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Jordan, Davis, City Are the Big Winners in City Council Election

by James Giese

The November 3 historic Greenbelt city election that increased the city council from five to seven members produced mostly winners. Topping the list was Emmett Jordan who not only was elected to the council in his first try but did so with sufficient votes to place second among all candidates. Jordan becomes the first black to be elected to city office. When the new council organizes Monday and elects a mayor and mayor pro-tem, Jordan can be expected to be chosen to the city's second highest office, mayor pro-tem. Jordan did consistently well throughout the city placing second in the two Greenbelt East precincts and in Greenbelt Center, third in Greenbelt West and fourth in Greenbelt North End, demonstrating his electability throughout the city in both minority and non-minority neighborhoods.

Judith Davis, who for the seventh time garnered more votes than any other candidate, is another big winner. She was the leader in votes received not only in her part of the city, Greenbelt East, but also in Greenbelt Center. In Greenbelt West, with its large minority population, Davis placed second and in the North

End, she placed third, demonstrating her city-wide popularity.

Silke Pope, although trailing all incumbent councilmember candidates and Jordan, also was a big winner. She, too, was elected to the council on her first try. Her election will bring the total number of women on the council to three, another city first. While the majority of the council may be men, all women candidates were elected while two men were not.

Another big winner was the Greenbelt electorate. It proved it could support diversity among candidates and choose based upon qualifications and experience. Davis, who is white, ran strong in minority areas. Jordan ran equally well in predominantly white areas.

Also a big winner, the incumbent city council not only succeeded in being reelected in toto, but in succeeding in its efforts to increase voter participation in city elections and bring greater diversity to the city council. The number of persons voting thus increased 38 percent over the number voting in the last city election in 2007 even though city

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Council Organizes

The newly elected Greenbelt City Council will hold its first meeting, an organizational meeting, next Monday, November 9. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m., a half hour earlier than the normal council meeting start time. As usual, the meeting will be held at the council room in the Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. At this meeting, the members of the new council will be sworn into office. The new council will then select from its members a mayor and mayor pro tem. Upon their election, they will also be sworn into office. Well wishers of the new council are encouraged to attend as is the general public.

At 7 that evening, the new council will hold a worksession. Its purpose is to review the procedures the councilmembers will follow at the formal meeting. While open to the public, the meeting is usually attended only by councilmembers and staff.

New, Old City Candidates, Issues Brought to Forefront in Election

Greenbelt News Review reporters waded through campaigners and voters at the precincts to find out what residents thought about the candidates and the issues from reducing crime, increasing police presence, supporting the elderly and improving transportation to halting property tax increases.

Precinct 3

by Shannon Hoffman

Some voters showed up Tuesday at the Greenbelt Community Center polls to get members onto the city council for next term. Others wanted to keep candidates out. They agreed though: they liked having new names to choose from.

For the first time, the city council will consist of seven members. Voters were also eager to include some diversity.

Sharon Lefchick, a 30-year resident of Greenbelt, said she wanted to see a council that was more reflective of the community. The current council is all white while "our community is a little more multicultural," she said.

"I came [to vote] because I want that Mr. Ivy in," Lefchick said. "He's a real good, regular guy and I like that." Kelly Ivy is a current supervisor with Amtrak and was one of four candidates who are not already members of the council.

The five members of the cur-

rent council ran for re-election. "They're all friends of mine. I admire them all," said voter Doug McNeil, who has lived in Greenbelt for 19 years and is a self-proclaimed political junky.

But McNeil said he was also glad to be able to vote for some new people, including his favorite, Emmett Jordan. McNeil admitted not filling his ballot with the permitted seven votes, hoping it would give the candidates he chose an extra boost.

At least one voter was drawn to the polls by his distaste for certain candidates. "I came here to not vote for Che Sayles," said Zach Brewster-Geisz, a 15-year Greenbelt resident who votes regularly in city council elections, "because I could not stand his robo-calls."

Brewster-Geisz was referring to automated voice campaign calls on behalf of Sayles, one of the new names on the ballot. Brewster-Geisz also chose to leave current council member Edward Putens off his ballot because of his security camera policies.

Ann Donnellan, who has lived

in Greenbelt for nearly four years, said it seemed like she came home to automated messages on her machine for Sayles every night for the last month. "This is a very laid back, comfortable atmosphere . . . but that was just a little too aggressive," she said, however added: "I liked his stand on a lot of issues."

Donnellan said she'd like to see the new council shape up the budget, create more openness surrounding their decisions, create more support for the police department and get the drug problem under control.

"It's obvious there's drug dealing going on here," she said, though she feels safe in the community. "You can actually go for a walk at night and not get mugged." Donnellan said that in College Park where she lived for about 30 years she said she didn't feel so safe.

She blamed the rise of crime there on the construction of the College Park metro stop. Consequently, Donnellan said she opposed the construction of the

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PHOTO BY JON AERTS

These Cadillacs on display are in line with the theme of the event: "Cars that were originally sold at Capitol Cadillac."

Antique Caddies Line Up At Capitol Cadillac Show

by Jon Aerts

Talking up the nuts and bolts, Ivars Jaunubnis gently tapped the hood of his spit-shined Cadillac with unmistakable pride. "This," he said, "is a '76 DeVille with an 8.5-liter engine, 360-pounds of torque, a 500-cubic-inch displacement and . . ." this journalist was soon lost in a world of auto argot.

Nevertheless, Capitol Cadillac's 75th anniversary car show didn't disappoint the hundred-or-so auto aficionados who pulled up for the biannual event on Sunday, October 25.

In tandem with the Potomac Region's Cadillac & LaSalle Club, the show displayed nearly 80 Cadillacs, to include a 1936

V-12 Convertible and a sharp, Series 75 limousine once employed by former First Lady Pat Nixon.

"These cars bring back so many memories," said Dan Ruby, regional manager of the LaSalle Club. "My father and I rebuilt five of them together," he added, pointing to a shiny line of 1950s Cadillacs.

To complement the mood, large speakers played classic Louie Armstrong tunes through much of the sunny afternoon, as onlookers poked and peered into the true "laps of luxury" on display: Cadillac convertibles,

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Camp Fire USA Offers Aid To Victims of Recent Fire

by Katie Crowe

Donations following the big fire at the Empirian Village apartment complex October 17 have been overwhelming. The entire Greenbelt community participated, said Rosemary Pezzuto, who runs Camp Fire USA programs for the complex.

The fire, which damaged two buildings on Cherrywood Terrace, displaced 28 families. Important and essential belongings, including medications, checkbooks and furniture were damaged or destroyed.

Camp Fire USA asked the community to donate anything they could to the families, big or small. According to Pezzuto, the nonprofit organization has received a flood of boxes of cloth-

ing, toys, books and housewares in addition to furniture.

"We have received an outpouring of support, beyond what I ever could have expected from every corner of the community," Pezzuto said.

Donations have come from all walks of life, from the youngest Greenbelt residents to the oldest.

"A young boy came in to give us a Styrofoam cup of pennies and said he wanted to 'buy something for the fire,'" Pezzuto said.

At this point, the organization is asking for monetary donations of any amount and/or gift cards for the families. These types of donations will

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What Goes On

Monday, November 9

7:30 p.m., Special Charter Meeting, Swearing in of the 38th Council, Municipal Building

Wednesday, November 11 – City and GHI Offices Closed in Observance of Veterans Day.

Letters

Films May Not Reflect Utopia Views

I was pleased to see the News Review (10/29/09) article about the Utopia Film Festival and the coverage of the screening of Green Towns, USA and the follow on question/answer session. Festival committee members were delighted to have the filmmaker, June Finfer, available to answer Greenbelters' questions about her film.

However, I do take exception to the article's closing statement regarding the Autism film: "Such films can be very misleading and sometimes harmful. The festival committee might want to be more careful in including films which espouse medical findings without a sound basis in fact."

When films are selected for the Utopia Film Festival, they are chosen based on their artistic merit, entertainment value and/or topics of interest for mature audiences. Films shown at the festival are often independently produced and do represent the filmmaker's point of view. The views reflected in the films do not necessarily reflect those of the Utopia Film Festival Committee or the Greenbelt Access Television Board and are certainly not intended to dispense medical advice to members of the audience.

Chris Logan, Volunteer
Utopia Film Festival
Committee

Show Movie Again

In the October 29 issue Sandra Lange, in her article on the Utopia Film Festival, expresses strong and clearly uninformed opinions (not in an opinions section of the paper) about Gary Null's Documentary, Autism: Made in the USA. She speaks of a danger in the showing of this movie, while she does not mention the danger in our not knowing of the hazard that Dr. Null has so skillfully illustrated for us.

I hope that Greenbelters will make the responsible move and demand that this Autism movie be shown for a week at the theater, along with heavy promotion of it in the Greenbelt News Review. Let the general Greenbelt citizenry view this (and whatever else they wish) and decide for themselves how to best protect their and our children.

Bill Norwood

Schools Report Rise In Flu Absences

Dr. William R. Hite, Jr., superintendent of Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) has informed parents that the number of student absences due to influenza-like illnesses in county schools has increased. County health offices are tracking local cases of flu-like illness. On Friday, October 23 the county health department began administering H1N1 Flu Mist to elementary school students and staff.

The schedule for middle and high schools is being developed.

The school system is working closely with the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the local health department to monitor flu conditions and make decisions about the best steps to take concerning schools.

In an effort to decrease the potential spread of the influenza virus hand sanitizer dispensers have been placed in strategic places in each school building.

The Office of Plant Operations has increased scheduled cleanings with a disinfectant approved by the Centers for Disease Control.

There are some things parents can do to help: one is to teach children to wash their hands often with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub. Parents can lead by setting a good example.

Teach children not to share personal items like drinks, food or unwashed utensils.

Reinforce the need for children to cover their coughs and sneezes with tissues or to use elbow, arm or sleeve instead of the hand when a tissue is unavailable.

Know the signs and symptoms of the flu, which include fever (100°F/37.8 °C or greater), cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache and feeling very tired. Some people may also vomit or experience diarrhea.

Do not send sick children to school. Children determined to be sick while at school will be sent home.

To reduce the spread of infection, keep sick children at home for at least 24 hours after fever subsides without the use of fever-reducing drugs. If a child exhibits flu symptoms, consult a primary care provider for evaluation. Infants, toddlers, seniors, pregnant women and people with certain underlying health conditions are at increased risk of severe illness or complications from influenza.

Visit www.pgcps.org for updated information and additional tips on good hygiene practices.

Silk Art Display At U.S. Courthouse

Radiant color will brighten the walls of the U.S. District Courthouse in Greenbelt with an exhibit of silk art paintings that opened November 3 and will run through January 27, Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Silk Painters International (SPIN) participating painters represent a wide range of nationalities and countries. The show theme is "Silk Art Is . . ." and explores the use of different kinds of silk designed with specific dyes, pigments and paints in various techniques to express the artist's vision. All entries accepted were juried by a panel of well-established silk painters and are available for purchase.

There will be an artists' reception on Thursday, November 19 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. This will offer a chance to meet some of the painters including those returning from the 2007 Courthouse Show: Sande Anderson, Tatiana Eisenhart, Doris Knape, Benita Mandel, Jean-Louis Mireault, Kaki Steward, Diane Tuckman and Deborah Younglao and new exhibitors Mitzi Ash, Nadia Azumi, Beatriz Castro, Rosanna Czarnecki, Joyce Estes, Barbara Hiltz, Shirley Jane Hobbs, Judith Meeks, Susan Douglas Moody, Selina Narov, Vivian Pollock, Selma Popovic, Peggy Richards, Karen Schueler, Susan Skove, Helene Vermillion, Marie-Jeanne Weerts and Lee Zimmerman.

The postcard for this year's show was designed by noted transitional artist Liani Foster.

The U.S. District Courthouse is at 6500 Cherrywood Lane. For more information call SPIN at 301-474-7347.

Free Tyler Perry Movie Offered

On Tuesday, November 10 at 11 a.m. the Publick Playhouse in Cheverly will offer a free platinum movie, Tyler Perry's The Family that Preys. The matriarchs (Kathy Bates and Alfre Woodard) of two families from different sides of the tracks find their families torn apart by greed and scandal. The two decide to escape their adult children's extramarital affairs, unethical business practices and dark secrets on a cross-country road trip in which they rediscover themselves and seek a way to save their families from ruin.

Advance registration is required. The Publick Playhouse is at 5445 Landover Road in Cheverly. Call 301-277-1710 for information and reservations.

Grin Belt



"This is not a referendum nor an election.
I told you to clean up your mess."

Aviation Museum Offers Programs

Homeschoolers

On Monday, November 9 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. the College Park Aviation Museum invites home-schooled students, ages seven and up and their parent-educators for aviation-themed activities and crafts related to science, math, language and art. Pre-registration is required. There is a fee.

Airport Movie

The College Park Aviation Museum now offers the film "College Park Airport: The Early Years" every Friday at 1 p.m. throughout the airport's centennial year. The movie is free

with museum admission fee.

Kid's Club

Every second and fourth Thursday of the month at 10:30 a.m. the College Park Aviation Museum holds the Peter Pan Club for children up to five years old. Each session includes story time and hands-on craft activities. The club is free with museum admission.

Children's Programs

The College Park Aviation Museum welcomes children five and older to Afternoon Aviators. This program is held every Friday from 2 to 4:30 p.m. It is free with museum admission.

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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.

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Fall Gutter Cleaning

(All Buildings)



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Uncle Skeeter's Roofs & Gutters is scheduled to
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starting November 30, 2009
weather permitting.

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Please contact Peter Joseph at 301-474-4161
ext.141 if you have any questions or comments.

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WEEK OF NOV. 6

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Friday

*5, 7:30, 9:35

Saturday

*2:45, *5, 7:30, 9:35

Sunday

*2:45, *5, 7:30

Monday - Thursday

*5:15, 7:30

*These shows at \$6.00
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129 Centerway
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Community Events

At the Library

Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories.

Tuesday, November 10, 1:30 and 2 p.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies for each group.

Wednesday, November 11, closed for Veterans Day observance. Library resources will be available on line as usual.

Thursday, November 12, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages three to five years, limit 20 children.

Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children's Desk.

Book Discussion

Tuesday, November 10, 7 p.m. for children ages 8 to 12. The book is Zathura by Chris Van Allsbury.

GHI Notes

Thursday, November 5, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors meeting – Board Room

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

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., leaf bags will be distributed at garage #21 on Parkway.

Tuesday, November 10, 8:30 a.m. Ad-Hoc Yard Line Committee – GHI Library

Wednesday, November 11, Veteran's Day Holiday – offices closed. (Emergency maintenance available. Call 301-474-6011.)

Friday November 13, offices closed. (Emergency maintenance available. Call 301-474-6011.)

ERHS Fall Concert Is November 13

The Fall Concert at Eleanor Roosevelt High School is scheduled for Friday, November 13 at 7:30 p.m. The concert will feature the Chamber Orchestra, the Wind Ensemble, the Concert Band I and the Concert and Men's Choirs. Students in the ERHS band, orchestra and choir programs are from all over northern Prince George's County. Concerts at Eleanor Roosevelt High School are free and open to the public.

The school is located at 7601 Hanover Parkway.

Call for Artwork For Café Display

All Greenbelt artists are invited to bring in one prepared artwork to put on display at the New Deal Café for the month of December. Bring as well a short biography and a business card for the Book of New Deal Art on Monday, November 23 from 7 to 8 p.m. Be prepared to fill out a short registration form when dropping off the piece. For questions or further information email Kristin Stenson at newdealcafeart@yahoo.com.

Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday 10 – 4 p.m.

Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

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Greenbelt, Md. 301-345-5111

Free Monthly Film Is "Yellow Ribbon"

On Thursday, November 12 at 1 p.m. the free monthly movie, "She Wore a Yellow Ribbon," will be shown in the Community Center Senior Lounge.

Director John Ford's frontier masterpiece features John Wayne as a cavalry officer, Capt. Nathan Brittles, in his final week of service. As he readies his troops for battle against an Indian tribe, his soldiers become involved in a series of more personal confrontations – especially when a lovely lady from the east visits the fort, capturing the attention of more than one man.

For questions or more information call 301-397-2208. Those attending are invited to bring their own popcorn.

Unnatural Causes Film Next Tuesday

Three segments of the documentary "Unnatural Causes – Is Inequality Making Us Sick?" will be shown free at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 10 at the Springhill Lake Recreation Clubhouse.

The film explores causes and solutions for economic, racial and social differences affecting people's health. This month's episodes are: Becoming American – Why does the health of Mexican immigrants worsen after they come to the USA even though they arrive healthier than the average American?; Bad Sugar – Why is Type 2 diabetes more prevalent among poorer people and how can community empowerment change such a pattern of chronic disease?; and Place Matters – How can society and local people foster neighborhood changes that promote residents' health? The film was produced in 2008 by California Newsreel with Vital Pictures and has been presented on PBS. A discussion will follow.

Sponsors are the Peace & Justice Coalition of Prince George's County and Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church's Social Action Committee and Diversity Anti-Racism Transformation Team.

The final segments of Unnatural Causes will be shown at 7 p.m. on December 8 at Paint Branch Unitarian Church.

The Springhill Lake Recreation Clubhouse is at 6101 Cherrywood Lane, off Greenbelt Road at the west end of Beltway Plaza. For more information call Lucy Duff at 301-577-2350 or email justpeacepg@earthlink.net.

St. Hugh's Christmas Bazaar Is Nov. 7-8

St. Hugh's annual Christmas Bazaar will be held this weekend from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, November 7 and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, November 8.

There will be a village store, crafts, plants, religious items, bake sale, vendors, cash raffle, door prizes every hour and a silent auction. Groups represented at the bazaar will be the Greenbelt Writers Group, Curves, Pleasant Touch Spa, St. Hugh's Youth Group, the newly established Junior Sodality, Knights of Columbus and the Greenbelt Police Department.

All are welcome. For more information see ad on page 7.

Discussion Tuesday On Gear for Tots

There will be a parent roundtable discussion on Tuesday, November 10 at 10 a.m. in the Gallery Room at the Greenbelt Community Center. Participants will discuss and share tips on infant/child carriers, wraps/slings, seats, strollers and car seats.

The discussion will be taped for a new Greenbelt Access Television (GATE) family show currently being produced by Malia Murray and Li'l Dan Celdran. Space is limited.

RSVP before November 9 to dansquaredfitness@yahoo.com.

Credit Union Collecting Money for Fire Victims

The Greenbelt Federal Credit Union is collecting donations for victims of the Empirian Village Apartment fire. Cash contributions are being accepted as well as checks made payable to Campfire USA or gift cards from Target, Walmart or a local grocery store.

Greenbelt Awarded Safe Routes Grant

The City of Greenbelt has been awarded a State Highway Administration Safe Routes to School grant for \$136,800. The amount approved is for traffic calming along Springhill Drive near Springhill Lake Elementary School.

It will be similar to the traffic calming completed on Breezewood Drive several years ago, which reportedly has reduced traffic speeds. Though this funding will not cover engineering costs, the city budget for 2010 has allocated \$15,000 for traffic calming, which may be used to cover these costs. Staff has contacted GPI Engineering to determine if the funding available will be sufficient to complete the project as envisioned.

More Community Events see pages 2, 4 and 7.

Strategy Games Club Meets Tues.

Greenbelt's free Strategy Games Club for those age 10 to adults meets every Tuesday night from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Youth Center Multi-purpose Room.

The strategy games include Carcassonne, Go, Mah Jongg, Ticket to Ride, Blokus and Cloud 9 as well as chess, checkers, backgammon and Jenga.

Also available are blind-friendly versions of some of these games: a deck of Braille cards, a Brailled deck of Moose in the House, an adapted checker set, and a homemade blind-friendly set of Go (a game of conquering territory). The rules are very simple but the strategy is very complex.

For more information or further questions call 301-397-2208.

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ALL SHOWS BEFORE NOON

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Adults: \$8.50

Students/Military: \$7.50

Children: \$6.00

Seniors: \$6.50

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Week of NOV. 6

FRI. – SAT.

Michael Jackson's "This Is It", PG (!!)

11:30, 2, 2:30, 4:40, 5:20, 7:25, 8, 10, 10:35

Astro Boy, PG

11:45

Paranormal Activity, R

11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6, 8:10, 10:25

Men Stare at Goats, R (!)

11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6, 8:10, 10:25

A Christmas Carol, PG (!)

11:15, 1:30, 3:45, 6, 8:10, 10:25

Fourth Kind, PG (!)

11:30, 2, 4:40, 7:25, 10

The Box, PG-13 (!)

12:10, 2:50, 5:30, 8, 10:30

Law Abiding Citizen, R

12:15, 2:50, 5:30, 8, 10:30

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Law Abiding Citizen, R

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MON. – THUR.

Michael Jackson's "This Is It", PG

12:05, 2:35, 3, 5:15, 5:50, 7:45, 8:30

Astro Boy, PG

12:15

Paranormal Activity, R

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Men Stare at Goats, R (!)

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Rummage Sale

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9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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NOV. 14, 2009

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Sunday Matinees: November 15 & 22 at 2:00PM

Book and Lyrics by Howard Ashman,

Music by Alan Menken

Directed by Jeffery Lesniak, Choreographed

by Denise A. Levien, produced by Norma R. Ozur

Musicals are \$18 general admission, and \$15 for seniors and students.

Call for reservations at 301.441.8770

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Located underneath the Greenbelt CO-OP



Obituaries

Catherine Sillers

Catherine Sillers, 81, died on October 18, 2009. Catherine Ellen Nix was born to Mary Cook and Joseph Nix on November 9, 1926 in Washington, D.C. She grew up in D.C. where she attended Saint Aloysius and Notre Dame Schools on K Street, NW. During World War II she worked as a clerk for the War Department.



She met her husband, Daniel Joseph Sillers, a former GI, in the moonlight boat to Marshall Hall. She remembered dancing with him to the Tennessee Waltz. They were married in the Baltimore Cathedral in 1946. In 1996 they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

They resided briefly in Seton Place in D.C. before moving to Brentwood, Md. The Sillers raised their five children in Brentwood. Mrs. Sillers held several jobs including a position with the Department of Housing, a county crossing guard and a receptionist for an answering service. She was a member of the Brentwood Ladies Fire Department Auxiliary.

The family also lived in Hyattsville and Mount Rainier. After Dan retired they moved to Greenbelt. They were members of the Greenbelt Golden Age Club. They enjoyed traveling to Iceland, Mexico and California as well as cruising through the Panama Canal and down the Mississippi river.

Mrs. Siller was a member of St. Hugh's Parish. She also attended St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Beltsville to hear her grandson sing.

Mrs. Siller was an award winning swimmer and a tap dancer. She also could sing.

Her husband Daniel Joseph Sillers died in 2001.

She is survived by her children, Barbara Christine, Stephen Joseph, Daniel Patrick, James Kevin and Jon Edward, 11 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

A prayer service was held on Wednesday October 21 at Borgwardt Funeral Home. Interment was private.

Memorial contributions may be made to Capital Hospice, 6565 Arlington Blvd, Suite 501, Fairfax, VA 22042.

CPAE Offers Cultural Connections Series

The College Park Arts Exchange (CPAE) Cultural Connections series offers Washington Spelmanslag for a performance on Friday, November 13 at the Old Parish House at 7:30 p.m. This Scandinavian fiddle group features old tunes "enjoyed by all." The Old Parish House is located at 4711 Knox Road, College Park. Email info@cpae.org or call 301-927-3013 for details.

Rafael Martins

Rafael Martins, 9, son of Vanderlei and Marines and brother of Bela, died at Children's Hospital on October 20, 2009.



Rafael showed an almost magical optimism and strength during his nine years of life. Known to many as a child who loved life and its mysteries, Rafael could captivate people of all ages with magic tricks, jokes and his grasp of topics from sports to science. Few knew of the strength required by Rafael to remain a healthy and athletic boy in the face of chronic disease.

Rafael's life was celebrated by a Mass at St. Bernard's Catholic Church attended by many friends, scouts, teachers from Greenbelt Elementary School and family members from Greenbelt and Brazil.

To honor Rafael's memory, donations can be made in his name to Camp Sunshine (35 Acadia Rd, Casco, ME 04015, <http://www.campsunshine.org/>), a joyful place for Rafael and other children with health challenges and their families.

"Bible" Comedy Held In Glenn Dale, Bowie

The St. George's Players, a nonprofit community theater group organized under the auspices of St. George's Episcopal Church, will present the comedy "The Bible: the complete word of God (abridged)" in Bowie and at the church in Glenn Dale.

The Bowie performances will be at St. James Church on Friday and Saturday, November 13 and 14. The following weekend the play moves to St. George's in Glenn Dale with performances on Friday and Saturday, November 20 and 21.

The cast of three portray over 20 characters in a comedy covering each book of the Bible in comedic fashion, attempting to answer some of the more complex theological questions: did Adam and Even have belly buttons? Did God have a sense of humor? Why isn't the word phonics spelled phonetically?

There is a fee. For more information see ad on page 7 or call the church at 301-262-3285.



Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi
Phone: 301-937-3666 www.pbuuc.org

Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community

Sunday, November 8, 10 a.m.

"A Teacher's Heart" by Rev. Diane Teichert with Shantida, worship associate
This annual public education service will feature performances by students from the Center for Visual and Performing Arts at Suitland High School.

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6905 Greenbelt Road • 301-345-5111

Sunday 8:15 am Worship Service
9:15 am Sunday School/Bible Study
10:30 am Worship Service



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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 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe
Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd

Congregation Mishkan Torah

10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 301-474-4223

An unpretentious, historic, welcoming, liberal, egalitarian synagogue that respects tradition and becomes your extended family in the 21st century.

Shabbat services: Friday evening at 8:00 PM, except 1st Friday of the month, i.e. family service at 7:30 PM. Saturday morning services at 9:30 AM.
Educational programs for children K-12 and for adults.
Combined innovative full family educational program for parents and children.
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Opportunity for leadership development.
Moderate, flexible dues. High holiday seating for visitors.
Sisterhood. Men's Club. Other Social Activities.
Interfaith families are welcome.

J. Jones Performs On November 15

The United Methodist Churches of Greenbelt and College Park will host a return visit by renowned Gospel vocalist-songwriter Jerry Jones on Sunday, November 15 at College Park United Methodist Church (CPUMC).

Jones has performed at the Branson Music Theatre, God and Country Theatre in Branson, Mo., and on the Gospel Music Television Network. His performance will be during the 11:30 a.m. service. A thanksgiving offering will be collected in lieu of any fees.

Jones was voted Vocalist and Songwriter of the Year by the Country Gospel Music Association. Following the service there will be fellowship time.

For details call 301-345-1010. CPUMC is located at 9601 Rhode Island Avenue in College Park.

Prayer Retreat At Holy Cross

Holy Cross Lutheran Church is holding a workshop on prayer on Wednesday, November 14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Learn about how, where, why or when to pray and explore ways to feel more comfortable about one's prayer life.

The church will provide coffee, tea and other refreshments starting at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, with the workshop beginning promptly at 9:30 a.m. There will be a break for lunch, provided by Holy Cross, at about noon. There is a nominal fee to cover the cost of the food.

Call the church office at 301-345-5111 or email myholycross@verizon.net for details. RSVPs are requested for planning purposes. All are welcome.

Holy Cross is located at 6905 Greenbelt Road.

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors
www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410
Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 10:00am
Prayer Meeting Sun. 9:45 am



Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings
www.greenbeltucc.org
Sunday Worship
10:15 a.m.
Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

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Truthfulness is the foundation of all the virtues of the world of humanity. Without truthfulness, progress and success in all of the worlds of God are impossible for a soul. (Abdu'l-Baha)

Greenbelt Bahá'í Community
1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918
Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com www.bahai.us

Greenbelt Baptist Church

101 Greenhill Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770 - (301) 474-4212
www.greenbeltbaptist.org

Welcome!

Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School
Sunday 11:00 am Worship Service
Wednesday 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

ALL are Welcome!

"Helping People Connect with Christ and His Family Through Loving Service"

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Bible Study & Worship

9:30 "Good Morning! Coffee and Snacks
10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship
Pastor Nigel C. Black, MDiv.

99 Centerway Greenbelt Rec Center
(Behind the Community Center)

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Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

Berwyn Presbyterian Offers Free Concerts

For the fifth year Berwyn Presbyterian Church will present the free Berwyn Concerts Series to bring quality classical music performances to the community. Five performances are scheduled, with the first – a cello and piano duet by Anna Ouspenskaya and Igor Zubkovsky – to be held on Saturday, November 14 at 2 p.m.

Pianist Anna Ouspenskaya, born in Yaroslavl, Russia, earned her Masters degree at the St. Petersburg Conservatory and has won numerous awards and scholarships, including as finalist in the Bach International Piano Competition of Germany in 1993. She made her debut at Carnegie Hall in 1999 and at the Kennedy Center in 2002. A member of the faculty at the Levine School of Music, she is a founding member of Capital Piano Trio, a group which performs around the country. Cellist Igor Zubkovsky first appeared as a soloist with the Minsk Philharmonic Symphony at the age of 12. In 1991 he became a member of the Moscow Soloists Chamber Orchestra and a year later joined the Brahms Trio in Moscow, winning first prize at the Weimar, Germany International Chamber Music Competition. The most recent CD of the group presents works of Mendelssohn and Babajanian.

Their concert will feature the works of Robert Schumann and Samuel Barber, including Schumann's Sonata No. 2 in D Minor, Op. 121 and Samuel Barber's Sonata for Violoncello & Piano, Op. 6.

Berwyn Presbyterian Church is at 6301 Greenbelt Road.



Greenbelters were saddened to learn of the death of young Rafael Martins on October 20. Our sympathy to his parents, sister and classmates at Greenbelt Elementary School.

Our condolences to the family of Catherine Sillers, who died October 18.

Congratulations to the Greenbelt children who have been helping to make the musical "Annie" such a hit at Goddard's MAD Theater. Elizabeth Gardner, 8, and Mairead Alexander, 12, play two of the orphans, Kate and Pepper. Twins Dorothy and Edward Jahoda, also 8, are in the ensemble. Scott Candey and David Gardner, both 11, are on the sound and light crew and actually ran the lights at the October 31 performance. Well done, kids. Bravo!

Sorry to hear of Doug Love's foot problems, which were discovered when he went to a nearby hospital for something else.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We'd especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Springhill Lake/Empirian Village). To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland



City Information

MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER 9-13

Monday, November 9, 2009, 7:30 pm, **Special Charter Meeting-Swearing-In of the 38th Council**, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000 or contact the City Clerk at cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.

Notice of Charter Amendment Resolution

At its regular meeting of September 29, 2009, the City Council adopted a resolution to amend the City Charter. As required by state law, this resolution will be posted in its entirety for 40 days, until November 8, at the Municipal Building, as well as on the City's Web site at www.greenbeltmd.gov. Copies may also be requested of the City Clerk. It will be come effective on November 18, 2009, unless a proper petition to submit the amendment to the voters on a referendum is filed as permitted by law. As also required by state law, this notice is given to provide a fair summary of the resolution.

Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2009-3

A Resolution of the City of Greenbelt Adopted Pursuant to the Authority of Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland and Section 13 of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition as Amended), Title, "Corporation-Municipal," Subtitle "Home Rule" to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt Found, in Whole or in Part, in the Compilation of Municipal Charters of Maryland (1983 Edition as Amended), as Prepared by the Department of Legislative Services Pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1983, by Amending Section 5, Titled, "Meetings"; Section 7 Titled "Council-Rules; Attendance; Expulsion of Members"; Section 8 Titled "Same-Quorum, Procedure" and Section 9 Titled "Ordinances and Resolutions – Procedure for Adoption; Enacting Clause" to Establish New Voting Requirements for Instances Where More than a Simple Majority of Council is Required to Take Certain Actions (Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2009-3)

There are multiple instances in the City Charter where more than a simple majority of Council members is required to take certain action. When Charter Amendment Resolution 2009-2 (Resolution 1045) became effective on August 11, 2009, increasing the size of the City Council to seven members, these "supermajority" thresholds were effectively reduced. This resolution will change these voting thresholds so that supermajority requirements are maintained for these actions.

For additional information, contact Cindy Murray, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000 or cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Wednesday, November 11th, in observance of Veterans Day.

The GREENBELT CONNECTION will not be operating.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of November 10th

Monday Route – Collected Monday

Tuesday Route – Collected Tuesday

Wednesday Route – Collected Thursday

Thursday Route – Collected Friday

There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, November 13th.

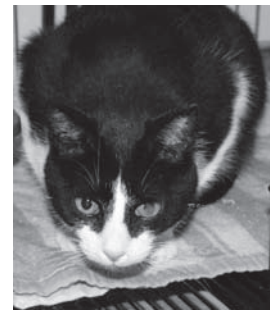
VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

Vacancies exist on: Youth Advisory Committee, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Arts Advisory Board

For more info call 301-474-8000.

ANIMAL SHELTER PETS OF THE MONTH



Congratulations to Rocco and Tia on their adoptions!

IKE: Sweet black white male cat. Free to a good home.
Cinnamon: High energy female 1-1/2 years old white Jack Russell mix. Also available, cute adorable kittens!

NEW! VISIT ALL OUR AVAILABLE PETS NOW ON FACEBOOK! BECOME A FAN!

Please drop off donations for shelter at the site. Co-op box does not go to Greenbelt Animal Shelter.

Visit pets at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter on Wednesdays, from 4-7pm and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm.

For more information on any of these pets, call 301.474.6124.

LEAF VACUUM SCHEDULE FALL 2009-2010

The City Public Works Department will again collect loose leaves from the following areas with the leaf vacuum from November 2, 2009 until January 15 2010. We remind residents to rake the leaves to the curb, but not into the street, and to remove all sticks and stones from the pile as these can damage the machinery. Areas to be collected will be posted as in past years. We also remind residents not to park in front of leaf piles.

WEEK OF:

November 9 – 13

November 16 -20

November 23 – 27

November 30–December-4

December 7 – 11

December 14 – 18

December 21 – 25

December 28 – January 1

January 4 – 8

January 11 – 15

Boxwood November 11 Holiday

Woodland Hills, Greenbrook Village & Estates, and Windsor Green

Lakewood (November 26-27 Holiday)

Lakeside, Greenspring I & II

Boxwood

Woodland Hills, Greenbrook Village & Estates

Lakewood, Greenspring I & II

(December 25 Holiday)

Lakeside, Windsor Green (January 1 Holiday)

All areas

All areas

75th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

The celebration of the City's 75th Anniversary will occur in 2012. Applications are being accepted from residents interested in serving on this volunteer planning committee. Applications are available on the City website, www.greenbeltmd.gov, or at the City Office Building, 25 Crescent Road. Council will begin interviewing applicants for this committee in late November.

For city information, visit www.greenbeltmd.gov Also, become a fan of the City of Greenbelt on Facebook!

RECYCLE RIGHT CONTEST -- "WIN WITH YOUR BIN"

You can win prizes by properly preparing your residential recycling bin during the next couple of weeks. Five winners will be selected: one winner from each of the four City Recycling Collection Routes and one winner from a Contractual Recycling Collection Route. Make sure you have clean, properly prepared recyclables set out on your collection day!

Check out our website to see what goes in your bin: http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/public_works/Refuse_Recycling

Part of the AMERICA RECYCLES DAY Celebration. America Recycles Day is on November 15. This event is sponsored by the City of Greenbelt and the Metropolitan Council of Governments.

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proposed Purple Line, a light rail from Bethesda to New Carrollton and intersecting the Green Line.

Two candidates support the construction of the Purple Line, according to their campaign biographies.

Konrad Herling, first elected to city council in 2003, calls himself a "strong supporter of the proposed Purple Line" in his biography, and Mayor Judith Davis is a member of Purple Line Now, which was formed in 2002 to advocate the construction.

Donnellan said she considered the Purple Line proposal in her vote. However, both of these candidates were ones she supported. "[Herling] seems like he's lived in the neighborhood forever . . . He doesn't go out of his way to convince you."

And of the mayor: "She's very low key, but she gets the job done."

Precinct 6

by Jon Aerts

With 172 votes cast by 11 a.m., precinct six voters kept the Greenbelt Police Station buzzing through much of Tuesday afternoon. The same was true of a few Edward Putens supporters and Mayor Judith Davis, who were spotted passing out fliers near the polling station.

Meanwhile, amid a colorful swath of electoral signs stuck in the ground at the corner of Crescent and Ridge Roads, another promoter was flaunting a placard above her head: "Emmett Jordan for Greenbelt Council," the sign read.

Keith Chernikoff, the sixth precinct's electoral judge, said he had to disperse a few promoters earlier in the morning as electoral rules require a 150 foot buffer between political promoters and the polling station doors. "It used to be 300 feet," he added in earnest.

Voter reactions were fairly mixed in this precinct. Chuck Hess, a longtime Greenbelt resident and the only voter to reveal his last name, said he was satisfied with the candidates . . . that is, with one exception. "I feel a bit uneasy toward those who spend more money to be elected than they receive from being elected," he said, in an apparent reference to candidate Che Sayles's lofty campaign.

Tom, another longtime resident, expressed frustration with what he sees as a mostly anti-business group of incumbents. "I voted for the most pro-business and family-oriented candidates that I could detect," he said. "Which means I only voted for two people this year."

Other voters cited safety concerns. "We need more police – real faces, real people," said Arnold, whose history in Greenbelt goes back 43 years. "I like J Davis the most," he added. "She's the most experienced and engaged candidate in this race." Arnold used all seven of his votes.

On the other hand, Sally, a 20-year resident, didn't seem too overly concerned with the outcome. "For me, no issues really stood out this year," she said. "I only voted for one candidate because I know her well, and because she lives right down the block."

And then there was Leonard – the most colorful one of the bunch – who seemed troubled by the overall state of Greenbelt. "This community, along with the country, is going to sh--" he said. "But you probably don't want to include that in your story."

By 7 p.m., Chernikoff reported a tally of 506 voters for precinct six. "I think by the end of this thing we'll hit 700," he concluded. "Just like two years ago."

Precinct 8

by Tami Le

Voter turnout at the usually slow Precinct 8 Empirian voting poll was again slow on the Tuesday morning of the 2009 Election Day. Research done by the American Civil Liberties Union had suggested that lower voter turnout here is due to the fact that racial minorities reside more heavily in areas closer to the city's outskirts. Their studies showed that in "the 2007 municipal election, the highest turnout was at the Greenbelt Community Center." In attempts to reform election procedures after the 2007 election, ACLU stated that voter registration is lower among less affluent residents and in precincts with higher populations of racial minorities and non-citizens like Empirian Village.

However, board of election judge Kimberly Paz said that last year there was a good turn-out at precinct 8, with people lining up outside the door before voting started at 7 a.m. This year, Paz said it is unusually slow with no voters arriving until 8:30 a.m. She expected Old Greenbelt polling locations such as the Police Department and Community Center to have a higher voter turnout because not a lot of people have community ties in the precinct 8 area.

Candidates Judith Davis and Konrad E. Herling came out to campaign but left because it was too slow, said Laquisha Dixon, a campaign worker for Che Sayles. Paz said that Silke I. Pope also came in the morning but left as well. Sayle's wife Kanija also came out to precinct 8 to vote for her husband.

Dixon and three others, decked out in red Sayles campaign gear, stood by the streets while waving at cars and passing out flyers to pedestrians. Dondria Wright, one of the Sayles campaign workers with I.Q. & Associates, said the whole Sayles campaign crew came out to precinct 8 in the morning, including Sayles, but they all left. For this campaign, Wright said they knocked on doors, handed out key chains, passed out flyers at houses and on cars. She said they've been successful so far working for previous candidates like Washington, D.C., Councilmember-at-large Michael A. Brown and President Obama. Wright said there are four Sayles campaign workers stationed at each of the five precincts, and they will be working until the election ends at 8 p.m.

There were only four voters by 9:30 a.m., after board of election and Sayles campaign workers had been waiting for three hours. Before leaving the voterless grounds of Empirian Village, Davis said there have probably been more Sayles campaign workers than voters that morning. She waited



PHOTO BY HELEN SYDAVAR

Electioneers at the Community Center from left Bob Schertz (Ed Putens), Stu Jordan (Emmett Jordan and Leta Mach), Patti Brothers (Kelly Ivy), Sylvia Lewis (Emmett Jordan), Nancy Kressler (Silke Pope), Nick Charles (Che Sayles) and Marie Coleman (Che Sayles).

around a little longer before pulling out of the parking lot but still no voters arrived.

Close to noon, there were a total of 12 voters who came to precinct 8. One of these voters, who had a hard time understanding English and did not want to disclose her name, was turned away from the polls because it turned out she wasn't registered to vote. Two men who were traveling to the different precincts to check voting machines said that at precinct 18, there had already been 60 voters.

Voters Background

Voters who did come out to precinct 8 on Tuesday morning shared various motivations for voting. For some voters, safety was an issue of concern. Fadika Mohamed, a regular voter who has been living in Greenbelt for 15 years, said he came out to vote because of candidate Sayles. The issues he was interested in are "safety of the area, lighting, apartment and the way things are run." Mohamed said he voted before, and he didn't see changes. He hopes to see changes this time. Edward C. Kevari, 80, also wants a councilmember who will work for a safer and better place to live. Kevari, who has lived in Greenbelt since 1992, said he wants someone "who can lower the taxes and fix the roads."

After two years of living in Greenbelt, William Debard, 42, was thinking about moving. He still came out to vote because he wanted someone to clean up the area and provide better transit.

For Elena E. Malaga, 65, and Dorothy Ford, 66, voting is more of a duty. Malaga, who has lived in Greenbelt for 18 years, said she voted right away when she became a citizen, and she votes every year simply because she is a citizen. Ford, who has lived in Greenbelt since 1993, said she votes as a civic duty. She is interested in issues dealing with crime and schools.

As a new resident David Abraham was not familiar with many of the candidates and issues in Greenbelt. He said he attended two candidate nights and voted for the two who introduced themselves to him. He said, "They were personable."

Precinct 13

by Kyle M. Jones

Election Day began at 7 a.m. Tuesday in Greenbelt, and candidates for the next Greenbelt City Council were at the Greenbriar Community Center with hopes that the day would yield the

results they all had campaigned for.

"It's a beautiful day," said Che Sayles, one of nine candidates vying for a seat on the new seven-member city council.

"We're celebrating all day today. We were fortunate to have the people, the resources and the spirit to make it happen from day one."

Sayles was on site to position campaign signs and greet voters who braved the cold, autumn morning air. He was joined by fellow candidate Emmett Jordan and supporters for Silke Pope and an incumbent, Ed Putens.

The few voters who arrived during the 7 a.m. hour were able to cast their ballots quickly as there were no crowds or lines.

Like others who voted Tuesday morning, Tanya Hardy stopped by the community center on her way to work. When asked what was most pressing for her during this election, she cited concerns with transportation as she quickly headed out the door.

Brian Nousin did not have a main issue driving his vote. He followed election coverage in the Greenbelt News Review and really wanted to cast his first vote as a resident of Greenbelt.

"I wanted to have a choice in who ran the city," said Nousin, who moved to Greenbelt two years ago.

Much like the morning, voter turnout was light in the afternoon and just 10 people voted between 3:30 and 4 p.m. Billy Smith was one of them.

Smith welcomed the two new additions to the city council and has high expectations for the new team of seven.

"Hopefully we'll see more diversity on the council and more of a connection between Greenbelt East, Springhill Lake and Old Greenbelt," said Smith, a seven year resident of Greenbelt.

But Julius Njoku was less concerned about the number of people on the council and was more concerned with what those elected officials will do for the city.

"Each person receives fewer votes," he explains. "The 'majority' winner becomes smaller. It's more about quality and less about quantity."

Doris Belton arrived just after 4 p.m. to vote for the candidates with whom she felt a personal connection and was also uncertain of voting for seven new councilmembers.

"We had a block party in our neighborhood and some of the candidates came out and spoke with us," said Belton. "I voted for the people I knew."

Although the crowds on Tuesday appeared small, they remained constant throughout the day.

"We are very pleased with the turnout," said election judge Judith Ott. "We had 400 people vote in advance and the numbers look better than they were two years ago."

Precinct 18

by Altoria Bell Ross

Voting at the new precinct 18 south Greenbelt East, Turning Point Academy started with a bit of confusion for Greenbelt residents. Although the designated precinct was the Academy, the actual ballot box was located in the office of the adjacent church. As a result, many residents began their trek to vote through the school, meandering around to the church. As of 6 p.m., 181 residents turned out, and of those who did, many had much to say about the election.

Mohammed Mahazu, a six-year resident, participated in his first city election because he wanted to support newcomers Emmett Jordan and Che Sayles. "Over the years, there have been very few city council candidates of minority persuasion," said Mahazu, who also mentioned that both candidates were forthright, excellent and highly qualified for the job. However, Mahazu only voted for five of the candidates because he did not know the others running and thought that more needs to be done to publicize the candidates by posting their biographies and political parties.

Sisters Carolyn and Evette Jones are neighbors of 14th term Ed Putens, who they said has been active in Greenbelt since they moved to the city 20 years ago. "He's very concerned about new Greenbelt," said Carolyn. Evette added that the mayor is doing a good job. In addition to supporting Putens and Davis, who has been in office for eight terms, Carolyn said there is another reason she came to the polls. "I wanted the new Greenbelt area to have adequate representation. In the past, Old Greenbelt had been the priority."

Pam Hodge, also a neighbor of Putens for 20 years, came to the polls to support him and Davis. Hodge said she also liked newcomers Sayles and Silke I. Pope, whose platforms – a clean community and maintaining current services – were similar to the incumbents'.

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Community Events

5th GCAN Science Update on Nov. 11

The Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN) will present Greenbelt's Fifth Annual Global Warming Science Update with Dr. Chris Barnet on Wednesday, November 11 at 7 p.m. at the Community Center, in Room 114.

Greenbelter Barnet, a climate change scientist, will review the latest scientific findings and conclusions about climate change and will present his up-to-date, always popular slide show to make his points, while incorporating his usual unique brand of humor. He will then lead what usually turns into a lively and contentious discussion on climate change and sustainable energy. He would like to spend most of the evening answering questions about the latest concerns those attending have about climate change. He hopes to cover questions on what is the truth about global warming when all are bombarded by other facts and opinions from different sources – whether there are new technologies around the corner to help reverse climate change – and how long improvement would take if everything necessary were done now. Come prepared with tough, pertinent questions.

Those who want to get involved locally working on the political front to help fight global warming are urged to come to hear Chesapeake Climate Action Network volunteer Susan Stewart talk about how they can help and hear about the latest news on proposed government action.

GCAN meets the second Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Community Center and in December will meet on the 9th. For more information call Steve Kane at 301-441-3809 or email srkane@gmail.com.

Astronomical Star Party this Weekend

On Saturday, November 7 the Astronomical Society will hold a star party at Northway Field. Members of the society will begin to set up to view the moon and other celestial objects at approximately 6 p.m. in the event of rain or cloudy skies the event will be cancelled without notice. For more information visit www.greenbeltastro.org/events/shtml.



Woodland Hills Holds 50th Anniversary Fete

Greenbelt's Woodland Hills Community will hold a 50-plus year anniversary celebration on November 8 from 3 to 7 p.m. at Greenbelt Community Church (1 Hillside Road). Past and present residents of Northway and Woodland Way will be able to share stories, photos and films of this neighborhood and Greenbelt generally.

There is a fee to cover the cost of the venue, refreshments and a CD of historic records and photos.

For more information or to send photos, documents or information for the CD or website email woodlandhills@greenbelt.com, leave a message at 301-474-5773 or visit <http://spril.com/WoodlandHills/>.

Local Photo Club To Meet Tuesday

The Greenbelt Photo Club will meet on Tuesday, November 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center with Jeffrey Ross as the speaker, talking about "Cyber Crimes" and ways to protect photographer's websites.

The Photo Club meets monthly during the school year at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the Community Center. For more information email club President Anita Woodruff at greenbeltphotoclub@yahoo.com.

Toastmasters Meet

The next meeting of Toastmasters is on Wednesday, November 11 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 6905 Greenbelt Road. These free sessions foster effective communication and how to become a better listener. For more information call 301-906-0865.

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 need to 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 November 9 to 13 include:

Monday – Cranberry juice, turkey stew with vegetables, brown rice, garden salad with dressing, brownie.

Tuesday – Split pea soup, stuffed cabbage with sauce, seasoned carrots, parsley potatoes, banana pudding.

Wednesday – All sites closed (Veterans Day).

Thursday – Creamy celery soup, baked chicken leg with gravy, pinto beans, turnip greens, yellow Jello with fruit.

Friday – Cranapple juice, meat lasagna, mixed vegetables, garden salad with dressing, canned pears.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald
The Golden Age Club has been on the road this fall. I hope you enjoyed the story of our interesting trip to Michigan with pictures by Bill Souser that was in the News Review.

Next we went to the Rainbow Dinner Theater in Pennsylvania to see "Uncle Chick's Last Wish." Great fun and good food.

There are openings on the Christmas and Gift Show trip to Harrisburg on December 3. Many thanks to all who plan these trips. Lots more trips are planned for spring.

There will be no Golden Age Club meeting on November 11 (Veterans Day). The Community Center will be closed until the afternoon. The Birthday Lunch will be on November 18 and we'll play Bingo on November 25.

Since our program chair Elie Rimar is ill we welcome all suggestions for speakers and activities. That's what makes our club great – everyone working together.

Explore Exceptional Women in History

Next week's Explorations Unlimited on Friday, November 13 at 1 p.m. will be a presentation by Jim Link, who teaches SAGE (adult education) classes for Prince George's Community College, discussing the lives of some quirky, unpredictable women who influenced their times in unexpected ways. Margaret Fuller, Mary Wollstonecraft, George Sand, George Eliot, Mae West and Coco Chanel are a few who will be covered. Warning: there will be a pop quiz!

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom, Room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

New Deal Café Upcoming Events

For Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C. Kraft, stop by the Café from noon to 2 p.m. on Thursday, November 5 (and every Thursday). As usual on Thursday evenings there is an open microphone session for music, poetry and prose from 7 to 9 p.m.

Another regular event is Friday-Saturday jazz and blues with Piano Man John Guernsey from 6:30 to 8 p.m. both evenings. Friday evening then swings to Washington's gypsy jazz group, Hot Club of DC, from 8 to 11 p.m.

Steve Pollack plays guitar Saturday, November 7 from 1 to 2:45 p.m. and Bruce Krittr, the "Wonderboy" of classical guitar follows from 4 to 6 p.m. every Saturday.

CD Release Party #1

What better place than the New Deal Café to release the CD "Entanglement" with its Middle Eastern flavors? Greenbelt's Nucleo Vega, Posido Vega and April Stace fuse African drums, harp, electric bass, dulcimer and other instruments from 8 to 11 p.m. Saturday, November 7. Sunday brings a change of pace with Americana Folk music by Jack Couldn't Make It from 5 to 8 p.m. on Sunday, November 8.

Next Weekend

Brena shows off belly dancing, 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, November 10.

From Silver Spring comes Busted Taillight, a country band playing from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, November 11.

Friday the 13th is a lucky day for Café patrons when Samira takes her turn belly dancing from 8 to 8:30 p.m., then Capitol Hill's Rio Garage returns with joyful Bossa Nova from 8:30 to 11 p.m.

CD Release Party #2

There will be a second CD release party for "The Answer is Seven's" folk rock from 8 to 11 p.m. on Saturday, November 14.

On Sunday, November 15 the Mike Grasso Jazz Trio plays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Afterward kids will have their own open microphone afternoon, until 3 p.m.

For information call Chef Karim Kmaih at 301-474-5642 or visit www.newdealcafe.com.

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PHOTO BY KATIE CROWE

Piles and piles of clothing have been donated for the families who were burned out in the fire.

be most beneficial to the victims at this time, Pezzuto said. For larger items such as furniture, email Pezzuto at campfirepatuxent@aol.com to make arrangements.

Families Moved

The families affected have been moved into empty apartments in the Empirian Village community. Many will pick up donated items this week.

According to Pezzuto, any supplies left over will be donated to other Empirian Village families in need.

"We want to be good stewards of the items that have been donated," Pezzuto said. "A lot of families can benefit from the community's generosity; we don't want anything to be tossed out."

Camp Fire USA, a national nonprofit youth organization, has been serving youth and their families since 1910. The Patuxent area council is the host nonprofit in Empirian Village and responds accordingly to community needs.

Pezzuto said some families affected by the fire are still having a hard time and others are doing seemingly well. Her organization has been trying to do all they can to allow the families to reestablish some level of equilibrium and normalcy.

"We can assume that these families are still in the initial crisis phase," Pezzuto said. "We're glad we are a focal point in the community that these families can come to for help."

NARFE Meeting on November 12

National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Chapter 1122 of northern Prince George's County will hold a meeting on Thursday, November 12 at 1:30 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Building, Terrace Room, 7600 Hanover Parkway. The guest speaker will be Julia Wright, Federal Employee Program representative for BlueCross/BlueShield. Note that the day/date has been changed for this meeting only. Call 301-441-1096 for directions to the building.

St. George's Players will be presenting the comedy "The Bible: the complete word of God (abridged)."

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The closing performance on Sunday, November 22 will also offer a "Sweet & Savory" reception for \$10.00.



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WINNERS

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population has probably remained stable. Even though the number of registered voters had increased dramatically since 2007 due to the city-wide interest in the last Presidential election, the percentage of registered voters turning out for this local election increased by two percent to almost 20 percent. The new council will not only have its first black member but more women than any previous council. It also elected an immigrant to America, Silke Pope, who is now a naturalized citizen, although this was not the first time Greenbelt citizens did that.

Losers

Che Sayles, the second black candidate and the first Greenbelt West candidate to seek election in many years failed in the election, placing last. Sayles had many obstacles to overcome in order to be elected. He was a newcomer to the city who had participated little in city affairs and was little known to the voters. His neighborhood base was Empirian Village, a giant apartment complex. Historically in Greenbelt and other suburban communities, few apartment renters take interest in city affairs, no matter their race, and this was true once more for Empirian Village, which had the poorest voter turnout by far of any city precinct. The 41 votes the Greenbelt West precinct gave to Sayles was less than the votes he garnered in each of the other precincts, even though Sayles placed first in that precinct and last, or second from last, in all the others.

Sayles also chose to run a campaign that differed from the traditional Greenbelt candidate campaign. Instead of door-to-door solicitations and ads in the News Review, Sayles chose to bombard the electorate with flyers left upon cars and automatic messaging telephone (robo) calls. It appears that many voters were turned off by these efforts.

Kelly Ivy also lost in his third effort to be elected. This time Ivy did little campaigning. Even so, he picked up nearly 500 more votes than in 2007.

Rodney Roberts, who lost first place to Davis by only 20 votes in 2007 and became mayor pro-tem, dropped to third place this time and will most probably not be reelected mayor pro-tem. He trailed Jordan by 99 votes. He continued, however, to be the favorite candidate of Greenbelt North End and did garner more votes than in 2007.

Organization

The new council will gather for the first time Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. and be sworn into office. The new council will then elect from its members the city's mayor and mayor pro-tem. By tradition, but not by law, the mayor elected is the councilmember who garnered the most votes. The mayor pro-tem, then, is the person with the second largest number of votes. If tradition holds true, Davis will become Mayor again for her seventh term and Jordan will become mayor pro-tem for the first time.

City Council Election (Unofficial Results) Top 7 Win

Precinct	3 Center	6 North End	8 Empirian	13 Greenbriar	18 Turning Point	Early Voting	Absentee	Total	% of Total Voting
Candidates									
Judith Davis *	543	455	37	286	201	297	38	1,857	77.4%
Emmett Jordan *	539	449	36	265	195	287	37	1,808	75.4%
Rodney Roberts *	537	473	31	202	156	263	47	1,709	71.2%
Edward Putens *	479	430	32	233	185	277	42	1,678	69.9%
Konrad Herling *	531	458	29	162	141	282	44	1,647	68.7%
Leta Mach *	507	427	24	211	152	281	38	1,640	68.4%
Silke Pope *	422	359	27	172	136	247	26	1,389	57.9%
Kelly Ivy	396	318	25	156	103	158	36	1,192	49.7%
Che Sayles	141	92	41	136	116	86	6	618	25.8%
Total votes cast	4,095	3,461	282	1,823	1,385	2,178	314	13,538	
Avg. votes per voter	5.8	5.6	5.2	5.7	5.5	5.7	5.2	5.6	
Voter Statistics									
Number Voting									
At Polls	711	618	54	322	251			1,956	81.5%
Early Voting	131	113	19	34	86			383	16.0%
Absentee	26	29	1	1	3			60	2.5%
Total Voting	868	760	74	357	340			2,399	100%
Registration	2,786	2,295	2,410	2,538	2,094			12,123	
Turnout	31.2%	33.1%	3.1%	14.1%	16.2%			19.8%	

* Elected

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Twenty six-year resident Janice Jastrzebski said she supported Putens and third-term Leta Mach because of their dedication, willingness to serve and support issues focusing on reducing crime and fostering of the elderly. Jastrzebski also welcomed the new candidates whose ideas she said would open up the council to different ideas. However, most of all, Jastrzebski's ultimate purpose for voting was simple, "It is a responsibility and a privilege to vote, and we (her companion) try to do it all the time."

In Zhenping Li's case, an issue drew him to the polls rather than a particular candidate - property taxes. Li said his property taxes have doubled since last year. He said the city council should be more careful with the finances and should not raise taxes every time there's an assessment increase. "We had almost a 10 percent assessment increase and they still raise taxes."



Campaign signs at Springhill Lake Recreation Center along Cherrywood Lane.

PHOTO BY HELEN SYDAVAR

City Notes

Public Works conducted an electronics recycling event on Saturday, October 24 at the Public Works yard. Eighty-one CPUs, 58 monitors, 65 TVs and seven laptops were dropped off. A large amount of expanded polystyrene was also received.

Refuse and Recycling delivered the expanded polystyrene to the Alliance of Foam Recyclers in Crofton.

The Youth Center is coordinating with the Police Department to provide support for the Youth Driver Training Program offered at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Registration for this program will now be received and processed at the Youth Center utilizing the RecTrac program.

Springhill Lake Recreation Center staff reports there are 10 residents from the Empirian Village community taking part in the Guitars Not Guns program, now in its fifth week. If these students are able to pass a test, they get to keep their guitars and come back for more free lessons.

John Wayne Stars In Museum Film

The College Park Aviation Museum continues its series of aviation movies, "Hollywood Flyers," with the screening of Flying Leathernecks on Sunday, November 8 at 1 p.m.

John Wayne as Major Kirby leads the Wildcats Squadron into the historic World War II Battle of Guadalcanal. The film, along with popcorn and lemonade, is free with normal museum fee.

Power Strip Savings

Most homes with an entertainment system probably have a plethora of cords intertwining around the TV. Even in "off" mode, plugged-in electronics still suck energy. In the U.S. alone, turned-off TVs drain more than \$750 million per year in electricity costs. By using a power strip and unplugging it at night (or whenever none of the appliances that depend on it are in use), one can easily stop the leakage.

- Sierra Club

A College Fair At Bowie State

A college fair and symposium to help students and families understand and navigate the college application process will be held on Saturday, November 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Bowie State University. Representatives from colleges and universities, testing centers and career training institutions will be available. Learn about financial aid resources, post-secondary education opportunities and how to write winning applications, essays and resumes. The event is hosted by Congresswoman Donna F. Edwards (Md-4). For more information visit www.DonnaEdwards.house.gov or call 301-516-7601.

Bowie State University is located at 14000 Jericho Road in Bowie.

Science Center Offers Planetarium Program

A Planetarium program "Follow the Stars" will be held at the Howard B. Owens Science Center on Friday, November 13. Doors open at 7:15 p.m. and the program begins at 7:30 p.m. Come join game show host Darian Blaze and three contestants as they seek to find the evolutionary path of the sun and answer other questions such as "How do stars of different masses evolve from birth to death?" What other facts do people know about the stars? A tour of the current night sky follows the recorded presentation. The Science Center is located at 9601 Greenbelt Road in Lanham.

Park in the lot at Catherine T. Reed Elementary School. There is a fee for this program; call 301-918-8750 during school hours to confirm topic.

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Grocery Bargains			
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Peter Pan Peanut Butter Assorted 16 oz. \$1.69	Shurfine Grape Jelly 32 oz. \$1.50	Post Honey Bunches of Oats Cereals Assorted 13-18 oz. \$2.00	Hunt's Spaghetti Sauce Assorted 26 oz. \$1.00
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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. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robbery

October 25, 10:51 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. A person was approached and assaulted by three people who took the person's wallet and fled on foot. The robbers are described as three black males, one of whom was 25 to 30 years old, 5'9", with a medium build.

Vandalism

October 23, 1:16 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Court. Graffiti was found on walls.

October 23, 1:16 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace. Graffiti was found on walls.

October 26, 9:12 a.m., 13 court Hillside Road. Graffiti was found on tunnel walls.

October 27, 4:11 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. A window was broken.

October 28, 7:02 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Court. A window was broken

Drug Arrest

October 28, 1:45 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace. Two juvenile residents were petitioned

for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. They were released to their parents pending action by the Department of Juvenile Services.

Vehicle Crimes

A gray 2007 Honda Accord was reported stolen from the 7800 block Mandan Road. There was an attempt to steal a vehicle at 9100 block Edmonston Road.

Thefts from autos were reported at five locations: 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace (MD tag), 6200 block Edmonston Road (seat and laptop), 5800 block Cherrywood Lane (temporary tag), 5800 block Greenbelt Road (laptop). A laptop was also taken from 8400 block Canning Terrace, where there was also an attempted theft.

Vandalism involving the breaking of car windows occurred twice, at 7800 block Hanover Parkway and 9100 block Springhill Court.

One stolen vehicle and two stolen tags were recovered; no arrests were made.

GAIL Is Helping File for Energy Assistance

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program (GAIL) will help complete applications for the Maryland Energy Assistance Program. The Maryland Energy Assistance Program provides residents with financial assistance with heating and cooling their homes. There are no assets requirements but income guidelines are provided in the box below.

Information Needed

Information that should be brought to file includes the following items required by

the Maryland Energy Assistance Office: copy of applicant's photo identification, proof of residency (for homeowners the service address listed on the utility bill will do; for renters a copy of the lease), copies of Social Security cards for the entire household (including children), proof of the household's total gross income for the last 30-day period within the last 90 days (from all sources of income). Documented proof includes pay stub, benefit letters from the Social Security Administration, Veterans Administration, Unemployment Insurance Program

or Social Services Administration and Pension Information. Also required is a copy of the applicant's most recent utility bill and any termination notice (if applicable).

Those wanting to schedule an appointment to complete an application are asked to call Julius Suku, who is available Monday through Thursday, at 301-474-8000 ext. 3002 for an appointment. GAIL program staff is available to assist those needing help to benefit from the state Energy Assistance Program.

Household Size	Maximum Monthly Income Standards	Maximum Yearly Income Standards
1	\$1,579.37	\$18,952.50
2	\$2,124.79	\$25,497.50
3	\$2,670.20	\$32,042.50
4	\$3,215.62	\$38,587.50
5	\$3,761.04	\$45,132.50
6	\$4,306.45	\$51,677.50
For each additional person, add	\$545.42	\$6,545.00

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522.



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Artful Participants Enjoy Mural Making to Films and Music

by Kyle M. Jones

November's Artful Afternoon at Greenbelt Community Center featured plenty of stiff faces and snarky music, much to the delight of many local folks. Residents enjoyed spending the day helping to mold the "Community of Faces" mural using clay tiles and watching silent movies accompanied by the live music of the Snark Ensemble.

"Community Faces"

Mary Gawlik, one of the Greenbelt Community Center's artists-in-residence, was inspired to create the "Community of Faces" mural from her work as a tile artist.

During the Artful Afternoon, Greenbelt residents were given 6" by 6" clay tiles as well as artistic freedom to design faces using clay for inclusion in the mural.

"I wanted to create an activity to show people what I do," said Gawlik. "Projects at Artful Afternoon are ones that create art everyone can see, so people can walk in and say 'I made that!' It's part of a joint public experience."

The faces will be used as part of a 34-tile mural to be displayed in the City of Greenbelt.

"I hope it's displayed here," said Gawlik, pointing at an open space outside the art studio. She notes the weight of the finished project will be a major factor in determining where it goes. "We'll just have to see," she said.

By the end of the afternoon, Gawlik had collected enough tiles to complete the mural.

Many Styles

Contributor Julie Faulkner thought it was a great way to incorporate the artistic styles of many different people. "It will be nice to see the variety of art within one mural," said Faulkner.

Amber Youhouse, Miss Greenbelt, and Amanda Saucier, Little Miss Greenbelt, were both on hand to contribute a tile to the mural.

"This is very interesting," said Youhouse of the project. "It is something I've never done before, and it's definitely a good idea."

To complete the mural, it will be glazed and fired. Most likely it will be ready for hanging in January, said Gawlik.

Snark Ensemble

Composer Maurice Saylor of the Snark Ensemble is a great fan of silent films. Realizing that a movement is ongoing to save silent films by converting them to digital formats, Saylor had the idea to create original scores to accompany them.

"I wanted to combine my love of music as a composer and my love of cinematic art," said Saylor.

He did not want to use ordinary instruments, however. Instead Saylor chose to create a "snarkestra," a combination of unusual instruments not traditionally used in orchestras, such as banjos, harmonicas and even a toddler's piano.

Saylor, Phil Carluzzo and Andrew Simpson are the core members of the Snark Ensemble, and



PHOTO BY KYLE JONES

Jorge Gonzalez (left) and Julie Faulkner pose with their tiles for the Community of Faces mural at the November Artful Afternoon. The mural is a collection of 34 tiles, each crafted by local residents.

have composed and recorded over 30 original music scores for silent films since their founding in 2005.

For Artful Afternoon, the ensemble enlisted the help of Ben Redwine and Dale Burton to perform live for the films "Publicity Pays," "Hello Baby" and "Liberty."

"It was wonderful," said Elaine Wilcoxson. "It really enhances the movie. In the old days, there was a pianist [in theaters]. Now there are five musicians."

Simpson agrees. "Many of us have never seen silent films," he said. "This is the way people used to see films: with live music. The music enhances the experience. It makes funny things funnier and romantic things more romantic."

The full audience in the Community Center laughed at the antics of Laurel and Hardy and Charley Chase while the Snark Ensemble played along to the film.

Outgoing Council Looks At Future Highway Issues

by Barbara Hopkins

Among items of business for the Greenbelt City Council, convening for its last regular meeting on October 26, were decisions to send two letters in response to upcoming legislation, one to the county and one to the state.

The first letter, which was approved unanimously by council, is a response to the state's Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) and will go to the Maryland Secretary of Transportation. The letter will restate Greenbelt's positions expressed last year concerning the state's transportation projects: namely, the city's opposition to the Intercounty Connector and to the widening and extension of Kenilworth Avenue (state Route 201).

The letter will also state Greenbelt's support for the Purple Line study, a full Beltway interchange at the Greenbelt Metro station, improvements to Route 1, increased funding for sound barriers and dedication of funds for improving transit throughout the region.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts asked that the CTP include specific funding for sound barriers and that the policy about them

"Every time is a little bit different," said Simpson. "It's a bit of a high-wire act. Movies don't slow down or speed up, humans do."

Several of the musicians played up to six instruments throughout the afternoon, from the toddler's piano to an oboe, contrabass and double-reed woodwinds.

Nostalgic Event

"When I was young, we used to pay 10 cents at the theater," said Lou Baron, who found the event nostalgic. "We'd go in at noon and come out at 5:45 p.m. We got a 'B' movie, a main feature, news, trailers, the whole bit."

He recalled a time when there was penny candy all over the theater and acts like the Jersey City Quartet, featuring Frank Sinatra, provided the music for films at the famed Paramount Theater in New York City.

"This was great," said Baron of Artful Afternoon. "My friends told me to come out because they said I'd like it. They were right."

be revisited. He said the Beltway has been expanded and its capacity increased, so additional barriers should be installed.

The state's annual road show tour meeting will be held November 4 at 2 p.m. in the State Highway Administration Auditorium. Mayor Judith Davis said city staff would attend this meeting with legislators.

Mixed Use Zoning

The second letter council approved, also unanimously, will go to the Prince George's County Council concerning a bill (CB-54-2009) to establish a new mixed use zone. The bill is scheduled for a public hearing on November 17, but a revised draft reflecting continuing work on the bill has not become available to city staff. For that reason the council will not be able to consider its position on the legislation before November 17.

The outgoing city council agreed to send a letter to the county council requesting postponement of the public hearing until the public has had an opportunity to review and comment on the final draft of the legislation.

Greenbelt News Review Staff Elects New Board of Directors

by Mary Willis Clarke

On Sunday, October 25 the volunteer staff of the Greenbelt News Review took time out from coverage of the Greenbelt City Council elections and other city events to hold its annual meeting. The meeting included the election of the board of directors of the Greenbelt Cooperative Publishing Association which has published this newspaper weekly without interruption since the founding of Greenbelt. Judy Bell, Eileen Farnham, James Giese, Diane Oberg and Thomas X. White will continue to serve joined by board newcomers Carol Griffith and Mary Willis Clarke.

Fresh from publishing a very large 24-page edition for the week of October 22, there were volunteers at the annual meeting from every aspect of publishing this newspaper including editorial staff, reporters, feature writers, advertising desk staff, copy editors, proofreaders, the circulation manager and the pre-print contractor. Buoyed by a tasty dinner, the staff was introduced to new volunteers and heard reports of the satisfactory status of finances, the contributions of student reporters and the ongoing effort to enlist new volunteers.

Board President Eileen Farnham and News Editor/President Emeritus Elaine Skolnik reminded staff that the 75th Anniversary of Greenbelt (and the newspaper) is only three years away. The News Review staff was instrumental in producing the hardbound "coffeatable" volume "Greenbelt: History of a New Town" for the 50th anniversary; planning for the next

celebration will need to begin in the upcoming year.

Farnham gave special recognition with floral bouquets to two staffers who have volunteered on the paper week in and week out for more than 50 years. News Editor Elaine Skolnik is now in her 55th year and Virginia Beauchamp, now a copy editor and reporter and a former editor and director, is completing her 51st year.

Several members of the staff had attended the Utopia Film Festival presentation of the movie Green Towns USA. They reported the comments of the director that, in the director's opinion, Greenbelt has been more successful than its sister cities of Greenhills Ohio and Greendale Wisconsin because of the contributions of the News Review. The movie attendees also spoke of applause from the film's audience at mentions of the News Review.

The volunteers who put out this newspaper are automatically members of the Greenbelt Cooperative Publishing Association entitled to vote for members of the board of directors. Members of the editorial and production staff thus have a voice in the paper's direction. The occasional recognition of the value of the newspaper such as the tribute by the director of Green Towns USA is an added bonus for those who put out the paper. Patronage dividends to the volunteers do not match salaries at the Washington Post or the New York Times but the satisfaction of contributing to their community – priceless.

Streams of Leonid Meteors Due in November Skies

by Doug Love

This is the year to watch the Leonid meteors. Three different streams of meteors from the same comet will converge on the Earth November 17 and 18. The combined counts of meteors per hour should be greater than the popular summertime Perseids shower.

Several top specialists have predicted that the streams of meteors last encountered in 1567 will be visible on November 17 and burn up in the Earth's atmosphere. Although the best place to see the Leonids this year is central Asia, this area, too, is in for a treat if the weather cooperates.

The North American Meteor Network recognizes 32 distinct meteor showers throughout the year. Most are visible from here from April through January.

The Leonids are variable. Some years, very few are seen. But every 33 years, when Comet Tempel-Tuttle comes by, streams of tail dust hit the Earth's atmosphere and the particles burn up, appearing to stream from a point in the sky near Leo the Lion. In religious history the 1833 shower, estimated at 200,000 meteors an hour, prompted the Mormons to leave Independence, Mo., and eventually found Salt Lake City. The Seventh Day Adventist Church still looks to the 1833 shower as the fulfillment of Jesus' prophecy of the stars falling from heaven in Matthew 24:29. Lincoln observed this shower and

saw the world was not ending, as his landlord, a Presbyterian deacon, thought.

When the moon is out of the way the shower can be exciting to watch. Meteors come in bunches, and when you see one, you can expect more. They also come in many different colors, most commonly white, blue and yellow.

Counting meteors can be fun and scientifically valuable, if important information is reported to the North American Meteor Network, at <http://www.nammeteors.org/>. The longitude and latitude of the viewing location is important, as well as the time and date of the observations.

I usually curl up in a lawn chair and a sleeping bag, with some munchies, a tape recorder, and time signals from either CHU Canada or WWV Boulder. When I see a meteor, I yell "Count," and count the counts later. Alternatively, it's hard to turn on a flashlight and write down my observations. If I have time, I then describe the brightness, color, direction and length of train of the meteor. If there are others with me, we split the sky into segments, so we don't all have to try and see the whole sky. Of course, after an hour or so, I fall asleep. But it's worth trying to concentrate at least for an hour, remember which constellation is which and watch the ancient stars roll by.

Daddy Daughter Dance Filled With Crafts, Dancing and Memories

Greenbelt residents are used to having access to a wide variety of family-oriented activities. Once such activity is the annual Daddy Daughter Dance which was held on October 24 this year.

Daddies and their daughters were treated to dinner, dancing and a craft project. Each couple was also provided with a souvenir photo for the participants.



Above, Robert Tinsley dances with his daughter Paige.

Above right, Katelyn Van Dyke and Paige Tinsley work on their cards.

At left, Moriba Tidwell escorted Olivia Noel to the Daddy-Daughter Dance.

At right, the craft table was a popular spot. Jeff Van Dyke watches his daughter Katelyn create a card.



PHOTOS BY HELEN SYDAVAR

“No Answer” Wins Annual 2009 Pumpkin Poll

by Doug Love

Participation in Halloween was up this year but participation in the Pumpkin Poll was down. Realizing that Plateau Place is a safe and efficient place to collect candy, 21 out of the 57 kids that visited me, especially those from out of town, elected to not answer the perennial question, “If you could vote next Tuesday, who would you vote for?” This helped me understand why many people that could vote don't vote. They just want candy.

Among actual candidates, Rod-

ney Roberts got 5 votes, Che Sayles 3, Judith Davis 2 and Ed Putens and Emmett Jordan 1 each. Kelly Ivy got one vote by being pointed out on the pumpkin. The lightbulb exploded at 6 p.m., making it difficult to use the pumpkin for either identification or pie.

Others receiving votes included:

- Thank You, 3
- I don't know, 3
- Olivia, 3 (and her two friends)
- My Parents, 2 (two teens with parents in tow)

“City Councillor,” 2 (two of 10 kids that came late)

- You, 1 (me.)
- Whoever Wins, 1 (a noncommittal teen)
- Toffee The Dog, 1
- Maia Tooley, 1
- Candy, 1
- No, 1

The pumpkin will be mulched as soon as the election is over. The top fell in this morning and

all sorts of foul insects began inhabiting its insides, much like politics outside of Greenbelt.

One adult congratulated me for being impartial. Little does he know! Another adult tried to get his kids to vote for a specific candidate but I suggested that he let the kids make up their own minds.



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Doug Love's pumpkin illustrates possible candidates for the votes of trick or treaters.

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Jim Churchill, a sales manager at the dealership, bought his first Series 62 Cadillac at 15. “I was making car payments back then without a license,” he said with a grin. “I thought it was the greatest car around.”

So what of today’s shifting auto-allegiances and cars like the Toyota Prius? Daniel Jobe II, president and owner of Capitol Cadillac, seemed confident in

his brand. “Well, we made it through the GM bankruptcy,” he said, adding that profits were up even despite little benefit from the nationwide Cash-for-Clunkers rebate program in July.

In conclusion of the six-hour show, onlookers gathered on the dealership floor in congratulating Thomas Murphy Jr., of Front Royal, Va., whose 1958 Eldorado Brougham had just been honored with the ‘best in show’ award.

“I was shocked,” Murphy later said of the award. And by that, he wasn’t talking about spark plugs.

WSSC Inspection Program Wins Acclaim

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) water main inspection program has been named 2009 Project of the Year by Trenchless Technology Magazine.

In 2007, WSSC began implementing a new program using state-of-art testing technologies to maintain major transmission mains. Trenchless Technology’s November issue honors WSSC for “its innovative approach and use of technology to cost-effectively craft a repair program.”

The magazine focuses on an early part of the program, where inspection of six miles of 96-inch diameter water main using sonic and ultrasonic testing showed that while 95 percent of the pipe was in good condition, a few pipe sections were in need of immediate repair.

The article points out WSSC had some hard de-

isions to make about the future of the main and the challenge of safely managing the pipes to reach their full service life. The method used was continuous monitoring of structural conditions to track failure risk. This was done by installing acoustic fiber optic cable that detects failure long before the transmission main fails.

WSSC plans to inspect approximately 12 to 18 miles of 48-inch and larger PCCP pipe every year. By 2013 all 77 miles of these larger PCCP pipes will be inspected with the goal of re-inspecting the pipes approximately every six years and the installation of acoustic fiber optic cable.

For more details about the 2009 Project award, the article is available online at <http://www.trenchlessonline.com/index/webapp-stories-action?id=976>.

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
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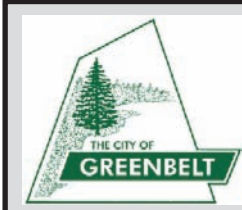
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Greenbelt Community Questionnaire 2009

At election time, residents are asked to take a few minutes to complete the following questionnaire. The information obtained will be useful to the newly elected City Council and City staff. Your confidential responses will be consolidated in a report for general distribution. If a question is not applicable, please leave it blank. Please place completed questionnaires in the box provided at the polling location or send it to the City Office at 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770. **OR...YOU MAY GO TO WWW.GREENBELTMD.GOV AND FILL IT OUT ON LINE...NO MAILING REQUIRED**

GENERAL INFORMATION

- 1. Residency:**
 _____ Apartment _____ Townhouse
 _____ GHI _____ Condominium
 _____ Detached Single Family Home
- 2. Do you?** _____ Own _____ Rent
- 3. Age:** _____ 18-29 _____ 61-74
 _____ 30-44 _____ 75+
 _____ 45-60
- 4. How many years have you lived in Greenbelt?**
 _____ Less than 1 year
 _____ 1-5 yrs. _____ 6-10 yrs.
 _____ 11-20 yrs. _____ 21-30 yrs.
 _____ More than 30 yrs.
- 5. Employment Status (Please check all that apply.)**
 _____ Full-Time _____ Part-Time
 _____ Unemployed _____ Retired
 _____ Stay at home parent
 _____ Work from home

- 6. Where do you work?**
 _____ Greenbelt
 _____ Prince George's County
 _____ Baltimore
 _____ Washington, D.C.
 _____ Montgomery County
 _____ Other
- 7. How do you typically get to and from work?**
 _____ Personal Automobile
 _____ MetroBus
 _____ Carpool/Vanpool
 _____ TheBus
 _____ Metrorail
 _____ MARC
 _____ Bicycling/Walking
 _____ Telecommute

PUBLIC SAFETY

- 1. Please rate your satisfaction over the last 2 years with the following services. (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)**
 _____ Police Presence
 _____ Police Responsiveness
 _____ Dispatcher Responsiveness
 _____ Overall Police Performance
 _____ Overall Police Employee Competence
 _____ Police Attitude & Behavior Towards Citizens
 _____ Traffic Control
 _____ Animal Control
 _____ Fire & Rescue
 _____ Parking Enforcement
- 2. Do you have any concern about safety and security within Greenbelt? If so, please list:** _____
- 3. If you have any suggestions for improving police services, please list them under General Comments #3.**
- 4. If you have contacted Police Dept. in the last 2 years, was the employee polite and courteous?** _____ Yes _____ No
- 5. Did the police employee assist you satisfactorily?**
 _____ Yes _____ No
 _____ Don't Know

PUBLIC WORKS

- 1. Please rate your satisfaction over the last 2 years with the following services. (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)**
 _____ Streets/Sidewalks
 _____ Street Cleaning
 _____ Street Lighting

- _____ Snow Removal
 _____ Park Maintenance
 _____ Horticulture/Planting
 _____ Trash/Recycle Pick-up
 _____ Fireworks Display
 _____ Drop-off Recycling
 _____ Building Maintenance
 _____ Greenbelt Connection
 _____ Crosswalks

2. If you have contacted Public Works in the last 2 years, was the employee polite and courteous? _____ Yes _____ No

RECYCLING

- 1. Do you routinely recycle?**
 _____ Yes _____ No
If no, why? _____
- 2. If you had a larger recycling bin, would you recycle more?** _____ Yes
 _____ No _____ Not Sure

GREENBELT CARES /SOCIAL SERVICES

- 1. Have you or any of your family utilized any of the following services in the last 2 years?**
 _____ Yes _____ No
- 2. If so, please rate your satisfaction with them. (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)**
 _____ Counseling (individual, family or group)
 _____ Crisis Intervention Counseling
 _____ Tutoring
 _____ Discussion Groups in School
 _____ Job Bank
 _____ Babysitting Workshop
 _____ GED Program
 _____ Assistance in Living (GAIL) Program

- 3. If you plan to remain in your home as you age, which of the following would you require:**
 _____ Online Advice & Support
 _____ Home Modifications
 _____ Activities for Homebound
 _____ 1st Floor Bathroom
 _____ Other: _____
- 4. How soon would you need these services?**
 _____ Now _____ 1-3 Years _____ 4-7 Years
 _____ 8+ Years

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ CODE ENFORCEMENT

- Have you had personal contact with Community Development/Code Enforcement Dept. in the last 2 years?**
 _____ Yes _____ No
- 2. Was the Community Development/Code Enforcement employee polite and courteous?**
 _____ Yes _____ No
- 3. Did the Community Development/Code Enforcement employee assist you satisfactorily?** _____ Yes _____ No

EDUCATION

- 1. If you have school age children, please rate the schools currently attended. (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)**
 _____ Greenbelt Elementary
 _____ Springhill Lake Elementary
 _____ Magnolia Elementary
 _____ St. Hugh School
 _____ Turning Point Academy
 _____ Greenbelt Middle School
 _____ Eleanor Roosevelt High School
 _____ Home Schooling
 _____ Other _____

Using the same scale, please rate the Prince George's School System overall.

- 2. What do you think are the important issues facing our schools? (Please rank in priority order 1-7; 1=top preference)**
 _____ Moving towards Pre-K-8 rather than separate Elementary & Middle Schools
 _____ Transportation to School
 _____ Funding
 _____ No Child Left Behind Act
 _____ Teacher Certification
 _____ School Choice (magnet & charter schools) vs. neighborhood schools
 _____ Other (Please specify) _____

RECREATION

- 1. Please rate your satisfaction with any facilities which you or your family have attended: (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)**
 _____ Aquatic & Fitness Center
 _____ Athletic Fields
 _____ Community Center
 _____ Dog Park
 _____ Springhill Lake Rec. Center
 _____ Skate Park
 _____ Youth Center
 _____ Parks/trails
- 2. Please rate your satisfaction with any activities which you or your family have attended: (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)**
 _____ Fitness classes
 _____ Pre-School classes
 _____ Youth/Adult classes
 _____ Camp programs
 _____ Visual Art programs
 _____ Senior programs
 _____ Performing Art programs
 _____ Aquatics programs
 _____ Special Events (Fall Fest, Festival of Lights, Celebration of Spring, etc.)
 _____ Other (Please Specify): _____

- 3. Please check any programs which you or a member of your household are likely to attend within the next 2 years. (Check all that apply)**
 _____ Pre-school activities
 _____ Children's afterschool activities
 _____ Children's weekend activities
 _____ Children's drop-in activities
 _____ Home school/school enrichment activities
 _____ Family recreation activities - weekends
 _____ Drop-in activities
 _____ Adult classes or leagues
 _____ Senior activities
 _____ Special events (Artful Afternoons, Greenbelt New Year, etc.)

GREENBELT MUSEUM

- 1. Have you or a member of your household attended a museum activity in the past 2 years?**
 _____ Yes _____ No

ELECTION OUTREACH

- Which of the following methods provided useful information about the City Election? (Please check all that apply)**
 _____ City Newsletter
 _____ Sample Ballots
 _____ Candidate Forums
 _____ City Website
 _____ News Review Ads
 _____ Posters & fliers
 _____ Cable TV Channel
 _____ Signs
 _____ Other _____

PUBLIC INFORMATION

- 1. Please rate your satisfaction with Greenbelt's efforts to publicize and broadcast official information and City events? (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)**

- 2. Have you visited the City's website at www.greenbeltmd.gov?**
 _____ Yes _____ No
- 3. Is the information on the website useful?** _____ Yes _____ No
- 4. Have you used the video streaming/on-demand section of the City website?**
 _____ Yes _____ No
- 5. Are you able to tune in to Greenbelt Municipal Access Comcast Channel 71 or Verizon Channel 21?**
 _____ Yes _____ No
- 6. Have you watched any of the programming, including Council meetings, offered on this channel over the past 2 years?** _____ Yes _____ No
- 7. How would you prefer to receive information about City programs and services? (Please rank in priority order 1-8; 1=top preference)**
 _____ Cable TV
 _____ Direct mail
 _____ City Newsletter
 _____ City Website
 _____ Greenbelt News Review
 _____ Posters & fliers
 _____ E-mail notifications
 _____ Facebook
 _____ Other _____

CITY SERVICES & TAXES

- 1. How do you rate the value of City services and programs for your tax dollars? (5=Excellent, 4=Good, 3=Average, 2=Fair, 1=Poor)**

- 2. The City has limited ability to raise revenues other than through property taxes or fees. In light of this fact, would you support a tax rate increase in order to:**
 Maintain current City services/programs
 _____ Yes _____ No
 Increase City services/programs
 _____ Yes _____ No
 provide fair compensation to employees
 _____ Yes _____ No
- 3. In general, should City services be (choose one):**
 _____ Kept at the same level
 _____ Reduced _____ Increased
- 4. If the City had to reduce services/programs, which ones would you suggest and why?** _____

GENERAL COMMENTS

- 1. Describe what you like most about the Greenbelt Community.**

- 2. Describe what you like least about the Greenbelt Community.**

- 3. Are there any improvements you would suggest for the City's services?**

