour anywhere.

More information can be found at: <http://greenbeltlive.com/garden-tour/>

The event is co-sponsored by GHI Member Outreach Committee and the Greenbelt Garden Club.



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priority-setting mood and with the absence of the contractor they were not in a position in any case to move the project forward.

Council Comments

Councilmember Konrad Herling wondered if the renovation project would require closing the theater for six months and if it were possible to reduce that closing period. Craze indicated that the staff recommendation was for a minimum of six months.

She said that keeping the theater open during the renovation would add costs to the project and that there would likely be safety or health issues if patrons of the theater had to walk through reconstruction areas. She also indicated that the contractor the city selects would hold the permit and would control work progress.

Herling also suggested that the city (if they have not already done so) might contact and learn from the experience of other theaters that have undertaken or are contemplating renovation.

He mentioned theaters such as the Easton, the Senator Theater in Baltimore and the Avalon in Washington, D.C. Herling also wondered if another bond issue was feasible to raise the additional funding needed to complete the renovation.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts questioned why there was a need to bring the theater up to code if we were not renovating the actual building. He saw the projects as improvements. Craze said the need to upgrade the power supply and distribution for the theater would have to meet code.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts expressed the view that the renovation should have started at the time the city purchased the theater. He also complained there was not enough detail for the projected estimates for various upgrades, especially the lack of detail regarding the projected estimates of nearly \$135,000 for the projection room. This was one of the items that upset councilmembers because the contractor was not present to respond to their questions.

Councilmember Emmett Jordan urged council to find a way to move ahead. He wondered if some costs of the power upgrade could be shared with the owner of the building.

Around 9 p.m. Davis indicated she thought another worksession would be needed. She said it would not be likely that a decision could be made in September.

Councilmember Leta Mach continued to urge moving forward. She suggested the city manager might be able to identify additional sources of funding.

McLaughlin agreed that might be possible when the Fiscal Year 2013 budget results are known but he cautioned that any change would have to rely on final information on FY13 property tax levels. Mach offered her estimate of available funding at \$985,000.

Councilmember Edward Putens wanted a reason why the contractor was not present.

Citizen Input

Aaron Marcavitch, director of the Anacostia Heritage Trail Area, expressed the view that the historic Greenbelt Theater was a

major attraction in the area and suggested fundraising to help with renovation costs. He also thought he could help with some ideas regarding restoring or replacing the doors. His caution, however, was that fundraising by the public would require that specific items be something the public would relate to.

Michael Hartwick pressed council on addressing the accessibility of a renovated theater by people with disabilities. He said that did not just mean the bathrooms. He expressed support for the efforts of the Ad Hoc Group on Captioning.

Barbara Simon, representing the Greenbelt Development Corporation (GDC), indicated they were focusing on the conversion from 35MM projection to digital projection. The GDC indicated that 35MM film distribution may no longer be available for theaters after January 2014.

Justin Baker reiterated the suggestion that the city initiate discussions with other historic theaters, such as the Weinberg and the Senator Theaters in Baltimore, regarding sources of funding.

Marcia Voigt, who has experience in project management, expressed the view that the city staff could have better presented cost estimates and priorities so that council could have addressed them.

Frank Gervasi questioned the replacement of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system. He suggested that the unit only need to be repaired. He also joined in the suggestion that the theater not be shut down during



PHOTO BY ERIC ZHANG

This is a photo taken on June 20, 2009, a year before Greenbelt's 2013 Outstanding Citizen Eric Zhang moved to Greenbelt. It shows Barbara Havekost (left) and Cynthia Newcomer of the GHI Marketing Committee at a Juneteenth celebration at Watkins Regional Park in Upper Marlboro.

renovation. Gervasi also wondered about the need for repairs with the brick work in the front of the theater and Craze noted that work is included in the project as funded.

Others spoke in favor of including the captioning function in the upgrade and that it be factored into the proposed projection room costs. Other questions addressed ADA accessibility for the projection room, although feelings were mixed regarding that need. Other attendees said that digital projection capability should be included in the basic projection (\$875,000).

Davis noted the short time window to move ahead. She requested that staff set up further meetings and try to move the project as quickly as possible.

Bird Walk at Refuge

There will be a bird walk on Wednesday, September 11 from 8 to 10:30 a.m. at the Patuxent National Wildlife Visitors Center for those 16 and older. Search for birds in several refuge habitats on this guided hike. Field guides and binoculars are recommended. There will be additional bird walks on Wednesday, September 25 from 8 to 10:30 a.m. for those 16 and older and on Sunday, September 19 from 8 to 10 a.m. for ages 10+.

Public programs at Patuxent Research Refuge are free although advance registration is required; call 301-497-5887. For more details visit the website at www.patuxent.fws.gov. The Center is on Powder Mill Road between the B-W Parkway and Rt. 197.

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Police Blotter

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

Robbery

August 22, 9:34 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. A woman and two men approached two women about to enter their apartment building. One of the men asked for directions before the other man produced a handgun, saying "this is a robbery." After taking money and cell phones from the two women, one of the robbers ordered them to go into their apartment and get more money. He fled their home after being unable to get more money. One of the robbers is described as being a black woman, 24 to 25 years old, 5' to 5'4" tall, 180 to 200 pounds, with a heavy build and green hair. The other two robbers are described as black men, one 28 to 30 years old, 5'8" to 5'10" tall, 180 to 200 pounds and the other 16 to 17 years old, 5'8" tall weighing 145 pounds.

August 23, 5:35 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. A man approached a woman as she was about to enter an apartment. He displayed a handgun, saying "this is a robbery." After getting her cell phone and valuables he fled on foot. He is described as a black man, 22 to 23 years old, 5'8" to 5'9" tall weighing 140 to 150 pounds, wearing a white-collared shirt and blue jeans.

August 27, 9:05 a.m., Parkway near Crescent. Two men, one with a knife, approached another man, saying "this is a robbery." After the man gave the robbers money and a cell phone they demanded more. He then pushed away the robber who had the knife and kicked him in the knee. Both robbers then fled on foot. The man refused treatment for a minor injury. One robber is described as a black man and the other a white man. Each robber was wearing a hooded sweatshirt and a bandana over his face.

Theft

August 24, 10:12 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. A man approached another person in the parking lot, took their cell phone from their hand and fled towards Springhill Lane. He is described as a black man, 25 to 26 years old, 5'7" to 5'8" tall with a thin-to-medium build with long dreadlocks.

Assault

August 27, 11:55 p.m., 500 block Crescent Road. An 18-year-old Greenbelt woman was arrested and charged with two counts of second degree assault, resisting arrest, malicious destruction and an alcohol violation following a verbal altercation with another person. She kicked the person's car and also the two officers who attempted to stop her from kicking the car. She was transferred to the Department of

Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

August 28, 12:48 p.m., Greenway Center parking lot. Two women were engaged in a verbal altercation when one of them walked away and went into PetSmart. The other woman followed, confronting her again and pushing her in the face. After scratching the other woman she fled in a silver colored car. She is described as a black woman, 5'5" tall, weighing 140 pounds. The injured woman refused treatment for minor injuries.

Disorderly Conduct

August 26, 11:55 p.m., Lakecrest Drive and Greenbelt Road area. Officers responded to a report of an altercation on a Metro bus. The driver said she told a man to get off the bus because of his disorderly behavior. He refused. He then refused attempts by officers to secure the scene after he told them he had a knife in his pocket. This 25-year-old nonresident man was released on citation pending trial.

Burglary

August 22, 9:07 a.m., 7600 block Hanover Parkway. Money was taken from a cash drawer of a business.

August 23, 6:55 p.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace. Jewelry and money were taken.

Vehicle Crime

Two vehicles were stolen, a 2005 Dodge Ram 1500 with Mich. tag CEZ9288 was stolen from the 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive and a 2003 Jeep Liberty with Md. tag 63116CE was stolen from the Cherrywood Terrace and Breezewood Drive area.

A 2001 Honda CRV stolen from the 100 block Westway was recovered the next day in the same area. A 2000 Jeep Cherokee reported stolen by D.C. Metropolitan police was recovered in the Cherrywood Terrace and Breezewood Drive area with no arrests made.

An attempt to steal a 1995 Cadillac occurred in the 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace.

Thefts from autos occurred in 2 Court Eastway (sunglasses), 6900 block Hanover Parkway (rear Md. tag 1EYS81), 7500 block Greenway Center Drive (handicap placard) and 9300 block Edmonston Road (iPod Touch).

An attempted theft from an auto occurred in 10 Court Hillside and in the 200 block Lakeside Drive theft of a catalytic converter was attempted.

Vandalism occurred in the 6800 block Landon Lane (paint was scratched), 9300 block Edmonston Road (tire was flattened and paint was scratched), 9300 block Edmonston Road (two tires were flattened).

Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

Thursday, September 5 from noon to 2 p.m., pianist Amy C. Kraft plays midday melodies. From 7 to 9 p.m. there will be an open microphone session with Paige Powell.

On Friday, September 6 John Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. From 8 to 11 p.m. the 8-Balls provide classic rock.

On Saturday, September 7 Bruce Krittr plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. then Guernsey offers up-tempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Buck and the Bucktones headline with bluegrass, honky-tonk and originals from 8 to 11 p.m. Sunday, September 8 the weekly deaf brunch discussion is held from 10:30 a.m. to noon. From 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., accomplished 14-year-old jazz guitarist Jan Knutson plays. From 5 to 8 p.m. community Irish favorite Brendan Phelan and two-time WAMMIE award-winner Chick Hall offer the evening's entertainment.

Next Week

Tuesday, September 10 Melissa Sites sings ballads from traditional to Appalachian to modern from 7 to 9 p.m. On Wednesday, September 11 Walls and Vino perform originals, Americana and classic covers from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, September 12 from noon to 2 p.m., pianist Kraft plays midday melodies. From 7 to 9 p.m. there will be an open microphone session with James & Martha. Friday, September 13 Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then Gina DeSimone & the Moaners play a solid rock rhythm, chilling harmony with unstoppable energy from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Saturday, September 14 there will be a full day and evening of acoustic and electric blues during the 10th Annual Greenbelt Blues Festival. The lineup is in the New Deal Café ad on this page. From 4 to 6 p.m. Bruce Krittr will play classical guitar inside the café, then Guernsey plays up-tempo jazz piano from 6:30-8. The Blues Festival continues with three more bands inside the cafe from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Sunday, September 15 the weekly deaf brunch discussion is held from 10:30 a.m. to noon, followed by The Not 2 Cool Jazz Trio from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The monthly Kids Open Microphone session for the whole family will be from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. From 6 to 8 p.m. Fez Tones Hafla will provide live Middle Eastern music and dance in the back room on the oud, darbuka and riq.

Green Roof Design Is Lecture Topic

The U.S. Botanic Garden offers an engaging and provocative tour of contemporary garden design in the world of green roofs and roof gardens. Karla Dakin, co-author of The Professional Design Guide to Green Roofs, will explore the design aspects of green roofs from plants to paving, highlighting the brilliance of designers the world over.

This free talk occurs Saturday, September 14 from 2 to 3 p.m. in the Conservatory Classroom. Pre-registration is required; call 202-225-1116 or register online at <http://www.usbg.gov>.

Upcoming Programs At Belair Mansion

Genealogist Rebecca Koford will give a talk, "Preserving the Pensions: War of 1812," at the Belair Mansion in Bowie on Tuesday, September 10 at 7:30 p.m. Call 301-809-3089 for details.

Civil War Homefront

On Saturday, September 14 from noon to 4 p.m. join members of the Atlantic Guard Soldiers Aid Society as they interpret Civil War civilian life at the Belair Mansion in Bowie. This presentation is free.

New Parents Tips

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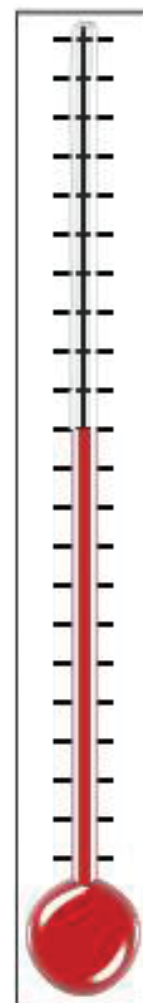
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Letters to the Editor

Thank You, Greenbelt!

Two weeks ago, Barbara Havekost from the Labor Day Festival Committee asked me whether I would be willing to take some photos of the Festival. Sure, I replied. I was going to be at the Festival anyway and would be happy to do it. You can imagine my surprise when I was called up to the stage and presented with the Outstanding Citizen award. It was a big honor of course. It was especially unexpected when it was given to someone who did not know about Greenbelt four years ago and has only lived here for three. This weekend, after the parade, I thought about the fortuitous circumstances that led me to Greenbelt and this award.

I came to Washington after finishing graduate school and lived in various rental places in the region including Arlington, Georgetown, Rockville, Silver Spring and Bethesda. Being an avid photographer I got interested in photographing parades and festivals and spent much of my free time taking pictures at various area events. In June 2009, I went to Watkins Regional Park in Upper Marlboro to photograph a Juneteenth event, an African-American celebration of Emancipation. There I met two nice ladies at a booth representing a housing cooperative called Greenbelt Homes, Inc. They told me many good things about the place and gave me a number of helpful brochures. That was my first introduction to Greenbelt. It was much later when I learned their names – Barbara Havekost and Cynthia Newcomer.

In May 2010 I came to Greenbelt for the first time, this time to photograph the Green Man Festival. It was a fun event with many quirky characters dressed in green leaves. As the Festival wound down, I saw my first movie in the Greenbelt Theater (“Avatar”) and then walked across Roosevelt Center and had my first meal in the New Deal Café (served by Karim) while listening to a band called Hot Club of D.C. I still remember the singer singing “La Vie en Rose” that night. A few months later I returned to Greenbelt to photograph the Labor Day parade and this time my wife and son joined me. In November of that year, we purchased our first house – a GHI block townhouse on Ridge Road.

Shortly after we moved in I checked out from the Greenbelt Library a copy of “Greenbelt: History of a New Town 1937-1987” edited by Mary Lou Williamson. In that book I saw many of the New Deal era photographs of Greenbelt for the first time and learned more about the Farm Security Administration photography project. Being interested in documentary photography, I thought it might be interesting to do a photo project on Greenbelt some day in the fashion of the FSA photographs. Then in late 2011, I saw flyers from the Greenbelt 75th Anniversary Committee announcing a year-long series of events to celebrate the city’s 75th anniversary in 2012. I knew immediately that this should be the year to document Greenbelt.

During the year when I



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Eric Zhang – doing what he does best.

worked on the project, I met many people, from the pioneers who came here in 1937 and 1938, to Outstanding Citizens from previous years and to many, many others who volunteer their time in organizations around the city. Greenbelt is great because of its unique history and its masterful design but more importantly I feel that Greenbelt is great because its people work hard to make it a wonderful place to live. Without the volunteer work of those

nice ladies of the GHI Marketing Committee, those behind the Green Man Festival, the New Deal Café, the Labor Day Festival, the News Review and the 75th Anniversary Committee, I probably would not have known Greenbelt, would not have moved here or would not have been able to complete this documentary project last year. Thank you for your recognition. And thank you, Greenbelt volunteers, for making Greenbelt great.

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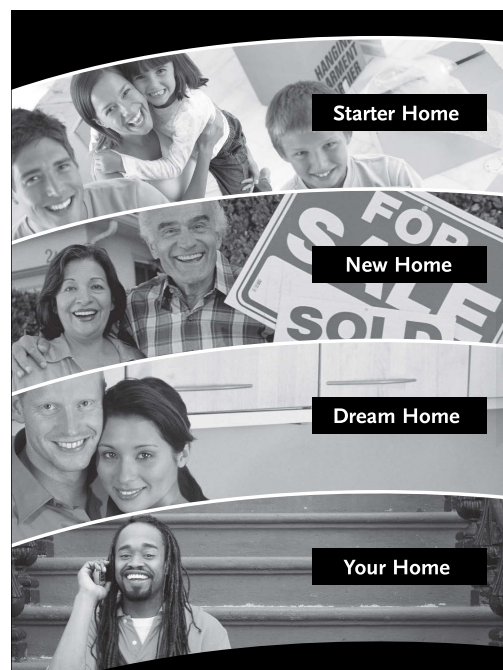
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Committee, took the stage backed by a host of dignitaries, he built excitement in the crowd, as he usually does, by dropping clues about the identity of the 41st Outstanding Citizen – and hinted that the surprise this year might be bigger than usual.

As he moved into the final segment of the speech, Zugby tried to make eye contact with Zhang – impossible since he was looking at Zugby through the viewfinder of his Nikon D700.

Zugby asked the crowd, “Who is it? Let’s try to guess.”

“It must be someone everyone knows – a jolly greeter, bringer of cheer and goodwill, a public ambassador, right?”

He paused. “Well, it can be, and it has been, but it isn’t.”

“It must be,” Zugby continued, “someone who’s presided over a number of organizations” or “who has been an essential part of Greenbelt for 20 or more years, right?”

Pause. “Well, it can be, and it has been, but it isn’t.”

Zhang, his face still hidden, clicked away and didn’t notice that Zugby was directing the message to him.

“Or someone,” Zugby went on, “whose pictures are all over the media, right?”

Some people in the crowd began to nod and smile. Zhang appeared clueless.

“The pictures,” Zugby said, “are of us – at the Festival, the Community Center, the Municipal Building, Greenbelt East, Greenbelt West – everywhere we have been.” Zhang kept clicking.

“Our Outstanding Citizen is not in the pictures. He takes the pictures – thousands of pictures.”

Zhang paused, lowered his camera and looked around, appearing puzzled. He took a few more pictures and then Zugby announced his name. The crowd cheered as Zhang mounted the stage and was joined by his wife Grace Han, expecting their third child, and Andrew, 4-1/2 and Angela, 3.

In a role reversal, Zhang moved from behind the camera to center stage as other photographers focused their lenses on him. He reluctantly surrendered his Nikon to one of them.

Dignitaries on stage included the full Greenbelt City Council; President-Elect Mark Fuerst of the Greenbelt Rotary Club, the primary sponsor of the Outstanding Citizen award; Prince George’s County Councilmembers Ingrid Turner and Mary Lehman; Maryland House of Delegates members Tawanna Gaines, Anne Healey and Alonzo Washington; County Board of Education member Peggy Higgins and Master of Ceremonies Suzanne Plogman.

Fuerst presented Zhang with the official plaque on behalf of the Rotary Club and the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Commit-



Eric Zhang was joined by family and friends for the reception honoring him and other Outstanding Citizens. From left, Zhang, daughter Angela Zhang (3), wife Grace Han, son Andrew Zhang (4); friend Huan Wu holding up his daughter Annabelle Wu (4) and friends Xu Wang and Tieren Gao holding up their son Yuanqi Gao (4) while their infant son Yuanqun Gao sleeps in the stroller.

tee. Then came the traditional proclamations – from the City of Greenbelt, Prince George’s County Council, Maryland General Assembly and the Prince George’s Public Schools Board of Education. Zhang also received the traditional tote bag of gift cards donated by Greenbelt-area businesses.

After the announcement, a large crowd that included city officials, former Outstanding Citizens and friends and family gathered in the council chambers for a reception honoring Zhang.

Background, Family

Coincidentally, Zhang was born the same year as the first Outstanding Citizen was named in Greenbelt, 1973 – and half a world away. He emigrated from China at the age of 17 and finished high school near New York City, then attended college in Boston and graduate school in upstate New York. He now works full-time as a computer engineer.

On a trip to California, Eric met his wife Grace Han, who earned a college degree in elementary education in China and had a job and many friends in her new home in the U.S. “She gave up her job, her family and her friends to go with me to Maryland,” he said. “I am grateful for that.”

The couple lived in rental units in the Washington, D.C., area for several years until Zhang went to a Greenbelt Homes, Inc. table at an event held outside Greenbelt and met Barbara Havekost, Dorothy Lauber and Cynthia Newcomer.

Havekost, a longtime resident, recalls that the lanky young man plied them with questions about GHI and the history of Greenbelt for nearly half an hour.

“His questions were so astute and insightful,” Havekost recalled. “He was so enthusiastic! When he left, Dorothy and I looked at each other and said, ‘Who is this guy?’ He blew us away.”

Steeped in History

Three aspects of Eric Zhang’s work documenting Greenbelt – his artistic vision, the depth of his historical research and the breadth of his coverage of the city – make it substantively more important than the ocean of photographs taken by most amateur photographers.

His feat is remarkable because he completed his marathon year while working full-time and

supporting a young family. A self-taught photographer, Zhang used the camera to explore his broader interests in literature, history and sociology.

“There is a fairly new field called visual anthropology which studies visual representations of various cultures,” he said. He became interested in the approach and began to think about “documenting things around himself systematical-

ly.”

That was the approach taken by the FSA photographers and particularly Roy Stryker, who was in charge of the photography project during the New Deal years. Zhang was inspired by Stryker, who believed that an educated, sensitive photographer could produce images that would “mirror his understanding and compassion.”

Rexford Tugwell mentored Stryker at Columbia University and brought him into the Resettlement Administration which later became the FSA.

Zhang dug deeply into the FSA records and discovered the original “shooting scripts” that Stryker gave his photographers when they went out on assignment. The scripts were long lists of subjects to be photographed. The most relevant FSA shooting script for Zhang was one of the most famous – “Suggestions for a Documentary Photographic Study of the Small Town in America.”

“It starts from the street and goes on to buildings, stores, theatres, banks and then to people, transportation, church,” he said. “This was probably the checklist used by FSA photographers when they came to photograph Greenbelt in the 30s and 40s.”

Seventy-five years later as he photographed Greenbelt, Zhang consulted this list and tried to check off as many items as possible.

“I wanted to have a 2012 response to the FSA checklist,” he said. “I also looked at the FSA Greenbelt photos from the Library of Congress website many times. I wanted to have then-and-now photos.”

When I first saw Zhang photographing the Christmas tree lighting in December 2011, I thought he was a professional photographer working for an area newspaper. Others believed he was an enthusiastic amateur snapping random photos of the city and then sharing them generously with individuals and organizations. He was everywhere in town through an entire year. Only afterward did many of us realize the historic value of his gift to Greenbelt.

In the words of the nominating letter, “Eric Zhang gave us a fresh view of our city in the historic year of 2012 . . . he preserved for future generations a taste – no, a



And these are the faces that Eric Zhang saw from his perch as Grand Marshal of the Labor Day Festival Parade.



The Aubert family



The Larkin family and others



Jean Cook (second from left) and a group watch the parade on Crescent Road. Zhang – doing what he does best – captured the best of Greenbelt in all of them.

feast – of what living in Greenbelt was like in the second decade of the 21st century.

“By showcasing and preserving the efforts of countless volunteers and activists and by cel-

ebating the vitality of young and old, historic and new in all parts of Greenbelt, Eric brought together . . . aspects of our city in a way that will stand the test of time.”