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## Budget Hearing, Petitions and Police Collective Bargaining Occupy Council

by Kathleen Gallagher

The agenda and the council room itself were both packed for the regular city council meeting of April 22, which lasted four hours. All councilmembers were present. A separate article appeared in an earlier paper on one item that had drawn many residents to the meeting: a proposed ordinance to establish penalties for breaches of confidentiality by city elected officials or staff.

An agenda item that contributed little to the length of the meeting was the first public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2014 city budget. Although it is not a rare event to have no one come to speak at budget public hearings in Greenbelt, it was expected that this year's proposed tax increase might draw comment, especially with so many of the usual suspects in the audience. Budget worksessions are scheduled through May 22. A second public hearing will be held at the regular meeting of May 28.



PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

**Captain Carl Schinner (l) introduces new police officer Charles Wooten at the council meeting April 22.**

### New Police Officer

The part of the crowd dressed in blue was there for Captain Carl Schinner's introduction to the council of Greenbelt's newest police officer, Charles A. Wooten. Wooten was sworn in by the mayor on April 4, has started field training and will be on the job soon, according to Schinner. Wooten is a native of Washing-

ton, D.C., and a former City of Baltimore police officer. He plans to move to Greenbelt soon from Owings Mills.

Police business continued later in the meeting when the city council voted to approve a collective bargaining agreement (CBA) negotiated between the

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### 2014 Budget

## Meals on Wheels Program Draws Council Interest

by James Giese

Wrestling with a budget of nearly \$25 million with thousands of budget items, the Greenbelt City Council took about half an hour to consider the merits of a \$1,000 budget item at its May 6 budget worksession. In part, it allotted this time as a courtesy to former College Park Councilmember Don Byrd, present on behalf of the College Park Meals on Wheels program that was hoping to receive another city grant in the coming fiscal year.

The Greenbelt councilmembers, all of whom were present at the worksession, exhibited what appeared to be genuine interest in the program which serves residents with special needs with at-home meal support.

This program delivers meals to disabled or elderly residents at their homes in College Park, Berwyn Heights, Greenbelt and Adelphi. Currently deliveries are being made to 56 homes, of which 16 are in Greenbelt. Recipients pay \$5 a week for delivery of three meals (one of them hot) on each of four days during the week.

The local program is operated by over 80 volunteers, many of whom have provided this service for more than 30 years, and by one paid cook. Its budget is \$114,000, with the federal government paying 89 cents per

meal for each senior served. (Not all recipients are seniors, Byrd said.)

This is a rough year for the Meals program, Byrd told council, and a rough year as well for municipalities involved and for many residents living in the area. The program has recently been notified by the state of Maryland that the federal contribution is to be cut in half as a result of the federal "Sequester" which has mandated reductions in expenditures, at a loss of \$13,000.

Byrd said the county, assists volunteers by contributing up to \$25 a month for gas usage. The City of College Park and the mayor of Berwyn Heights also contribute to the program, as do county councilmembers from Districts 1 and 2, who use their allotted county funds to award grant funds to worthy programs.

Greenbelt's council representative, Ingrid Turner, does not, however, make such a contribution, Byrd said. Nor does she respond to his inquiries on the matter. The area served lies partly within each of the three council districts.

Greenbelt councilmembers did not suggest modifying the budget proposal, which remains the same as the amount council approved for the current year.

### News Review Ad Rate Changes Coming

Effective June 1, 2013, the News Review will increase its advertising rates. The basic rate for display advertising will change from \$8.95 to \$9.60 per column inch. Similar increases will be applied to all our volume-based discounts, as well.

Classified and subscription rates will remain unchanged.

### What Goes On

**Saturday, May 11**  
9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot between City Offices and Community Center

**10 a.m. to 6 p.m.**, Community Center Lawn, Rabies Vaccination Clinic (\$10 each vaccine – cash only)

**Monday, May 13**  
7:30 p.m., ACE Student Awards Reception followed by ACE Student Awards and Council Meeting, Municipal Building, also on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)

**Tuesday, May 14**  
7 p.m., Public Hearing, Community Center, Suite 200

**Wednesday, May 15**  
7:30 p.m., Council Budget Worksession Green Ridge House, 22 Ridge Road

## 2013 Green Man Beckons Children of Every Age

by Melanie Lynn Griffin

This weekend promises to be one of the most memorable of the year for Greenbelt's youngest denizens and there will be plenty to entertain big people, too. The ninth annual Green Man Festival features a full schedule starting at 9:30 a.m. Saturday with a drum circle followed by a parade of Nature's Beings at 12:30 p.m. where kids are encouraged to dress as their favorite woodland animal.

Just added to the schedule is an inspiring film that will be of interest to all ages, "Young Voices for the Planet," which tells stories of young people who are taking action to protect the Earth by shrinking their carbon footprints at their homes, schools and neighborhoods. Popular children's book writer Lynne Cherry (The Great Kapok Tree) produced the documentary and will be there for a book-signing and discussion after the film, which will be shown at the Old Greenbelt Theatre at 11 a.m. Saturday. The first 20 kids get a free vegan cupcake.

After the film and the parade, kids can get glitter tattoos or face-paintings before heading over to make a mosaic, plant a miniature garden or build a fairy house. When they get tired, they can settle in for story time and a sing-along. For the adventurous, there are several eco-scavenger hunts scheduled



during the weekend.

Children will love the joyful Maypole Dances on both Saturday and Sunday afternoons, but this is also an especially nice event for the elderly who enjoy watching kids laugh and cavort and get tangled up in Maypole streamers.

Throughout the days and into the evenings, music, crafts vendors and plenty of food will be available. Festivities will continue as the New Deal Café hosts special Green Man music in the evenings.

The Green Man Festival is a celebration of important Greenbelt traditions – green space and growing things, kids and families, community engagement and activism and just plain fun. Visitors can learn about ways to get involved in local green projects that make a difference globally, including Greenbelt's Food Forest demonstration site and Community Forest Stewardship Program.

This year the festival celebrates 10 years of the Greenbelt Forest Preserve and will include a tree-focused art show from May 7 through July 8 that transforms the back room of the New Deal Café into a walk in the woods. The festival is a project of the Chesapeake Education, Arts and Research Society (CHEARS). For a full schedule of events, visit [greenbeltgreenmanfestival.org](http://greenbeltgreenmanfestival.org).

### 2014 Budget

## Council Approves Special And Miscellaneous Funds

by James Giese

Miscellaneous, Other Funds and Capital Funds were the subjects of the May 6 Greenbelt City Council budget worksession. If that doesn't sound exciting it apparently also wasn't to even the most avid of city council observers, since only two people showed up to listen, both for only a portion of the meeting. All councilmembers were present, however.

Although some of the Fiscal Year 2014 budgets reviewed involved large chunks of money that were proposed to be spent, council devoted most of its time to a \$1,000 budget for the College Park Meals on Wheels program (see separate story) and a \$97,800 Greenbelt Museum budget.

Meghan Young, the city's full-time museum director, gave a visual presentation detailing the museum's activities over the past year, much of which had related to the celebration of the city's 75th Anniversary.

As Young began, City Manager Michael McLaughlin interrupted to present her with a City Manager's Award, with an accompanying check, in recognition of her work as staff liaison to the Greenbelt 75th Anniversary Committee and of her involvement in the many events that had taken place during the 2012 celebration.

Most of the museum budget is for salary expenses of the director. Other costs are for certain maintenance expenses of the building.

The city budget is supplemented, however, by the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM), which pays the electric bill and supports a part-time volunteer educator/coordinator position that's funded by a grant of the National Endowment for the Humanities. More than 25 volunteer docents provide house tours almost every Sunday afternoon and at special times for particular groups.

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## Young Voices for the Planet Screening at Old Greenbelt

On Saturday, May 11 at 11 a.m. there will be a screening of a youth-inspired film series, "Young Voices for the Planet," at the Old Greenbelt Theatre. The first 20 kids in the theater will be treated to a vegan cupcake, compliments of Don't Have a Cow Baked Goods.

Part of the Green Man Festival celebration, "Young Voices" features young people who care about the planet speaking out, creating solutions and leading changes in a variety of creative ways. The film follows four Florida middle-school girls who save their school \$53,000 in energy costs.

Focused on showing how ordinary people can do something to make a difference, there will be an interactive discussion afterward with film originator, pro-

ducer and director Lynne Cherry, also known as the author of children's books including the rain-forest classic *The Great Kapok Tree* and a book of environmental history, *A River Ran Wild*. She will be available for book signing after the discussion.

The film has been used in energy audit workshops and has been shown by the United Nations, environmental groups, film festivals and a Harvard ethics class. The Greenbelt showing is sponsored by local groups including the Reel and Meal at the New Deal, Green Vegan Networking, CHEARS, the Green Man Festival, Greenbelt Climate Action Network, Greenbelt Access Television and Clean Currents. For more information email Cam MacQueen at [worldisvegan@aol.com](mailto:worldisvegan@aol.com).

## Whooping Crane Talk, Tour Set for Sunday

The Patuxent National Wildlife Visitor Center will offer a free talk on whooping cranes on Sunday, May 12 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Joe Duff, co-founder of Operation Migration, will describe his experience leading flocks of young whooping cranes on their first migration. Duff assisted with the first human-led migration experiment in 1993. This program is for all ages.

From 2 to 3:30 p.m. the Patuxent National Wildlife Visitor Center will offer a behind-the-scenes tour for those ages 14+ to observe endangered whooping cranes. Arrive early, as the tour will leave on time.

Advance registration is required for both events; call 301-497-5887. For more information visit [www.patuxent.fws.gov](http://www.patuxent.fws.gov).

## Patuxent Bird Club Migration Lecture

In May shorebirds migrating from the south time their arrival along the Maryland and Delaware shores with the annual egg-laying of horseshoe crabs. On Tuesday, May 14 at 7:30 p.m. fishery biologist and Atlantic Coast coordinator Sheila Eyler will give a free presentation on the biology and tagging of the endangered horseshoe crab at the College Park Airport Annex, 1909 Cpl. Frank Scott Drive. The birds' survival depends on finding food along their route, and the beaches are a frenzy of activity with crabs emerging from the water to lay eggs in the sand before retreating to the sea.

Prince George's Audubon Society and Patuxent Bird Club host the talk. Call 301-262-5148 or visit [www.pbudubon.org](http://www.pbudubon.org).

### Correction

In last week's front page photo caption we incorrectly identified the Kale Queen at the Kale-A-Rama. The person shown is Heather Joi, a Kale Queen contestant. The News Review regrets the error.

## BAKE SALE

May 11, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Greenbelt Co-op Ramp

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Greenbelt VFD is having a Bake Sale just in time for Mother's Day!



## The Greenbelt Farmers Market OPENING DAY is Sunday, May 12!

Join us from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Roosevelt Center parking lot for:

Fresh local fruits & veggies ♦ humanely raised meat and sustainably caught fish ♦ fresh eggs from pastured hens ♦ Maryland wine ♦ fresh-roasted coffee ♦ fresh bread & desserts ♦ locally made soaps and personal care products ♦ the best ice cream & vegan sorbet around

**PLUS: FREE BALLOONS FOR THE KIDS OPENING DAY**

More info & directions:

[www.greenbeltfarmersmarket.org](http://www.greenbeltfarmersmarket.org)

## Letters

### Sorrow Over Loss Of Doug Love

I was sorry to read of the death of Doug Love. Besides his efforts in the Greenbelt Astronomy Club, Doug did many other activities to better Greenbelt. I first met him through the board of the Greenbelt Internet Access Co-op of which he was a founder. A few years ago our paths crossed again when he became an election judge at the Greenbelt Elementary School precinct. His calm voice and demeanor were a steadying presence through the hectic chaos of Election Day. And his home-baked treats were always welcome.

Greenbelt lost a wonderful citizen with Doug Love's passing.  
Mary J. Camp

### Botanic Garden Offers Mother's Day Tour

On Sunday, May 12 from 11 a.m. to noon the U.S. Botanic Garden (USBG) will give a free special Mother's Day tour. Whether mom is beautiful and charming or ferociously thorny, a city girl or rugged; whether she's spicy and wild or wears sensible shoes, the USBC has the right rose and rose story for her. The tour will be held outdoors and meets on the National Garden Lawn Terrace. Participants should wear sunscreen, protective clothing and bring water. The tour requires pre-registration at [www.usbg.gov](http://www.usbg.gov).



9<sup>th</sup> Annual Greenbelt  
Green Man Festival  
May 11 & 12,  
Roosevelt Center

### OLD GREENBELT THEATRE WEEK OF MAY 10

The Great  
Gatsby  
(PG-13)

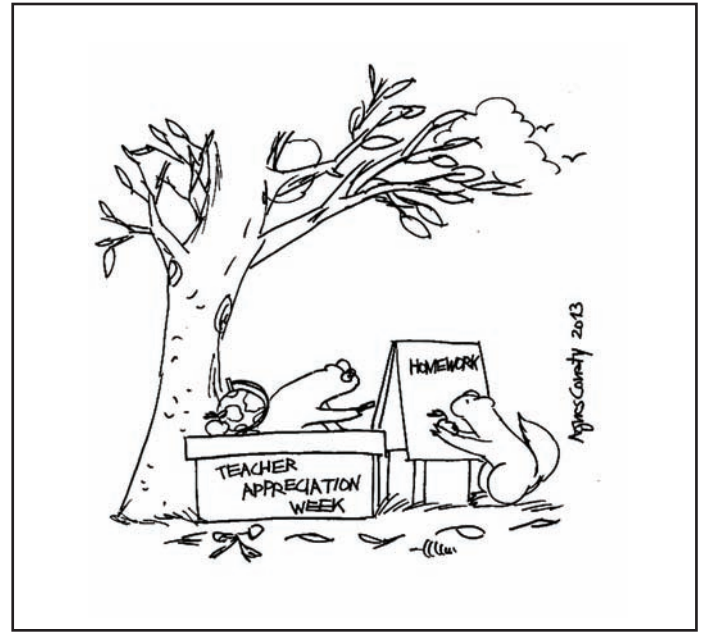
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SATURDAY – SUNDAY  
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MONDAY – THURSDAY  
\*4:45, 7:45

\*These shows at \$6.50  
Tuesday is Bargain Day.  
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and MasterCard for  
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### Grin Belt



"I took a bite of your apple just so you know I am giving you a 'sweet' one."

### On Screen

## The Great Gatsby Returns

Opening at Old Greenbelt Theatre on Friday, May 10 is the fourth film version of "The Great Gatsby," F. Scott Fitzgerald's landmark novel that took the temper of the Roaring Twenties. This time, in 3-D, Leonardo DiCaprio embodies the namesake nouveau riche figure who strives to find his niche and to win the elusive, near-numinous Daisy (Carey Mulligan).

Telling the tale is young Nick Carraway (Tobey Maguire), who is holed up in this go-round in a sanitarium with a case of "morbid alcoholism." Director Baz Luhrmann ("Moulin Rouge") works with hip-hopster Jay-Z for a contemporary soundtrack in place of the original era's recently-hatched jazz. It seems to play against the novel's closing words about "the orgiastic future that year by year recedes before us."

Running time: 143 minutes. PG-13.

— Eli Flam

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

# Community Events

## GHI Notes

Thursday, May 9, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting – Board Room

Friday, May 10, Office Closed. For emergency maintenance only call 301-474-6011.

Monday, May 13, 7 p.m., Member Outreach Committee Meeting – Board Room

7:30 p.m., Marketing Committee Meeting – GHI Lobby

Tuesday, May 14, 8:30 a.m., Yardlines Committee Meeting – GHI Library

Wednesday, May 15, 7 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting – Board Room

7 p.m., Woodlands Committee Meeting – GHI Lobby

7:30 p.m., Nominations and Elections Committee Meeting – GHI Library

Thursday, May 16, 7:30 p.m., 2013 GHI Annual Meeting – Greenbelt Community Center

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

## At the Library

### Adult Programs

Tuesday, May 14, 7 p.m.: African American historian and author/lecturer C.R. Gibbs presents an audio-visual lecture for adults and older children on the African Diaspora, “Djano Who? The True Story of the American West” that will include some interesting facts about things from the movie.

### Storytimes

On Wednesdays and Thursdays, a librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props. Pick up a free ticket from the information desk before the session.

Wednesday, May 15, 10:30 a.m.: Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years.

Thursday, May 16, 10:30 a.m.: Toddler Time for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver.

### Read to Rover

Saturday, May 18, 2 to 3:30 p.m.: Children ages 6 to 11 build confidence by reading aloud to specially trained therapy dogs. Each child reads for 15 minutes. Registration is required, with walk-ins accepted on a space-available basis; register in person or by calling 301-345-5800.

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

## Cub Scouts’ Lake Cleanup Project

The Greenbelt Cub Scout Pack 202 stream cleanup was held Saturday, April 6 at Buddy At-tick Lake Park as a spring service project for the Alice Ferguson Foundation 25th Potomac Watershed Cleanup.

They were joined by neighboring College Park Cub Scout Troop 740 in what was the Greenbelt cubs’ third year working on the lake cleanup. In prior years, Pack 202 cleaned the storm water drainage area on Hanover Parkway as well as the stream located along Braden Field.

The purpose of the cleanup was removal of debris from parks, fields, forest, even parking lots before it reaches the Potomac River. The weather cooperated as the scouts sorted garbage and recyclables into blue and yellow bags. The packs walked the entire lake trail and waterline picking up bottles, cans, cigarette butts and other debris, some plucked from the edge of the lake. They were amazed to find a huge number of tennis balls in and alongside the lake. Some interesting items included a car bumper, a folding chair, a metal rod and a fishing pole. Approximately 300 pounds of trash and recyclable items were removed.

At the noon conclusion of this year’s cleanup Webelos den leader Irfan Kahn summed up the cubs’ lessons from the event by saying, “The cleanup doesn’t end today.”

## Jewelry Making Explored May 17

On Friday, May 17 the Explorations Unlimited speaker will be Prince George’s Community College SAGE instructor and artist Darlene Swanson. She will give a preview of her upcoming class in jewelry making and design. The presentation will be in Room 114 at the Greenbelt Community Center.

With 30 years’ of experience, Swanson was making jewelry before this activity was popular. Class examples, tools and techniques will be covered during her presentation.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Community Center. All are welcome and questions are encouraged. For more information call 301-397-2208.

## ACE Presents Student Awards on Monday

On Monday, May 13 the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) will present its annual ACE Student awards to 12 outstanding students from the six public schools primarily serving Greenbelt students – Greenbelt Elementary, Springhill Lake Elementary and Magnolia Elementary schools, Turning Point Academy (a public charter school), Greenbelt Middle School and Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

The reception and awards ceremony are open to the public, with the reception beginning at 7:30 p.m. in City Council chambers at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. First on the agenda for the regular council meeting at 8 p.m. is the presentation of student awards and certificates from ACE, the city council, the county council, the board of education, the Maryland House of Delegates and the Maryland Senate.

For details email Rosalind Ceasar at [rcesar@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:rcesar@greenbeltmd.gov) or call 301-345-6660.

## Investing Club Seeks Members

The Goddard Investment Club (GIC), a group of amateur investors who discuss and invest in stocks, is seeking additional members of like mind willing to meet in Greenbelt the second Monday of the month from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 13.

For more information email [goddard@bivio.com](mailto:goddard@bivio.com).

More Community Events can be found throughout the paper.

## AMAZING YARD SALE

May 10-12

11D Southway  
Vintage Dolls, Milk and Depression Glass, House & Yard Furniture, Pet Items and much more. Dealers Welcome.

May 10, 1-3pm,  
May 11, 8 am-2 pm,  
May 12, 9 am-1 pm

## Grades 2, 3 Take On Alight Dance Troupe

On Fridays May 10 and 17, students from the second and third grade classes at Greenbelt Elementary School (GES) will visit the Community Center to see rehearsals of Alight Dance Theater’s “Stargazing” and learn about the night sky.

“Stargazing” tells the story of the starry night from the death of a star to the splendor visible from one’s own backyard. After the performance, the children will participate in visual arts and dance workshops to explore the concepts introduced.

The program follows a similar successful program in April for 80 first graders from Springhill Lake Elementary School.



## Notice of Annual Membership Meeting

The New Deal Café Cooperative will hold its annual membership meeting in the café on Sunday, May 19, 2013 at 2:00pm. Reports will be presented and the election of officers will be held. Also, voting on proposed bylaw change for Article III, Section 1, Paragraph b: revise “Renewing membership in the Cooperative requires payment of \$25 annual dues” to “Renewing voting membership in the Cooperative requires payment of \$10 annual dues.” Sign-in starts at 1:30pm.

New Deal Café  
113 Centerway  
[www.newdealcafe.com](http://www.newdealcafe.com)

**Greenbelt Arts Center**  
**COMING SOON**

**Eugene O'Neill's**  
**A Moon For The Misbegotten**

May 24 - June 15  
Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00pm  
Sunday Matinees (June 2 and 9) at 2:00pm  
Ticket prices: \$17 General Admission \$14 Students/Seniors/Military \$12 Child (under 12)

For information & reservations,  
call 301-441-8770 or email: [info@greenbeltartscenter.org](mailto:info@greenbeltartscenter.org) or  
BOOK TICKETS ONLINE at [www.greenbeltartscenter.org](http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org)

Take our GAC Patron Survey at  
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FYJS9FK>

Coming Soon to the Greenbelt Arts Center:  
June 21st – An Unexpected Guest

Greenbelt Arts Center  
123 Centerway • Greenbelt, MD 20770 • Located underneath the Greenbelt CO-OP

**Greenbelt Nursery School's**

**Saturday, May 11**  
**8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**  
**Community Center Lawn**

Come one, come all, come and get some great buys on clothing, children's toys, household items, lawn and gardening equipment, small appliances, electronics and more!

Proceeds benefit Greenbelt Nursery School.

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Most features are \$5.00  
all day on Tuesdays  
R = ID Required  
(!) = No pass, (!!) No pass weekend

Tickets are now on sale for:  
**Star Trek: "Into the Darkness" Midnight Shows Wed 5/15**  
Regular Engagement Starts Thu 5/16  
Come see Star Trek (2009) for \$3.00, Wed 9 p.m. prior to midnight show  
**Star Trek: Into the Darkness**

**WEEK OF MAY 10**

**FRIDAY – SATURDAY – TUESDAY**  
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# Obituaries

## Denise Mary Bokar

Former Greenbelter Denise Mary Bokar, 57 died on April 30, 2013, in Des Plaines, Ill.



Mrs. Bokar was born on March 24, 1956, in Brooklyn, N.Y., to Joseph and Rosemarie Mangialardi.

She attended North End Elementary School, Greenbelt Junior High School, Parkdale High School and the University of Maryland, College Park. She was the communication director for Pampered Chef, Limited.

Mrs. Bokar was a devoted wife who loved to spend time with her husband Ken and her cats. She was loved by all.

Mrs. Bokar was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by husband, Ken, whom she married October 4, 1980, in the University of Maryland Chapel in College Park; her sister Lisa A. (Paul) Takemoto; sister-in-law Lynn Parker; nieces, Tiffany (Ryan) Gard and Molly Takemoto; nephew, Benjamin Takemoto; and special friends.

Services were held on May 3 at Glueckert Funeral Home Ltd., Arlington Heights, Ill. Interment will be at Pilottown Cemetery in Lewes, Del., on Saturday, May 11.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Staar Animal Rescue, PO Box 68224, Schaumburg, IL 60168. Condolences can be made online at [www.GlueckertFH.com](http://www.GlueckertFH.com).



## 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 May 13 through 17 are:

Monday – Orange juice, veal parmesan, rotini and tomatoes, spinach, fresh fruit.

Tuesday – Grape juice, sliced turkey breast with gravy, whipped potatoes, broccoli, fresh fruit.

Wednesday – Pineapple juice, baked chicken breast with pineapple sauce, mixed beans, dilled carrots, heavenly fruit salad.

Thursday – Fruit punch, beef and peppers, lima beans, whole-kernel corn, fresh fruit.

Friday – All sites closed for volunteer luncheon.

## Douglas L. Love Dies, Active in Various Local Groups

During the three decades in which Doug Love lived in Greenbelt, he was so engaged in civic life, it is difficult to list all the groups and events he had a hand in. This community involvement reflects his life style; he had little interest in career advancement or material goods; he wanted to live each day to its fullest and be involved in city affairs in creative, outgoing ways. As such, he reinforced the values of many others in Greenbelt.

Mr. Love was born in Chicago, Ill. in 1947; he earned a B.A. in 1972 from Indiana University, Bloomington and a master's in geology in 1975 from Indiana State University in Terre Haute. He worked at the Computer Science Corporation from 1978 to 1981 and for other NASA contractors after that. He moved into Greenbelt Homes, Inc. in July, 1986 and his mother Jane followed soon after. From 2000 to 2010 he worked at the University of Maryland University College (UMUC) and continued for a while taking graduate courses in meteorology there.

In the words of Bob Zugby, "It is difficult to imagine GATE without Doug Love." Mr. Love was involved with Greenbelt Access Television from its earliest days, as a member of the board and with the videos he produced for broadcast. Dorian Winterfield credits Mr. Love as being the first member of Greenbelt Internet Access Cooperative (GIAC) back in 1996. The idea of GIAC was

to provide free or low cost internet access in Greenbelt. He also helped develop the [greenbelt.com](http://greenbelt.com) website with Neil McLeod. He also helped out with the Utopia Film Festival as a volunteer and running a projector. Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek (CCRIC) and Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group also count him as a founding member. But even earlier than that, Ray Stevens recalls him monitoring streams and leading hikes through the woods. His interest in geological formations and in spelunking was intense; he spent his summer vacations revisiting old caves and discovering new ones.

About Mr. Love's role in the Greenbelt Forest Preserve, Paul Downs writes, "One of the heroes from beginning to end in the effort to save the woods was our dear friend, Doug Love. From the parade, the Labor Day booths, to the pumpkin carvings, to the meetings – to the fullest, Doug was there for the woods."

### Green Party

In the summer of 1991, before there was a national or a Maryland Green Party, Mr. Love traveled with the late Bob Auerbach to attend the national Green Party organizing convention in Elkins, W.Va. Doug helped gather petition signatures to allow the Green Party to become organized in Maryland. Along with Mark Miller and Auerbach, he helped organize the first official statewide Maryland Green Party

Assembly and Convention, held in Greenbelt in 2000. Doug was an enthusiastic supporter of Green candidates, including Auerbach, who was the Green Party's nominee for U.S. House of Representatives in Maryland's 5th District last year.

In 1992 Mr. Love co-founded, with George Gliba, the Greenbelt Astronomy Club – now known as the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt. He served the group as president and in other offices. With substantial help from the city and a grant from Gil and Jaylee Mead, the Society was able to erect the observatory dome and telescope



PHOTO BY SUSIMA ABEYUNAVARDENE

**At the dedication of the Greenbelt Observatory, Astronomical Society of Greenbelt founders George Gliba (left) and Doug Love discuss efforts to build an observatory in Greenbelt.** *Greenbelt News Review, April 9, 2009*

near Northway Fields, which had been donated by Montgomery

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Cleave tenaciously unto that which will lead to the well-being and tranquility of all mankind. This span of earth is but one homeland and one habitation. (Baha'u'llah)

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



**Greenbelt BAPTIST CHURCH**

101 Greenhill Road Greenbelt, MD 20770  
(301)474-4212 [www.greenbeltbaptist.org](http://www.greenbeltbaptist.org)

11:00am Worship Service

May 12<sup>th</sup>

"Happy Mother's Day!"  
"Nurtured in the Gospel"  
1 Thessalonians 2:7

May 19<sup>th</sup>

"How God Restores His Broken People"  
Nehemiah 1-7

May 26<sup>th</sup>

"God's People United in Hearing God's Word"  
Nehemiah 8:1-12

June 2<sup>nd</sup>

"God's People United in Obeying God's Word"  
Nehemiah 8:13-14

### 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.



### Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

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



Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community

Sunday at 10 a.m.  
Rev. Diane Teichert

See our website: [www.pbuuc.org](http://www.pbuuc.org)



### ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
301-474-4322



Mass Schedule:

Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

### Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Hillside & Crescent Roads  
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings

[www.greenbeltucc.org](http://www.greenbeltucc.org)

Sunday Worship

10:15 a.m.

Clara Young, Interim Pastor

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

### BERWYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Rev. Mary Pullen - Pastor  
301-474-7573

6301 Greenbelt Road  
Berwyn Heights, MD 20740



Worship : Sun 11:00 am - 12:00 pm (Child Care Available)  
Sunday School : Sun 9:30 am - 10:30 am  
Office Hours : Mon, Thu, Fri 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Tue, Wed 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

"A hospitable, multicultural community of faith"



### 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



**Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS**

Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building

ALL ARE WELCOME.



# City Information

## GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING & ACE STUDENT AWARDS Monday, May 13, 2013 - 8:00 p.m. Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road

### COMMUNICATIONS

#### Presentations

- ACE Student Awards
- Legislative Wrap-Up – 22nd District Delegation
- Older Americans Month Proclamation
- Public Works Week Proclamation

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.)

#### Public Hearing

- Greenbelt Farmer's Market – Wine Sampling

#### Minutes of Council Meetings

#### Administrative Reports

#### Council Reports

#### Committee Reports

- Arts Advisory Board, Report #2013-1 (Contribution and Recognition Groups)
- Advisory Committee on Trees, Report #201301 (White Pine by Municipal Building)

### LEGISLATION

- A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of a New Truck Body and Lift Gate from Intercon Truck Equipment of Joppa, Maryland at Cost of \$15,431

2nd Reading, Adoption

- A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of July 4th Fireworks from ACE Pyro LLC of Clear Field, Pennsylvania at a Cost of \$12,000

1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules, 2nd Reading,

#### Adoption

- An Ordinance to Amend Article 3 "Public Parks, Playgrounds, Etc., Generally" of Chapter 12 "Parks and Recreation" of the Greenbelt City Code to Allow the Sale and Sampling of Wine at the Greenbelt Farmer's Market between May 1st and December 24th of Each Year

1st Reading

### OTHER BUSINESS

- Transfer of Liquor License – Royal Jade
- Advisory Planning Board, Report #2013-1 (Sunnyside Avenue Bridge Replacement Project)
- Other Reports

- \*- Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT) – Board of Trustees Ballot

- \*- Reappointment to Advisory Groups

- \*- Resignation from Advisory Group

### 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.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Greenbelt Board of Appeals  
Variance Application 13-0002

Notice is hereby given that the Greenbelt Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on May 14, 2013 at 7:00pm in the Greenbelt Community Center (Suite 200), 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt MD on an application filed by Ms. Halcyon Ahearn for consideration of a request for a variance from Section 27-120.1, Front Yards of Dwelling, waiver of parking area location, for the purpose of widening an existing driveway at 111 Periwinkle Court, Greenbelt, MD 20770. For more information please contact Terri Hruby at 301-345-5417.

## Older American's Month Events

**Monday, May 13:** Fort Lincoln Cemetery-wills, living wills, and pre-planning to make sure your wishes are heard-refreshments will be served!

**Tuesday, May 14:** Heart Health-Cardiologist with Doctor's Hospital

**Wednesday, May 15:** Never Too Old to Play-Julia McFadden

**Thursday, May 16:** Healthy Skin Screening-Washington Adventist

ALL EVENTS begin at 1:00 pm in the Green Ridge House dining room 22 Ridge Road.

Any questions or concerns, please contact Interim Service Coordinator, Narineh Abrahamian, at 301-412-2480

## Bike to Work Day 2013

Friday, May 17 from 6:30am-8:30am

Greenbelt Pit Stop at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center  
biketoworkmetrodc.org  
Register by May 10th



## MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF May 13-17

Monday, May 13 at 7:30 **ACE STUDENT AWARDS RECEPTION followed by ACE STUDENT AWARDS AND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING** at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)

Wednesday, May 15 at 7:30pm, **COUNCIL BUDGET WORK SESSION re: Green Ridge House**, 22 Ridge Road.

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

## HAVE YOU VISITED THE GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER LATELY?

550-A Crescent Road  
(behind Police Station)

Give us a call 301-474-6124

Come out and visit all of the available pets!

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

Special Program Through May 11!

### BARTER FOR BARKS: DONATE TO ADOPT

Donate your time, dog biscuits, cat litter, animal food or any amount of monetary donation to take home a new best friend. You must qualify as an adopter prior to the animal going home. This includes an application, signing a contract and agreeing to a home check.



## National Kids To Parks Day-Saturday, May 18

### BRADEN FIELD

12:00pm-2:00pm: Archery Demo at Braden Field #2 - FREE!

Youth and Adult Archery classes are quickly becoming a very popular

Greenbelt Recreation Department activity. Bring the family and join us as our certified National Archery Association instructors provide guidance on the various skills in archery. Participants will also have the opportunity to register for upcoming youth and adult archery classes.

### YOUTH SPORTS ACTIVITIES

9:00am-5:00pm: Boys & Girls Club Soccer Games Schrom Hills Park.

10:00am Greenbelt Baseball Game, McDonald Field. (Park at Municipal Building)

### SCHROM HILLS PARK

"Kite Flying Contest" On Softball Field

3:00pm- FREE!

Bring your best kite out to Schrom Hills Park as the Greenbelt Recreation Department reintroduces an old tradition, a Kite Flying Contest. Awards will be given to the winners in several categories including highest kite, best design, etc. This event is open to all ages.

### GARDENS/FOOD FOREST EVENTS:

"Getting Schrom Hills Hot-Season Ready"

9:00 AM — 12:00 PM

Getting the garden ready for summer! Lucy Duff and Jean Newcomb, co-coordinators of this site, will be hosting a planting of some hot-season companion plants according to the new garden design. Location: Schrom Hills Park Garden, 6915 Hanover Parkway. Contact: Lucy Duff, 301-577-2350 or 202-549-5574

## VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

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

For information call 301-474-8000.

## DONATION DROP-OFF

American Rescue Workers Saturday, May 11, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon  
Parking lot between City Office and Community Center  
City of Greenbelt Recycling Office:  
301-474-8308.

## ACE Presents Student Awards at City Council Meeting

On Monday, May 13, Greenbelt's Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) will present ACE Student awards to twelve outstanding students from the six ACE core schools - Greenbelt Elementary, Springhill Lake Elementary, Magnolia Elementary, Turning Point Academy, Greenbelt Middle and Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

There will be a reception starting at 7:30pm in the City Council chambers in the municipal building on 25 Crescent Road. At 8:00pm, as the first order of business for the City Council meeting, the students will be presented with awards and certificates from ACE, the City Council, the County Council, the Board of Education, the Maryland House of Delegates and the Maryland Senate. The reception and awards ceremony are open to the public.

For more information, contact: Susan Breon, ACE Chair, [sbreon99@verizon.net](mailto:sbreon99@verizon.net) or 301-220-1721

Rosalind Ceasar  
ACE City Liaison  
[rceasar@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:rceasar@greenbeltmd.gov)  
301-345-6660

## RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC

Saturday, May 11th from 10am-1pm.  
Greenbelt Community Center Lawn  
15 Crescent Road  
\$10.00 each vaccine, cash only, please have correct change.

## MISC. FUNDS continued from page 1

In the new fiscal year, Young expects to implement the Dorothy Sucher Memorial Internship program. To be funded by Joseph Sucher, a \$1,000 stipend will be awarded to a student at the college level or above to undertake work to further the mission of the museum. The late Dorothy Sucher was a noted citizen activist who promoted many cultural and arts programs and helped to found the Greenbelt Museum.

On May 26 the museum is sponsoring a vintage bicycle tour and picnic, the Roosevelt Ride, along with co-sponsors Maryland Milestones, Tea Pops and the Greenbelt Farmers Market. Participants are urged to wear vintage clothing as they tour the town. A bring-your-own-food picnic will then follow on the front lawn of the Community Center. Non-riders are also welcome at the picnic.

### Other Accounts

The mishmash of proposed expenditures (\$2.35 million) designated in two accounts, non-departmental and fund transfers constitute nearly 10 percent of the total budget. At the worksession, council quickly passed over these budgets.

Some of the more significant items in these budgets are:

**Reserve appropriation** (\$475,000) – of this, \$275,000 is for a 2 percent cost-of-living adjustment in employee pay; \$100,000 is for an organizational assessment “to determine if the city has the right number of employees,” to be paid for out of the city’s surplus resulting from not having filled job vacancies in prior years; \$50,000 is for costs associated with programming and staffing a part of the now-vacated former Greenbelt Middle School building, a matter still not resolved with the board of education; and \$50,000 is set aside for unforeseen expenditures.

**Transfer to Debt Service Fund** (\$300,000) – Added to an existing fund balance, this money will be used to pay off this year’s obligations of principal and interest on city bonded debt totaling \$317,200, a significant reduction from two years ago when the city refinanced its debt at a lower interest rate.

**Transfer to Capital Projects Fund** (\$450,000) – McLaughlin has increased this annual appropriation to a fund used to pay for various city capital projects by \$150,000 on the basis of receiving a one-time amount from state collected highway user revenues. However, McLaughlin told council that the sharing of these revenues with municipalities, once regularly transacted may be regularly repeated. The state had stopped this revenue sharing when it suffered a significant drop in revenues.

**Transfer to 2001 Bond Fund** (\$0) – This fund accounts for the proceeds of a \$3.5 million bond issue authorized in 2001. While the city was able to add another \$1.4 million in grants and other revenues to the bond money, it spent on the authorized projects over \$5.7 million for an \$867,000 overspend, primarily due to project cost overruns for the expansion of the Public Works Facility.

One project, the renovation of the Old Greenbelt Theatre, was not undertaken, however. Although the city has been awarded

\$380,000 in grants for the theater project, it will need to spend \$800,000 on the project at a minimum. While \$482,100 of city funds have been transferred into this account in this fiscal year, the fund will be in the hole by over \$800,000 if the theater project does go forward. With money so tight, however, McLaughlin did not propose transferring any more General Fund monies into this account.

Nevertheless, any deficit in this account offsets any undesignated and unreserved fund balance (surplus) in the General Fund, estimated to be about \$3,000,000, as the city has, in effect, borrowed money from itself to pay for the excess capital improvement costs.

### Other Budgets

**Grants and contributions:** Besides the Meals on Wheels grant, a \$1,000 grant is once again proposed for the Washington Ear, a metropolitan radio reading service for the sight impaired.

**Debt Service Fund:** The city has an outstanding debt as of this July 1 of \$3,460,114, well below the charter-permitted debt ceiling of four percent of assessed property value, \$71,800,000. To pay off debt principal, \$218,700 is budgeted and \$98,500 is budgeted to pay for interest costs.

**Replacement Fund:** General Fund contributions, of similar amounts are added to this fund each year and distributed among reserve accounts to replace various city equipment when needed, some of which can be costly. The proposed General Fund contribution this year is \$100,000.

Items to be purchased are a hybrid sedan for parking enforcement, a 3/4 ton diesel pick-up truck with snow plow, a sidewalk grinder, a salt spreader for mounting on a dump truck, a stump grinder and a front cut mower for Public Works, as well as circuit fitness training equipment for the Aquatic and Fitness Center. The stump grinder is a new piece of equipment to remove stumps left in part by Pepco’s tree clearance program at power lines.

**Special Projects Fund:** This fund accounts for specific expenditures directly related to special

restricted funding sources such as grants and the fees received from franchised cable television operators (Comcast and Verizon). The \$125,000 in franchise fees is to be used to support the city’s information technology program and audio/visual equipment. A \$52,500 federal grant is to be used to rent six vehicles for city participation in a drug task force.

**Agency Funds:** The city maintains a number of special use funds in which the expenditure of various contributions, usually from non-city sources, are accounted for. Two funds, the Good Samaritan and the Emergency Assistance, are to help persons and stranded travelers in need of one-time special assistance. Two others account for donations to the city’s Adopt-A-Tree and Adopt-A-Bench programs.

One fund accounts for confiscated property in drug evidence cases, with the money becoming available for police expenditures once released by the courts. The General Fund contributes \$88,000 annually to one fund to be used for the periodic replacement of costly fire vehicles owned by the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad. None, however, are to be replaced in the coming year.

### Capital Funds

Council quickly reviewed funds established to account for various city capital improvement undertakings. Except for the transfers of General Fund monies to these accounts, which funds are included as expenditures in various General Fund budget accounts, these fund budgets need not be adopted at the time of adoption of other budgets. Council plans to undertake a more detailed review of these accounts at a later worksession this summer.

Councilmember Konrad Herling noted, however, that the Capital Projects budget proposed \$4,000 for constructing one new bus shelter at an unidentified location and requested that funds for a second shelter be added to the council’s “wish list” of items to be considered later for budget addition if a majority of councilmembers approve.

### A Review

## Octava Quartet Is a Musical Delight at Community Church

by Bill Jones

Did you miss the Octava Piano Duo’s performance on April 14? If so, you are much the poorer for it. It was an always delightful, often incredible virtuoso display with two polished professionals at the same piano.

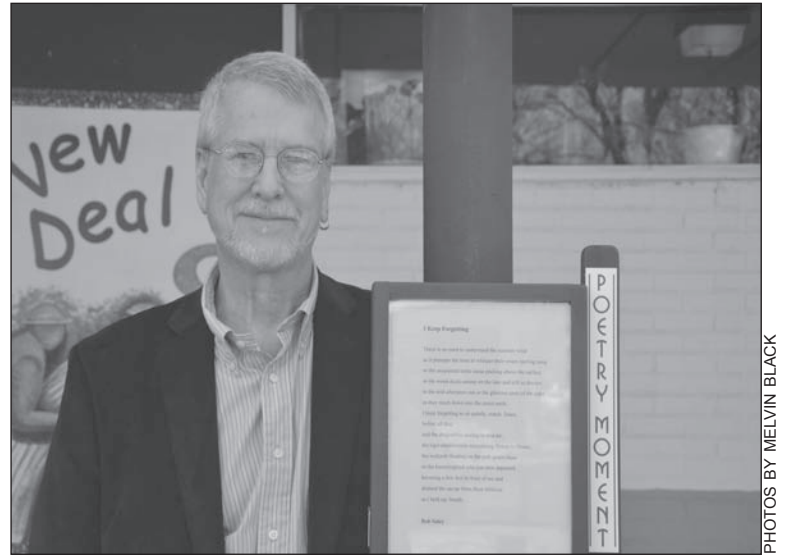
Actually, the first piece, by Brahms, was an organ-piano duet. But then came four pieces for piano four-hand: Mozart’s Sonata in C, the Saint-Saens Wedding Cake Caprice-Valse, Glinka’s Valse-Fantasia and Chopin’s variations on a national air. There was a 10-minute intermission in the middle of the 75-minute performance for those who needed to stretch their legs.

Wei-Der Huang and Hsien-Ann Meng both have doctorates

in piano performance from the University of Maryland and serve on the piano faculty at Howard Community College. They played with nary a misstep and their fingers at times blurred with the speed of their play.

Resounding applause and “bravos” erupted after every piece and a lengthy standing ovation was given at the end. Some comments overheard as the audience left were “amazing,” “stunning,” “superhuman” and “just perfect.” No admission was charged but free-will donations go to support the music fund at the church.

This piano duo will be back to the Greenbelt Community Church next spring; be sure not to miss them then.



PHOTOS BY MELVIN BLACK

Contest winner Rob Soley outside the New Deal by the newly-installed Poetry Box. He read his winning poem “I Keep Forgetting” at the New Deal Café reception after the unveiling.

## New Poetry Moment Box Installed Outside Café

by Barbara Simon

Sunday afternoon, April 7 some 30 poets and poetry lovers gathered for the installation of the Greenbelt Poetry Moment project at the New Deal Café. The permanent Poetry Moment box built by Steve Bernheisel is affixed to a pole outside the Café and displays the first winning Poetry Moment poem by Rob Soley, “I Keep Forgetting.” Passersby are invited to stop to read the poem, in perfect harmony with the current wonderful spring weather. Later, other poems will be used for the Poetry Moment box at Roosevelt Center.

Following the unveiling everyone assembled in the Café for a reception and Leeann Irwin, who headed the committee that organized the project, presented Soley, who read his winning poem. Barbara Simon, president of Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA), which sponsored the project, presented Soley a congratulatory citation from Greenbelt’s County Councilmember Ingrid Turner, who was instrumental in the FONDCA grant to fund the project.

Greenbelters present includ-



John Drago reads at the Poetry Moment reception at the New Deal Café.

ing Mayor Judith Davis and Councilmember Konrad Herling, read their own poems or poetry written by others. Refreshments provided by the Café were enjoyed as the crowd listened to acoustic guitar music by Matt Arbach.

Future plans for displaying poetry by other local poets in the Poetry Moment box will be announced later.

Barbara Simon is the president of FONDCA.

## All You Can Eat

11 May 2013

St. Hugh's Catholic Church  
Grenoble Hall  
135 Crescent Road

Food Served 6-9 p.m.  
Entertainment and Fun

\$25 Adults  
\$8 Children 7-12 years

## Shrimp Feast

Everyone Welcome

Steamed Shrimp  
Roast Beef

Hot Dogs  
Hush Puppies

Corn on the Cob  
Cole Slaw

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College. Mr. Love served as director of the Greenbelt Observatory. However, his best known activity with the group was probably his frequent attendance at star parties, where he provided patient explanations about the objects being observed to novices.

Mr. Love was an early member of the Peace and Justice Coalition, which in the 1980s grew from the Greenbelt Peace Committee. For many years he served as its treasurer. He inspired the group's Progressive Film Series which ran from 2004 to 2007. He helped create many a clever float for the Labor Day parade; among the most memorable, one bore a papier-mâché lemon representing some ill-advised Defense Department weapon and another a world globe pierced by daggers of wars.

Mr. Love's creative whimsical ways won the hearts of kids at Halloween. Before giving out treats to the children who came to his door, he asked them how they would vote in the upcoming election; the results of his poll then appeared in the following News Review. Children also got a chance to hear his ghost stories as they exited the Pumpkin Walk. He got adults to laugh, too. According to Councilmember Konrad Herling, Mr. Love used humor to score political points at Greenbelt City Council meetings. Mr. Love once performed a dramatic reading of Beowulf on two consecutive Sundays at the New Deal Café, wearing a medieval robe and switching hats on and off as he spoke the parts of various characters. He also played the lion in Shaw's Androcles and the Lion at the Greenbelt Arts Center in 1993 and Father Time at several New Year's Eve programs. The Greenman Art Show at the New Deal in May and June will be dedicated to Mr. Love's memory.

Mr. Love followed his mother Jane in becoming a member of the Atholton Seventh-day Adventist Church in Columbia in 1987, where he shared his love of camping, caving and astronomy with the Pathfinder club (a scouting organization for boys and girls) and anyone else

who was interested. He assisted with the cold weather shelter the church hosts annually one week during the winter, visiting local homeless shelters and nursing homes and frequently assisting with the "Adopt a Highway" program along Route 108. During the construction of an addition to the church school Doug could be seen wearing his pith helmet and assisting with whatever his assignment was.

Doug was ordained a deacon and fulfilled his responsibilities on a weekly basis. Known for his storytelling, Mr. Love often regaled young and old with caving and outdoor adventures. Music and drama were also areas he enjoyed. He sang and portrayed a variety of characters in skits and plays. He said the year he portrayed Aaron, the high priest, sprinkling blood on the curtain leading into the most holy place of the sanctuary was his favorite. Members of his weekly Bible study class will miss his historical comments. For at least the last 15 years, Mr. Love was known for his cider tasting table at the annual Fall Festival. His many talents, sense of humor and willing spirit will be sorely missed by the Atholton membership.

With such a ubiquitous presence over such a long period of time, it is difficult to imagine Greenbelt without Mr. Love. In November 2012, when he learned that he had brain and lung cancer, he decided it was time to die, which he did on April 28, 2013, at the Tate Hospice in Linthicum. He was 66 years old. He is survived by his cousin Roseerin Collins. For information about memorial services see <http://douglove.info>.

Anyone who would like to make a donation to help cover funeral expenses and later efforts in his memory for environmental causes, may make checks payable to CHEARS and designate them "Doug Love Memorial Legacy Project." As a nonprofit, CHEARS will provide receipts for tax purposes. For a receipt, include contact information. Mail donations to Margaret Cahalan, 4 Maplewood Court, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

— Compiled by  
Donna Hoffmeister

Helping Needful Is NAMI Topic

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) will present a free workshop on Thursday, May 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway, New Carrollton. This month's topic will be "Volunteers of America" presented by Victoria Karakcheyeva, program director, Mental Health Services, Volunteers of America (VOA).

Approximately 46.2 million Americans live in poverty and over 670,000 are homeless, NAMI reports. A significant number are persons with severe mental illness.

VOA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to feeding, sheltering and teaching in an effort to address these problems. Karakcheyeva will present an overview of VOA programs as they relate to serving clients with mental illness.

CPAE Read-in Book Festival

On Saturday, May 11 from 2 to 4 p.m. there will be a reading program co-sponsored by the United Methodist Church on Rhode Island Avenue, College Park Community Library, the Lions Club and College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE).

Family, friends and neighbors will gather under the shade trees on the grounds of the church to listen to children ages 6 to 12 read. Bring lawn chairs and blankets. Library-resident dogs Bella and Kirby will be on hand. Children are invited to dress as their favorite story book character and can help create a mural that will be hung in the library.

This is a free rain-or-shine event.



Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of former resident Denise Mary Bokar in Des Plaines, Ill., on April 30, 2013.

Congratulations to:

— Kelley Wallace, the daughter of Leonard Wallace of Greenbelt and Holley Tritipoe of Brookeville, who received the 2013 Award for Excellence from the National Society of Arts and Letters at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. Kelley is recognized for her dedication to her violin playing, as well as her work with the MCYO Philharmonic Orchestra and the Peabody Institute Pre-conservatory Violin Program. She is also president of Sherwood High School TRI-M Music Honor Society. She will perform in the upcoming national tribute to Sally Ride at the Kennedy Center Concert Hall on May 20.



— Marine Corps Pvt. Elan K. Spector, the son of Rene Spector and stepson of James Johnson of Greenbelt and a 2012 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS), who has graduated from recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

— ERHS students Gabrielle Benjamin, Trelian Lloyd, Teana Mitchell, Jordan Moses and their teacher Julian Lord, who received a Peace Study Center Award in the state National History Contest for their senior group exhibit "Armenian Genocide: How the Loss of 1.5 Million Led to the Modern Age of Mass Murder."

— Robert "Bobby" Rudd, who has graduated as a Dean's list student from St. Mary's College of Maryland with dual degrees in economics and public policy. He will pursue an MBA in the fall at Mt. St. Mary's University while serving as a graduate assistant in both the Leadership Development Program and the Athletic Development Department.

— the ERHS band program, which won top honors at the Worldstrides Heritage Music Festival in Orlando. Two bands participated; the Symphonic Band won a Silver 2nd Place and the Wind Ensemble a Gold first place. ERHS students Rachel Clune and Katie Skinner each won Maestro awards for their solos and the two bands, directed by Sally Wagner, won the Sweepstakes Trophy for the Best Instrumental Music Program at the festival.



PHOTO BY KALIL ZABIR

Greenbelter Maxine Smith, who turned 90 on May 6 and is a member of Mowatt United Methodist Church, and six other 90+ congregants of College Park United Methodist Church were honored at the two churches' annual joint Spring Fling dinner on April 20. Rev. Faye Lundin pastors both churches and they celebrate together, participating in each other's activities. The honorees, all remarkable individuals, are shown left to right: Elizabeth Hontz, Virginia Stanford, Margaret Skoog, Katherine Daughtery, Tom Worley and, looking off to the left at the end, Greenbelter Maxine Smith. Seventh honoree Minnie McGuiness is missing from the photo.

Happy 90th birthday to long-time Greenbelter Maxine Smith. A large gathering of family and friends celebrated at the Mowatt Memorial church on Saturday, May 4. Unfortunately, the guest of honor couldn't be present, having been hospitalized a few days earlier, but she insisted that the party continue without her. The group sang Happy Birthday to the "Queen of Spaghetti Dinners," as son Steve called her, by telephone. She's doing well and home now.

A big Happy Birthday also to John Henry Jones, 2012's Outstanding Citizen, who became 85 years young on May 6.

Elsie Forbes, recuperating from a fall several months ago, is at Patuxent River Nursing and Rehab Center and would love to hear from old friends. Letters can be addressed at her daughter's home in Lakewood or at the Center, 14200 Laurel Park Drive,

Laurel, MD 20707. To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at [news-review@verizon.net](mailto:news-review@verizon.net) or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

— Kathleen McFarland



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## Candidates for GHI Election May 16-17, 2013

The following GHI members have formally indicated their agreement to serve if elected and supplied the following biographical sketches for publication by the Nominations & Elections Committee's deadline of May 2. There is a possibility that additional candidates will have qualified for the ballot by the final May 6 deadline for petitions (after press time) but no additional candidates can be placed on the ballot after that time.

### Board of Directors 2-Year Term

(Vote for no more than five)

#### Chuck Hess

42 Court Ridge Road

Chuck Hess has lived in GHI for 30 years. He is a CPA with a Masters in Taxation from The American University in DC, specializing in Income Tax. He has been active in GHI, including serving on, among others, the Audit Committee and the Buildings, Finance, Investment, and the A&E Committees. He has chaired both the Finance, and Investment Committee.

He has served on the Board of Directors for twenty years, 8 of them as Treasurer. His knowledge and efforts in revising GHI's Investment Policy has earned millions in extra income over the prior practice.

He believes that GHI is among the best co-ops in the world, and that his experience and knowledge will help the co-op in maintaining the high standards for providing an honest, well-run, efficient and compassionate home for all its members. He looks forward to helping guide the Cooperative through the planned Upgrade.

#### Bill Jones

15 Court Ridge Road

I am a retired college math professor who has lived in GHI since 2004. I have been a member of GHI's Finance Committee and GHI's Investment Committee since 2006. I was elected to the Board of Directors in May of 2011, and I developed GHI's float entry in the 2012 Labor Day parade, a one-minute history play.

I am Treasurer of Streetlights of Bethany, helping Greenbelt's homeless (since 2008), chair of the New Deal Café Membership Committee (since 2006), and on the Board of the Coop Grocery (since 2012).

I was a volunteer income tax worker for the poor in DC (2007-2010) and a volunteer intake worker at Bread for the City in DC (2004-2011). I am a volunteer reading tutor at Greenbelt Elementary School, and I frequently volunteer for the Greenbelt Arts Center, including directing, box office, videorecording, props, and acting.

#### Aaron Marcavitch

13 Court Ridge Road

Aaron Marcavitch, executive director of Maryland Milestones/ATHA Inc. is an architecture, preservation, and history advocate working in preservation of recent past and roadside architecture. He and his family – Andrea, Beatrice,

Graham and Abbey the Lab – work to be part of Greenbelt's legacy by participating in the Greenbelt Nursery School, the Greenbelt Elementary PTA, and in a variety of community activities. Although only coop owners for a short period, they have lived in Greenbelt for almost two years. Aaron has a B.S. in Historic Preservation and a M.A. in Public History with over fifteen years of experience in historic preservation, architecture, community planning and development, and heritage tourism in Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire. He has successfully written and defended more than \$1 Million in grants and overseen budgets between \$250,000 and \$1.5 Million. He has been awarded the 40 Under 40 in Nantucket, MA and Prince George's County, MD.

#### Patricia Novinski

8 Court Laurel Hill Road

Patricia has served on the GHI Board for 5 years and is seeking election to an additional term.

Having purchased a GHI home in 2001, her committee participation commenced in 2002 and grew to include ARC, Yard Line, CAC and By-laws.

Patricia's professional experience as a social worker has been beneficial in these endeavors. The skills acquired from 16 years work in maximum-security prisons have not proven to be necessary.

Transformed by the opportunities and values offered by the GHI community, Patricia aspires to continue in a position which provides a voice for single, retired, one-bedroom frame owners and for all other GHI members as well.

#### Steve Skolnik

8 Court Ridge Road

- Moved to GHI in August 1977; purchased frame home on Plateau Place.
  - Moved to block home on Ridge Rd. in January, 1981
  - B.Sc., University of Waterloo, 1971 – Engineering and Physics
  - Master electrician and contractor with over 35-years construction trade experience (recently retired)
  - Serving as member of GHI Buildings Committee since 2008; involved in designing energy improvements Pilot Program
  - Serving as Chair, City of Greenbelt Board of Appeals for over 15 years
- Skills include:
- Understanding of commercial contracting process
  - Extensive experience managing large projects
  - Excellent communication skills

- Excellent personnel management skills
- Understanding of electrical power and distribution systems
- Special interest in alternative (solar) energy

### Audit Committee 1-Year Term

(Vote for no more than three)

#### Debbie Cooley

1 Court Plateau Place

I have served 4 terms on the Audit Committee, including this past year. The Audit Committee has taken concerns expressed by Members seriously and have followed up with information on those issues.

I have lived in Greenbelt all of my life and in GHI for the past 19 years. I hold an MBA in Accounting and am an Accountant for the US Senate Disbursing Office.

I am a member of the Companion Animal Committee, was part of the Bylaws Task Force in 2012, and worked for Greenbelt 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee. I have been Treasurer for J Davis' re-election campaign and was Treasurer of the Labor Day Festival during the 80s and 90s.

I want to continue to work to keep GHI a wonderful place by looking out for your interests as a member of the Audit Committee.

#### Ben Fischler

14-V-4 Ridge Road

I was born in Washington, D.C., and raised in Maryland. My work as an archeologist has taken me many places, but the Chesapeake watershed has remained my home. My family moved to GHI in 2011. I am a member of the Woodlands Committee and a friend of the Buildings Committee. I have served on the Audit Committee since May 2012.

#### Jonathan Gordy

2 Court Plateau Place

Jonathan Gordy is a 7-year resident of GHI with his wife Susan Stewart, and his son Nate. Jonathan is a lawyer, and he has been a licensed member of the Virginia bar since 2004. For the past 8 years he has worked for the Office of the General Counsel, USDA, as a litigator for various USDA programs. Jonathan's past employment includes legal intern with the Lutheran Office of Governmental Affairs in Washington, DC and law clerk for the Honorable Judge Carla Moore of Akron, Ohio. Jonathan has volunteered for several organizations in Greenbelt, including the Greenbelt Nursery School, Greenbelt Ele-

mentary School, and the Greenbelt Farmer's Market. Jonathan served on the Greenbelt Farmer's Market board from 2009-2012. When not working, or spending time with his family, Jonathan can be found at the clay studio in the Greenbelt Community Center making pottery.

### Nominations & Elections Committee

#### 1-Year Term

(Vote for no more than five)

#### Carol Griffith

55 Court Ridge Road

I grew up in College Park but spent many wonderful hours in Greenbelt. After living in several other parts of the country, in 2004 I came back to Greenbelt and purchased my GHI home in 2009.

My education is in nursing and I have a paralegal certificate. My experiences and education have given me skills in working with all people.

Shortly after moving in, I signed up to be the court liaison for 53 and 55 Courts of Ridge Road. In that role, I have met many residents and have resolved some common area situations.

I have volunteered for the Greenbelt News Review since 2005, and am also active in the Community Church.

I love living in Greenbelt and especially in GHI. I feel strongly that our way of life here should be sustained, and am willing to work towards that goal.

#### Henry Haslinger

4 Court Ridge Road

I am completing my second term on the Nominations and Elections Committee, serving as the Committee Chair during the current term. I have also been serving on GHI's Addition Maintenance Program Task Force since its formation in April of 2011. In May of 2009, I was elected to the GHI Audit Committee and served one term. At the city-wide level, I have been serving on the City of Greenbelt's Senior Citizens Advisory Committee since my 2004 appointment, and have served several one year terms as the Chair of the Committee. I have resided in what is now the GHI cooperative since I was born, and became a GHI member in 1974.

#### Mara Hemminger

33N Ridge Road

Mara Hemminger is a relatively new Greenbelter. She has lived here for 3 years, and enjoys being part of the community. She is an active volunteer at the Greenbelt Farmers Market, has established a Greenbelt volleyball Meetup

group, and occasionally helps with ad-hoc activities like Woodlands Committee clean-up days. She enjoyed serving on the N&E Committee last year, and is running again this year to help continue that Committee's good work.

#### Theresa Henderson

1 Court Laurel Hill Road

Theresa was born and raised in the Washington, D.C. area. She graduated from Duval High School in 1975, Frostburg State College (now University) in 1979 (B.A. Biology) and Virginia Tech in 1982 (M.S. Biochemistry and Nutrition). She has been working in the fields of Biochemistry, Chemistry, and Nutrition research since 1979 and is currently employed by the USDA Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center. She has been a resident of Greenbelt, in two different GHI homes, since 1983. She enjoys living on Laurel Hill Rd. with husband Steve and two adult (almost) children Maddy and Steven. Her volunteer work has included being a PTA president, Girl Scout Troop Leader and church board member. She is currently a Communications Committee member and clerk at Greenbelt Community Church, is President of the Greenbelt Tennis Association, and volunteers occasionally for the Hemophilia Association of the Capital Area and for Altrusa International of Montgomery County.

#### Kandis Wyatt

2 Court Southway Road

Dr. Kandis Wyatt is a wife, mother, and GHI resident since 2006.

Dr. Kandis Wyatt is an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the Graduate School of Management and Technology at UMUC (University of Maryland University College). In addition, she has 18 years of experience working throughout NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) in various scientific, administrative, technical, and managerial capacities. Her educational background includes degrees in Meteorology, Water Resources, Public Administration, and a Project Management Professional (PMP) certification.

Dr. Kandis Wyatt has experience working on nomination committees and election committees as a part of her volunteer work with several public service organizations. In addition, she currently serves on the GHI Member Outreach Committee (MOC). She hopes to use her education, experience, and energy to contribute to the character, camaraderie, and cohesiveness that GHI is known for.



# City to Buy Generator, Amends New Ethics Bill

by Kathleen Gallagher

A resolution introduced at the prior meeting was approved on a 6-1 vote at the April 22 meeting of the Greenbelt City Council to purchase a new emergency backup generator for the Municipal Building. Installed prior to 1980, the existing 12.5kW generator serves only emergency lighting and the fire alarm system in the building. Today the building serves as the information technology (IT) hub for the city, including servers that operate both computer and telephone systems throughout government buildings. The city's public access channels and emergency video system are also housed there.

The city had hoped to provide backup for all of those systems but found that it would be prohibitively expensive. At staff's recommendation, the council instead approved purchase of a 60kW generator that will power emergency lighting, alarms, essential IT systems and public access channels, as well as powering a few outlets for other possible uses. It will not power HVAC systems or the elevator in the Municipal Building. Instead of the \$90,000 budgeted, this generator will be purchased at a cost of \$48,916 with some additional city costs for site preparation. Councilmember Rodney Roberts voted against approving the purchase. He did not

deny the need for an upgrade but thought that the purchase should be deferred for a while given the city's budget situation.

An ordinance introduced at the prior meeting was adopted unanimously to amend the ethics article of the city code to permit the members of the Advisory Planning Board and the Board of Appeals to use the prior edition of the city's financial disclosure form rather than the substantially more detailed one developed in 2011 for use by elected officials, the city's Ethics Commission and certain employees. In what turned out to be an excess of compliance with new requirements of state law, the city had assigned the new form to more employees and volunteer appointees than necessary. This ordinance addressed that issue for the boards while continuing to require assistant directors to file the more detailed form.

Introduced for first reading was a resolution to purchase a new truck body and lift gate for a Department of Public Works 2001 Ford F550 truck that has a good engine and chassis but a badly rusted truck body. The lowest quote of \$15,431 by Intercon Truck in Joppa is recommended by staff. This resolution will return to the May 13 regular meeting for second reading and a motion to adopt.

## Meeting on Petition To Referendum

In response to the upcoming June 1 effective date for new Maryland legislation shifting control of the Prince George's Public Schools to the county and county executive, those who oppose the new law and specifics of that law are mobilizing a petition to get the issue on the ballot. Greenbelt School Board Member Peggy Higgins has announced she will host a local meeting on the law's impact.

On Tuesday, May 14 at 6:30 p.m. there will be a community meeting at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) to discuss speakers' concerns about the law's impact, the process taken in passing the bill and the possibilities for public input in putting the issue before voters on the ballot even at this late date.

Such a petition would require the signatures of 8,000 registered county voters by the end of May, with a total of 24,000 needed by the end of June to get on the ballot.

## World Bonsai Day Open House Set

On Saturday, May 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. the U.S. National Arboretum will mark annual World Bonsai Day at its National Bonsai & Penjing Museum. Featured will be demonstrations by Potomac Bonsai Association members at noon and 2 p.m., drawings for the demonstration trees, curator-led museum tours at 11 a.m., 1 and 2 p.m. and an exhibit about Saburo Kato, founder of the World Bonsai Friendship Federation. Admission and all events are free.

# Greenbelt Wii Bowling Team Competes at Regional Level



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Greenbelt's Wii bowling team regional tournament conference players the Lucky Charms includes Linda Rexon, Carolyn Kepler, Bernard Robbs (holding trophy) and Theresa Cyrus. Not pictured is team member Donna Mason.

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## Police Blotter

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### Robbery

April 28, 2:40 a.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road. Two men approached a person, displayed a handgun and demanded the person's property. No description of the robbers is available.

### Arrests

April 27, 1:50 a.m., Kenilworth Avenue at Greenbelt Road. A 34-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with motor vehicle theft and theft over \$1,000, among other charges, after being stopped in a 1999 Toyota Camry that had been reported stolen by Takoma Park police. He was transferred to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

### Burglary

April 28, 2:36 a.m., 9100 block Edmonston Terrace. Electronics were taken.

April 29, 6:00 block Lake Park Drive. An attempted burglary occurred.

### Vandalism

April 25, 10:38 p.m., 6700 block Village Park Drive. A sliding glass door was broken.

April 26, 5:25 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. A glass door was broken.

### Vehicle Crime

A red 1998 Dodge Stratus with Md. tags, was taken from Crescent Road at Gardenway.

A Dodge Stratus taken from the 9100 block Springhill Lane was recovered the next day by D.C. Metropolitan police. No arrests were made.

Thefts from autos were reported in the 9300 block Edmonston Road (wallet),

7500 block Greenway Center Drive (set of Md. tags), 8000 block Mandan Road (car radio), 7600 block Mandan Road (stereo system). An attempted theft from auto occurred in the 7500 block Greenbrook Drive.

### Vandalism

A car door was damaged in the 6600 block Lake Park Drive.

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city and Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 32 for FY14. City Manager Michael McLaughlin highlighted five areas of revision from prior CBAs. A cost-of-living increase of two percent is included. The number of awards of specialty pay for which an officer can qualify was raised from two to three. Specialty pay is reimbursement above salary to individuals assigned to certain additional job responsibilities. In addition, a cap of \$33,000 per year was set for the department.

Bereavement leave policy was expanded in the new agreement to align with that given to other city employees. The new CBA also defines the appropriate use of automatic vehicle locator technology in police vehicles, both by officers and by the department.

### Petitions and Requests

Two residents addressed council at the petitions and requests segment of the meeting. Saying she appreciated having the opportunity to address all of the city council directly, Sue Krofchik asked for assistance in expediting resolution of a matter that has gone on for years but that she discovered last July. Adults who volunteer or take part in programs in the Community Center have been barred from using the rest rooms during times when children attending camps or other such groups are using them.

Krofchik says she understands the need to keep children safe. The city established this policy because of illicit and immoral behavior by adults unknown to staff whose purpose for being in the Community Center is also unknown. She feels the city is not taking into consideration people with bladder or bowel problems or who for other medical reasons require quick access to a restroom. "Going up 23 stairs or 70 paces down the hall" to an elevator in order to reach the second floor bathroom will cause further problems for a person in

need. Second floor restrooms are also being used by children. She cited the example of a 90-year-old woman using a walker who was told she could not use the public bathroom on the first floor. Krofchik said that not only are many of the adults in the building well-known to the staff but all of the designated spaces for senior activities are in the same area as the restrooms they are told they cannot use. She said she had waited patiently since July for the city to clarify its policy and resolve this problem. The next camps begin in June.

Joe Murray presented a petition to run a community campfire ring and circle using several possible areas in the Northway Field area sometime over the next few months. He said about 10 nonprofit groups and other citizens are supporting the plan. Murray had been working with the former assistant director of the public works department to determine a location that could be safely used and asked to receive direction on how to proceed.

### Wine Sampling

The board of directors of the Greenbelt Farmers Market sent a letter to the city manager asking that the city permit the market to allow vendors of Maryland wines to offer samplings. In October 2011 the city council approved the sale of unopened bottles of Maryland wines at the market. Some members of council suggested they might be open to further consideration at a later time. Permitting samplings would require a revision to the city code, which prohibits use of alcohol or possession of open or partially consumed bottles of alcohol in parks, playgrounds or public parking areas of the city.

Joe Gareri, a former board member, expressed the market's ongoing wish to include Maryland wineries as an important part of local agriculture. He said that in the absence of an ability

to offer samples of their wares to encourage sales, only one winery had participated in the market last year although more had been interested before learning that sampling would not be allowed. In 2011 it was suggested that a public hearing would be an appropriate next step before the city council considered revising the code. After discussion of the state regulations and other considerations regarding wine sampling at farmers markets, the council voted unanimously to hold a public hearing at a future regular council meeting to assess community response.

### Park & Planning

The council considered a letter of response for the record on the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission's Formula 2040 Preliminary Master Plan (2040 MP) for parks, recreation and open spaces. When finalized and approved it will replace the master plan adopted in 1982.

The 2040 MP considers a broad range of issues and plans for parks and recreation for the county. Of particular concern to Greenbelt is a change away from the county's historical focus on having many small community centers serving localized populations toward developing eight large multi-use community centers located strategically throughout the county to serve multiple communities. Staff review of the plan suggested that the 2040 MP would result in significant expansion that could reduce levels of use of Greenbelt's facilities and programs. The council unanimously supported a letter detailing items of concern and asking for municipal involvement in decision-making processes. Councilmember Rodney Roberts also expressed concern about possible impacts of the change of approach on development process requirements in the future, which City Attorney Robert Manzi confirmed might occur eventually.

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## Silver Alert Brings Positive Outcome for Police, Residents

by Eileen Farnham

On Sunday afternoon May 5, the Greenbelt Police Department's use of a "silver alert" system to locate vulnerable adults got a workout, exposed selected residents to a potentially lost or injured person in the vicinity and showed how the system could work – with happy results for at least two Greenbelt residents.

Mid-afternoon brought an automated robocall from 866-419-5000 that showed "emergency" on caller ID screens and provided a thorough description, including how the vulnerable adult was dressed and precisely when and where she had last been seen. Residents were urged to be on the lookout as well as to check their and their neighbors' backyards, cars, etc.

A good and highly visible turnout in the general area of Ridge, Northway, Hillside and Plateau then resulted. The missing person was located and in addition, another injured person who'd fallen in her backyard was discovered and helped.

During the search one resident was covering pet duties for a neighbor whose home backed on the woods near where the missing person had last been seen. The resident walked down the rear of that woods-adjointing court to check for the missing person being sought by police. Instead, the searcher luckily found a new neighbor who had worked in her backyard clearing leaves and mud from a small pond and who had fallen hard on large rocks lining her woody pond. With her cell phone back in the house, half in-half out of the pond, she had just fallen and

thought she had likely broken a wrist. Having not yet pulled herself together to get up, she was sitting on the edge of the pond, soaked from the waist down on what was a cool and chilly late spring day.

Once out of the pond, she was able to call area friends and family. Happily the searcher, who was in the right place at the right time to rescue the newcomer, took her to an urgent care facility in Beltsville. Just an hour or so later, after she had been X-rayed, examined and diagnosed with a severe break in her arm that would need immediate surgery to insert a pin, and set up for follow-up care, she was on her way to connect with a different person who would drive her there to finalize the arrangements.

The injured woman was thus a beneficiary of the new Greenbelt silver alert system that all residents can be proud of. Luckily we can all share in the security of knowing that such a service is there for us and our loved ones, should we need it. The new neighbor who was injured is a high school teacher in Temple Hills who will be joining the Eleanor Roosevelt High School staff in the fall. She has seen firsthand what we in Greenbelt mean by "community" and how seriously we take that commitment – when she needed it most.

## Dems Club Meets with State Legislators Next Friday

Friday, May 17 at 7:30 p.m. Greenbelt's Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Democratic Club will meet at the Greenbriar Community Building to learn how the State Legislature took on and passed major bills regarding wind energy, transportation, the death penalty, gun violence, marriage equality, highway user funds and major changes to the structure and operation of the county's public school system. Speakers will be State Senator Paul Pinsky and Delegates Tawanna Gaines, Anne Healey and Alonzo Washington.

The delegation will also report on bills which did not pass such as the bottle-deposit bill and the plastic bag tax, as well as legislation which would have banned fracking for 18 months. Greenbelt's school board member Peggy Higgins will provide an update on the school superintendent search and the new makeup of the school board.

The club agenda has been a busy one – last month, in tandem with the Greater Bowie Democratic Club, was the first in a series of forums featuring prospective 2014 statewide candidates with the Lt. Governor Anthony Brown as the speaker. Stay tuned for announcements of future forums as they are scheduled.

In other club news, club members participated in the recent CROP Walk organized by Church



Bob Doyle, left, shakes hands with Lt. Gov. Anthony Brown.

World Service, which raises funds to end hunger. Lyn and Bob Doyle, co-chaired the Democratic Club efforts for this worthwhile endeavor that also includes numerous area religious groups including Greenbelt Community Church and Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church. Twenty-five percent of the funds raised from the walk stays in Prince George's County for local needs.

### June Events

The club's June calendar includes two social events. The first event is the Schrom Hills Park annual picnic on Saturday, June 8 from 4 to 7 p.m. There will be another trip for baseball fans to the Prince George's Stadium to see the Bowie Bay Sox game against the Altoona Curve on Friday, June 21.

For more information about Club activities and membership, call 301-220-1025.

## Bladensburg Battle Lecture on Tap

Due to major restoration at Montpelier Mansion, all spring lectures will take place at a community partner location. On Monday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m. "The Battle of Bladensburg" lecture will be held at the Maryland City, Russett Branch of the Anne Arundel County Public Library.

Mary Haley-Amen, creator of the historical exhibit at the new Battle of Bladensburg Visitors Center at Bladensburg Waterfront Park, will discuss the War of 1812 battle. It was a devastating American loss that allowed the British to reach Washington, D.C. Haley-Amen will highlight Prince George's County's involvement in the "forgotten war."

Light refreshments will be served. For more information call 301-377-7817, TTY 301-699-2544 or visit [www.pgparcs.com](http://www.pgparcs.com).



9<sup>th</sup> Annual Greenbelt Green Man Festival  
May 11 & 12,  
Roosevelt Center

## Firearm Turn-in Day To Be This Saturday

Saturday, May 11 will be the first annual statewide firearm turn-in event, which involves the Maryland State Police and Maryland Attorney General. The event will provide Marylanders an opportunity to voluntarily and safely dispose of unwanted firearms. Handguns, rifles and shotguns will be accepted for safe disposal.

No personal identification and no appointment are required. Anyone with a gun no longer wanted will be able to get rid of it safely, no questions asked. The nearest drop-off locations are the Maryland State Police Barracks at 10100 Rhode Island Avenue, College Park and the Forestville Barracks at 3500 Forestville Road, Forestville. Both locations will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on May 11.

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# Tenth Anniversary Greenbelt Forest Preserve Walk Explores Ecology

by Susan Barnett

The town of Greenbelt lies within the Anacostia River watershed. Three subwatersheds share the town boundaries – Indian Creek, Still Creek and Beaverdam Creek. Each of these subwatersheds has unique wonders and challenges. Indian Creek Watershed encompasses Buddy At-tick Lake; Still Creek Watershed encompasses Greenbelt Park; and Beaverdam Creek Watershed includes the Greenbelt Forest Preserve. Each has a watershed steward group to advocate for them: CCRIC (Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek), FoSCr (Friends of Still Creek) and BCWWG (Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group).

All of these stewardship groups find support in the non-profit Anacostia Watershed Society (AWS) whose mission is to protect and restore the Anacostia River and whose vision is to make the Anacostia River and its tributaries swimmable and fishable, including the above-named creeks.

Community involvement is critical to achieving this vision, and AWS seeks solutions through strong partnerships and coalitions with all parts of the community, government and other stakeholders. Central to their work is reaching out to, educating and engaging the next generation of decision-makers, our youth.

In keeping with its mission and vision, AWS partnered with the 10 Year Anniversary Celebration of the Greenbelt Forest Preserve to sponsor a Forest Ecology Walk on Saturday, March 16. The walk was led by Jorge Bogantes Montero, Natural Resources Specialist at AWS, and Jim Soulé, a tree expert who grew up in Greenbelt near the Forest Preserve. They were also joined by Jason Martin of AWS, a Greenbelt resident and native bee enthusiast.

Montero led a group of 27 woods enthusiasts into the preserve and began his ecological interpretation by pointing out that a part of the preserve is a pine barren, an ecosystem dominated by pines with some oaks mixed in. They are indicators of acidic and/or sandy soils. They are also mostly found in areas where wild fires are regular which makes them fairly rare in urban areas.

As the group meandered through the woods they heard from the different leaders. Soulé was able to identify wild azaleas (pinxtra bloom and swamp azalea) and wild blueberries and huckleberries, demonstrating the true diversity of the forest preserve.

Martin explained how the woods provide excellent habitat for pollinators, especially bees and butterflies. The native bees mostly live and lay their eggs in either small holes in trees left by beetle larvae or burrows in the dirt. Butterflies will lay their eggs on different tree leaves (some butterflies specialize in certain tree species and some are generalists) and the caterpillars will eat the leaves before turning into butterflies.



Participants in at March 16 Forest Preserve ecology walk. Pictured from left to right are: Allison and Liliane Bolten, Rodney Roberts, Amy Vandeboss, Yoni Siegel, Jason Martin (partially obscured), Ben Fischler, Bill Rich and Paul Downs.

Montero also discussed how the Greenbelt Forest Preserve contributes to the health of the Anacostia Watershed. Tributaries of Beaverdam Creek flow through this forest and Beaverdam Creek then feed into other tributaries of the Anacostia River. Through much of the Anacostia Watershed impervious surfaces create too much storm water runoff, erosion of creek beds and increased sediment and water temperature in the streams. Forested areas such as the 225-acre Greenbelt Forest Preserve, provide a filter for stormwater which slows the runoff, decreases the introduction of sediment and pollution into the stream and helps to reduce the water temperature. The Forest Preserve also provides a wildlife corridor.

A part of the Greenbelt Forest Preserve includes the Goddard Branch of Beaverdam Creek, which flows from eastern Greenbelt to the Forest Preserve. Montero indicated that this branch is less healthy than the other areas of the Beaverdam Creek watershed. This is due in part to the amount of paved and impervious surfaces located in and around the Goddard Branch before it reaches the forest. The Forest Preserve helps to partially offset some of the challenges presented by these impervious surfaces.

As the group wound its

way through the forest, Montero pointed out an unusual plant called Indian Pipe. At this time of year the plant is brown. However, Indian Pipe, also known as the Ghost Plant, is waxy white from June through September because it lacks chlorophyll. It can be seen near tree stumps and has drooping white flowers. Because it lacks chlorophyll it “borrows” nutrients from nearby decaying plant matter and the mycelia (root-like threads) of a fungus.

At the end of the hike, in the tradition of the Committee to Save the Green Belt, which worked for many years to prevent these woods from being developed, a small lunch was served to the hikers while they chatted about the walk. Documentary filmmaker Andy Zmidzinski interviewed hikers for a documentary which is being made about the effort to save the last of the green belt, now the Greenbelt Forest Preserve.

For more information about the 10 Year Anniversary celebration of the Greenbelt Forest Preserve, call Susan Barnett at 301-474-7465 or 301-272-5448 (cell), email [greenbeltforestpreserve@gmail.com](mailto:greenbeltforestpreserve@gmail.com) or visit [www.greenbeltforestpreserve.org](http://www.greenbeltforestpreserve.org).

For more information about the Anacostia Watershed Society, go to [www.anacostiaaws.org](http://www.anacostiaaws.org).

## Bird Walks Are At Patuxent Refuge

The Patuxent Refuge National Wildlife Visitor Center will offer bird walks on Wednesdays, May 15 and 29 from 8 to 10:30 a.m. Those age 16+ can search for birds in several refuge habitats on this guided hike. Field guides and binoculars are recommended.

Advance registration is required; call 301-497-5887. Special needs can be accommodated with advance notice. 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.

## Botanic Garden Marks Endangered Species

The United States Botanic Garden (USBG) hosts the endangered species coalition on Friday, May 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Endangered Species Day is an opportunity to learn about the importance of protecting endangered species and the everyday actions that can help conserve our nation's disappearing plant species. More than 20 booths will be backed by tours of the USBG's endangered species and native plant collections and by children's activities focusing on endangered plants and pollinators.

## Greenbelt Baseball

Major League Standings as of May 5

National League	W-L	American League	
		W-L	W-L
Cardinals	8-0	Tigers	4-4
Giants	7-1	Athletics	2-5
Cubs	6-1	Indians	2-5
Nationals	0-5	Orioles	0-7

Major League Schedule May 13 through 18

Date	Time	Games
Monday, May 13	6 p.m.	Tigers vs. Indians
Tuesday, May 14	6 p.m.	Cardinals vs. Cubs
Wed., May 15	6 p.m.	Orioles vs. Giants
Thursday, May 16	6 p.m.	Cardinals vs. Indians
Friday, May 17	6 p.m.	Giants vs. Tigers
*Friday, May 17	6 p.m.	Athletics vs. Orioles
Sat., May 18	10 a.m.	Nationals vs. Cubs
Sat., May 18	1 p.m.	Orioles vs. Athletics (make up game)

Most games are played at McDonald Field off Southway.

\*Game played at Braden #2.

## A Walk in the Woods

by Richard McMullin

A simple path leads me there again  
Where past days wonder once began  
The dew and green light greets me where  
The trees rise up to fill the air

I brush the bushes and trip on vines  
Until my eyes adjust to see the signs  
The rustic trail that's left behind  
From all that passed through here in time

The tender bits of light fall through  
The canopy of leaves old and new  
And along the worn trail I begin to see  
A world still dwarfed by legs of trees

Small ferns and tiny flowering plants  
Their petals in low breezes dance  
Attract the flying crawling sort  
Who in this small space do cavort

This quiet place is filled with life  
Without the big world fuss and strife  
The rabbit and the foxes run  
And a thousand birds hid from the sun

I walk alone on the forest trail  
And tell you all, the simple tale  
In hopes you soon will follow me  
For all the wonders you will see.

## GIVE BLOOD, GIVE LIFE

Monday, May 13, 1:30 to 7:30 p.m.,

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Tuesday, May 21, 1 to 7 p.m.,

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# ERHS Teacher Initiates Plan for Victory Garden

by Anne Gardner

History teacher Julian Lord first had the idea of a Victory Garden during Principal Reginald O'Neil's opening address to the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) staff at the beginning of this school year. O'Neil urged the staff to focus on healthier choices along with implementing the new Common Core Curriculum and the Framework for Teaching, a new system for assessing school progress and evaluating teachers. Lord saw a Victory Garden as a way to combine all of these elements.

Inspired by First Lady Michelle Obama's interest in healthy eating and school gardens, and also First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt's interest in Greenbelt, Lord felt that a Victory Garden would be "something that would bring together the staff, students and the wider community, benefiting everyone."

As a first step, he formed a planning committee, which included one teacher from every department in the school. He asked all teachers to submit lesson plans on how they could incorporate the garden in their lessons. These examples will go onto a web page along with a video to encourage teachers to experiment with lesson plans and to figure out how to use the garden in future years.

Lord hopes that the science department will be conducting experiments, that the art department will paint murals to decorate the garden and that the Latin department will label all the plants with their Latin and English names.

He looks forward to seeing students take the time to plant the seeds and watch the plants grow, a contrast to the pursuit of instant gratification with electronic media. He would like some candy and pizza fundraisers to be replaced by students selling

vegetables that they have grown in the garden.

Lord also hopes it will become a community-run garden, not only with staff, students and parents helping out but also with interested members of the wider community. He even suggested that families in nearby apartments might want to rent a family plot to grow vegetables and share the seeds. The garden will be located in the gated area near the cafeteria where there used to be a playground and will consist of several raised beds.

### Help Needed

To help fund the garden, the school received a grant of \$500 from Greenbelt's Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) and \$300 from the school's PTSA. Further donations of supplies will be needed, including seed, mulch and enough tools that a class of 35 could work on planting and harvesting. They also will need expertise. Lord hopes that members of the community who have the necessary skills and experience will step up to help. Lord can be emailed at [Julian.lord@pgcps.org](mailto:Julian.lord@pgcps.org).

A planning meeting will be held at the school on May 9 and the committee hopes to start constructing the garden that weekend. Lord hopes students will write letters to First Lady Michelle Obama, inviting her to come to the opening ceremony once the garden is built. He would like to dedicate the garden to her.

Lord feels that ERHS is "a good example of what America should be in terms of racial diversity, students trying hard and embracing technology." Through the collaboration of staff, students, parents and community members, Lord hopes this Victory Garden will result in "Everyone achieving their own victories through coming together."

## Upcoming Events at New Deal Café

On Thursday, May 9 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 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Friday, May 10 John Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano then Dragon Song offers collaborative world music and belly dancing until 11 p.m.

On Saturday, May 11 John Guernsey plays up-tempo jazz piano from 6 to 8 p.m., followed from 8 to 11 p.m. by headliners Stream & the Blue Dragons with flutes, drums of many kinds, Turkish lute, bass and digeridoos.

On Sunday, May 12 the weekly sign language brunch discussion is from 10:30 a.m. to noon. From 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., 14-year-old Jan Knutson plays jazz guitar. Ayreheart closes out the Green Man weekend with a magical blend of lute, fretless electric bass and a variety of percussion instruments from 5 to 8 p.m.

### Next Week

Tuesday, May 14 powerful singer/songwriter Bob Sima performs from 7 to 9 p.m. On Wednesday, May 15 the monthly

Pub Quiz will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Those present are invited to bring their own team or form one on the spot to test team knowledge of various topics. Thursday, May 16 pianist Amy C. Kraft plays midday melodies from noon to 2 p.m., followed by an open microphone session with Joe Harris from 7 to 9 p.m. On Friday, May 17 John Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then iL-YAIMY plays hyperspeed guitar from 8 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, May 18 begins with Bruce Kritter on classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. with John Guernsey performing up-tempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Bud Skeleton headlines with an eclectic mix of blues standards, Stones, Queen and more from 8 to 11 p.m. On Sunday, May 19 the weekly sign language brunch discussion is from 10:30 a.m. to noon, followed by The Not 2 Cool Jazz Trio from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The annual meeting for the New Deal cooperative will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. From 5 to 7 p.m. the Fez Tones Haffa provide live Middle Eastern music and dance, with musicians playing the oud, darbuka and riq.

## Beltsville Garden Club Last Spring Plant Sale

On Saturday, May 11 from 8 a.m. to noon, this year's final spring plant sale for the Beltsville Garden Club will take place. The sale is in the parking lot at High Point High School, 3601 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville.

The sale includes a variety of annuals, vegetables, herbs, houseplants, shrubs, perennials and trees. Plants grown in the Beltsville Garden Club greenhouse will also be available.

For more information call 301-937-3683 or visit their website at [www.beltsvillegardenclub.org](http://www.beltsvillegardenclub.org).

## WSSC Alert: Bogus Scam Phone Calls

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) is advising its customers that it is not affiliated with nor endorses any company advertising insurance for underground water main leaks on private property. WSSC has received calls and emails from customers in Prince George's county who have received advertisements for a service contract to provide coverage for breaks in external water lines on their property.

While it is true that WSSC also does not pay for underground leaks on private property, WSSC does not endorse any underground leak insurance program offered by any company.

## Seniors Offered "Superman" Movie

At 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 14 the Publick Playhouse in Cheverly presents another file in its Platinum series of movies for seniors, "Waiting for Superman." The Sundance Festival featured this documentary that puts a glaring light on the state of education today, following several bright kids through a discouraging system. There is a nominal fee.

## May 10 "Tell a Fib" Planetarium Program

On Friday, May 10 at 7 p.m. the Howard B. Owens Science Center at 9601 Greenbelt Road, Lanham, will host "To Tell a Fib" Planetarium Program for parents, students and community members. Don't tell a fib? That's right, do just the opposite, as per a mathematical structure known as the Fibonacci Sequence. Elizabeth Levin and planetarium staff will use the beauty of the night sky to inspire mathematical poetic writing. For more information visit the Science Center's website at [www1.pgcps.org/howardbowens/](http://www1.pgcps.org/howardbowens/), call 301-918-8750, or email Russell Waugh at [russell.waugh@pgcps.org](mailto:russell.waugh@pgcps.org) or Patty Seaton at [pxts13@yahoo.com](mailto:pxts13@yahoo.com).

## Historic Program At Riversdale

Rome at Riversdale will take place on Saturday, May 11 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Watch ancient battle reenactments with Legion XX, view a catapult demonstration, take part in children's activities, learn about Roman food at the capona, chat with re-enactors and more, all on the grounds of Riversdale House Museum. Inside, the historic house celebrates trends of the 19th century with an architecture scavenger hunt and tours. There is a nominal fee. For information call 301-864-0420; TTY 699-2544.

## Labor Day Festival

# Labor Day Festival Features Old Favorites and New Ideas

by Jon Gardner

The Labor Day Festival Committee will meet Tuesday, May 14 at the Greenbelt Community Center. The committee is already at work planning this year's Festival. There will be lots of old favorites as well as the continuation of several new programs introduced in the past couple of years. There are also some changes in the organizing committee. More volunteers are needed.

New last year was Greenbelt Rising Stars on the inside stage in the Community Center Gym on Sunday afternoon. Four high school rock bands played to large crowds who came inside to escape the heat and listen to the talented youngsters. This year, the Rising Stars will be combined with the traditional Talent Show and kids up to 17 years old will entertain the audience with a variety show of song, dance and instrumental music.

Courtney Ritz, who organizes the Rising Stars with her husband Scott said, "This year we hope to present a lineup that features youth from all sections of Greenbelt and highlights a wide range of talents."

Last year, Greenbelt's 75th Anniversary Committee organized a Retro Town Fair with judges awarding ribbons for jams, cakes and other homemade items. This popular event will repeat this year on Sunday afternoon, joining the Craft Fair in Roosevelt Center. The Craft Fair is growing, with five tables last year and more this year as crafters find out about the opportunity. The craft fair will repeat on Monday afternoon after the parade.

There are some changes in the Labor Day Committee structure this year. For many years, the sound system and festival logistics have been ably managed by Kenny Voigt. This year Voigt has decided to step down. Festival President Linda Ivy said, "Kenny has always been the backbone of the Festival, making sure that the sound, lights and power work throughout the weekend. He will be sorely missed." The committee has recently purchased a sound system and lined up an eager sound engineer.

### Pageant

Another change happened

last year when the Miss Greenbelt Pageant decided to set up its own nonprofit organization. Since the beginning of the Festival in the 1950s, the Pageant has been run by a subcommittee of the Festival Committee but in recent years it has outgrown that organizational structure.

The Pageant, which awards a scholarship to the winner, raises many thousands of dollars each year. The organizers of the Pageant wanted to be in control of their own fundraising, donations and bank account, without funneling everything through the Labor Day Committee. Forming an independent organization, which recently was granted 501(c)(3) nonprofit status by the IRS, allows the Pageant organizers to be independent.

Fans of the popular Pageant can rest assured that they will see the contestants take the stage Friday and Sunday evenings as in previous years.

### Meetings

The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center on the second Tuesday of May and June, the second and fourth Tuesday of July and weekly in August.

*Jon Gardner is a member of the Labor Day Festival Committee.*



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# City's Farmer's Market to Open This Sunday with Much Fanfare

by Cathie Meetre



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Mayor Judith Davis, Councilmembers Emmett Jordan and Konrad Herling (right) were among the well wishers who gathered to bid farewell to retiring librarian Ellen Utley.

## Greenbelt Librarian Ellen Utley Feted at Gala Farewell

by Altoria Bell Ross

Surrounded by flowers, friends and family, Greenbelt branch librarian Ellen Utley bid farewell to the community on her retirement on April 11 from council chambers. Mayor Judith Davis remarked at having been surprised at Utley's presence at city council meetings and at her appearance in the Labor Day parade but Davis presented these incidents as evidence of Utley's community involvement.

The mayor then proceeded to read proclamations from several areas where Utley has served, such as Greenbelt, New Carrollton and Prince George's County represented by County Councilmember Ingrid Turner. City council-

member Konrad Herling read the proclamation from the city of Glenarden.

Four of the seven librarians who had preceded Utley attended the ceremony – Harriet Ying, Mary Bauer, Honoré Francois and Doris Kirschbaum. Utley's son Robert, his wife Janet, their eight-month old twins Mason and Maya and Utley's 18-year-old daughter Layla Japa also were on hand to wish her well, as well as a roomful of patrons and library employees.

In retirement, Utley, whose favorite novel is Louisa May Alcott's *Little Women*, looks forward to using the library's facilities and doing more gardening.



Layla Japa, Ellen Utley, Janet Utley, Robert Utley (back row); Twins Mason and Maya (front row).

The City of Greenbelt has been blessed by community enthusiasm and involvement since its inception. The Greenbelt News Review itself was the brainchild of the young adults of the late thirties. The formation of GHI showed the spirit of the fifties' generation. So it has been with the Greenbelt Farmers Market. A New Millennium generation of Greenbelt volunteers – some the children of earlier volunteers – banded together in 2007 to create this new and vibrant tradition for Greenbelt, with the market's debut in 2008. Open on Sundays (except Labor Day weekend) between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and at one special pre-Christmas occasion, this year's market begins on Mothers' Day, May 12. It is located in the parking lot behind the city offices. The Wild Anacostias Band, which features Cajun, Zydeco and New Orleans parade music, will play for opening day from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

The market brings local farmers into a more direct relationship with consumers. It supports a mutually beneficial relationship that brings healthful fresh products to suburban families while supporting the local farmers and artisans who form the backbone of the agrarian community. It includes fresh fruit and vegetables, meat and poultry, smoked salmon, honey, cheese, eggs, flowers, gourds, prepared foods, baked goods and farm-based products such as oils and soaps. Vendors must be from within 100 miles of Greenbelt and produce what they sell or purchase ingredients from local growers. Market volunteers inspect vendor facilities to validate their claims. Each vendor pays a fee that covers most but not all market costs – the balance comes from donations and grants. Local performers provide music and entertainment and local organizations introduce their activities to Greenbelters. Going way beyond vegetables, the market is a vivid incarnation of Greenbelt's active artistic and social life.

Far from competing with Roosevelt Center's storefront businesses, the Farmer's Market is synergistic with them. The market increases the overall level of foot traffic in Roosevelt Center and businesses see an uptick in sales that directly correlates with market attendance. Shoppers buy produce at the Market, and then head to the Co-op for remaining needs. If crepes don't tickle their fancy for lunch, there's the New



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Market Master Nancy Solomon says bring a reusable bag to the 2013 Greenbelt Farmers' Market at the May 12 season opening in the municipal parking lot behind Roosevelt Center. Market hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Deal Café, Beijing and Generous Joe's to whet their appetites (Chef Lou is closed on Sundays). Everybody wins when more people come by.

Administering the market is the job of a dedicated volunteer board. They navigate many bureaucratic hurdles: permits, insurances, required training/certification, management of vendor attendance and fees. Market Master Nancy Solomon (pictured on this page) manages Sunday's operations, coordinating a dozen volunteers who staff the market every weekend, covering the information booth and setting out signs. The city is generous in its support with Public Works managing the parking lot, trash removal, storage and the letters and permissions needed to obtain county permits. Center businesses, especially the Co-op, pitch in to assist and the Greenbelt News Review helps spread the word. The Greenbelt Community Foundation generously provided a grant for permanent signage on Kenilworth Avenue, Greenbelt Road and within Old Greenbelt – expected soon. It takes a village . . .

The excellence of the products is, however, only part of the benefit of the Market. A less tangible but crucial result is related to Greenbelt's sense of community. The marketplace of earlier times has been replaced by self check-outs in stores with half a mile of antiseptic aisles and vast parking lots, diminishing

the opportunity to mingle with neighbors and eroding local ties. But the Greenbelt Farmers' Market is within a 10-minute walk of more than 2,000 homes and only a short drive for the remainder of Greenbelt and its neighboring communities.

The market re-establishes the ancient Greek agora in cameo form. Strolling past the apples, the fresh coffee, the flowers and the bakery, residents re-energize old friendships and meet new neighbors. Small children (attached firmly to the free balloons of the first market day) make wary acquaintance with unfamiliar vegetables. Families and friends meet for brunch over delicious fresh crepes or share an ice cream treat.

New vendors this year address Greenbelt's sweet tooth: Batty Batches, D.C. Pudd'n, Tiffany's Oven, Tasha's Cookies and Sweet Earth Essentials Aromatherapy join our Sunday team – and your old favorites are still in attendance.

For information about the market, to donate or to volunteer, visit [www.greenbeltfarmersmarket.org](http://www.greenbeltfarmersmarket.org) or email [info@greenbeltfarmersmarket.org](mailto:info@greenbeltfarmersmarket.org). Volunteer roles include market shifts, set-up and take-down, sign placement and help with administrative tasks. The market phone is 240-476-8769 but is only available during market hours.

Cathie Meetre is a board member of the Greenbelt Farmers Market.

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