

## Poured-in-Place Rubber Surface Gets City Nod for Playground

by Kathleen Gallagher

On a 5 to 2 vote following an hour-and-a-half discussion at their regular meeting July 8 council approved using a poured-in-place recycled rubber surface for the long-awaited new playground at Laurel Hill and Hillside Roads. This decision carries only limited implications for future playground work. City staff had also asked council for direction on how to proceed in the future with decisions on surfacing for playgrounds. On a 6 to 1 vote, council agreed to refer the subject to several of its advisory groups in order that the various options could be explored more comprehensively without further delaying the nearly completed new playground.

The poured-in-place surface might be called Plan C. Last fall, a project to replace two smaller playgrounds at 2 Laurel Hill Road and 12 Hillside Road with one larger playground located between the two was approved by both council and Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI). These playgrounds are on GHI property but are maintained by the city under a joint Playground

Use and Maintenance Agreement. Prior to approval of the merging of the playgrounds, the plan was reviewed and approved by a number of GHI committees and city advisory boards. In addition, GHI surveyed the residents of the Laurel Hill/Hillside area, who supported the plan.

The new playground was to include a rubber mulch surfacing (Plan A), which is in wide use and is the surface for a number of other city playgrounds. The rubber mulch that was put down by the city's vendor was the wrong color and was subsequently removed. While the city awaited delivery of the correct mulch, Theodora Scarato a resident of 2 Court Laurel Hill raised concerns about the safety of rubber mulch, which is manufactured from recycled tires and contains potentially harmful chemicals that off-gas and may also rub off. Given concerns about children's safety, the city council agreed to hear out the complaint before making a final decision on the surface. Scarato, strongly advocated for use of engineered wood mulch (Plan B) and consid-

ered any other options that meet safety requirements for protection against falls to be unsafe because of their chemical composition.

In response, council held a worksession on June 10 to air the matter and give residents an opportunity to speak (see the June 13 issue of this paper). Only one resident attended in addition to Scarato. In discussion that night with the representative of the city's playground vendor, as well as with Joe Doss, the city's supervisor for playgrounds and parks, the council shifted its focus away from mulch and toward a more solid or sealed rubber surface, which seemed to have the protective value of the rubber with less likelihood of being ingested or leaching out its components under ordinary use. At the end of the worksession, an informal count by Mayor Judith Davis suggested that a majority of members favored a poured-in-place surface, which the city had used on several of its playgrounds, or another solid rubber in the shape of tiles. A third

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## Greenbelt to Invalidate 664 School Zone Speed Citations

by Kathleen Gallagher

It all started during a Washington County court hearing in mid-May, when a judge discovered that a radar unit being used to enforce the speed limit in a school zone in Hagerstown had been used on the street for a month beyond its state-mandated annual independent calibration date. While there was no evidence that the radar unit was not correctly calibrated, the expiration of its certification date resulted in the voiding of any citations issued from that unit and the issuing of refunds to the motorists who had paid fines.

Fast forward to Greenbelt. Like Hagerstown, Greenbelt contracts with Brekford Corporation of Hanover, Md., as the vendor to implement the school-zone speed camera program the city started last fall. The city council approved a three-year contract with Brekford in April 2012. Eric Weisz, a program manager for Brekford, notified the Greenbelt Police Department in late May that their subsequent investigation of all their certifications had revealed that other jurisdictions were similarly affected.

Two of Greenbelt's five mobile speed cameras had also been in operation for a month beyond the date when Brekford was required by the state to have a third-party calibration performed. In Greenbelt's case, Weisz believed it was because there had been a delay in launching the city's program and two of the five cameras had not been recalibrated to begin with a 12-month period when they went into use.

Representatives from the Greenbelt Police Department and from Brekford Corporation, including Weisz, appeared at the July 8 regular council meeting to explain and answer questions.

Captain Carl Schinner and MPO Jonathan Lowndes were representing the police department. Lowndes administers the program on a day-to-day basis. He assured the council that the department's procedure of calibrating the units at the beginning and the end of the day is rigorously followed and that no discrepancies in the calibrations had been observed. He added

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## District IV Seniors Are Honored By Councilmember Ingrid Turner

by Marat Moore

More than 200 seniors in Prince George's County attended the District 4 Senior Appreciation Luncheon hosted by County Councilmember Ingrid M. Turner on June 30 in partnership with area organizations and businesses. The luncheon was held at the Newton White Mansion and featured live music.

Turner's co-sponsors for the event were In Reach, Inc., Foundation for the Advancement of Music & Education, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and Safeway.

"It was a great event," said Greenbelter Sylvia Lewis, who attended the luncheon and gave the opening blessing. This year Turner invited all her senior constituents to one event rather than holding separate events in different sections of her district. Buses were provided to bring people from various areas.

Now in its fourth year, the luncheon recognized older county residents for their contributions and community service. Turner updated the group on the 2014 county budget also introducing

Lt. Governor Anthony Brown, a special guest.

Other special guests were state Senator Douglas J.J. Peters and Bowie City Mayor Pro Tem Diane Polanagin. Residents from Bowie, Greenbelt, Lanham and Glenn Dale attended the event.

"The food and entertainment were very high quality," Lewis said. "The musical group, 'The Element of Surprise,' wore tuxes and harmoniously sang songs from an era that most of us who were present could appreciate."

In a release issued after the event, Turner said, "I am always honored to bring the seniors throughout District 4 together. I hope this luncheon gave them the opportunity to ask questions, get important information, be together in fellowship and enjoy the food and entertainment."



**County Councilmember Ingrid Turner poses with Greenbelter Sylvia Lewis who gave the invocation at the luncheon.**

**What Goes On**  
**Monday, July 15**  
**8 p.m., City Council Meeting, Municipal Building**  
**Wednesday, July 17**  
**8 p.m., Council Worksession with Greenbelt Access Television (GATE), Community Center**

## Remembering Emory Harman 2003 Outstanding Citizen

by James Giese

For many years Emory Harman went to church early Sunday morning. There he took the several pages of printed material prepared by the church secretary and others, organized, collated, folded, stacked them and left the weekly church bulletin in the narthex ready for Sunday's ushers to hand out to arriving church goers.

On spring weekends in past years, shoppers at the Co-op food store would find Harman sitting outside the store, often by himself, seeking donations for the Greenbelt Lions Club White Cane drive raising funds to help the vision-impaired. At other times, Harman might be traveling from store to store throughout the city checking donation boxes placed by the Lions Club to receive old glasses and frames, also to help those with vision problems.

Or he might have been found driving elderly residents from Green Ridge House to the store and back home or driving an elderly member to church.

As the Christmas holiday season approached, many events were held within the city at which Santa Claus made an appearance, greeting children and adults alike with a hearty "Ho, ho, ho." Quite often the man behind the beard in the red suit



**Emory Harman**

was Harman.

This unobtrusive, unpublicized giving of time and energy for benefit of the community was an important reason for the Greenbelt Outstanding Citizen Committee in 2003 to name Harman Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen.

### Other Activities

Many Greenbelters' lives were touched by something he had done for them. If he saw a need to be done, he did it — often quietly. For these reasons, Harman also became one of the city's

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## Letters

### Kudos to City

Walking the Lake path at 7 a.m. on July 5, I encountered trash . . . a discarded food wrapper. At my feet. On the path. And then: nothing.

Congratulations to the city crew who apparently started clean-up in the fading light of the last firecrackers!

Patricia Novinski

### City Asked to Fund Digital Conversion

In June the Greenbelt Community Development Corporation (GCDC) learned from the city's Planning Department that the Phase 1 renovation plans for the Old Greenbelt Theatre soon to begin will not include installing a digital projector. We understand that there are practical reasons and time restraints that make this not possible. All of us know, however, that this is a critical issue if the movie theater is to be able to continue operating: within months, only digitally-produced movies will be released.

Therefore, we petition the City Council for a new project for the theater to consist of renovating the projection room and installing a digital projector and a reel-to-reel projection system. The GCDC is resolved to assist the city in this project. We are also moving ahead with a committee to develop community and art film programming for the future. We therefore further petition the City Council to direct the Planning Department to work closely with us as we seek grants and donations, volunteer experience and labor to help defray the costs associated with this project.

We look forward to working with the city and the whole community in creating a unique center for film in our county at the historic Old Greenbelt Theatre in Roosevelt Center.

Barbara Simon

President

Greenbelt Community Development Corporation

### Reel & Meal Topic Is Slavery Now

The next film and talk in the Reel and Meal at the New Deal Café free monthly film series, to be held on Monday, July 15 at 7 p.m. will screen "FLESH: Bought and Sold in the U.S."

This month's film is a documentary calling into question the definitions of slavery, human trafficking and prostitution in the United States. It is a story told by girls who have escaped and by those who are still enslaved, former and current pimps and the abolitionists of today including numerous directors of nonprofit organizations, a former U.S. ambassador, the Los Angeles city Task Force on Human Trafficking and LAPD Vice. Whether it is called human trafficking, bonded labor, forced labor or sex trafficking this tragedy occurs in the U.S. and increasingly in local communities not unlike Greenbelt.

The film goes behind the scenes of the third largest criminal industry that preys on girls whose average age of entry is 12 to 14. Screened interviews give voice to those engaged in the business of prostitution and to those seeking to end it – together they render startling perspectives on what drives trafficking in this country – it does not stop with divulging its existence but also delves into causes.

Facilitators who will discuss the film afterward include Jeanne Allert, founder and director of The Samaritan Women; Kathryn Maslanka, development associate at the Polaris Project; Greenbelt police supervisor Robert Lauer, Homeland Security Coordinator for the city; and Glenda Bullock-Willis, crisis counselor at Greenbelt CARES.

Reel & Meal programs are sponsored by three Greenbelt affinity groups – Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group, Green Vegan Networking and Prince George's County Peace and Justice Coalition, with Greenbelt CARES as an added special co-sponsor this month.

For more information email smiddle@me.com.

### Greenbelt Foundation Awards Ceremony

On Sunday, July 21 at 2 p.m. the Greenbelt Community Foundation (GCF) will announce the recipients of its latest grant cycle at an award ceremony in the Theater Rehearsal Room 202 at the Community Center. Three local groups will be receiving support for programs and activities which benefit the Greenbelt community, continuing the vision of the city's founders.

GCF awards grants twice a year to fund projects in the arts, education, environmental preservation and community enhancement. Since its beginning in 2007, GCF has given out over \$113,000 to a wide variety of groups including alight dance theater, Springhill Lake PTA, the Greenbelt Museum and CHEARS.

The award ceremony is free; all are invited. For more information visit the GCF website at greenbeltfoundation.net or call 301-982-8993.

### Summer Tempest Strikes County

Prince George's Summer Shakespeare Festival will offer Shakespeare's "The Tempest" as part of Shakespeare in the Park's 2013 season. The bard's final play – a tale of a magical, lonely island and those stranded there – will have five family-friendly performances held under the stars throughout Prince George's County:

Wednesday, July 17 at 7 p.m. at Fairwood Community Park, 12390 Annapolis Road, Bowie.

Thursday, July 18 at 7 p.m. at Watkins Regional Park, 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro.

Friday, July 19 at 7 p.m. at Montpelier Mansion/Historic Site Grounds (sign interpreted), 9652 Muirkirk Road, Laurel.

Saturday, July 20 at 7 p.m. at Hillcrest Heights Community Center, 2300 Oxon Run Drive, Temple Hills.

Sunday, July 21 at 2 p.m. at the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts, 15200 Annapolis Road Bowie.

For details or to learn of rain locations call staff at 301-446-3232; TTY 301-446-6802.

### Grin Belt



"Seriously, if we collect all these beach rocks we could potentially mine dinosaur goo."

### Blast-in-the Past Kids' Program at Montpelier

Starting Wednesday, July 17 the Montpelier Mansion grounds will be transformed into a history playground where children can pretend they are farmers, milliners, carpenters and other 18th century Maryland workers. The Blast-in-the-Past program will be available Wednesday through Saturday, July 17 through August

10 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. No reservations are required but there is a nominal fee per Montgomery and Prince George's County resident, with an increased fee for nonresidents.

Visit [www.pgparcs.com](http://www.pgparcs.com) for more information about this year's storytime schedule for children from 3 to 6.

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### OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF JULY 12

#### Unfinished Song

(PG-13)

#### FRIDAY

\*5:15, 7:30, 9:30

#### SATURDAY

\*3, \*5:15, 7:30, 9:30

#### SUNDAY

\*3, \*5:15, 7:30

#### MONDAY - THURSDAY

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# Community Events

## Toastmasters to Meet On Wed., July 17

The next meeting of the Greenbelt Toastmasters will be on Wednesday, July 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Toastmasters Club in the Social Hall of Greenbelt Community Church at Hillside and Crescent Roads. The Social Hall is at the rear of the church on the lower level of the main building.

Toastmasters offers professionals, students, stay-at-home parents and retirees a supportive environment to improve skills in communication and leadership. Members learn to lose the fear of public speaking, become better listeners and build skills for success.

Visitors are welcome at Toastmasters meetings, which are held every two weeks. Information on the Greenbelt club is available at [www.meetup.com/Greenbelt-Toastmasters](http://www.meetup.com/Greenbelt-Toastmasters) and Toastmasters International at [www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org).

## GreenBeLT Pride Game Night Held

GreenBeLT Pride will hold a monthly summer game night on Friday, July 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. Game nights are held outdoors on the second Friday of each month at Roosevelt Center. (In case of inclement weather, meet inside the New Deal Café.) This family-friendly event is open to all.

## Evening Bat Search At Northway Sat.

On Saturday, July 13 from 8:45 to 9:30 p.m. there will be a walk and bat search sponsored by the 10-Year Anniversary Committee of the Greenbelt Forest Preserve.

Learn bat facts, look for bats and listen for their echolocation calls at Northway Fields (Northway extended). Meet in the field on the right when approaching the end of Northway.

Lutz Rastaetter, a space weather scientist at NASA, with a special interest in frogs and bats will lead the walk. Rastaetter has been active with the Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek and other watershed protection efforts for more than 10 years.

Light snacks will be served following the walk. Dress for possible mud, ticks and mosquitos. The program will be canceled if it rains.

For more information email [greenbeltforestpreserve@gmail.com](mailto:greenbeltforestpreserve@gmail.com) or call 301-474-7465, 301-272-5448 or 301-281-1106.



## 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 July 15 through 19 are:

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

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

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

Thursday – Cranberry juice, pork roast with gravy, whipped potatoes, spinach, fresh orange.

Friday – Pineapple juice, creamy tomato basil soup, sliced roast beef and swiss cheese, mixed green salad, seasonal fruit.

## GHI Notes

Thursday, July 11, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting – Board Room.

Monday, July 15, 7 p.m., Member Outreach Committee Meeting – Board Room

Tuesday, July 16, 8:30 a.m., Yard Line Committee Meeting – GHI Library

7:30 p.m., Executive Session of the Board – Board Room

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

Wednesday, July 17, 7 p.m., Woodlands Committee Meeting – Board Room

Thursday, July 18, 7 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting – Board Room

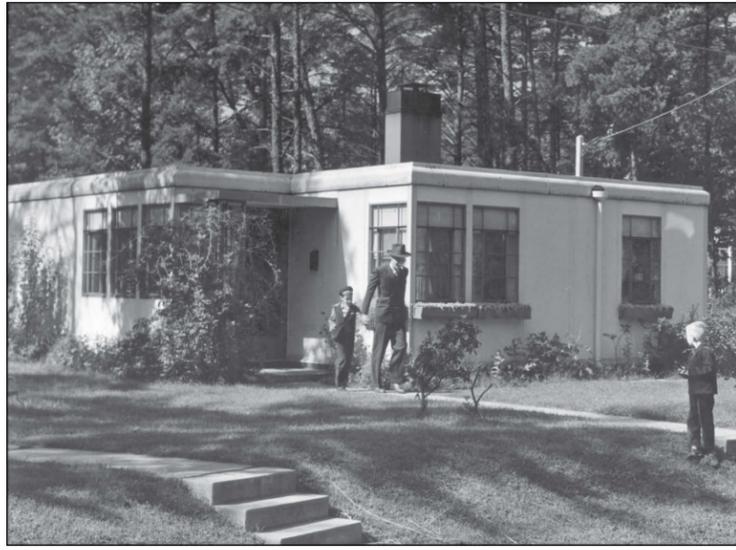
Friday, July 19, Office Closed. For emergency maintenance call 301-474-6011.

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

## Join the Cajun Jam At New Deal Café

On Wednesday, July 21 a free Cajun Jam will be held at the New Deal Café from 7 to 9:30 p.m. for dancers, musicians and listeners. Beginners are welcome. For more information visit [www.newdealcafe.com](http://www.newdealcafe.com).

*More Community Events can be found throughout the paper.*



A 1937 photo of one of the Parkbelt homes from the Greenbelt Museum collection.

## Museum Lecture Topic Is on Parkbelt Prefabs

On Tuesday, July 16 at 7:30 p.m. Greenbelt Museum 2013 lecture series offers a talk on "Parkbelt: Greenbelt's Modern Prefabricated Homes" by Stephen Oetken. It will be held in Room 201 of the Greenbelt Community Center.

A Greenbelt resident, Oetken obtained his a master's degree in historic preservation from the University of Maryland. He will trace the Parkbelt houses from a socialist vision to prefab reality. He will explain why the 10 prefabricated, steel-framed single-family homes in Greenbelt – the remnants of an experiment by Howard Fisher and the federal government to develop modern housing with new building materials in a cooperative – did not come to fruition.

Oetken became interested in the Parkbelt homes for a variety of reasons, especially in the government-planned community of Greenbelt – it is a dramatic story, starting in Chicago at the 1933 World's Fair and ending in federal court litigation following criticism of the role of the federal government in the housing business. The Parkbelt homes are an important part of the enduring legacy of planned community living in Greenbelt.

Oetken's academic focus was French and Indian War battlefields and he has enthusiasm for several research projects of aspects of Greenbelt social and built history. He currently works in the president's office at the university, has been a museum docent since 1999, was president of the board of Friends of the Greenbelt Museum and conducts walking tours of the city.

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**AUDITIONS FOR AVENUE Q**

Auditions for **Avenue Q** will be held at the Arts Center on Sunday, July 14, and Monday, July 15, at 7:00, with callbacks (if needed) on Tuesday, July 16.

Please prepare a song (preferably from a recent musical). Bring sheet music, a pianist will be available.

Auditions will also consist of readings from the script with puppets, and a brief dance routine.

Performances run October 4 through 26. All roles are open and unpaid.

*Coming Soon: August 16 - 31 – 'Tis Pity She's a Whore*

**Looking for young talent to perform at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Rising Stars/Talent Show**

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

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**WEEK OF JULY 12**

**FRIDAY – MONDAY**

Monsters University in 2D, G  
11:30, 2:05, 4:35, 7:20  
The Heat, R  
10:05, 4:10  
Let Me Explain, R (!)  
11:10, 1:15, 3:20, 5:35, 7:30, 9:50  
Despicable Me 2 in 2D, G (!)  
11:20, 1:30, 4:25, 6:50  
Despicable Me 2 in 3D, G (!)  
1:55, 9:20  
Grown Ups 2, PG-13 (!)  
11:50, 2:15, 4:40, 7:15, 9:40  
Pacific Rim in 2D, PG-13 (!)  
11, 1:45, 7:30  
Pacific Rim in 3D, PG-13 (!)  
4:35, 10:20  
White House Down, PG-13  
11:55, 6:45, 9:40  
The Lone Ranger, PG-13  
11:40, 3:40, 7, 10:10  
World War Z, R  
11, 4:15, 7, 9:45

**TUESDAY**

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The Heat, R  
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Let Me Explain, R (!)  
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The Lone Ranger, PG-13  
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World War Z, R  
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**WEDNESDAY**

White House Down, PG-13  
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The Heat, R  
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Turbo in 2D, PG (!)  
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Turbo in 3D, PG (!)  
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Let Me Explain, R (!)  
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Despicable Me 2 in 2D, G (!)  
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Grown Ups 2, PG-13  
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The Lone Ranger, PG-13  
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World War Z, R  
11, 4:15, 7, 9:45

**THURSDAY**

White House Down, PG-13  
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The Heat, R  
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The Conjuring, R  
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Turbo in 2D, PG (!)  
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Turbo in 3D, PG (!)  
4:40, 9:30  
Let Me Explain, R (!)  
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Despicable Me 2 in 3D, G (!)  
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Grown Ups 2, PG-13  
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The Lone Ranger, PG-13  
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World War Z, R  
11, 4:15  
Red 2, PG-13  
7, 9:45

# Obituaries

## James R. McGann

Former resident James (Jim) R. McGann, 83, of Lanham died at Doctors Hospital on May 19, 2013, of a heart attack, said his brother, William (Bill) E. McGann.

Mr. McGann was well known for his participation in senior softball and as a longtime treasurer at Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church.

He was born on January 10, 1930, in Lonaconing, Md., near Cumberland. His family home was in nearby Gilmore where he learned to read and write in a two-room school. In 1948 he graduated from Central High School in Allegany County with a class of 70 students. He was active in his high school alumni association, last attending the 65th reunion.

Mr. McGann went to Frostburg State Teacher's College for two years and then served two years and nine months in the U.S. Air Force. He flew 26 missions as gunner in the Korean War. On his return he completed college earning a bachelor's degree in education from Frostburg and then a master's from the University of Maryland.

In 1955, Mr. McGann moved to Prince George's County, where he had a full career teaching mathematics. He worked with students at several schools including Hyattsville Junior High and Bladensburg High schools. From 1982 to 1994 he lived on Hanover Parkway in Greenbelt.

He enjoyed playing baseball in high school and college and played shortstop and third base in the senior 60-and-up softball league in Greenbelt and Bowie. His team of players over 70 won a tournament in West Virginia.

Mr. McGann also held a Gold Life Master ranking in bridge and was no stranger at the bowling lanes. He was often seen walking with his beloved Jackie. Jackie, an almost all-white Jack Russell Terrier is believed by many who knew Mr. McGann to be the nicest dog on the planet.

He is survived by many nieces and nephews and his brother Bill, with whom he shared a house in Lanham for many years.



## Patuxent Examines Maryland Mammals

Saturday, July 13 from 9 to 10 a.m. all ages are invited to hike through Patuxent Visitors Center ponds, rivers and woodlands in search of mammals. A park ranger will lead and help hikers identify mammals' seasonal adaptations. Registration is required; call 301-497-5887. The Center is on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 197.

## Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

On Thursday, July 11 pianist Amy C. Kraft plays midday melodies from noon to 2 p.m. In the evening James and Martha lead an open microphone session from 7 to 9 p.m.

Friday, July 12 John Guernsey will play classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., followed by Kevin Robinson and KERQ with electric guitar and bluesy rock from 8 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, July 13 John Guernsey plays up-tempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., with Little Red and the Renegades headlining with zydeco, funk, blues and Cajun from 8 to 11 p.m.

Sunday, July 14 the weekly deaf brunch discussion is held from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The 50s and 60s tribute band Luisa and the Reverbs will perform from 5 to 8 p.m.

### Next Week

The documentary "FLESH" will screen at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 15 for the Reel & Meal at the New Deal film. It tells the story of young women who have escaped slavery in the US and those still enslaved. There is an optional vegan buffet available for purchase at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 16 is the monthly Poetry Night open microphone session from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, July 17 the Pub Quiz will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. - bring a team or form one on the spot to compete in testing teams' knowledge on various topics. Thursday, July 18 pianist Amy C. Kraft plays midday melodies from noon to 1 p.m., with an open microphone session hosted by Joe Harris in the evening from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, July 19 John Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., followed from 8 to 11 p.m. by Marv Ashby & High Octane showcasing traditional and contemporary bluegrass.

Saturday, July 20 Bruce Kritt plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m., then John Guernsey plays up-tempo jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. From 8 to 11 p.m. Kiva returns with acoustic world music for the spirit. On Sunday, July 21 the weekly deaf brunch discussion is held from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The Not 2 Cool Jazz Trio plays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., followed by the monthly kids' open microphone session for the entire family. From 5 to 7 p.m. Fez Tones Hafla offers live Middle Eastern music and dance to enliven the back room, with musicians playing the oud, darbuka and riq.



Condolences to friends and acquaintances of former Greenbelt Jim McGann, who was living nearby in Lanham with his brother Bill when he died on May 19, 2013.

### Congratulations to:

- the Greenbelt Swim team, which won its meet the Fourth of July weekend at Westlake Village.

- and happy retirement to Tom Fink, longtime senior exercise instructor at the Community Center. A Greenbelt boy, Tom grew up in 20 Court of Ridge Road before embarking on his career of more than 30 years in physical education and recreation. His co-worker in the SAGE classes, Nancy Shaffer, hosted a good-by party at her home on June 27, attended by many of the seniors from his class who will miss his jokes and trivia questions and wish him good luck and happiness in his retirement.

- Martha Heil and James Riordon of Woodland Way, longtime New Deal Café open microphone session hosts, who welcomed new daughter Nicole into the world at 12:30 a.m. on July 5. Nicole arrived at 6 lbs., 9 oz. and 20" inches.

Greenbelt native Lori McKinney Wyant reports from Florida that she will be in town for a short time starting this week and would like to re-connect with old friends. She can be reached at 772-985-5816.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We'd especially like to hear more from neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Franklin Park). To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at news-review@verizon.net or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

- Kathleen McFarland

## Tour in the Garden Of Good and Evil

There will be a free walking tour of the U.S. Botanic Gardens on Tuesday, July 16 from noon to 1 p.m. with biochemist Beth Burrous, who will talk about famous, interesting and sometimes fatal cases of poisoning by plants as well as plants used to make life-saving medicines.

Participants will learn that many important medicines are derived from plants but reflect that too much of a good thing can be dangerous.

Meet at the Conservatory Garden Court.

## Talk Takes Gardeners beyond Flowers

Those who have overdosed on flower gardening and yearn for something a little less ephemeral than blooms may rethink the garden and focus on foliage texture through a talk by Adam Pyle, horticulturist at the U.S. Botanic Garden. Learn to achieve long-lasting color and visual interest by diversifying plant selections. Pyle will help plan a garden

that holds interest beyond the bloom season. This free talk will take place on Thursday, July 18 from noon to 1 p.m. in the Conservatory classroom at the U.S. Botanic Garden. Pre-registration is required by registering online at <http://www.usbg.gov/events/2013/07/08/designing-texture-beyond-flowers-lecture> or calling 202-225-1116.

## 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

## Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt



Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors

[www.greenbeltumc.org](http://www.greenbeltumc.org) 301-474-9410

Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor



Worship Service 10 a.m.

Community invited to Campfire & Bible Stories

Tuesday 7 p.m.

The Birth Narrative (Luke 6:1-6) Birth Stories



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

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

FREE Car Wash!  
Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>,  
from 9:30am to 1:00pm

### 11:00am Worship Service

July 14<sup>th</sup>  
"The Relationship with God  
Broken, Again"  
Nehemiah 13

July 21<sup>st</sup>  
"Kept For Jesus Christ"  
Jude 1-2

## St. George's Episcopal Church

Join us around a table where all are welcome!

### Services

#### • Sundays

8 a.m. simple, quiet service (no music)

10 a.m. main service

(music includes a mixture of acoustic guitar, piano and organ music)

#### • Wednesdays

7 p.m. service with healing prayers (no music)

7010 Glenn Dale Road (Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)  
301-262-3285 | [rector@stgeo.org](mailto:rector@stgeo.org) | [www.stgeo.org](http://www.stgeo.org)



## 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

## Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

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



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Sunday, July 14 at 10 a.m.

Man-ifestations: The Work Men Do to Inhabit Their Lives in Western Culture by Michel Legér, Worship Leader, with Celinda Marsh, Worship Associate

Join a veteran of many battles from the margins of "masculinity" as we invite men to speak of their experiences as men in a culture which defines and rewards us according to what we do and how we wield power and by how well we bury the rest of who we are. Discovering, honoring and inhabiting that "rest" is the work men do to become whole.

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

## BERWYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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



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Office Hours : Mon, Thu, Fri 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Tue, Wed 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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## Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

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

Sunday Worship

10:15 a.m.

Clara Young, Interim Pastor

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the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."



Catholic  
Community  
of Greenbelt  
MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building

ALL ARE WELCOME.

**At the Library**

**Adult Programs**

Monday, July 15, 7 p.m., Meet the Author presents native Prince Georgian and Eleanor Roosevelt High School graduate Kathryn O'Sullivan. O'Sullivan won the 2012 Malice Domestic Best Traditional Mystery Novel Competition for her book "Foal Play," set in the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

Tuesday, July 16, 7 p.m., Discussion for adults of Nevada Barr's "Winter Study: An Anna Pigeon Novel." All who have read the book are welcome. For those who have not, copies are available at the library information desk until July 16.

**Children's Programs**

Saturday, July 12 at 2 p.m., in a special interactive kids' experience there will be a "Dig into Reading" summer program special event for children age 2.5 to 7 years old, a special interactive experience on dinosaurs. Peter M. Kransz, a paleontologist from the education department of the county Dinosaur Park will visit the library and, along with branch librarians, will read dinosaur books aloud, offer dinosaur bones to touch and information about local dinosaur history and other natural dinosaur-related resources.

**Storytime**

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

Thursday, July 18, 10:30 p.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages two to five years intersperses stories with fun activities including songs, rhymes and fingerplays. Babies are also welcome. The usual 20-person room limit applies.

**Read to Rover**

Saturday, July 20, 2 p.m. Read to Rover is for children age 6 to 11 and helps children build reading confidence while reading aloud to specially trained therapy dogs glad to listen. Each child will read for 15 minutes. Registration is required; call the branch at 301-345-5800 for more information.

**Summer Reading**

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

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

**MVA Seeks Driving Survey Participants**

During July the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration is conducting its annual survey of licensed drivers around the state online and at various locations. The purpose of the survey is to review behaviors that contribute to crash risk, knowledge of state driving laws, attitudes related to driving laws and behaviors and awareness of outreach efforts to combat certain driving risks.

Last year over 6,900 people responded, 47 percent of them online. Some 68 percent supported making seat belt use mandatory in all vehicle seats, leading to passage of a law this year to that effect. Almost 80 percent of respondents said they had not driven within two hours of consuming alcoholic beverages and 93 percent reported using a seat belt all or most of the time.

To complete the survey online go to [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MHSO\\_MADS\\_2013](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MHSO_MADS_2013).

**Diabetes Support At Doctors Hospital**

The next meeting of the free Diabetes Support group at Doctors Community Hospital will be on Monday, July 15 from noon to 1 p.m. Those coping with their own diagnosis or that of a loved one are invited to participate in the discussion. Meetings are at the hospital campus Joslin Diabetes Center.

Pre-register by calling 301-552-8661.

**Free Colonoscopies Offered at Doctors**

Doctors Community Hospital in Lanham, in a joint program with the Prince George's County Health Department, is offering free colorectal screenings for low-income county residents.

Registration is required. Contact the Health Department at 301-883-3526 on weekdays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to get a referral to Doctors Community Hospital for the procedure. Those included are low-income Prince Georgians age 50 or older or those younger than 50 with a family history of colorectal cancer.

**County Council Holds Health Town Hall**

On Monday, July 15 at 7 p.m., the Prince George's County Council, sitting as the Board of Health, will hold a public Healthcare Town Hall meeting at Northwestern High School Auditorium, 7000 Adelphi Road in Hyattsville.

Topics to be discussed include health insurance options under the Affordable Care Act, a status update on site determination for the regional medical center, ways that hospital services will work together with other county health entities, updates on the county's health enterprise zone and the Suitland Health and Wellness Center. The town hall will also feature presentations by county health officials and other county healthcare stakeholders and a question and answer session.

**Lymphedema Group Meets at Hospital**

The next meeting of the quarterly Doctors Community Hospital free Lymphedema Support Group will be on Wednesday, July 17 from noon to 2 p.m. at the hospital campus North Building, fifth floor DSE room. The support group will encourage people who have lymphedema to share their experiences and learn more about this condition in a nurturing and caring environment.

To register call 301-552-8144.

**Endangered Cranes Whoop at Patuxent**

A pair of graceful and endangered adult whooping cranes will be observable by tour on Sunday, July 14 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center's Whooping Crane Observatory.

Attendees should arrive early, as the tour, which includes information about the Whooping Crane population recovery program, will leave on time.

Registration is required; call 301-497-5887.



**Greenbelt BAPTIST CHURCH**  
101 Greenhill Road Greenbelt, MD 20770  
301-474-4212

**FREE CAR WASH!**  
This Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30am to 1:00pm in the church parking lot.  
Donations NOT accepted.



www.greenbeltbaptist.org



*City Information*

**MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 15-19**

Monday, July 15 at 8:00pm **COUNCIL WORK SESSION** – Briefing on Greenbelt Lake Dam at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)

Wednesday, July 17 at 8:00pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION with Greenbelt Access Television (GATE)** at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

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



**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

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

Join the Greenbelt Police Department, City of Greenbelt officials and dozens of your Greenbelt neighbors as cities,

towns and neighborhoods across the U.S. celebrate National Night Out with a variety of events and activities such as: block parties, cookouts, visits from your local police department, and flashlight walks.

National Night Out has proven to be an effective, inexpensive and enjoyable way to promote neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships in our fight for a safer nation. So, please join us in our fight for a stronger, safer community – **August 6th from 6 to 9 p.m.** Contact MPO Kelly Lawson at [klawson@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:klawson@greenbeltmd.gov) to register your community's event or to find an event near you.

**VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

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

For information call 301-474-8000.



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## Morisette Goes Home Again

by Karen Yoho

Greenbelt is blessed with people who come and go and come back again. Whether business takes them away for a professional assignment or life changes uproot them for a time, we welcome them back to Greenbelt.

Such is the case for former resident Elizabeth Morisette. Although she remains in Colorado, she will bring her creations to an exhibition at a nearby gallery in Georgetown this summer. From July 12 through August 23, dozens of pieces created by Morisette will be shown at Addison/Ripley Fine Art at 1670 Wisconsin Avenue in Washington, D.C.

If Morisette's name is not familiar, perhaps you'll remember a few of the unlikely objects that have woven their way, quite literally, into her work. Utilizing items accumulated from many sources – tag sales, eBay, flea markets – Morisette's art works are whimsical. They are composed of collections of unlikely objects such as plastic spiders, zippers, bag ties and hair rollers.

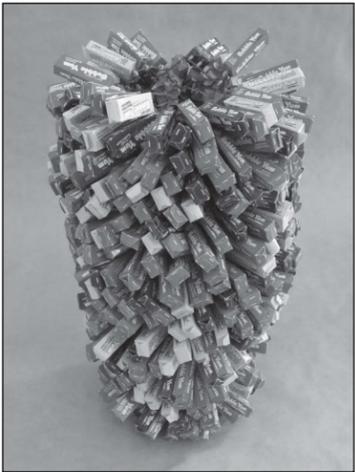
Some may remember her studio at the Greenbelt Community Center, where she shared clever and transformational art revealing layers of discarded pieces and parts woven into repurposed tapestries far removed from their ordinary purpose.

The 25 pieces in this exhibit, entitled "Re:Visit," represent work she completed after leaving Greenbelt in 2008. Her work was last shown at the gallery about five years ago as part of a group of artists.

The Addison/Ripley gallery has a reputation among art collectors, including many embassies, who acquire art there. (Imagine a sculpture of zippers in the reception area of the Zimbabwe embassy or a coat-check tag tapestry in the Croatian consulate's office.)

### Morisette's Family

A family of three when they left Greenbelt for Fort Collins, Colo., Morisette; her husband Jeffrey, director of the North Central Climate Science Center at the U.S. Geological Survey; and their daughter Clementine welcomed Clementine's baby sister Twyla in 2011. "Greenbelt is a very unique place. But we love the mountains and you'll find us there at least once a week," said



Bubble Basket



Zippered Wonton

Morisette. "The experience reminds you that there is something bigger than you. The Chesapeake Bay can do the same.

"The art scene is very different here," explains Morisette, describing her Colorado home. "It's all cowboys and bicycles." Morisette misses the interaction with the public that she had in Greenbelt. But word travels fast.

When the Lincoln Center in Fort Collins started its renovation, she received a call about boxes of coat check-tabs they had available to recycle. "Being on Facebook, it's like you don't really leave a place. I still retain my Greenbelt connections, says Morisette.

In Colorado she continues to foster community involvement in the arts and nurtures other artists. She believes that the close proximity to some of the nation's finest museums helps inform D.C. area residents about the value of art in their daily lives.

"It can be a challenge to bring people together out west," she says. Everything is so spread out in Colorado; artists go for the vast spaces but can lose some of the connectivity to their peers," she explains.

### Arts Incubator

Her work with the new Arts Incubator of the Rockies involves helping artists develop the business side of their work, whether it's how to build a resumé or run a community workshop. "I am a community artist above all else," she says. "I enjoy taking art to the community, to educate and build understanding."

Morisette recently demonstrated basket weaving in Fort Lewis, on Navajo land. "I was wondering what I could bring to their experience but was amazed to hear their stories. One young woman said she now felt closer to a grandmother through experiencing the art."

Morisette reminds us of the charm of Greenbelt, where she and her family lived for almost nine years. "You never really leave Greenbelt as long as you get a birthday call from John Henry and Elaine Jones!" she explains.

There will be an opening reception for the exhibit on Friday, July 12 from 6 to 8 p.m.

For more information on the Addison/Ripley gallery visit <http://www.addisonripleyfineart.com/>.

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new type, called bonded rubber, they were concerned might be more prone to being torn apart.

At the July 8 meeting, where there were more interested people present, all councilmembers thanked Scarato for the time and work she had put into researching the issues with playground surfaces. Councilmember Rodney Roberts, who had been a consistent advocate for the poured-in-place surface as being safest and most cost-effective in the long run, changed his mind and supported using the wood mulch. He made a motion to that effect, which was seconded by Councilmember Edward Putens for purposes of discussion. Otherwise, councilmembers reiterated that most of the research Scarato had found was based on different forms of recycled rubber (artificial turf, crumb rubber) from which they saw no grounds to extrapolate.

Councilmember Leta Mach said she thought it was time to return to discussing the main reason for having a playground surface in the first place, which was protecting children from falls, broken bones and concussions. She said citing studies using tire crumb, which is more similar to the consistency of sand, is comparing apples to oranges. Putens also said he leaned in the direction of placing highest priority on the ability of the surface to protect against falls. He said it was council's responsibility to consider all aspects and balance concerns, costs and liabilities.

Davis read an email from Lola Skolnik, longtime chair of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board, who said she was not speaking for the board but that as an individual she was concerned with playground access for people with disabilities. She favored a poured-in-place surface as being most accessible and noted problems with the high sides of the frame needed to enclose mulch of any type, as well as the unsteadiness of the surface. She asked that council place a high priority on accessibility.

Councilmember Konrad Herling also favored the poured-in-place. He asked staff if there had been complaints about it and what maintenance had been required. Joe Doss said there had been no complaints and that maintenance had involved no

more than using a leaf blower to blow the leaves off it in the fall. A much increased level of maintenance would be needed to keep wood mulch free of mold and mushrooms, as well as keep it from compacting and losing its cushioning protective value. Councilmember Silke Pope was concerned about excrement from feral cats and other animals and determined from Doss that the wood mulch is topped off only once every three or four years. "Is that it?" she asked, incredulously.

When the audience was asked to comment, the first speaker, Bill Phelan, pointed the conversation away from the option of wood mulch so emphatically that Plan B had little chance of survival. Phelan, a former assistant director of the city's Public Works Department and former city arborist, said his children and grandchildren use those playgrounds and that he was the person who had designed the plans for the original rehabilitation of the playgrounds to meet new national safety standards. He said the only reason wood mulch had been used by the city was that it was the cheapest and fastest way to get a large number of playgrounds into compliance. He noted that mushrooms could be poisonous, that there was inevitably fungal growth when the wood mulch was wet and that he had no idea whether the "gunk" underneath the top surface retained its protective value after years of being compacted.

Phelan went on to say that the city started to see problems with the wood mulch as soon as it was put in – most notably, the beginning of tree death in the areas surrounding the mulched playgrounds, which he attributed to the compacting of the wood mulch and the ground. He said that was why they had switched to rubber mulch in the first place: because it is more porous and lets water drain. He said he had initially been concerned with the off-gassing of the recycled rubber but concluded that it was not an issue outdoors, especially for limited time periods.

"Kids are not being put into a flask with it," he said. "Everything is a chemical and everything is toxic at some level." He added that he suspected children were exposed to more off-gassing from tires when they walk

through a parking lot full of cars.

Another item cited by Phelan was that wood mulch absorbs water, freezes in the winter and then becomes unsafe for absorbing falls. He noted that Greenbelt's playgrounds are in use all year. He said his conclusion was that what needs to be focused on for playgrounds is what is the most likely way a child can get hurt and place the focus there.

Bill Jones supported Phelan, saying that broken bones and concussions were the most important risks and that the chemicals that had been cited as risks were present in many materials and substances in our homes.

Laura Kressler, a veterinarian and chair of the city's Public Safety Advisory Committee, speaking on her own behalf, said she considered Phelan's information about the effect of freezing chips to be critical to safety. She supported poured-in-place as the safest surface and the most accessible for both disabled children and the adults who may accompany them. She said she could vouch for her own work with indiscriminating dogs that there are plenty of poisonous mushrooms out there.

The mayor reminded everyone that Roberts' motion was still on the table to select the engineered wood fiber for the playground surface. When the vote was taken, that motion was defeated 6 to 1. Pope then made a motion to select the poured-in place surface, which was seconded by Mach. Councilmember Emmett Jordan said he thought the rubber tile had not been adequately considered. Mach responded that she was not necessarily opposed to the tile but did not have enough information to support it and did not want to delay decision further. When the vote was taken, Jordan voted with Roberts and the motion passed 5 to 2.

To start the process of additional evaluation for planning for other playgrounds, Davis moved to refer the issue to the Park and Recreation Advisory Board, the Youth Advisory Committee and the Public Safety Advisory Committee to examine all the options for surfacing. That motion passed 6 to 1, with Roberts voting against. He said he saw no purpose for the referral since the decision on the new playground had already been made.

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best-known citizens.

A World War II veteran serving in North Africa, he subsequently graduated from the University of Maryland, earning a master's degree in education. He came to Greenbelt in 1947, living here nearly 60 years.

He taught briefly in the former Greenbelt High School in the early 50s. Then in the 1960s he was appointed Greenbelt Postmaster, serving in that capacity for about 20 years.

Harman was an active member of the Greenbelt Lions Club nearly all of the time he resided in the city. He held almost every office in the organization, as well as offices in the Lions Club local district. He was once recognized by the Greenbelt Club as being responsible for bringing 104 new members into the club.

In 1959 Harman headed a disaster committee to relocate and provide clothing for 25 families displaced by fire at Greenbelt Plaza Apartments. A volunteer at the Greenbelt Museum, he welcomed visitors, showed the video presentation and sold gifts from the gift shop.

He served on the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee, where he announced festival events. He was a Boy Scout troop leader and president of the Greenbelt Historical Society. He was a volunteer for Neighbor-

hood Crime Watch.

When his children were of school age, Harman was an active school parent. He served as president of Greenbelt Center Elementary School and Greenbelt Junior High School PTAs. He was chair of the Greenbelt 60th Anniversary Committee and a member of the 50th Anniversary Book Committee.

For more than 55 years, Harman was active in Greenbelt Community Church, serving on and often chairing numerous boards. He was church moderator in 1974-75. For many years he was an usher and a Sunday School teacher.

In 2000 the Prince George's Voluntary Action Center, Inc. awarded him a Volunteer and Unsung Hero Award.

### Honored

When asked about his reaction to being selected Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen, Harman responded, "I felt honored to be recognized and to be Grand Marshal of the Labor Day Parade."

Harman noted that his late wife, Marjory, had always liked Greenbelt. She loved its beauty, its cooperatives and its hard-working and visionary people. He shared her beliefs. He said he liked to think that God had encouraged Franklin D. Roosevelt to instruct Rexford Guy Tugwell to create a Garden of

Eden where people can "live with fresh air, sunshine and greenery." Greenbelt is that Garden of Eden, he said.

In 2006, because of his health, Harman moved to Ridewood Village in Silver Spring. Soon he became active there as well, organizing a new Lions Club.

In January 2009 health and mobility issues required his moving to an assisted living facility. While he enjoyed living there, his heart remained in Greenbelt. It was not surprising to see him near the Community Church during the 2009 Labor Day Festival parade, just two months before his death.

### Nominations

Harman was aware that friends had been nominating him for outstanding citizen for eight years before he was actually recognized. He considered this honor a testimony to the number of Greenbelt volunteers deserving the award. In 2004, Harman advised those seeking to have someone recognized to "Keep the faith. Continue to send in those nominations and hopefully your candidate will be selected," Harman said.

The Outstanding Citizen award honors all of Greenbelt's outstanding citizens, though it is presented only to one of them each year.

The process of identifying that

special person in a city of citizen volunteers is difficult. It requires input from citizens like our readers. Some outstanding citizens are easily spotted because of their creative leadership and high visibility within their organizations. But sometimes individual Greenbelters touch others in a quiet way.

This award is bestowed annually during the opening ceremonies of the Labor Day Festival. While a committee will select 2013's Outstanding Citizen, that selection is made from nominations submitted from the community.

This year's nominations are due by July 29. Help the committee identify 2013's outstanding citizen.

*Note: Much of the material in this story has been excerpted from earlier News Review stories.*

## Montpelier Summer Theater Presentation

As part of Montpelier's 35th Summer Concert series, the Tent Troupe, the country's only remaining free traveling summer tent theater, will offer a free show for families, "The Lilies of the Field," at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 16 and Wednesday, July 17.

On Thursday, July 18 "Folktales, Fables and Fun for Children for All Ages" will be offered at 1:30 p.m.

All Tent Troupe shows are free and held rain or shine with seating under the Big Top tent. Free parking is available at the Muirkirk Road and Montpelier Drive Montpelier Mansion entrances off Route 197, one-fourth mile west of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway (Rt. 295) in south Laurel.

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# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or [http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly\\_report.pdf](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf).  
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

## DWI/DUI

June 28, 2:04 a.m., Greenbelt Road at Frankfort Drive. A 26-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol-related offenses, among other charges, after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

## Trespassing

June 30, 4:44 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. Two men, one a 21-year-old Greenbelt man and the other a 19-year-old nonresident, were arrested and charged with trespassing on private property. They were released on citations pending trial.

## Burglary

June 28, 9:13 a.m., Fayette

Place. Trashcans were taken from a fenced yard.

July 1, 9:00 a.m., 200 block Lakeside Drive. A generator and tools were taken from a storage locker.

June 28, 3:24 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. Electronics were taken.

## Vandalism

July 1, 7:53 a.m., Ridge Road at Gardenway. Graffiti was found on street signs.

July 1, 4:59 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Court. A window was broken.

## Vehicle Crime

At both Kenilworth Avenue at Cherrywood Lane and 200 block Lakeside Drive a set of Md. tags was taken.

# What Does July 4th Mean to You?

by Marat Moore

These comments were gathered by Marat Moore at Buddy Attick Lake on July 4 as people gathered to picnic, walk their dogs, sway and clap at the community drum circle, listen to Greenbelt Community Band and as dusk moved to dark, gasp at the legendary Greenbelt fireworks display.

The Star-Spangled Banner means a lot to me on July Fourth because of the wounded warriors. I'm a nutritionist at Walter Reed Medical Center and I see them every day. I know how distraught they often are when they arrive and then, after a while, see that smile of hope. It is a profound experience to be able to care for them and be with them. They are the reason that the day is special to me and also my family and friends have a tradition of fellowship on the Fourth.

I like coming back to Greenbelt because I used to live and fish here.

**Charlita Mayhand  
with Princess  
Oxon Hill, Md.**

This is America's birthday. The country is 236 years old. I wanted to live to see a black president and a woman president. We elected Barack Obama and I think we will see a woman elected at some point.

To me July Fourth is about the country's leadership and the direction the country is taking. I always look forward to Independence Day.

**Bernard Robbs  
Greenbelt**

Our association represents people from Cameroon. Today we have 200 to 300 people here. As American citizens, we are here to show our love and appreciation for the independence of America.

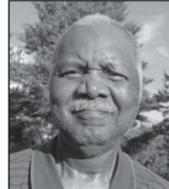
We picnic here every July Fourth and then form a procession and join the drum circle. It's become a tradition and we're happy to share the music and dance of Cameroon.

**Alex Ngati  
President  
Bali Cultural Association**

July Fourth is a family time. Family is important to us - I have 35 first cousins. My family is all in Virginia and we're getting together soon. There will be about 150 of us there.

We moved here recently and our baby is four months old. We're not sure how it will go with the fireworks.

**Lindsey Combs  
Greenbelt**



PHOTOS BY MARAT MOORE

**Drummers from Cameroon join the July Fourth community drum circle at the lake.**

I love the Fourth of July. It's my favorite holiday - the start of summer, a happy time. And I have the day off!



**Bryan Martin  
Greenbelt**

July Fourth is a time to celebrate your citizenship. I was in World War II as part of the Army's 88th Signal Corps. I'm 92 years old.

In America you can move anywhere you want to make a living. You can raise your children and it's calmer than in other countries. I hope everybody else enjoys the day as much as we do.

**Howard Johnson  
Berwyn Heights**

I'm from Mexico and some people say to me that the Fourth of July is like Cinco De Mayo. But it's not. Cinco De Mayo is about our victory over France in the Puebla War when France was trying to take over part of our country.

July Fourth is more like our September 15, when Mexico won independence from Spain. I have been in this country since 1998. I try to understand the history of the United States and of the day of its independence.

**Ricardo Guerrero  
(Photo not taken by request)  
Hyattsville, Md.**

July Fourth is the day when I can share what I love with Greenbelt, leading the community drum circle on this stage. Drumming is healing and powerful. The drum is the heartbeat that connects us. This drum circle reflects diversity and unity. It's the best of America.

**Katy Gaughan  
Takoma Park**



## Cameroon Comes To Greenbelt

They came in a river of orange, men and women in tangerine t-shirts singing and swaying and waving sprigs of evergreen above their heads as they moved down the hill from a picnic site to the lake stage where children and older folks drummed a rhythm as deep as the heartbeat of the earth.

Onstage Katy Gaughan led the drumming with the finesse of a maestro. As the procession approached, she opened her arms and the drummers paused to welcome the people of Cameroon.

As they poured onstage, onlookers raised their cell phones to photograph and record the tall man setting up a large, rough-hewn xylophone. The music pulsed to such a crescendo that some of the community drummers left their seats to dance.

The inclusion in Greenbelt's July 4th celebration of the Bali Cultural Association (BCA) - the name emblazoned on the orange t-shirts - reflects the commitment of American citizens from Cameroon to their native culture. The BCA is a large non-governmental organization that represents the Chamba people of Cameroon in west central Africa dedicated "to promoting the social, educational, and cultural well-being of the Bali people in the Diaspora."

"They first came last year to the circle and it's become a tradition," said Amethyst Dwyer, an organizer of the July 4 community drum circle.

Alex Ngati, president of the BCA, said that several hundred BCA members from around the Washington, D.C., area gather to celebrate and picnic each July 4 at Buddy Attick Lake, which they chose on the suggestion of one of their members in Greenbelt.

"It's a wonderful day, and a joy for us to share our culture with Greenbelt," he said

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that Weisz had been very responsive to the departments' concerns.

According to Brekford's records, the two radar units in question have been operating in the 7500 block of Hanover Parkway and the 5900 block of Cherrywood Lane. The period during which the Hanover camera was operating without certification was December 27 to January 27. For the Cherrywood camera, it was January 19 to February 19. Speeding tickets received for violations outside of those locations and time periods are not affected.

Weisz described for council a list of procedures and safeguards the company has already instituted to assure that the dates for certifications will be observed. They also are using a different independent company to certify calibrations. Although all the calibration issues are now believed to be resolved, the city's contract with Brekford states that it is Brekford's responsibility to provide, maintain and support the equipment. The city is not responsible for equipment placed by Brekford.

Chief James Craze wrote to Brekford on June 18 enumerating the corrective actions the city expects the company to take. These requested actions are consistent with remedies that have been provided to Hagerstown. Craze proposed

that Brekford will void all citations issued during the time periods when certification had lapsed, notify the motorists who received the citations that the tickets are voided, issue refunds to motorists who have already paid the fines for the citations, send a delete list to the Motor Vehicle Administration for vehicles tagged for non-payment, reimburse the city \$15,936 (\$24 per ticket) for lost and potential income and in the future provide the city with speed camera compliance certifications annually.

Brekford had not responded to the chief's letter prior to the July 8 city council meeting. At the meeting, Weicz said he could not address the chief's letter because it was still under review but assured the council the company accepted full responsibility.

At this time, there is no suggestion anyone complying with the speed limit would have been ticketed. Rather it appears that because of Brekford's error, 664 drivers may receive a "Get Out of Jail Free" (so to speak) card. Although details are pending between the city and Brekford, it is likely Brekford will contact affected motorists directly by mail. Anyone with questions may call Michelle Moo-Young at 240-542-2143 or MPO Jonathan Lowndes at 240-542-2107 at the Police Department.



### School Board Adopts \$1.6B FY14 Budget

The Prince George's County Board of Education has approved a Fiscal Year 2014 budget of \$1,687,807,813. The reconciled budget, while \$5.5 million below the requested budget of \$1,693,327,900, is still \$23.3 million more than the original approved budget for Fiscal Year 2013.

Revenue funds for the FY14 budget include \$942 million from the state, nearly \$624 million from the county, \$106 million from the federal government and \$15 million from other board of education sources.

The revised spending plan, at about 1.4 percent higher than the FY13 budget, will not require reserve funds to balance it. In addition to employee pay raises, the budget continues to support investments in alternative education, Middle College high school programs, Talented and Gifted offerings, Secondary School Reform initiatives, the county's Transforming Neighborhoods Initiative (TNI) and expanding grades in current charter schools. Additional revenue funds also enabled the school system to eliminate the \$50 athletic fee for student athletes for the upcoming school year.

Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) uses a Student-Based Budgeting (SBB) system that enables schools to direct resources where they are needed most, based on individual school needs.

### British Satire Screens At National Gallery

The National Gallery of Art's Summer Film Program offers free screenings of "The Life and Death of Colonel Blimp," one of Britain's best cinematic satires, on Friday, July 12 and Saturday, July 13 at 2:30 p.m.

With England on the verge of invasion, a well-meaning but clueless old major general is thrust into the realities of a new military milieu that no longer follows gentlemen's rules. In flashback the film charts the old officer's glorious 40-year career and all the loves of his life (each one played by Deborah Kerr) "with the most lasting bond the one between the officer (Roger Livesey) and his Prussian counterpart (Anton Walbrook)," according to Dave Kehr.

The screening takes place in the East Building Auditorium, Fourth and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington D.C. Seating is on a first-come, first-seated basis.

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## July Shelter Special Moves Adoptions for the Dog Days

by Kathleen Gallagher

The Greenbelt Animal Shelter is holding a \$1 Adoption Month during July to promote interest in adopting its current occupants. According to Planning and Community Development Director Celia Craze, whose office oversees the shelter, the summer months are traditionally slow for animal adoptions in part because of people's vacations and changed schedules.

"But the cats and dogs don't know that," she said. "They still need permanent homes very badly." Craze said last year's promotion was successful in finding homes for all the animals and she hopes that they can do it again this year. She said the adoptable animals have had medical attention and are in as close to perfect health and as ready to go home as they can be.

In addition to providing good homes for the dogs and cats on

hand, it is important to open up space for other animals who need shelter care. Craze pointed out that it has always been important to Greenbelters that the city's shelter be "no kill" but if the shelter fills up, additional animals must go elsewhere. City residents can be put in a difficult position if they need to surrender an animal to the shelter but there is no space. She encourages everyone to think of animal adoption as a shared responsibility of the Greenbelt community.

Although the adoption fee has been reduced to only \$1 for the month, all other requirements for applying and being approved for adoption still prevail. Shelter hours are Wednesdays from 4 to 7 p.m., Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon and by appointment. For more information call 301-474-6124 or visit [greenbeltmd.gov/animal\\_control](http://greenbeltmd.gov/animal_control).



PHOTO BY MARAT MOORE

Community members from all walks of life come together to share their love of music in the annual band shell concert by the Greenbelt Concert Band at the lake. This performance took place at the July Fourth festivities at Buddy Attick Park.

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# Greenbelt Day History Hike: Walking from 1716 to 2013

by Susan Barnett

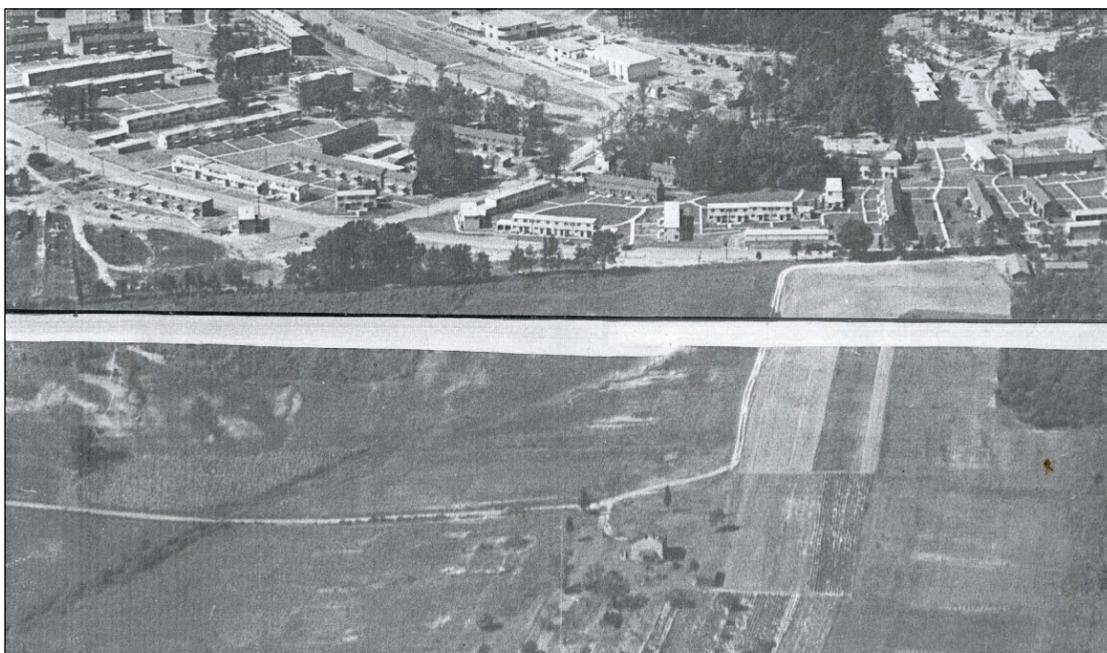
On Saturday, June 1, Greenbelt Day Weekend, a group of 20 history enthusiasts met at Hamilton Place for the History Hike planned for the 10-year anniversary of the Greenbelt Forest Preserve. Members of the Committee to Save the Green Belt, Rodney Roberts, Yoni Siegel, Bill Rich and Paul Downs joined the group. These core members had worked for more than 16 years, beginning in 1987, to save the green belt from development projects, making sure the treasure of Greenbelt's forests would still be here to enjoy both today and tomorrow.

In 2003 their efforts and those of their supporters were rewarded when the Greenbelt City Council, then consisting of Mayor Judith Davis, Rodney Roberts, Alan Turnbull, Tom White and Ed Putens, voted unanimously to preserve these woods under the forest preserve ordinance.

## Early Landowners

Local archaeologist Dr. Jennifer Stabler, who has been researching the history of the Hamilton Cemetery and the title chain related to this land, joined the group. Stabler described various changes in ownership of that land occurring there since 1717 when the English monarchs William and Mary "granted out of His Lordship's Land Office unto William Holmes."

This land later changed hands and in 1766 was surveyed for John Hamilton and at that time re-named "Hamilton's Purchase." Stabler showed where foundations still existed where a house, outbuilding and well had been located on the property when the land was purchased in 1939 by the federal government. This may have also been where the Hamilton homestead was located. This year's group proceeded then to the Hamilton Cemetery, where gravestones are displayed in a glass case at the end of Hamilton Place. A member of the group said he had heard that the gravestones disappeared for a while – and that no one knew where they had gone. But at some point



**This photo shows the Crabbe Tract in the Hamilton Place area – likely around 1939. The Crabbes owned the land before the U.S. government gained possession in 1939 for its inclusion in the Greenbelt Project.**

later they had been discovered in the Public Works storage facility. (Note: When the city became aware of vandalism damaging the head stones, it removed them for safe keeping.)

Samuel Hamilton's long-ago will had reserved one-quarter acre of land "to include the grave yards on my estate, of my colored as well as white family." It is likely, therefore, that the graveyard contains unmarked burial sites of enslaved laborers who had worked on the Hamilton's plantation.

After the death of Samuel Hamilton in 1857, his plantation was sold to James B. and Josephine Smith, then known as "Cottage Hill Farm." The land once known as Hamilton's Purchase became known eventually as Green Knoll Springs, owned then by J.B. and Annie P. Crabbe until 1939 when it was bought by the U.S. government as part of the Greenbelt Project.

## Citizen Intervention

The Hamilton cemetery can be found in the midst of the Hamilton Gardens – one of three garden areas, the last of the original WWII "victory" gardens once found throughout the town. These three areas (now known as

Hamilton Gardens, Henry's Hollow, and Gardenway) were later incorporated into the Greenbelt Forest Preserve.

At one point these gardens were part of what was called Parcel 2, extending from the southern side of Northway Road. The original Parcel 1 was the forest on the northern side of Northway Road extended. In the 1950s these parcels were bought from the federal government by the Greenbelt Veterans Housing Corporation, then later sold to private developers.

In the mid 1960s the Prince George's County School Board acquired 10 acres of Parcel 1 and 62 acres of Parcel 2 (including what is now known as Hamilton Gardens), a total of 72 acres, with the intent of developing a three-school complex on the land. To access the school sites without increasing traffic on existing city streets a new road was proposed.

This effort was fought and defeated, however, by strong citizen intervention in the 1960s and 1970s and the land then transferred to the county.

Later, amid much public pressure to gain ownership of the original green belt, this land was transferred to the city with great fanfare on Greenbelt Day in 1989. On that same day the Committee to Save the Green Belt led a hike through the 72 acres. In addition, the city purchased the remainder of Parcels 1 and 2 privately held.

After the land was transferred to the city numerous projects were considered from time to time for the Parcel 2 area in and around the gardens. These included a Public Works storage yard, a 100-unit apartment building (Green Ridge House) and a large sports complex.

All of these were defeated, however, by public intervention. The Committee to Save the Green Belt worked hard to keep as much land as possible from being developed, these citizen interventions becoming crucial to saving the last of the green belt and eventually the land's preservation under the Greenbelt Forest Preserve.

## Commemorative History

The group of hikers on June 1 trekked through the 72-acre area. Along the way they learned about the "Foster Cabin," built by some Greenbelt teenagers back in

the 1970s, a gathering place for many youths at that time.

Since that time it has disappeared. Near the site, however, is the "old Greenbelt pool diving board" now used as a bridge across a small creek. Paul Downs recalls how one of the young teens helping to carry the board into the woods in the mid-1970s dropped it on his foot and broke a bone.

The current hikers moved into the 10 acres of Parcel 1 that had been included in the 72-acre school board land. Parcel 1 had been sold to the Greenbelt Veteran Housing Corporation and then from the cooperative to private developers in the 1950s.

In November 1987 plans for development of the remaining 100 acres of Parcel 1 into single family homes, townhomes and roads, were presented to the Greenbelt City Council. Their plans became the catalyst leading to formation of the Committee to Save the Green Belt. The Committee helped to bring public pressure on the city council to buy Parcel 1 from the developer, which the city was finally able to do in 1990.

## Earlier History

As the hike continued, the group learned that the history of Parcel 1 has been traced back to 1716 by Alan Virta, a county historian, when it was patented under the name of Green Spring. Many times later the land changed hands many times, in the 1920s being divided into smaller plots.

Today's hikers were shown the site of a house foundation thought to be the previous home of the Bozievich household (preserved in deed records). Arriving back at Hamilton Place, the groups were greeted by Jean Newcomb, a member of the 10-year anniversary celebration committee. All then enjoyed a light lunch in the tradition of tours led by the Committee to Save the Green Belt.

The 10-year anniversary event of the Greenbelt Forest Preserve is a year-long celebration. All events are free to the public. A complete schedule can be found at [www.greenbeltforestpreserve.org](http://www.greenbeltforestpreserve.org). Questions can be directed to [greenbeltforestpreserve@gmail.com](mailto:greenbeltforestpreserve@gmail.com).

*Kristen Fletcher and Dr. Jennifer Stabler also contributed to this article.*

## Old Town Bowie Hosts Free Events

Events and programs offered in Old Town Bowie on Saturday, July 13 include a free Antique Bicycle Day of 100 years of bicycling from 1887 to 1987 from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at A&M Cycle, 13002 Ninth Street, which will have restored bikes in original condition. Included are an 1887 Columbia High Wheeler, late 70s Schwinn Stingrays and Fastbacks, over 60 antique bikes from the 1930s, 40s and 50s and a newly acquired one-of-a-kind 10-speed Sears bike from the early 1970s with Ram handlebars, banana seat and sissy bar.

From 2 to 4 p.m. there will be a concert by rock band The Flaw on the Village Green on Ninth Street. Concerts are canceled in case of inclement weather.

Admission is also free from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays at the Old Towne Bowie Welcome Center, the home of Bowie's Heritage and Children's Museum, and at the Railroad Museum, in a 1923 Norfolk and Western Caboose. The Welcome Center is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information call 301-575-2488.

## Summer Chorus Sings Mozart's Requiem

Under the direction of C. Paul Heins, the University of Maryland Summer Chorus will present Mozart's Requiem (K. 626) in a free concert on Saturday, July 13 at 8 p.m. in the Dekelbom Concert Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center on campus. The Summer Chorus provides an opportunity for students and community members to sing masterworks.

Mozart's last work was left unfinished at the time of his death in 1791. A subsequent completion by Austrian composer Franz X. Süssmayr launched 200 years of controversy over authorship, style and structure. Of the more recent completions, support for American composer Robert D. Levin's version has continued to grow since its premier in 2005 at Carnegie Hall.

Joining the Summer Chorus in this presentation of Levin's edition will be soloists Katie Baughman, soprano; Morgan Beckford, alto; Joseph Regan, tenor; and James Krabbendam, bass.

Seating is first come, first served. For additional information call 301-405-2787 or visit [claricesmithcenter.umd.edu](http://claricesmithcenter.umd.edu).

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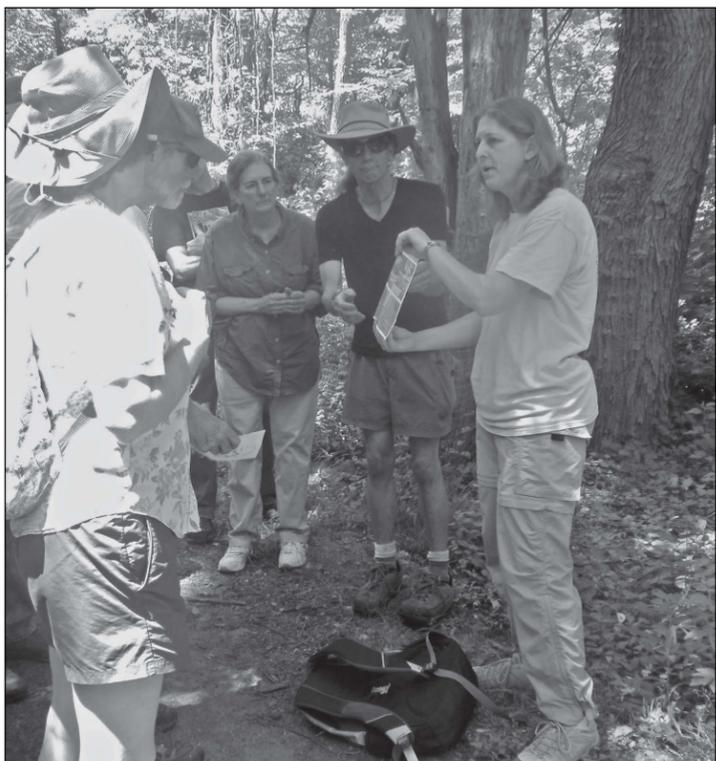


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**Dr. Jennifer Stabler shares a photo of the Hamilton area – aerial view from late 1930s. Left to right: Catherine Plaisant, John Klinovsky, Chris Kleemeier, Paul Downs and Stabler.**