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Earth Day 2001 Celebration Will Feature Stream Cleaning at SHL

by Kristen Jalo

Spring has officially sprung, at least according to our clocks, if not Mother Nature. The rain clouds may linger, but they are a sign that better times are on the way. This is the time of year that people start tearing winter plastic off windows, uncovering gardens, airing out their homes and cleaning streams. Yes, that's right, stream cleaning. That's just what Greenbelt's Recycling and Advisory Committee (REAC) is planning to do on Saturday, April 21, from 10 a.m. till noon, as part of Greenbelt's Earth Day 2001 celebration. REAC hopes other Greenbelters will catch spring fever too.

Back in the dead of winter, Greenbelt's City Council hatched an idea to improve our environment and foster community spirit and pride at the same time. The city applied for and received a grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust to do a community stream project behind the Springhill Lake Apartment complex, using local volunteers. The Trust provides project funding to communities interested in restoring waters of the Chesapeake Bay and promoting environmental education and awareness. According to Terri Hruby, community planner, the stream behind Springhill Lake was chosen for the project

because previous environmental efforts have focused on other areas of the city. Focusing the project in this area will contribute to recent efforts to improve the Springhill Lake community.

The stream behind Springhill Lake is a minor tributary of the northeast branch of the Anacostia River. The stream meanders through Springhill Lake and eventually enters Indian Creek, a major tributary of the Anacostia River. The Anacostia, in turn, drains into the Potomac River basin.

This basin provides the Chesapeake Bay with nearly 20 percent of its water supply. The stream in focus, like so many others in urban areas, is currently littered with trash and shopping carts, which can impede the normal flow of the creek. When a stream is clogged in such a manner, it creates an inhospitable home for fish and wildlife and is not a source of enjoyment for the public. According to Maryland Save Our Streams, a healthy stream is "cool, clear and odorless, and it flows through a setting that is pleasing to the eye."

Any activities that negatively impact the quality of our local streams have a larger impact on the Anacostia watershed, which today is badly degraded in terms of habitat, water quality and abil-

ity to control storm water. It no longer functions as a natural, vibrant ecosystem. Activities that impact our communal streams include excessive use of fertilizers and pesticides, household cleansers and motor oil that are washed into streams by rain.

Restoration Project

REAC is hoping this project will help to restore the natural condition of the creek, thereby making it more pleasing to the eye, as well as to the gill. Members also hope to promote community awareness of our local watershed and foster ownership of the stream and its environs by including volunteers of all ages in Greenbelt.

REAC will also have perennial wildflowers and bald cypress and red maple trees on hand to plant at the stream. Trees and plants help to cool streams, and keep the water at a temperature that is hospitable to fish and other aquatic life.

The stream effort is part of Greenbelt's Earth Day celebration, which includes the Celebration of Spring and Arbor Day. The Stream Project will start at 10 a.m. and last until noon.

Volunteers should meet at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Volunteers will be shuttled to the nearby clean up and planting. **See EARTH DAY, page 16**



Leaving its home of 23 years at Montgomery College, an observatory dome is on its way to Greenbelt. - photo by Pam Lambird

Observatory Gets New Home

by Matt Elliott

A long time goal of several residents of Greenbelt and surrounding communities may soon come to realization. Members of the Greenbelt Astronomy Club have been working since 1993 to build an astronomical observatory in, or near, Greenbelt. With a little help from their friends at Montgomery College, this goal is finally coming true.

One of the most significant problems, the expense of erecting a building, has been eliminated with the recent donation of an observatory dome from Montgomery College. Wanting to see the old dome put to good use,

the college contacted Russ Waugh, planetarium director at the Owens Science Center.

A former president and long time member of the Greenbelt Astronomy Club, Waugh put the college in contact with John Settle, the club's current president. Settle sprang into action. In response to Settle's request for assistance, the city council agreed to provide transportation and storage for the dome.

On Friday, March 16, the dome was removed from the building on which it had sat for 23 years and moved in two parts to Greenbelt. It now resides at Montgomery College. **See OBSERVATORY, page 12**

Property Tax Increase Proposed As City Tax Base Remains Flat

by Diane Oberg

City Manager Michael McLaughlin has proposed increasing the city's property tax rate for the eighth consecutive year. If not for a likely infusion of cash from red light runners, a larger tax increase, or equivalent program cuts, would have been needed to balance the budget for fiscal year 2002, which begins July 1 of this year. Officially, the proposed increase is 0.4 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, but thanks to a change in how the state values property, this is equivalent to a 1 cent increase in prior years.

The budget calls for total expenditures of \$15.86 million, an increase of 3.8 percent over the current fiscal year's budget. Even with the tax increase and several fee hikes, revenues are only projected at \$15.61 million, which will be balanced using \$250,000 from the city's reserves. This practice of using reserves towards the city's debt service costs was approved by council in 1998. McLaughlin suggested that it may be time to consider refinancing the city's debt.

Last year, in response to a tight budget, McLaughlin proposed program cuts that proved unpopular. This year, he took a different approach. While proposing no program cuts, in his bud-

get message to council he wrote "options are available for Council's consideration, if desired." McLaughlin declined to provide information on these options to the News Review unless and until council requests them.

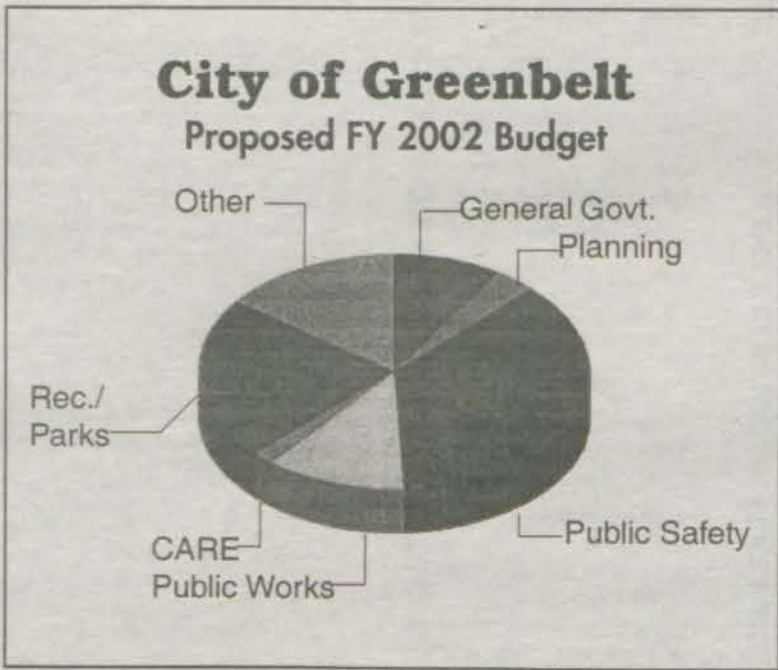
Likely Issues

At a budget overview work-session on March 28, council took its first look at the broad outlines of the budget and at projected revenues. They identified some issues that could be revisited as council proceeds with its

detailed budget review.

Motor Vehicle Fines - red light runners could, at least until they wise up, become a significant source of revenue for the city, although McLaughlin was quick to point out that the main goal of the program is safety. In mid-May, the city expects a contractor to install eight cameras at major intersections. Treasurer Jeffrey Williams said that he budgeted conservatively - if each camera catches just two viola-

See BUDGET, page 7



City Holds Stake Holders Worksession with GEAC

by Barbara Hopkins

Sheldon Goldberg, chair of the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC), "turned the gavel over" to Mayor Judith Davis at GEAC's monthly meeting on Thursday, April 5, for a stakeholder work session. All members of council were present, as well as Kathleen Gallagher, city clerk. GEAC was represented by members from Windsor Green, Greenbriar, Greenwood Village, and Hunting Ridge. Councilmember Ed Putens also represented Greenbrook Estates.

The comprehensive agenda included subjects of continuing interest to GEAC, but which may affect all members of the Greenbelt community.

Hanover Parkway Improvements

Celia Craze, director of the city's Department of Planning and Community Development, who also attended the meeting, said a study is underway to assess issues of traffic (vehicles, pedestrians, and bikes), lighting, landscaping, and safety along the Hanover Parkway. **See GEAC, page 14**

What Goes On

- Mon., April 16, 2 - 8 p.m. Blood Drive, Community Center
- 7:45 p.m. Worksession with Real Estate Brokers, Municipal Building
- 9 p.m. Worksession with Labor Day Festival Committee
- Tue., April 17, 7 p.m. ACE Meeting, Municipal Building
- Wed., April 18, 7:30 p.m. Advisory Planning Board meeting on Metroland Site Plan, Theater Rehearsal room, 2nd floor of Community Center
- 8 p.m. Budget Worksession on Recreation Department, Community Center

Letter

Diamonds Are Mom's New Best Friend

What heralds spring into Greenbelt? Is it the robins? Is it the daffodils? Or is it the diamonds?

Greenbelt's baseball diamonds are now filled with our children hitting balls, running bases and filling the air with peals of laughter, and occasional groans. I grew up in a dull suburb without baseball. Such diamonds held no meaning to me. This year my sons, Kerry and Timmy Mullaney will play together on the same Little League team (the Cubs). They will be coached by their dad. They will play with friends and neighbors. They will come home filthy, but happy to have had a chance to play. They will have been given nutritional leeway by their mother, and at last, a cheeseburger combo will be considered a fully balanced meal. It's just one season, one summer, but I hope they have a blast. After all, there's no rush to being a grown-up, it's still highly overrated. I never did develop an attraction to the glittery diamonds, but baseball diamonds? They are this mom's new best friend.

Sarah Powell.

More Volunteers Needed by GIVES

The Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) has 212 volunteers, some of whom have given some of their time to transport members to appointments for medical or other crucial needs. However, there are also requests for other kinds of services.

The Adult Care Facility, housed at the Greenbelt Community Center, is urgently in need of anyone who likes to play cards or other games, has travel photos or videos to share, will join group discussions of current events, or provide a friendly visit. Also, there are assisted living facilities in the area who want friendly visitors. To volunteer or for more information about GIVES, call 301-507-6580.

GIVES has certain expenses, such as telephone service, postage, and office supplies, all of which depend on donations. Plans are being made to hold a raffle, but ideas for other fundraising are always welcome. Call the above number to share these ideas.

Roosevelt Democrats Celebrate 25 Years

In June of 1976, a group of Greenbelt Democrats met in the Terrace Room of the Community Building of Phase I of the Greenbriar Condominium on Hanover Parkway for the purpose of forming a Democratic Club. The result was the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club, which still meets there on a regular basis.

Seven presidential campaigns, 13 congressional races, and 25 years later, many of the charter members are still active. Three current members, Tom White, Pat Unger, and Ben Barnes, sit on the county's Democratic Central Committee. The Club's executive board, under the direction of Club Historian J Davis, is planning a series of observances of this special anniversary.

On Friday, April 20, at 8 p.m., Maurine H. Beasley, professor of journalism at the University of Maryland, College Park, will be the featured speaker at the club's regular monthly meeting. Beasley is the co-editor of "The Eleanor Roosevelt Encyclopedia," recently published by Greenwood Press. One emphasis of her own scholarship, teaching, and writings has been the history of women in journalism, so Roosevelt was a natural subject for her. While First Lady, Roosevelt held news conferences for women reporters only, and wrote a widely syndicated daily column, "My Day."

Other commemorations will include a "birthday" celebration at the annual picnic at Schrom Hills Park on June 16, a display of club history at a Greenbelt Labor Day Festival booth, launching of the "Fala Fund" for campaign contributions, and a reunion of charter members at the group's holiday social on December 21. Prospective or former members who need more information should call corresponding secretary Pat Unger, at 301-474-1052.

Blood Drive Monday

The Greenbelt Recreation Department and the American Red Cross are sponsoring a blood drive on Monday, April 16 from 2 to 8 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. The Greenbelt Lions Club have volunteered to assist.

Call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212 to make an appointment, to reduce the waiting time.

Metroland Discussed At CCRIC Meeting

by Barbara Bonham Young

Metroland proposals, two upcoming stream cleanup events, and election of officers were among agenda items discussed at the March 25 annual meeting of Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek (CCRIC). The meeting was attended by Prince George's County Councilmember Walter Maloney.

CCRIC's goal, as stated at the meeting, is to develop "a viable alternative proposal [for Metroland] that can unite economic interests with environmental concerns." Building heights of up to 20 stories, proposed for the northern part of the development, were a concern with respect to overshadowing North College Park residential neighborhoods. Those attending the meeting felt the highest buildings should be restricted to the southern (gravel mine) parcels where only industrial neighbors would be affected.

New Officers

Officers of the newly-elected CCRIC Board of Directors are Pat Blankenship, chairperson, Zelda Bell, vice chairperson and education director, Lutz Rastatter, secretary, Tom Moran, treasurer and press contact, Dr. Matt Hare, fundraising director and Doug Love, media director. Other board members are Kate Spencer, Lowell Owens and Esther Rivinus.

Councilmember Maloney discussed recommendations of the county's Commission 2000, which would divide the county into three zones and allow development permits inside the Beltway, which he predicted would lead to fast development without adequate infrastructure and schools. He said public hearings will be held next month on Route 1 mixed use zoning amendments.

CCRIC officers Pat Blankenship and Zelda Bell are involved in providing wetlands conservation education in the public schools. Bell announced the need for volunteers to supervise children and help with

The Old Curmudgeon



"Ugh....I think I found that missing Easter egg!"

cleanup at the scheduled Friday, April 6, cleanup to be held at 10:30 a.m. at Springhill Lake Elementary School. Volunteers are also needed at the CCRIC cleanup scheduled for the stream/ditch/swale located at Walker Branch and Edmonston/Berwyn

Road on Saturday, April 7, from 9 a.m. to noon.

The next CCRIC meeting will be held Sunday, April 22, at 6 p.m. in the Community Center. All interested persons are invited.

This story was based upon notes provided by CCRIC.



Advisory Planning Board Wednesday, April 18, 2001 7:30 PM

Greenbelt Community Center
Theater Rehearsal Room

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Conceptual Site Plan/Preliminary Plan of Subdivision - A.H. Smith & Greenbelt Metro Properties
 - > Review of Existing Conditions

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At the Library

Children's Programs

Tuesday, April 17, 7 p.m., Cliffhangers for ages 5 to 8.

Thursday, April 19, 10:15 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5.

11:15 a.m., Toddler Time for two-year-olds and parent or caregiver.

Adult Programs

Wednesday, April 18, 2 p.m. Book Discussion of Carolyn See's "The Handyman."

Saturday, April 21, 10:30 a.m., Poetry Plus, a discussion group for adults.

All county libraries and branches will have a late opening day on Friday, April 20, at 1 p.m., so library employees can participate in a morning staff meeting.

Seminar On Giving At Greenbelt Library

The Parkway Civitan Club will offer a free seminar "The Rewards of Charitable Giving Made Easy" on Wednesday, April 18, 7 to 9 p.m. in the Greenbelt Library meeting room. George Krzywicki, financial advisor with Legg Mason will speak.

All are welcome. Light refreshments will be served. For information contact Tim Uber, 301-441-9511 or 301-474-2011.

GHI Notes

On Monday, April 16, the Community Beautification Program will begin (see ad on page 6 in this issue of the News Review for more information).

The following meetings are scheduled in the GHI Board Room:

Tuesday, April 17, Member & Community Relations Committee, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, Woodlands Committee, 7:30 p.m.; Thursday, April 19, Member Input Session, 7:30 p.m.; Thursday, April 26, Board of Directors Meeting.

On Wednesday, April 18, the Pet subcommittee will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the GHI Library

On Thursday, April 19, the Newsletter Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the GHI Library.

On Saturday, April 21, the GHI Landscape Clinic for members will be at 11 a.m. at GHI offices.

Community Events

Interfaith Sunrise Easter Service

The community is invited to the annual Greenbelt ecumenical Easter sunrise service on April 15, 7 a.m. at Buddy Attick Lake Park. Bring lawn chairs.

Participating will be Greenbelt Baptist Church, Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, Greenbelt Community Church, Catholic Community of Greenbelt and Berwyn Presbyterian Church. In the event of rain, services will be held at Greenbelt Baptist Church, at the corner of Crescent and Greenhill Roads.

Tutoring Resumes At Springhill Lake

The Tutoring and Homework Club will resume on Tuesday, April 17, at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. The Greenbelt Moving Ahead Program (GMA) will resume on Saturday, April 21, at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center from 10 a.m. to noon.

Both programs are free and will continue through the rest of the school year on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

Additional tutors are needed. Call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212 for more information about the programs and tutoring.

Golden Age Club

by Ruth Huggins

President Bill Souser presided over the April 4 business meeting. Florence Holly read a poem "With Gladness" by Pollyana Sedzial. After the salute of the flag, president Souser introduced guest Jack Szafran.

The Travel committee urged members to sign up for the following trips: May 15, National Geographic; June 26, Hillwood Estate and Gardens; July 17, cruise and lunch.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Christine Elliott and Jean Allen.

President Souser gave the first reading of the proposed amendments of the club's bylaws.

Dealing with Conflict Is Forum Topic

The Greenbelt Senior Citizens Advisory Committee will present a "Not for Seniors Only" forum on the topic of conflict. The program is planned as a practical discussion on how to avoid conflict and an exploration of possible solutions when a conflict occurs. Participants will also explore the kinds of problems that must be dealt with after a conflict has happened.

Besides the Greenbelt Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Greenbelt CARES, the Greenbelt Police Department and the Greenbelt Mediation Board will participate.

The program will take place on Saturday, April 21 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Senior Classroom at the Greenbelt Community Center. Everyone of all ages is invited to attend. For further information or directions, call 301-397-2208.

Baha'is Host Musical Program

"Music: A Ladder for the Soul and Spirit" will be presented on Saturday, April 14 at 8 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center's multipurpose room. Musician and teacher Linda Head will play the piano works of Hildegard, Palestrina, and others, alternated with readings from the Baha'i Sacred Writings and recorded music, including gospel and classical guitar. Head earned music degrees from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, and serves as accompanist to the Metropolitan Washington Baha'i Chorale in addition to her private teaching. This program is sponsored by the Baha'is of Greenbelt. The public is invited. No donations are accepted. Call 301-345-3982 for more information.

Gingell Memorial Slated for April 26 -28

The second annual Steve "Kiko" Gingell Memorial Mens' Softball Tournament will be held Thursday, April 26 through Saturday, April 28. Games will be played from 6 to 10 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and from 9 a.m. until finished on Saturday. With the exception of a few games Saturday morning, which will be at Schrom Hills Park, all games will be played at Braden Field. There will be concessions all three days, a home run derby Saturday, raffles for bats and bat bags, and door prizes awarded at the tournament's conclusion. Come out to honor Steve's memory and support the 12 teams competing for the championship.

Greenbriar Holds Used Clothes Drive

Greenbriar-Glen Oaks are holding a clothing drive through April 30. Residents can bring clean used clothing (in boxes or bags) during the month of April to the Greenbriar Management Office. Items will be donated to local needy agencies.

Donation Drop-Off

The city's April Donation Drop-Off, which it cosponsors with the American Rescue Workers, will be held this Saturday, April 14 behind the Municipal Building from 9 a.m. until noon.

Bring clean, usable clothing, small household items, curtains, towels, bedding, sheets, toys, puzzles and books. Donations will be used by needy people in Prince George's County and are tax-deductible. Donation Drop-Off is held the second Saturday of every month.

Unicycle Lady Stars At Easter Egg Hunt

Join Greenbelt's annual egg hunt on Monday, April 16, 10 a.m. at the Buddy Attick Lake Park. Children ages 18 months through grade 6 are invited. Arrive by 9:45 a.m. to get a good starting spot.

Bring a basket and help the Easter Bunny find the 4,000 candy eggs he and his helpers have left behind, including several golden eggs with special prizes tucked inside. Mr. Bunny will visit with children immediately following the hunt, and a free performance by the Unicycle Lady will take place for Greenbelters of all ages.

In case of inclement weather, the festivities will be held inside the Greenbelt Community Center gymnasium.

Poetry Plus Topic Poetry of Ireland


The Poetry Plus discussion group will meet this month on the third Saturday, April 21, 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Greenbelt Library. The group will discuss poetry from Ireland. The discussion is open to all who enjoy talking about poetry. Favorite poems and original poems on the chosen topic are also welcome.

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OBITUARIES

Billy Coleman

Former Greenbelt resident, Billy Coleman, age 71, died suddenly at Doctor's Hospital on April 7, 2001.

Prior to moving to College Park, the Coleman family resided on Eastway for about 17 years. Mr. Coleman was a member of Greenbelt's American Legion Post 136 and for many years was an assistant coach with the Boys and Girls Club.

Following the family's move from Greenbelt, Mr. Coleman became a member of College Park's American Legion Post 217 and the Moose and Elks Club.

Survived by his wife Marie, Mr. Coleman was the father of Bob, Peggy, and the late Diane Spears. His grandchildren include Jack Spears, Kristie, Kelly, Kaycle, Brittany and Joey Coleman and the late Tammy Burwood. He was the great-grandfather of Joey Burwood.

Services were held at Gasch's Funeral Home on April 12. Interment was in the Maryland Veterans' Cemetery, Cheltenham. The family requests that expressions of sympathy be made in the form of donations to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 5216, Glen Allen, Virginia 23058-5216.

City Notes

The week of April 2, the horticulture crew purchased trees and other plant materials for spring planting, pruned and cleaned areas at the Aquatic Center and Roosevelt Center near the Professional Building and began replacing trees and shrubs which died over the winter.

The parks crew moved the slide and installed a new stair and handrail at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center and completed renovations to the playground equipment at 15 Court Laurel Hill.

The building maintenance crew completed installation of two new security cameras in the Public Works yard and installed three antennas to network the computers between the City Office, the Youth Center and the Community Center.

The streets crew, using the new street sweeper, cleaned streets in Boxwood, Lakewood, Woodland Hills, along Ridge Road and Crescent Road and began cleaning streets in Greenbelt East. The crew also assisted the parks crew in moving and resetting playground equipment.



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10 am Education for all ages
11 am Sung Service

Samuel Brown

University of Maryland Professor Samuel Ernest Brown of Lakewood died March 30, 2001. He was 88 years old and had lived in Greenbelt since 1959.

Born in Chicago, he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a member of Greenbelt American Legion Post 136.

Professor Brown taught English literature before his retirement.

He is survived by his wife of many years, Nancy Pollard of Oxford, England; two nephews, Samuel Troy and William Kaiser; a great niece, Jessica Brown; a great niece, Sydney Brown Collins; four cousins; and many neighbors and friends.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, April 20 at the University of Maryland West Chapel at 2 p.m. For directions call 301-577-3568.

Buy A Book Plan To Assist Students

Parents are reminded about a program sponsored by the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE). It is called the "Buy A Book Program." This program assists parents with suggestions of various book needs for classrooms, teachers and school libraries. It can also serve as a holiday or end-of-school-year gift idea. Parents, students, relatives and friends can purchase the books and donate them to their respective schools. This process helps the students and their school community.

For further information, contact Carol Mealey through Greenbelt CARES at 301-345-6660.

Tons of Trash Taken From Local Streams

The Alice Ferguson Foundation's 13th Annual Potomac Watershed Cleanup was held on Saturday, April 7. A record-breaking 4,000 volunteers removed nearly 70 tons of trash from Hampshire County in West Virginia to St. Mary's County in Maryland. According to Michelle Radez, cleanup coordinator, this year's volunteers removed 2000 balls, 551 tires, a 1955 Chevrolet, two wringer washing machines, a treadmill, a working cell phone, an automobile radiator, and several kitchen sinks from the watershed.

"It was by far the largest turnout we have ever had," said Tracy Bowen, executive director of the Alice Ferguson Foundation, an environmental educational nonprofit organization that coordinates this annual event. "It takes careless people to create the problem and it takes a caring community to solve it," she said. "Today the community was victorious."

Results from 250 volunteers at four sites in Greenbelt — Walker Branch, Berwyn Heights-Edmonston Run, Spring Hill Lake School and Greenbelt Park — totaled 4.3 tons of trash removed.

Music: A Ladder for the Soul and Spirit

Well-known local musician Linda Head at the keyboard highlights passages from the Baha'i Sacred Writings

Saturday April 14 at 8PM
Greenbelt Community Center
Multi-purpose room
—The public is welcome—
—No donations accepted—

Baha'i Faith
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Greenbelt Community Church

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Wed. Praise and Prayer 7:00 pm
Wed. Living Proof, Youth Event 7:00 pm

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Library Receives Grant from Friends

by Lucie MacKinnon
Greenbelt Library Branch Manager Ellen Utley was awarded a grant from the 2001 budget of the Friends of the Greenbelt Library (FOGL) at their March 21 meeting, which will be used to benefit the library.


Re-formed in 1984, the FOGL volunteer group has as a primary goal the "promotion and development of the Greenbelt Library." To this end it has funded programs and made possible the purchase of items of practical and aesthetic value to the library, items which are not allocated in the county budget.

Programs such as the Teddy Bear Picnic, an event for young

children, and Summer Quest, a popular reading program for young people, have been made possible through FOGL contributions. In addition to these projects, Utley hopes to purchase posters and/or artwork to enhance the interior of the building.

Funds are realized through sales at the bookstore located on the main level in the library, and from proceeds of the FOGL book sale, an annual fall event. Many community volunteers offer time and services throughout the year in support of the Greenbelt Library.

For further information or to volunteer, please call Eileen Peterson, 301-441-8249.



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Municipal Building

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Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community
April 15, 9:30 & 11:15 a.m.
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4/12 Maundy Thursday Service @ 7:30 PM
4/13 Good Friday Service @ 7:30 PM
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Join Us for Children's Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, 4/14 @ 10AM

MASS SCHEDULE:

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

Daily Mass: As announced
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Rev. Thomas F. Crowley, Pastor
Rev. R. Scott Hurd, Pastoral Associate
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GOOD FRIDAY - April 13
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Tenebrae (Service of Darkness) 7:30 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY, FESTIVAL OF THE RESURRECTION - April 15
Sunrise Service of Holy Communion - 7:00 a.m.
Easter Brunch - 8:15 a.m.
East Egg Hunt - 9:15 a.m.
Festival Service of Holy Communion - 10:00 a.m.

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Extraordinary Girl Scout Leader Denise Troeschel

by Nelda Young

Why has Denise Troeschel been a volunteer for the Girl Scouts of America for 14 years? "I volunteer because it makes me feel good about myself and I hope that what I do will make a difference in at least one girl's life."

On March 21, Troeschel, of Windsor Green was recognized by the Soroptomist International of the Americas for her work with scouts. She received the Women Helping Women award, which honors women who consistently and effectively use their resources, talents and influence to help other women achieve their potential.

By day Troeschel is an assistant vice president/managing underwriter for FHA programs for Key Commercial Mortgage in Baltimore. At night and some mornings she is a troop leader. When her daughter entered first grade, her Brownie troop was leaderless. After all these years, she is still at it.

Four years ago Troeschel asked Springhill Lake Elementary's principal Linda Sherwood to name the school's most pressing scouting need. Sherwood said "my special education girls could use your help."

So Troeschel took on two troops, 19 Brownies in grades 1-3 and 17 Juniors in grades 4-6. They are excused from class twice per month to be Girl Scouts from 8:15 to 9:15. Troop activities include making wind socks, taking fitness hikes, baking cookies, doing science projects, and creating arts and crafts. Badges are awarded for their ac-

complishments.

Cadets, who are primarily seventh and eighth graders, are Troeschel's favorite age group. This is her second year of leading a group at the Berwyn Heights Presbyterian Church on Greenbelt Road. The girls come from Greenbelt, Hyattsville, College Park, and Berwyn Heights. Cadet Sophia Kean, a seventh grader, says she likes Troeschel a lot. "She has a nice, outgoing personality and takes us on outings." Recently the troop did some indoor rock climbing. But the three days and two nights at Camp Waredaca on the upper Patuxent River was really special for Sophia. They rode horses and learned about their care while earning a Horse Badge. At night they camped in cabins.

In June Troeschel will take a group of scouts to Savannah, Georgia, to visit the birth place of Juliette Lowe, the founder of Girl Scouts. Troeschel says she loves the town. This will be her sixth time to lead a trip to that destination.

Who is Troeschel's most memorable scout? Karen Yoho. Yoho was a Greenbelt scout leader when Troeschel got started. Troeschel says "Karen has been an inspiration to me in planning programs and organizing trips." They have been best friends for the last eight years.

If you are still trying to place the name Denise Troeschel, here is a hint. Till about two years ago she worked for the Co-op Bank, an institution that has Greenbelt connections, financing some of GHI's rehabilitation, and was on the bank's board for a while.



Condolences to the family of Billy Coleman, 71, a former Greenbelt resident who died on April 7.

Greenbelters were sorry to hear of the death of Samuel Ernest Brown of Lakewood. He was a longtime resident of Greenbelt.

All good wishes to Greenbriar Activities Director Tina Murphy who is recovering from knee replacement surgery and undergoing therapy.

Navy Seaman Thomas A. Yarwood, son of Joyce M. Yarwood of Ridge Road, and William A. Yarwood, Laurel, recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the guided-missile cruiser USS Bunker Hill, home ported in San Diego. During the deployment, Yarwood's ship visited Fremantle, Australia, where the crew had the opportunity to shop, sightsee and enjoy the local culture and cuisine.

Congratulations to Air Force Airman Nathaniel D. Johnson on graduation from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Nathaniel Johnson, Capitol Heights, and Andria Johnson of Breezewood Terrace, Greenbelt.

Congratulations to Melissa L. Barber who attended a conference in El Paso, Texas, where she presented research from her internship last summer at the University of Maryland at Baltimore (UMAB). The focus of her research was to utilize an animal model in the development of a new enteric vaccine for E. coli.

Barber is currently a senior biology major at Bowie State University and has a scholarship through the Model Institution of Excellence (MIE) Program. She is also the activities coordinator for the Bio-med Club and was inducted into and is a member of the Phi Sigma Biological Honors Society. Barber plans to graduate in December and then pursue a masters degree in exercise science. She is a 1997 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

news. She has just been awarded a full scholarship to the University of North Carolina. The special program will also include classes at Duke University and the opportunity to work on additional projects during the summer. Stratton, a Research Road resident, is in the Science and Technology program at ERHS and also participates in the swim team and the mock trial club.



Visually impaired artist Terrie Turano issued an invitation to the public to come see her art work at the Green Ridge House on Sat., April 14, and Sun., April 15. - photo by Pam Lambird

ERHS's Lisa Stratton Science Fair Winner

by Mary Moien

Lisa Stratton, a senior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS), has been awarded a grand prize and first prize in zoology at this year's Prince George's Area Science Fair. Two other ERHS students also took high awards at the fair: Christina Dwyer and Simon Chu. They will be participating in the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in San Jose, CA in early May.

The project designed by Stratton was "Short Range Attractions between Male and Female Leptinotarsa Decemlineata," a study of mating activities of Colorado potato beetles. For this

project, Stratton put pairs of beetles in a petri dish and then observed mating behaviors, the duration of each type of behavior, and the types of pheromones emitted. Using a computer program she helped develop, Stratton then entered her finds into the computer. She has now begun a statistical analysis of the data.

Stratton, a Greenbelt native, had heard additional exciting



City Council Meetings & Work Sessions

April 2001

Meeting	Date	Time
Interview for Advisory Groups (Library)	Mon. 4/16	7:30 p.m.
Stakeholder Meeting - Real Estate Brokers	Mon. 4/16	7:45 p.m.
Work Session - Greenbelt Labor Day Festival	Mon. 4/16	9:00 p.m.
Budget Work Session - Recreation (CC)	Wed. 4/18	8:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting	Mon. 4/23	8:00 p.m.
Budget Work Session - Police (CC)	Wed. 4/25	8:00 p.m.
Budget Work Session - CARES, Misc. & Other Funds	Mon. 4/30	8:00 p.m.
Budget Work Session - Contribution Groups (CC)	Wed. 5/2	8:00 p.m.

This schedule is subject to change. Regular meetings and work sessions are open to the public. Executive Sessions are closed. If special accommodations are needed to make a meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 or 301-474-2046 (TDD) by 10 a.m. on the day of the meeting. Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Rd. Meetings marked "CC" will be held in the Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd.

Kathleen Gallagher, City Clerk

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Greenbelt Homes is a close knit and caring community for all ages, with most amenities just a short walk from home:

- > Town center with shops, theaters, restaurants and post office
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- > Art deco community center with variety of activities and sports
- > Aquatic and fitness center
- > Woods, bike path and lake



Directions:

Washington Beltway (495) to exit Kenilworth Ave. toward Greenbelt, right on Crescent, follow sign to Roosevelt Center.

Cirkus Is Coming!

Step right up! Take front row seats — but don't get too comfortable, people have been known to end up onstage as part of the show! The Bindlestiff Family Cirkus, performing during the Greenbelt Arts Center's Acme Clown Month, presents a grand spectacle featuring sideshow oddities, circus stunts, daring feats of bravery, comedy and twisted humour. The Bindlestiffs will perform twice on Friday, April 13. At 8 p.m., they will present an all-ages show, and at midnight, they will perform an adult-only show for ages 18 and over. Identifications will be checked at the door.

Join in the Acme Circus Ring, where people may experience Philomena Bindlestiff's precision target bullwhip cracking! Rocket Johnny, the Human Cannonball, launches a pogo stick to the moon! See fabulous follies upon the slack wire, gleeful barefoot dancing on a carpet of broken glass, and don't miss the literary carnival of the Autonomadic Bookmobile!

Bindlestiff Family Cirkus and Autonomadic Bookmobile Roadshow plays at the Greenbelt Arts Center, 123 Centerway, April 13 at 8 p.m. (all ages) and midnight (18 and over only).

Performance at New Deal Packs House

by Dorothy Sucher

Three Moon Union entertained patrons of the New Deal Café with three fine voices on Saturday night, March 31. The house was packed as the Takoma Park group, which bills itself as "A Collective of Women in Song," swung into action with Rachel Cross leading the way. A high-energy performer with a magnetic, authoritative presence, Rachel sang some of her own compositions with feeling and, on occasion, humor. When she sings, the audience knows it is in good hands.

Her two companions onstage were also outstanding, and their individual styles made for an evening of vocal variety and mellow harmony. Mary Sue Twohy has a warmly lyrical quality, weaving a gentler spell, and Michelle Swan's approach is vigorous yet deeply personal. All three singers are also composers, and play guitar and rhythm instruments. All have garnered awards and nominations to honor their musicianship.

There is a fee. For more information, call 301-441-8770 or visit on the Internet <http://www.greenbelt.com/artscenter/>.

New Deal patrons will be able to hear Rachel Cross again on Friday, April 13, when she returns in the duo Rachel and Jaqui for a benefit performance.

Brazil 99

Saturday's performance was opened by the trio Brazil 99, with Bruce Elles outstanding on the electric clarinet and Rob Orwin fine on the guitar. Vocalist Dete Aldrich, who is from Sao Paulo, sang numbers by Jobim and other Brazilian composers with authenticity. She has a vivacious stage presence and is very attractive, but occasionally wandered off key. Nevertheless, the group was quite enjoyable.



Old Is New Again

by Barbara Bonham Young

Attending a March conference on surveying and mapping held in Las Vegas, Greenbelter Jane Menis was pleasantly startled when a workshop presenter showed old still pictures of Greenbelt including her own house, to illustrate his new planning concept of "coving." The workshop was entitled "Space Without Sprawl."

The presenter was Rick Harrison, a community designer from Minnesota. He talked about how to plan a development which improves the quality of life by laying out streets that follow the natural curves and topography of the land and maximizes green open space by the use of inner walkways. He showed stills of Greenbelt from the historic film "The City" to illustrate how long similar planning concepts have been in use.

Census Bureau employee Menis made a panel presentation on high-volume automated mapping. Also attending the conference (but not this workshop) was Greenbelter David Alexander, team leader of the Census Bureau's automated mapping system, which produced about 13 million maps for the recently completed national census. Menis is one of the computer programmers who contributed to the system.

Veiled Women Evoke Mystery at Exhibit

by Dorothy Sucher

The tropical colors of the Caribbean have invaded the conference room of the Greenbelt Municipal Building in the form of an interesting exhibit of paintings by Lucilda Dassardo-Cooper. The show runs through May 28. "Veiled Women and Other Visions" is, for the most part, just that: a parade of women draped in brilliantly patterned, sari-like textiles covering their bodies and heads. Faces cannot be seen, although here and there a strong,

feminine arm emerges, wearing bangles or—oddly—a watch, suggesting the character of the women within the draperies. The effect is of gaiety and mystery—yet with an undercurrent of something less agreeably intriguing: why can't these women show their faces? Are they oppressed by the cultures in which they live?

These questions come to the fore in the final "Veiled Presence # 9," where the colors have faded to black and the woman herself is invisible except for a limply hanging hand. Is this an image of mourning? It conjures up the millions of women who must wear the chador in Islamic regimes, and who can be taunted and beaten on the streets if they inadvertently show an ankle. This "veiled presence" is a powerful image, and viewers will read into it their own interpretations.

A couple of other canvases explore other themes—a "Cosmic Dancer" and a panel showing women at work—but the veiled women are the most distinctive.

Dassardo-Cooper is an American artist of East Indian and African descent who was born in Jamaica. She credits her clarity of vision and perception to her study of yoga, which she practices and also teaches. She has exhibited widely in the Washington area and elsewhere.



"Veiled Women" Exhibit

Watch the Fleas

From April 20 to April 29, the stars treading the boards of the Greenbelt Arts Center will be rather difficult to see. That's because they will be insects. Trained insects. Fleas of the species *Pulex irritans* (the common human flea) to be exact.

"There are over 2,000 species of flea," says ringmaster, flea-trainer, psycho-entomologist and Greenbelt Clown Laureate Professor A. G. Gertsacov, "this is one of the more useful species."

Gertsacov has trained his fleas to pull chariots, dance on a tightwire, and perform other circus-like stunts. While he does not reveal his method of training (a proprietary secret, he explains), he assures the curious and the civic minded that he uses only method of positive reinforcement to teach the insects their routines. "I treat them as if they are my own flesh and blood," Gertsacov says. "And in some way, they are." No dogs or cats will be admitted to the show.

Flea Circuses were popular entertainments during Victorian

Roots Music Marks Free Concert

The Prince George's Arts Council will offer a free concert featuring Ruth Logsdon and Phil Mathieu on Friday April 20 from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the atrium at 6525 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville.

Logsdon and Mathieu are recent winners of eight Washington area music awards. They will feature American roots music.

For information call 301-277-1402.

times, but have nearly disappeared since the advent of television. According to Gertsacov, this is one of only four or five flea circuses still performing throughout the world. The show is being held as part of Acme Clown Month, a six-week residency program by Gertsacov at the Greenbelt Arts Center. The show is appropriate for families and children over five. The show, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 and 7 p.m., is approximately 35 minutes long.

There is a fee. For information call 301-441-8770.



ATTENTION GHI MEMBERS Community Beautification Program

The initial phase of the 2001 Community Beautification Program will begin on Monday, April 16, 2001. The units scheduled for the first week of the program shall include the following:

- > 7 thru 15 courts of Laurel Hill
- > 19, 20, 22 courts of Hillside Road
- > All courts on Research Road
- > 133 Greenhill
- > 65 thru 73 courts of Ridge Road

Further updates will be posted weekly in the News Review. All questions, comments or suggestions should be directed to Phillip Rondeau at (301) 474-4161 ext. 132. When possible calls will be answered within 24 hours.

Thank you for your cooperation.



GHI Community-Wide Clean Up A Success

The Board of Directors and GHI Staff thank all our residents who helped clean up the common areas on April 7th.

Cooperation Works!



Request for Proposals - Arts Administration

The City of Greenbelt, Maryland, is seeking to identify qualified individuals and organizations interested in providing visual arts education programming at the Greenbelt Community Center. Assistance is sought with the development, coordination, marketing, and administration of an annual sequence of four (4) quarterly class schedules, including programming for both youth and adults. Parties may be retained to administer programming in ceramics, general visual arts, or both areas. Arrangements may entail direct employment or contractual agreements with the City of Greenbelt.

Dedicated facilities are available within the Community Center for the provision of these services. The Center is a hub of community arts activity in the visual and performing arts. Visual arts students and educators will enjoy ample opportunities to collaborate with the Greenbelt Recreation Department and independent community organizations to coordinate educational opportunities, special events, and interdisciplinary programs.

Detailed information concerning this opportunity is contained in a Request for Proposals (RFP) available at the Greenbelt Community Center, located at 15 Crescent Road. An RFP may be picked up Monday through Friday, between 9:00am and 4:30pm. Proposals are due by 2:00pm on Friday, April 27, 2001. Inquiries may be directed to Joe McNeal, Community Center Supervisor, at 301-397-2208. The City of Greenbelt is an Equal Opportunity Employer and supports affordable housing.



LANDSCAPE CLINIC FOR GHI MEMBERS

April 21, 2001 - 11 a.m.

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. is holding a free Landscaping Clinic for its members on Saturday, April 21, 2001 at the GHI Administration Building on Hamilton Place. The clinic is intended to provide members with landscaping and maintenance techniques for yards that are either located in shady areas or subjected to heavy pet activity.

A horticulturist from the Brickman Group Ltd. (a national landscape maintenance company) will conduct the clinic.

Light refreshments will be served.



BUDGET

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tions per day, a total of \$250,000 in revenue will be generated. This revenue will be partially offset by the need to hire an additional staffer to handle the paperwork and by other costs.

Councilmember Edward Putens suggested raising this estimate. Other jurisdictions are averaging four to five tickets per camera per day, he said. Underestimating this revenue could lead to higher taxes than would otherwise be necessary, he noted.

Putens also took the idea one step further. If red light runners could help the city's budget woes, why not parking scofflaws? Although parking ticket revenues increased when parking enforcement was moved to the Department of Planning and Community Development, they have since slumped as the parking enforcement officer was assigned other duties. The revenue from parking fines and late fees has decreased from \$104,668 in fiscal year 1999 to \$77,800 in the current fiscal year. Putens suggested that the city would more than recoup costs if it added someone to deal only with parking violations. He said that there are many serious violations (parking in a handicapped space or fire lane, trucks parked across multiple parking places, junk cars parked permanently, etc.) in the city. Addressing these problems would generate revenue while improving the city's appearance, he said.

Council Pay Raise

Council's pay has not changed since 1989. The councilmembers appeared to lean towards an increase this year (which would not take effect until after the next election), when the issue was raised by Councilmember Edward Putens, but with some discomfort. Councilmember Thomas White suggested raising the mayor's pay to \$7,500 (from \$6,000) and councilmembers' pay to \$6,000 (from \$5,000). Although he later withdrew that suggestion, Putens quickly put it back "on the table."

Not in Budget

Another budget uncertainty involves the city's lawsuit against the U.S. Department of Agriculture. To date, the city has spent more than \$120,000 on this lawsuit in legal fees and consulting costs. Because the city expects to get reimbursed for these costs, it is treating these costs as receivables which are not reflected in the budget (though they will be reflected in the annual financial report) according to Williams. However, the USDA has filed a motion to dismiss the case, which the city is fighting. So, it is not yet certain that these costs will be reimbursed.

The budget does not fund the Community Resource Advocate called for by the Assisted Living Task Force.

Fee Hikes

McLaughlin has proposed increasing refuse collection fees by \$6 per year. County landfill fees, however, will decrease by \$20 per household, so total refuse collection costs will still decrease.

Resident and nonresident pool pass prices would increase 3 percent under McLaughlin's proposal. He recommends retaining the policy that allows only residents, their guests and passholders to use the pool on summer weekends. This policy was estimated to reduce revenues by almost \$25,000. Pool fees covered 76 percent of expendi-

tures in the current fiscal year, down from 79 percent in FY 2000. McLaughlin's budget projects that, with the fee increase, fees will again cover 79 percent of costs.

Revenues

The main source of city revenues, property taxes, continues to be flat. New assessments take

gas. Debt service costs will jump by \$73,000 based upon the 1993 refinancing. At that time, the city expected its tax base to increase to cover the higher cost, which has not happened.

The city got good news on the benefits front, having negotiated a significant savings in health insurance costs and having obtained a

lice. Of the seven jurisdictions studied, Laurel came closest, with 2.38 officers per thousand residents.

Overall, the city has 7.77 employees per thousand residents, significantly lower than the 10.44 of Rockville and the 8.75 for Prince George's County. However, the city's staff-to-resident ratio is more than 50 percent higher than Bowie's 4.78, the lowest ratio among the municipalities studied.

Taxes

In previous years, state assessments for real properties were set at 40 percent of their market value. Effective July 1, assessments will be set to full market value and property tax rates adjusted accordingly. Thus, the \$1.54 per \$100 of assessed valuation that Greenbelters paid this year will become 61.6 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation next year. McLaughlin proposes raising this rate to 62 cents, equivalent to \$1.55 at current valuations.

To make matters more confusing, personal (business) property has always been assessed at its full valuation, so the city will now have two tax rates: 62 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation for real property, and \$1.55 per \$100 of assessed valuation for personal property, if council approves McLaughlin's recommendation.

McLaughlin expressed some concern about the continuing increase in property tax rates, not-

Cellist Chaitkin At Montpelier

The Montpelier Cultural Arts Center once again brings a group of musicians to the center for the annual Spring Recital series.

Cellist Nathaniel Chaitkin will perform on Sunday, April 22 at 3 p.m., accompanied by Marie-France Lefebvre on piano. Chaitkin was the featured soloist with the Fairfax Symphony and the U.S. Marine Chamber Orchestra. He has presented chamber performances at the Library of Congress and the Corcoran Gallery and was principal cellist for the Tanglewood Music Center, and the Virginia Chamber Orchestra. Lefebvre has appeared as a soloist with the Hull Chamber Orchestra (Quebec).

All concerts are held on Sunday afternoons at 3 p.m. They are free, but space is limited. Make reservations by calling 301-953-1993.

ing that at some point city taxes could become more than residents are willing to pay. In FY 2001, Greenbelters had a total tax rate of \$4.2446 including city, county, state, park and planning and water and sewer taxes. Of the seven municipalities studied, residents of Takoma Park paid the most, with a total tax rate of \$4.817. Bowie residents paid the least — just \$3.98. Residents of unincorporated areas of Prince George's County pay \$3.431.

Proposed City Budget

	FY 2002 Starts 7/1/01	FY 2001	% Change
Total Expenditures	15,862.6*	15,279.5*	3.8
General Govt.	1,409.5	1,289.9	9.3
Planning/Development	539.7	523.9	3.0
Public Safety	5,851.9	5,603.4	4.4
Public Works	1,827.1	1,701.6	7.4
CARES	286.6	299.5	-4.3
Recreation/Parks	3,575.1	3,558.0	0.5
Miscellaneous	116.6	82.6	41.2
Non-Departmental	580.0	465.0	24.7
Fund Transfers	1,676.1	1,755.6	-4.5

*in thousands of dollars

effect this year and will remain in effect for three years. With these assessments, the tax base is essentially flat, although staff is investigating the possibility that some Greenbelt properties were not credited to Greenbelt.

Revenues from other taxes, on income, hotel/motel services and admissions and amusements, are projected to be higher than any previous year and to increase by 1.5 percent from the current fiscal year.

Cable franchise fees are expected to increase by 25 percent now that Springhill Lake is covered by the city's franchise with Comcast Communications.

Expenditures

McLaughlin is proposing a 3.5 percent cost of living increase, just over the 3.3 percent increase in the consumer price index. Many employees will also be eligible for a 2 percent performance bonus and a 2 percent merit increase. McLaughlin has also set aside \$200,000 to fund pay increases resulting from a compensation study currently under way and \$40,000 to complete a three-year phase-in of an employer contribution to deferred contribution accounts for police officers and employees in the oldest of the city's three pension systems.

Like many of its residents, the city is also projecting higher costs for motor fuel and natural

reduction in some retirement costs.

However, several grants are phasing out, raising the city's share of the costs for the museum curator. Next year, the \$100,000 the city is receiving under a Community Oriented Policing grant will disappear, putting a further strain on the budget.

Other Changes

McLaughlin proposes moving animal control from the police department to the Department of Planning and Community Development, which enforces other civil code violations.

Total staff levels will remain nearly constant, with an increase equivalent to the addition of one half-time employee. However, two new positions, a director of information technology in the finance department and an assistant director in the public works department, will replace existing lower level positions. The level of other positions, such as the animal control officer, will be increased.

Greenbelt has relatively high levels of staffing relative to other communities, according to information presented in the budget book. Greenbelt provides a higher level of police protection, with 2.51 officers per thousand residents versus 1.80 officers per thousand residents for county po-

FOGM

Friends of the Greenbelt Museum

Book Signing & Discussion

Dr. Cathy Knepper
Greenbelt, Maryland: A Living Legacy of the New Deal

Thursday, April 26

7:30 p.m.

Greenbelt Municipal Building

Books now available in the Greenbelt Museum Gift Shop, at 10-B Crescent Road. Museum and shop open Sundays, 1-5 p.m. Books will also be available at the event.

For more information, please call 301/577-3686.

The Till Bergemann, M.D. Medical Ethics Lecture Series

Presents:

Death and End-of-Life Issues in Maryland:
The Legal Rights for Those Dying and those Caring For Them

Prince George's Hospital Center Auditorium
FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2001 - 12 noon to 2 pm

The Till Bergemann, M.D. Medical Ethics Lecture Series has been established in memory of Till Bergemann, a well-respected family practice physician in our community. Not only was Dr. Bergemann dedicated to the patients he served, but also to the study, practice, and enhancement of medical ethics. This annual lecture series will provide continuing education in the field of medical and healthcare ethics and is open to physicians, nurses, other health care professionals, clergy, social workers, risk management workers, and community members.

The speaker will be Martha Ann Knutson, J.D., who is the first Legal Compliance Officer of Upper Chesapeake Health (UCH). On a daily basis, she advises doctors, nurses, and other health care providers in the organization's hospitals and home health agency about the most effective way to navigate through the maze of federal and state laws and regulations surrounding end-of-life issues and other health care delivery matters. Ms. Knutson has taught at the Washington College of Law at American University and is frequently asked to speak at health care institutions and conferences about legal considerations in health care.

Continuing education credit will be provided by Prince George's Hospital and Medical Center to health care professionals.

A registration fee of \$5 per person, payable at the door, includes a box lunch. Please call Prince George's Hospital Center's events line to reserve a seat and lunch at (301) 618-2636. Proceeds from this event will go to the Till Bergemann Memorial Fund of the Prince George's Hospital Foundation.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Armed Robbery

Beltway Plaza Mall, Apr. 2, 10:25 p.m., people walking to their vehicle in the rear parking lot were approached by two men, one displaying a handgun and a second displaying a knife. The robbers took money and jewelry and fled toward Breezewood Drive.

Strong-Arm Robbery

6100 block of Breezewood Drive, Apr. 3, 2:42 a.m., a man exited his vehicle to walk to his residence when he was approached from behind by a man who announced a robbery. The victim did not respond to the demand for money, and the robber punched him in the face, then fled.

Assault

6100 block of Breezewood Court, Mar. 30, 3:10 p.m., a 13 year old was assaulted by several people while he was walking home from Greenbelt Middle School. The victim was kicked and punched several times, but declined treatment for minor injuries. The suspects are believed to be students at Greenbelt Middle School, and investigation is continuing.

7500 block of Mandan Road, Mar. 30, 5:03 p.m., a man was driving in the area of Greenbelt Road and Mandan Road when his vehicle may have possibly cut off another. The driver of the other vehicle began to follow the man, honking his horn. The man pulled into a parking lot in the 7500 block of Mandan Road. The other driver followed the man to the parking lot, got out, opened the door of the man's vehicle, and then punched the man several times in the face. The assailant got back into his vehicle and drove away. The victim declined treatment for lacerations to his face. The suspect is described as a black male, 20 to 30 years of age, with black hair; he was driving a grey vehicle with possible Maryland tags HWJ830.

Bally Total Fitness in Greenway Center, Apr. 4, 9:26 p.m., a woman was working out when she was approached by a man who wanted to use the training apparatus she was using. The man pulled the woman off the machine and placed her on the ground. He then knocked over the machine, which fell on top of the woman, bruising her leg. He then fled. The victim required no medical attention.

DWI

9000 block of Springhill Lane, Apr. 1, 3:20 a.m., a 21-year-old male nonresident was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated, driving under the influence, and hit and run after he was involved in a motor vehicle accident. He was transported by ambulance for treatment of injuries suffered in the accident and released on citations pending trial.

Burglary and Theft

9100 block of Edmonston Terrace, Mar. 31, 12:49 a.m., a personal computer, video arcade console and video games, two DVD players, digital camera, and money were taken. Entry was gained by forcing open the balcony door.

T.G.I. Friday's, Mar. 31, 10:50 p.m., someone took an unattended key chain/purse.

Bennigan's at Beltway Plaza Mall, Apr. 1, 2:53 p.m., an unattended purse was taken.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Apr. 4, 2:49 p.m., a purse was taken from a locked cabinet.

Wendy's at Beltway Plaza Mall, Apr. 5, 12:35 p.m., an unattended purse was taken.

61 court of Ridge Road, Apr. 5, 6:31 p.m., a digital camera was taken. Entry was gained by forcing open the front door.

7200 block of Hanover Drive, Apr. 5, 7:30 p.m., someone removed a wallet from an unattended purse.

Vandalism

9100 block of Edmonston Terrace, Mar. 29, 2:07 p.m., a glass sliding door was broken out at a residence.

6000 block of Springhill Drive, Mar. 31, 7:15 a.m., someone entered a residence and vandalized property inside it.

9100 block of Springhill Lane, Mar. 31, 4:03 p.m., someone broke out the living room window of a residence.

49 court of Ridge Road, Apr. 1, 11:08 a.m. a window screen was vandalized at a residence.

6000 block of Springhill Drive, Apr. 1, 8:11 p.m., someone threw a rock through the bedroom window of a residence.

Greenbelt Theatre, Apr. 4, 8:20 p.m., someone broke a neon light on the marquee.

Hotline on Drugs

The Greenbelt Police Department needs the help of residents. Any citizen with information about possible drug activity in the city is encouraged to call the Greenbelt Narcotics Hot Line at 301-507-6522. Callers may remain anonymous.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a gold two-door 1988 Toyota Celica with Maryland tags CXB477, Mar. 30, from the 6200 block of Breezewood Drive; a grey four-door 1980 Buick Park Avenue with Tennessee tags ATH 711, Mar. 31, and a white 1995 Plymouth Voyager with Maryland tags M390015, Apr. 3, from Beltway Plaza Mall; a yellow and black Suzuki GSX motorcycle with Maryland tags 641D35, Apr. 1, from the 5800 block of Cherrywood Lane; a beige four-door 1998 Honda Accord with Maryland tags HXG829, Apr. 2, from the 7600 block of Hanover Parkway; a gold four-door 1990 Chrysler Fifth Avenue with Maryland tags GMJ 128, Apr. 2, from the 6000 block of Springhill Drive; a silver four-door 1990 Toyota Camry with Maryland tags GMK 242, Apr. 2, from Beltway Plaza Mall; and a gold four-door 1991 Mazda 626 with Maryland tags HVY 924, Apr. 3, from the 6200 block of Breezewood Drive.

Vandalisms to, thefts from, and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 6900 block of Hanover Parkway, 6100 block of Breezewood Drive, 6000 block of Springhill Drive, 9000 block of Breezewood Terrace, and 9200 block of Edmonston Road.

ERHS Hosts Game Show for the Deaf

In an effort to reach the half million Marylanders who are deaf, deaf/blind, hard-of-hearing or speech-disabled, Maryland Relay is bringing its show to Eleanor Roosevelt High School auditorium on April 14 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. to find out who wants to "Feel Like A Relay Millionaire." Modeled after the successful game show, the Relay's own Regis Philbin-ish host will quiz contestants about the services provided through Maryland Relay. "Maryland Relay is an interac-

tive telecommunications system that enables those who are deaf, deaf/blind, hard of hearing or speech disabled to communicate using text telephones (TTY) through specially trained operators," says Gilbert Becker, director of Maryland Relay.

The Relay may be accessed from any phone, and there are no set-up fees or costs per local call. For more information about "Feel Like A Relay Millionaire" shows, call 1-800-552-7724 TTY/V or visit: www.mdrelay.org.

Police Now Checking Belt and Seat Use

The Greenbelt City Police Department is participating in the Maryland Chiefs' Challenge 2001. This is a commitment between the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association, the Maryland Highway Safety Office at the State Highway Association, and the Maryland Committee for Safety Belt Use to increase the public's awareness and use of seat belts and child safety seats.

Officers will be conducting



seat belt and safety seat checkpoints throughout the city during the months of April and May. The goals of the Chiefs' Challenge are to increase enforcement of Maryland's seat belt and child safety seat laws; to raise public awareness of the benefits of seat belt and child safety seat use; to integrate seat belt and child safety seat enforcement into routine, daily traffic enforcement activities; and to maintain a 90 percent seat belt usage rate in the city of Greenbelt.

The Greenbelt City Police Department's Traffic Division can provide information on correct safety seat installation at 301-507-6547.

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Bike to Work Event Coming in May

A Bike to Work celebration is planned for Friday, May 4. Rallies sponsored by Commuter Connections/Metropolitan Council of Governments (COG) and the Washington Area Bicyclist Association (WABA) will be held at several locations in Northern Virginia, Montgomery County and downtown Washington. For more information, contact Muriel Bowser of COG at 202-962-3383 or mbowser@mwkog.org.



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Recreation Center Addition Featured

by Sandra Lange

The city will unveil its concept plans for the new \$1.5 million addition to the Springhill Lake Recreation Center at the Chautauqua program Saturday, April 21, 2 p.m., at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane. The addition will add 4,800 square feet to the 8,300 square foot building. It will provide a multipurpose room with more space for meetings, rentals, classes and activities for all age groups.

Within the new section a new kitchen and multipurpose room will be used for an after-care program for elementary age children during the week, Monday through Friday. A computer lab with approximately ten computer work stations will be available during the day, evenings and weekends. A new gym will provide space for adult fitness programs.

Joe McNeal, Community Center supervisor, commented that

while the current building has a kitchen, it is not located conveniently to the activities that require kitchen use. The current weight room is in a space equivalent to the size of a closet, he said. "The city expects to be able to bring in more revenue once the new facility is available for rental activities," he added.

The architectural firm of Laurel Design Alliance designed the addition, which will provide a complete overhaul of the major physical components, making the building energy-efficient and compliant with ADA regulations and current building and fire codes. The city will contribute a dollar match depending on the amount received from the State of Maryland for the project.

The presentation will be part of a larger Chautauqua program that will feature a discussion on the past, present and future of the Springhill Lake community. Speakers will include past and

current residents of Springhill Lake. The event is co-sponsored by the City of Greenbelt and the Friends of Greenbelt Museum as part of the millennium celebration.

Museum Features Jakab Lecture

The College Park Aviation Museum will feature Peter Jakab in a Speaking of Flight lecture on Sunday, April 22 at 2 p.m. Jakab, a curator in the Aeronautics Division of the National Air and Space Museum, recently edited "The Published Writings of Wilbur and Orville Wright" and will share his knowledge of the Wright Brothers and early aviation. Light refreshments follow the lecture. Lectures are free with museum admission. Reservations are required. For information, call 301-864-6029, TTY 301-864-4765.

Former Soviet Union Students Need Hosts

People can share their vision by hosting a student ambassador from the former Soviet Union. Students involved in the Freedom Support Act are sponsored by the U.S. State Department and are screened and selected from over 50,000 applications submitted annually.

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Future Leaders Exchange Program (FLEX) students are high achievers with excellent English skills. All students are between 15 and 17 and come from one of the 12 independent countries that were established after the breakup of the former Soviet Union.

Those interested in hosting a FLEX scholar should contact Donna Bailey at 1-800-637-0217 or email dawna@azmail.net.

Wildlife Refuge Programs Listed

The Patuxent Research Refuge announces its April programs. All programs are free, but require advance reservations by calling 301-497-5887. Any special needs should be indicated. Visit website patuxent.fws.gov and join the listserv to get current announcements.

The following programs are held at the North Tract located on Rt. 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 32:

Bird Walk — Sat., Apr. 21, 7 to 10 a.m., ages 16+. Identify birds in their natural habitats on this guided several mile walk. Field guides and binoculars recommended.

Night Hike — Sat., Apr. 21, 8 to 9:30 p.m., ages 8 and older with adult. Discover the nighttime world of the refuge as you look and listen for nocturnal animals on this guided walk.

Talons in the Sky — Sat., Apr. 21, 9 to 11 a.m., ages 16+. Discover the role of birds of prey and learn to identify them on the wing on this several mile guided hike. Binoculars and field guides recommended.

Visitor Center

The following program is at the National Wildlife Visitor Center located on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 197:

Nature Detectives — Sat., Apr. 21, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m., ages 8 to 12. Become a better observer of the natural world by searching for animal clues.



This architectural rendering shows the renovated Springhill Lake Recreation Center on Cherrywood Lane. Plans for the enlarged center will be unveiled on April 21. - photo courtesy Laurel Design Alliance

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the city's maintenance facility, where it is expected to remain until a site for the observatory is chosen.

The club is also seeking donations as another way of raising funds for the observatory. The goal is to raise \$20,000 to complete construction and cover initial operating expenses.

Since the astronomy club is recognized by the IRS as a non-profit educational organization, donations for the observatory are tax deductible.

A great aid in this effort has been the agreement by the Gil and Jaylee Mead Family Foundation to match donations up to a total of \$10,000. Before retiring, both Gil and Jaylee worked as astronomers at Goddard Space Flight Center and lived in Greenbelt for many years.

Once the observatory is operational, one of its functions will be to serve as an educational resource for local schools. In addition, public nights will be hosted by the astronomy club.

The Greenbelt Astronomy Club is open to anyone with an interest in observing astronomical phenomena. It meets at 7:30 p.m. on the last Thursday of each month at the H. B. Owens Science Center.

(John Settle also contributed to this story.)

St. Hugh's School Gets Two Grants

by Leslie Hilliard

Can students predict the weather? St. Hugh's students will get the chance for some hands-on climate testing and weather prediction right at school. The school has received a \$2,000 Cost Share Grant from Bob Ryan and NBC4 to purchase the complete 4-WINDS weather station. The student's weather data will be contributing to the NEWS 4 weather segments. St. Hugh's now joins the other 2,300 members of the Worldwide School Weather Network. Data from the network supports many ongoing scientific research projects. "I'm excited," said Marjorie Sparks, "I have several ideas already on ways to integrate the study of meteorology into our classroom curriculums on several different levels."

Outdoor Classroom

For months people speculated about "that big hole" out in front of St. Hugh's. That big hole is a wetland in the making. The Chesapeake Bay Trust awarded St. Hugh's School \$2,800 toward the Outdoor Classroom Project. The project includes a Butterfly Garden, which is almost completed, the wetland pond that is currently under construction and a reforestation of the woodland area between the school and church. That task will be in the last phase of the project. Permits for the wetland pond have been secured, and the City of Greenbelt Public Works has inspected the overflow drain that already existed in this low lying drainage area. The next step is to install the pond's liner and details are being ironed out for the decking area that will overhang the pond. This mini-wetland will be used by the students to monitor the ecology of a wetland environment.



Dr. Marshall Shepherd, NASA meteorologist and Jason project scientist, with 6th grader Harrison Hilliard.

Leading Scientists Visit Students at St. Hugh's

by Leslie Hilliard

Under the guidance of science teacher Marjorie Sparks, St. Hugh's sixth, seventh and eighth grade students have been participating in the JASON Project for the past seven years. This year, the focus of JASON XII was "Hawaii, A Living Laboratory." Through independent and group research and by participating in "virtual laboratories," students explored the geoscience of volcanoes and the climate of Hawaii. They learned how both affect Hawaii and the rest of the world as well. Fifteen students met Dr. Robert Ballard, founder of the JASON Project, (and also the Titanic) during his visit to the Owens Science Center. Ballard spoke to the students at the Science Center about his research activities on Hawaiian volcanoes after addressing NASA scientists at Goddard.

Although volcanoes are considered part of the allure of Hawaii, it's the climate and the environment that are considered the big draw for visitors. Dr. Marshall Shepherd, member of the science team working on the JASON Project and a meteorologist at the Goddard Space Flight Center, visited the school and treated St. Hugh's Junior High students to an in-depth discussion on Hawaii's varied climates and the affect that tropical rainfall has on the global climate. "Hawaii," he said, "can be described as a 'fuel cell' in the global climate engine."

One of his current projects is the Tropical Rainfall Measuring Mission (TRMM). During his visit he also spoke to the students about the technology used by meteorologists to study climate and fielded many of their questions. "The best thing I like about my job," he told the students, "is that I get to conduct big science

projects with the very capable high technology 'toys' NASA has at its disposal." He also said he likes working with kids.

"When I was a kid, I wanted to be an entomologist," he said. "My mom even let me have a bug collection, but I found out I was allergic to bee stings. Then in the sixth grade I did a science project titled 'Can a 6th Grader Predict the Weather?' From that point, I knew I wanted to be a research meteorologist. It's amazing to think that I make my living doing what I always did as a kid, asking questions and seeking answers."

He encouraged the students to continue in their quest for learning, by doing the same, asking questions and seeking answers.

"We are very lucky here in Greenbelt," Majorie Sparks said, "to have the science resources available to us from both the Goddard Space Flight Center and the Owens Science Center to enrich our science curriculum at St. Hugh's. It really makes a difference to the students to be able to talk to the experts one on one."

Psychiatric Meds Topic of Workshop

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill is sponsoring a workshop on "Psychiatric Medications Update" following with a question and answer period on Thursday, April 19, 7 to 9 p.m. The speaker is Dr. Elaine Weiner, director of Outpatient Services, Maryland Psychiatric Research Center in Catonsville. The event will be held at NAMI-Prince George's County Office, PG County Police Community Resource Center at Landover Mall. For information call 301-322-1900.



All Sports Registration For Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club

Saturday — April 21st from 10am to 1pm at Springhill Lake Rec.

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Greenbelt CARES

The week of March 19, Teresa Smithson and crisis intervention teacher Robyn Strauss completed the last sessions of the peer leadership development groups for second and third graders at Greenbelt Elementary School. Both groups met on Thursday, March 22, to receive certificates of recognition and to share punch and cookies.

Judye Hering began publicizing the spring session of CARES's GED course. Registration will be held on Tuesday, April 17, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

The first class will be held on Thursday, April 19. GED I is held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and GED II is held from 1 to 3 p.m.

Ingrid Kleckner and Ofc. George Mathews served as panelists for the Domestic Violence workshop at NASA on March 21. Although turnout was less than hoped for, the sessions went well and valuable information was relayed to those in attendance. Representatives from CARES and Greenbelt Police Department also participated in a second NASA Domestic Violence workshop March 29.



Clown Laureate Adam Gertsacov in Buffoon Anonymous performance on Sunday, April 8 at Greenbelt Arts Center and Lobby Gallery of the Greenbelt Arts Center, where clown-related art is on display for Acme Clown Month.

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ACE Honors Readers

by Mary Moien

The Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) hosted a reception for elementary age readers on February 27 in the Greenbelt Community Center. Students from local elementary schools had been reading and writing book reviews since the school year began. The written reviews were posted on the walls so students, parents and teachers could roam through the party room and read them. In addition, two televisions were set up showing videos of some of the students reading their own reviews.

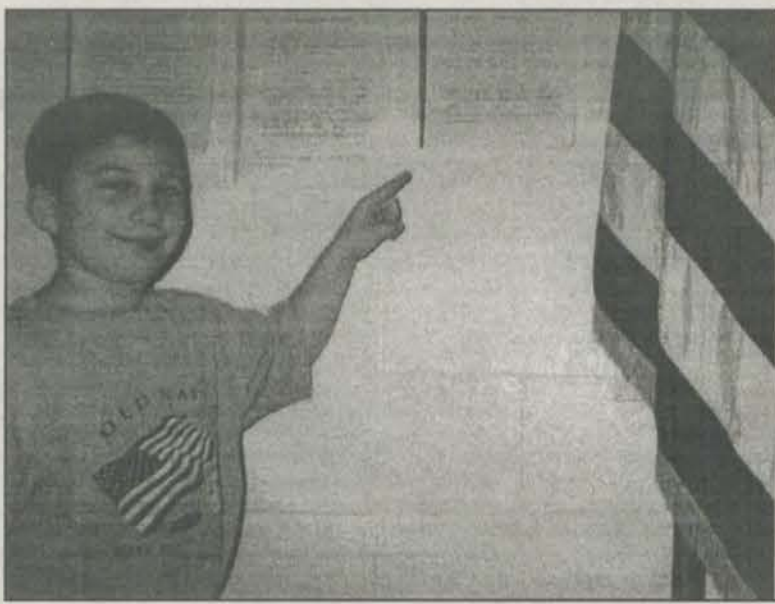
A brief formal presentation took place during the reception. Mayor Judith Davis, ACE Chair Leta Mach, and Carol Mealey, the coordinator of the program, gave welcoming remarks. Davis spoke directly to the children. "Reading is very basic to everything you're going to do," she said.

Ellen Utley, the new librarian from the Greenbelt library, also addressed the audience, commenting that she was "overjoyed to see such a great program in Greenbelt. Reading is the key to a good fulfilling life."



Mach thanked ACE member Joe Otterman, who first proposed the reading project. Sonya Proctor, deputy director of programs in the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention, also attended. This office provided grant funds for the project.

Among the readers present, Woodland Way resident Jake Fletcher was proud to point to his review on the wall. He had read "Beautiful Warrior" by Emily Arnold. Jake is a third grader at Greenbelt Elementary. He was accompanied by his mother, Sherry, who along with students, was watching the video, hoping to see the segment with her son. The students present represented Greenbelt Elementary and Springhill Lake Elementary Schools.



Greenbelter Jake Fletcher points to his book review at ACE reading reception. -photos by Mary Moien



Carol Mealey, coordinator of the ACE reading club, welcomes some students.



Parents and students view videos of readers at ACE Reading Club reception.

Greenbelt Elementary Holds Science Fair

Greenbelt Elementary School's Science Fair was a huge success this year. Out of 291 students in grades 3 to 6, 220 students participated. Winners were:

6th Grade

Jessica Hall, first place; Alexis Golden, second place; Cheri Bailey, third place; and Joseph Lau and Nicole Jones, honorable mention.

5th Grade

Michael White, first place; Arsheen Habibi, second place; Ryan Wilson, third place; and Joel MasonGaines and Shawnee Heimpel, honorable mention.

4th Grade

Lindsey Hood, first place; Keyonia Holland, second place; Hamid Badiei, third place; and Niroshi Wijeweera and Quincey Macauley, honorable mention.

3rd Grade

T'yanah Scott, first place; Kristen Cole, second place; Theodore Breen, third place; and Griffin Jayne and Zachary Watson, honorable mention.

A special award went to an individual project from Gabriel York in Ms. Manning's kindergarten classroom.

Diabetic Support Offered Tuesday

The diabetic support group meeting at Doctors Community Hospital in Lanham will be held Tuesday, April 17, at 7 p.m. The subject for this month is Flexibility Exercises for Diabetics. Sandy Weiss, physical therapist, will demonstrate easy exercises for diabetics and any other interested persons. Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes

and clothing. The group will meet in the ambulatory surgery building on the fifth floor of the hospital. Confirm attendance by calling 301-552-5134.

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For information, call 301-405-7847.

NARFE Meets

The next regular meeting of the National Association of Federal Retired Employees (NARFE) Chapter 2146 will be at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18 at the Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway, New Carrollton.

Dan Adcock, assistant legislative director for NARFE headquarters, will be the speaker. The public is invited. For information, call 301-731-9020.

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GEAC

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Greenbelt Road corridor from Mandan Road to Good Luck Road. Craze indicated the department would look at a number of traffic calming devices and the proximity of the Metro bus stop to the round-about at Greenbelt Lake Village. Results of the study are due this summer.

Councilmembers reported that comments they have received regarding the existing circle on Hanover Parkway have been mostly favorable.

Greenbrook Lake Paths

Design alternatives are being developed and funds are included in the proposed FY 2002 budget for paths to go from Greenbrook Estates and join behind the ball field, linking much of Greenbelt East to Schrom Hills Park. A landscape architect is in the process of designing a creek crossing and mitigating landscaping of native plants for the area where the path comes near private property and is currently not clearly marked. Craze expects the project to be completed this year.

Program for Route 193

The State Highway Administration (SHA) has advised that the Greenbelt portion of the program for Route 193 will be a Neighborhood Conservation Project. City officials had been advised that the comprehensive nature of the original request would cause the project to have a lengthy time frame, so the project has been broken into two parts, with the stretch from College Park through Greenbelt as one of them.

No major changes are proposed for Greenbelt Road itself, but bike lanes, landscaping, better pedestrian crossings, and other enhanced safety features have been requested. A task force has not yet been organized, but design work is expected to begin shortly.

Soil Conservation Road

Several of those present voiced concerns that the Goddard Space Flight center is not willing to negotiate with, or even listen to, concerns of neighboring communities about their planned relocation of Soil Conservation Road through the NASA campus. The NASA leadership are not listening to nor suggesting alternatives, residents alleged. Putens described NASA's communication efforts as "public information sessions," not "public hearings."

Councilmembers Thomas White and Rodney Roberts also expressed concern about the economic impact on the city of office development at the Goddard site. Others were worried about increased traffic on residential streets in Greenbelt following the road change at Goddard. White suggested that Greenbelt join Glenn Dale and other nearby communities or groups who are opposing the change. Council will look into the matter further.

Residential Alarms

Craze said that the city staff is reviewing data on residential alarm activations and locations to determine where problems exist. The Planning and Community Development Department has been asked to develop a program to educate citizens about alarm problems and how to avoid them. Craze said at

present they do not believe it is necessary to license residences.

Residential false alarms went up 38% in the past year, but 20% of them came from only 17 addresses. These users will be contacted and the city staff will work with them to reduce the problem. Craze said the city would ease into any enforcement process that includes fines. Current law provides forgiveness for the first three false alarms per year, alarms set off by "acts of God," or those that are beyond the control of the operator.

Newspaper Vending Boxes

Responding to concerns expressed both by GEAC and GHI members about the unsightly hodgepodge of newspaper vending boxes currently in use, councilmembers met with newspaper representatives and identified options for replacing the existing boxes. Council is seeking boxes that would be sturdy, attractive, and consistent throughout the city.

Playground Replacement Equity

The city staff is currently preparing a comprehensive report to determine equity in playgrounds and their maintenance throughout the city. The report is expected by late summer, and a public hearing and work session will be held after it is available.

GEAC Concerns

GEAC members raised the issue of problems with the parking lot entrance to Greenway Center from Hanover Parkway. The property is owned by the county, which has not been doing an effective job of maintaining it. GEAC members expressed specific concerns regarding the one speed bump that is nearly invisible because the yellow paint has worn off.

GEAC also requested permission to adopt three benches at Schrom Hills Park memorial garden in honor of deceased members of GEAC and its representative developments. Plaques have been installed on these benches.

Chautauqua at Springhill Lake Discusses Past, Present, Future

by Sandra Lange

One of the largest apartment complexes on the East Coast — Springhill Lake — is located in Greenbelt. Springhill Lake is a thriving multicultural community with a large number of African Americans, Asians and Hispanics. There is a mix of incomes with a large student population from the University of Maryland as well as families subsidized through several county programs.

How is the new Springhill Lake management dealing with the social, cultural and physical challenges to this 40-year-old complex? Who speaks for the residents of Springhill Lake? Come to the Chautauqua and share your views on the new and the old Springhill Lake at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane, 2 p.m., Saturday, April 21.

Groundbreaking for the Springhill Lake apartment complex occurred on July 6, 1962. By 1968, more than 10,000 people were living in the 2,899 luxury garden apartments, more than doubling the city's population.

Springhill Lake provided families with a range of housing choices, from studios and spacious two bedroom apartments to three- and four-bedroom townhomes. Many young couples moved to Springhill Lake, which offered such amenities as a commercial shopping center with its own supermarket and pharmacy, 29 playgrounds, 6 basketball courts, 6 tennis

courts, a 9-hole golf course and a swimming pool. Children attended the Springhill Lake Elementary School. The Fountain Lodge was the center of community activities with a dynamic social director.

By the late 1960s, Springhill Lake was alive with political fervor. Residents challenged the Greenbelt City Council to build a recreation center and to establish a voting place. In 1969, the highest number of votes cast in Greenbelt were registered to the Springhill Lake precinct. In that year also, Joel Katz became the first Springhill Lake resident to be elected to the Greenbelt City Council. A number of people who later became civic activists, including former Greenbelt Mayor Gil Weidenfeld, received their political baptism in Springhill Lake politics. To-

day, Springhill Lake is noted for its political apathy and accounts for much of the incidence of crime in the city.

Does Springhill Lake reflect the large suburban landscape that is now Greenbelt? The Greenbelt Museum invites residents to discuss the past, present and future of Springhill Lake at the next Chautauqua series event on April 21.

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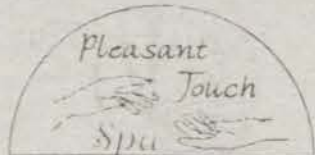
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EARTH DAY

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area. And just in case 10 a.m. is a bit early for some to get in touch with Mother Nature, REAC will provide coffee, doughnuts and water to volunteers. Volunteers will also receive a Greenbelt Earth Day 2001 t-shirt, designed by one of our own. Shovels, waders and gloves will be provided for participants. Volunteers are encouraged to wear old shoes and comfortable clothing.

Celebration of Spring

The Celebration of Spring, sponsored by Greenbelt's Department of Recreation, will kick off immediately after the stream event at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. The Celebration will feature live musical entertainment by Patrick & Richard, Magician/Comedian Tony Ware, face painting, children's activities, and of course, food.

The City of Greenbelt Springhill Lake Neighborhood Improvement Team will host an information table at the Celebration of Spring. The Team will have surveys on hand for Springhill Lake residents to complete regarding interests and needs in the community. The purpose of the Team is to enhance the quality of life in the Springhill Lake community through physical improvements and social interaction.

Tree Planting

Also beginning at noon is an Arbor Day tree planting sponsored by Greenbelt's Advisory Committee on Trees. Participants are asked to meet at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center for this event as well. A special Maryland State Millennium White Oak will be planted in honor of Arbor Day. Additional trees will be planted near the parking lot. These include 25 crape myrtle and sweet gum trees from the city nursery. The sweet gums are the type that do not have gumballs, according to City Horticulturist Bill Phelan.

So, as you clean, dust and sneeze your way through April, remember to pencil in April 21 as a day to come out of winter hibernation and reconnect with

Artists in Residence To Demonstrate Skills

by Dorothy Sucher

Dick Brown, an artist in residence at the Greenbelt Community Center, will be presenting a demonstration of his technique of power tool sculpting outside the SHL Recreation Center Saturday, April 21, from noon to 4 p.m.

Brown, who has lived in Greenbelt for seven years, will be working with a chainsaw, dye grinder, angle grinder, and a "dremel," a tool used for finely detailed woodworking.

"I will be working my way down into the wood, starting with the chainsaw, and getting down to progressively finer work," stated Brown. He will probably be using a piece of local wood as he demonstrates his techniques, for he likes to pick up and use wood that would otherwise go to waste.

He showed this reporter a handsome piece of sculpture that resembled the flukes of a diving whale, although he said he hadn't had anything in mind when he started the piece. "I follow the wood," he said. This particular piece of wood, he said, was a part of the root system of a fallen tree he spotted near the Greenbelt Fire Department. "When I see a piece of wood that may look like a piece of garbage you would throw away, I like to try and transform it into a beautiful sculpture. I call it 'created naturalism.' This piece, when I picked it up, looked rotted and had insects inside, but at the heart of the piece was wood that could be polished and transformed."

The finished piece was a handsome hunk of maple, some of it waxed and polished, and

your community and environment. And remember, one mature tree releases one hundred gallons of clean water vapor back into the atmosphere each day. So join in the fun, and all of Greenbelt will breathe easier!

(Kristen Jalo is on the staff of the Greenbelt's Office of Planning and Community Development. Dorothy Sucher, News Review staff writer also contributed to this article.)



Artist Dick Brown is shown above with "Eagle Awareness," a wood sculpture made with his power sculpting technique. Brown will demonstrate power tool use at Springhill Lake Recreation Center on Saturday, April 21 from noon to 4 p.m.

Refuge Earth Day Plugs Native Plants

The Patuxent Research Refuge is celebrating Earth Day by inviting friends and neighbors to help create a wildlife habitat on Sunday, April 22, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. by planting native plants beneficial to wildlife. Participants will learn how to create a native habitat in their own backyards.

Planting activities will be held at the National Wildlife Visitor Center. All ages are welcome to participate, with adult supervision. Participants should bring gloves, shovels and rakes if they have them, and should dress to get dirty. For information, or to register, call Eva Hersey at 301-497-5565.

The National Wildlife Visitor Center is located off Powder Mill Road, between the Baltimore/Washington Parkway and Route 197, south of Laurel.

FONA to Celebrate Earth Day

Friends of the National Arboretum (FONA) will help the Washington metro area celebrate Earth Day by featuring earth friendly ideas at this year's special garden fair. Lady bugs, other insects, and special neem oil products, developed by National Arboretum plant pathologist, Dr. James Locke, can be purchased on Saturday, April

21. The National Arboretum has led research, education and advocacy for Integrated Pest Management (IPM), a system designed in part to help reduce the world's dependency on pesticides. FONA's 10th annual fair coincides with the 31st Earth Day. Plant experts will be on hand with plenty of "green" tips.

part of it left in the original, rough condition.

Brown learned this technique from Charlie Boren, 75, with whom he began studying about four years ago. He goes down to Texas to work with him three or four times a year, and the older artist passes on his knowledge.

Brown, a psychologist, is also the director of a mental health program in Baltimore.

Christmas in April Needs Painters

Christmas in April Prince George's County will be repairing the homes of 101 disadvantaged home owners with the help of 3,000 volunteers on Saturday, April 28. Many of the homes require painting. There is an urgent need for painters and painting materials. To help, call 301-868-0937.

Celebrate Easter

Fri, Apr 13 "Christ in the Passover"

Sun, April 15 Easter

Sunrise Service, Greenbelt Lake 7 am

Worship at Greenbelt Baptist

8:35 am & 11 am

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Warmer weather is here, and the City of Greenbelt has 4 great events to Spring you out of your cabin fever!

Celebration of Spring

When: April 21, 2001
Time: 12:00-4:00pm
What: Family Style Fun
Where: Springhill Lake Recreation Center

Featuring:

- Obstacle Course - Pony Rides - Ball Crawl
- Jeepers Creatures - Face Painters - Food
- Tony Ware - Magician/Comedian
- Musical entertainment by Patrick & Richard
- Power Sculpting with Artist in Residence Dick Brown
- Dance Performance with Laura Shandelmeier
- Tie-Dyeing with Artist in Residence Elizabeth Morissette

Chautauqua

Join the Millennium Committee in learning more about the history of Springhill Lake. Who were some of the original residents? How did we get to where we are now? Where are we going in the future? Stay for the tree planting and dedication in honor of the millennium.

Arbor Day

Hosted by
Advisory Committee on Trees

At 12:00 noon, at Springhill Lake Recreation Center, a Maryland State Millennium White Oak and several other trees will be planted to honor Arbor Day.

Earth Day Stream Project

Hosted by - Recycling & Environment Advisory Committee 10:00am - 12:00noon



The task at hand is to improve the stream behind the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Bring your waders, and work gloves, shovels and community spirit! At this hands-on improvement project, Greenbelters are encouraged to clean the stream and plant some trees. So join your friends and neighbors and meet at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

City of Greenbelt

Public Works Open House 2001

Saturday, April 21
10am-2pm
Public Works Facility
(adjacent to Buddy Attick Park)

Come out and bring the family to enjoy: equipment demonstrations, sky lift rides, balloons for the kids, a tour of the greenhouse, light lunch and a whole lot more!
Info: 301-474-8004