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SHA Submits Four Alternative Off-Ramp Plans to City Council

by Virginia Beauchamp

Members of the Greenbelt City Council got a preview of Beltway design alternatives for access to and from the proposed Greenbelt Station development at a work session on Wednesday, June 12 with representatives of the State Highway Administration (SHA). These alternatives will be presented to the public at large next week at a workshop on Wednesday, June 26 at Springhill Lake Elementary School, 6060 Springhill Drive.

At the workshop, which will take place between 5:30 and 8:30 p.m., SHA consultants and staff will be available at each of several project information displays to answer questions and record visitors' comments. According to a statement in an accompanying booklet available to attendees, the study team will utilize these responses from the public in choosing which of the design alternatives will be "carried forward" for more detailed study.

No formal presentation by staff is planned, but large colored

maps will be on display. Four separate maps will depict each of three projected ramp designs and the no-build alternative; another will show the significant environmental features of the area in question, including the braided streams off Indian Creek, stormwater runoff, wetlands, woodlands and the 100-year floodplain.

In addition to SHA personnel, representatives from the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), the developers of the projected mixed-use commercial and residential Greenbelt Station site, and the county will also have displays at the workshop; they will be prepared as well to answer questions from the public.

Council Response

In opening the June 12 work session, Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis informed the SHA representatives that council had already taken a position "in opposition to any plan." Council felt strongly, she said, that public

funding should not be used primarily to assist a private developer. They were also concerned about sensitive environmental features of the property in question. Davis' comments were strongly — sometimes hotly — endorsed by the other councilmembers present, Alan Turnbull, Tom White, and Rodney Roberts.

When SHA project manager Wendy Wolcott got the floor after this good-natured, but negative, barrage, she acknowledged the city's position. Then she went on to explain that at present it was impossible to show how each of the ramp designs would specifically connect with the proposed development on the WMATA property. So far, she understood that the developer's concept plan was still undergoing "active revision." Such issues as land elevation, for example, where a ramp might connect, or where the parking garage

See **SHA PLANS**, page 5

Court of Appeals Rejects State Redistricting Plan

by Judy Bell

In a June 11 order in the matter of redistricting of the state, the Court of Appeals of Maryland declared "That significant portions of the Plan are not consistent with the requirements of ... the Constitution of Maryland that '[e]ach legislative district shall consist of adjoining territory, be compact in form, and of substantially equal population' and that '[d]ue regard shall be given to natural boundaries and the boundaries of political subdivisions' and, for that reason, the Plan is in violation of the Maryland Constitution and is invalid."

The order further states that the Court "will endeavor to prepare a constitutional plan; and ... [t]hat, in order to assist the Court with this endeavor, the Court intends to appoint one or more technical consultants." Furthermore, the parties in the case were requested to propose names of possible consultants.

According to the Washington Post, Chief Judge Robert M. Bell revealed that he had been contacted by four state senators in May, including Senate President Thomas V. "Mike" Miller, who wanted to discuss the redistricting case. On June 15 the Post reported that Miller and four other state senators have acknowl-

edged contacting judges about redistricting, but they said they were not trying to influence the ruling. Miller issued a formal apology to the court, saying "I recognize that the judiciary must be highly sensitive to any appearance of impropriety in order to preserve public faith in its impartiality."

On June 17 the court appointed Nathaniel A. Persily of the University of Pennsylvania Law School, a national expert on redistricting who helped a federal judge in New York develop a congressional redistricting plan there. Also appointed was Karl S. Aro, who heads Maryland's Department of Legislative Services, the nonpartisan support staff for lawmakers.

That same day attorneys for Prince George's County Executive Wayne K. Curry submitted a proposal to the court that they said would solve the court's concerns. It retains the unchallenged portions of Glendening's plan and attempts to address complaints by challengers in the rest. The deadline for legislative candidates to file is July 8.

When reached for comment, Senator Leo Green remarked, "It's all up for grabs."

City Council OKs Franchise Merger of Comcast and AT&T

by Sandy Smith

In its June 10 meeting, the Greenbelt City Council approved a change of control of the cable communications franchise which serves Greenbelt, passed many end-of-year FY 2002 budget adjustments (before passing the FY 2003 budget reported on in last week's News Review), and agreed to contact the county school board regarding overcrowding at Springhill Lake Elementary School.

Franchise Transfer

Council held a public hearing and later approved the proposed merger of Comcast Cable Corporation, which currently serves Greenbelt and other local communities, with AT&T Broadband. This merger will mean changes at the corporate level but no major changes are expected in service at the local level. Council did have some questions for the Comcast representatives present. Councilmember Edward Putens was concerned with the personal data gathered by the company on its customers. Comcast's Vice President Fred Graffam said that no individual data was being collected or used and that information gathered was used to monitor the performance of the system. Mayor Judith Davis asked about the status of cable television in Springhill Lake and was informed that service was in place now. She wanted to know about the change from a 3-tier

selection and pricing system to a 2-tier system, which amounted to an increase in costs for certain subscribers. Comcast's Graffam said that the change was to reduce complexity and to make service uniform throughout the county. Comcast had hoped to allow old customers to continue with a 3-tier system but wasn't allowed to provide differing levels of service and charges to customers. On the positive side, Davis had heard fewer complaints about length of time for service calls to be answered. She wanted to stress, however, that approval of the merger did not limit the city's opportunity to raise questions about service in the future. Over the past few months, the city worked with a coalition of local municipalities and Comcast representatives to discuss issues of service and pricing before approving the merger. Comcast said it welcomed input from all customers and would work to ensure that the quality of service is maintained.

Open Space

Council agreed unanimously to file its annual program Open Space applications. The city's FY 2003 annual program consists of four projects involving the acquisition of undeveloped land, in various areas of the city, as a means of achieving the city's long-range goal of preserving open space. The city's allocation

under this program now stands at over \$1 million; two of the projects — acquisition of the Sunrise and Jaeger properties, which the city has pursued for a number of years — would utilize about two-thirds of the program funding.

SHL Elementary

Council approved a letter to the Prince George's County Board of Education on overcrowding at Springhill Lake Elementary School. The school is already overcrowded and the situation may worsen if 6th graders return to Springhill Lake (now attending Greenbelt Middle School) and the new Berwyn Heights elementary school does not open as scheduled in September. In addition to the number of students, council raised the issue of adequate restrooms and other facilities at the school and requested that the situation be reexamined and action taken

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What Goes On

Wednesday, June 26
7:30 p.m., Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Community Center
Saturday, June 29
10 a.m., Community Mediation Board, Community Center

Greenbelt Rd. Improvement Plans Are Moving Forward

by Virginia Beauchamp

The Greenbelt Road Neighborhood Conservation Program, currently largest in the State Highway Administration's (SHA) series of projects to improve the appearance and safety of roadways in local areas, could perhaps get even larger. However, an increase in size could put this particular project over the edge of what is acceptable within the highway improvement program, part of the governor's Smart Growth plan — changing it from a minor to major funding category and postponing indefinitely any action.

The issue came up near the end of the fifth meeting, on May 30, of the citizen task force on the project involving the cities of College Park, Berwyn Heights, and Greenbelt. It was held, like all the others, at the SHA building on Kenilworth Avenue, a so-called "neutral" space.

As defined when the task force was formed in October 2001, the project deals with both sides of Greenbelt Road and the roadway itself from U.S. 1 on the west to Soil Conservation Road on the east. The latter cuts through the Goddard Space Flight Center (NASA) campus.

During the past year, in a con-

current but separate action, NASA has been conducting a study aimed at closing off Soil Conservation Road to the general public and relocating the road right-of-way to the campus perimeter. The agency's original choice was to carry the new road to the western boundary near Mandan Road. However, following strong neighborhood pressure, NASA agreed to bring the road instead to the eastern boundary, where it would connect with Good Luck Road.

In light of this change, one task force representative at the May 30 meeting suggested moving the Greenbelt Road study further east as well to Good Luck Road. In response, Ken Goon of RK&K, project coordinator, said he was doubtful this could be done, though he agreed to check out the possibility.

Task Force

In Neighborhood Conservation projects, task forces usually meet six times, as Goon explained at the first meeting of the Greenbelt Road group, on September 25, 2001. In this first meeting the project and its goals are defined. At the second meeting, data from

See **ROAD PLAN**, page 12

Letters to the Editor

MANY THANKS

On June 1, my family gave me a party for my 70th birthday. The invitation suggested that in lieu of gifts, guests make a donation to G.I.V.E.S. People gave \$465.00, so I would like to say thank you for such generosity and for making the day so special.

Irene Hensel

THANKS

Thanks to everyone, especially the Golden Age Club members, for expressions of hope that my recent medical procedure was successful – so far, so good.

Harold Miller

Come to Farewell Party on Sunday

We (Emily, Jeff, Savannah, and Jerilynn Lilly) will be moving out of Greenbelt next week. After three years here, it will be quite difficult to say goodbye. Greenbelt is such a warm and welcoming place! When scouring the Buffalo, N.Y., area for our new home, we picked our absolute favorite Greenbelt traits and told our real estate agent to search along those parameters. Since Greenbelt is so unique, we didn't think we'd get all of our preferences, but we did. Orchard Park is a place that many, if not all, of you would feel at home.

So, while we are looking forward to the adventure ahead, we wanted to finish this chapter of our lives with a celebration of all things (and all people) Greenbelt: we're throwing ourselves a goodbye party. We're mentioning it here because there are so many people that we have met here and we mainly know them all by their first names. The post office wouldn't appreciate a flood of mail with first names and no real street addresses. So this is a general invitation to anyone that we have encountered to come and sign our memory book at our Open House Party on Sunday, June 23 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 5-D Eastway. Stop by for a quick goodbye, or stay and chat with us (and your other neighbors) for hours. We want to say goodbye in a very thorough fashion.

Again, thank you, Greenbelt, for being such a wonderful community. We will treasure you always!

The Lilly Family

Endorses Civil Defense Siren

An article in the June 6 issue mentioned the possibility of reactivating the civil defense siren warning system. We support this idea as a means of warning about bad weather and civil defense threats. We are from the Midwest and lived in Lincoln, Nebraska, for 20 years. In Lincoln, there are warning sirens on public buildings such as schools

and fire stations. The sirens can emit two different warnings – one for tornadoes and one for civil defense. They are tested weekly. In addition, tornado drills are held in schools and government facilities. People discuss their plans for action if they are at home when a storm hits. Both adults and children are prepared and know what to do.

Although radio and television stations provide emergency information, we do not listen to them all the time. A warning siren system could either have a specific meaning or could indicate that we should listen to radio or television for the specific warning information.

When the tragedy of September 11 is coupled with the tragic results of this past year's tornadoes, a siren warning system makes good sense.

Cheryl J. Peckenpaugh
Jon M. Peckenpaugh

Best of the Best Are Sought, One Chosen

Annually, the opening ceremonies of Greenbelt's Labor Day Festival include the announcement of Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen for that year. Besides the recognition and congratulatory proclamations, the honoree serves as the Grand Marshal for the Labor Day Parade.

While a committee will select 2002's Outstanding Citizen, that selection – the 30th since the award began in 1973 – is made from nominations submitted from the community. The process of identifying that special person in a city of citizen volunteers is difficult and requires input from citizens like you. Some outstanding citizens are easily spotted because of their creative leadership and their high visibility within organizations. But some of these individuals touch others in a quiet way and are characterized by a strong sense of compassion and a burning desire to serve.

All of us have had the opportunity to be associated with individuals from Greenbelt who have distinguished themselves for their outstanding volunteer service to our community. Rarely do they receive the recognition they deserve. History indicates that many of Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizens have been nominated several times before their selection. The committee encourages nominators to be persistent.

Help the Committee identify 2002's outstanding citizen by completing the Nomination form (in this issue). Describe, in your own words, your nominee's contributions or acts of kindness. Nominations are due on August 5, 2002.

Can we count on you to keep this one of Greenbelt's special events?

Bob Zugby, Chair,
Outstanding Citizen
Selection Committee

A Great USO Dance Flawed in Two Ways

This past Friday, Flag Day, June 14th, was a day to remember. A terrific committee of volunteers in conjunction with the city, the Marriott Hotel, and the American Legion, raised over \$10,000 for the USO, the service organization which has provided an invaluable service to our men and women in the military for generations. While Bob Hope didn't make it, he was there in spirit as over 250 residents of Greenbelt and the greater Greenbelt area contributed toward the fundraiser and were the beneficiaries of an excellent meal, sometimes inspiring artistry, and a wonderful patriotic spirit. While the overall spirit was great, there were a couple of things which upset me.

First, while this was a patriotic gathering, sometimes folks get being religious mixed up with being patriotic. One of the performers asked in a piece she composed, "What's wrong with a little prayer in school?" I thought that question was resolved 40 years ago by the U.S. Supreme Court case and had no place at this affair. In an evening which otherwise was evidence of the clear showing of unity in support of our soldiers, as well as our other protectors of security, it was one item which did not unite all of us.

The other item which concerned me was an omission of the presence of one of the public dignitaries. As is customary, the master of ceremony makes note of the public officials who have shown their support through their attendance as well as their financial contributions. And indeed it was splendid that Mayor Judith Davis, Mayor Pro-Tem Rodney Roberts, and Councilmember Edward Putens and Delegate Mary Conroy, County Council members Audrey Scott and Jim Estep were in attendance. However, the mayor pro-tem of Bowie, Douglas Peters, was not mentioned. I am sure this must have been inadvertent, as Peters, a veteran of the Persian Gulf War in 1991, was expressing his support, just as the other public dignitaries were, for a most worthy organization.

Konrad Herling

The Old Curmudgeon



"At last . . . equal opportunity crime!"

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No Way!

We were glad to see that an ATM was going into the Co-op market until we found out whose it was. Can you imagine our horror to find out it was the Bank of America? This is the outfit that bailed out of the Center and left seniors, in particular, high and dry. We are vehemently opposed to this contract and want to see it aborted, now! We left Bank of America and believe anyone in Greenbelt with an account there should have done likewise when they left us with unreasonable and unsafe "branches." Otherwise you are condoning big business giving local communities the shaft, then coming back to make money at the community's expense, while laughing at us all the way to their bottom line.

An ATM from any other bank in our area is preferred and hopefully when they see the support at the Co-op ATM they will consider opening a bank branch in Old Greenbelt Center. As shareholders and strong supporters of the Co-op we have voiced our "concern" to management and got a wimpy response. How can you reward the Bank of America with an ATM when they have thumbed their nose at the community? The Greenbelt Federal Credit Union is also important to us, but we need more banking services than they can provide, unless of course they could provide an ATM for us at the Co-op. We need to show big business that they can't have their cake and eat it, too!

Ann and Doug Sutherland

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Week of June 21

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Friday

Y Tu Mama *5:10, 7:30, 9:45

Saturday

Lord of the Rings *1:45

Final Weekend

Y Tu Mama *5:10, 7:30, 9:45

Sunday

Lord of the Rings *1:45

Final Day

Y Tu Mama *5:10

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Senior Softball

by Irv Salzberg

Greenbelt's Senior softball C Division team came back on Monday, June 17 with a 25 to 3 victory over the Bowie Bronze after losing both ends of a double header to the B division Howard County team on June 12. This is the first time Greenbelt Seniors have claimed five 5-run innings for as long as can be remembered. The blazing offensive effort was evenly divided with everyone hitting the ball hard. It was one of those days where long balls found the alleys and ground balls flew through the in-field holes. Defensive play was outstanding with Werner Berg making two magnificent over the shoulder catches from his short field position to snuff Bowie rallies. Second place Greenbelt is now 3-1/2 games out of first place in the C Division.

At the Library

Tuesday, June 25, 7 p.m. Cliffhangers for ages 5 to 8.

Wednesday, June 26, 2 p.m. Special Summer Events for Kids: Mark Jaster, mime (The Maestro) for ages 6 to 12.

Thursday, June 27, 10:15 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club meeting on June 12 was opened by President Ima Davis. "A Tribute to Fathers" was read by Shep Odom.

Shirley Egenrieder announced the travel committee is planning a trip to the Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania with other points of interest. The dates are September 23, 24 and 25. More details later.

Visitors Fran Ritter and Lisa Carrion were welcomed to the meeting. Martha Kaufman, a longtime Greenbelt resident, has moved to Riderwood Village and has a new phone number. Bill Souser thanked everyone for the help on his yard.

Sunshine committee acting chair Ellie Rimar sent cards to the Nashes and the family of Tom McAndrew. Arlie Dobbins had surgery on June 17 and needs our prayers. Bob Terrell has a broken foot but was at the meeting.

The 50/50 winners were Pat Parker and Joan Conway. The "grab bag" was won by Helen Gibson, John Henry Jones and Ellie Rimar. Gifts were donated by Helen Starnes.

Palestine was the topic presented by Jean Snyder with slides and photos. She was with the International Conference in June. It made us think about both sides of the conflict and hope for peace and justice in the Middle East.

The new and improved format will be tried at the birthday luncheon on June 19, with a shorter business meeting and more time to socialize and enjoy lunch.

Alzheimer's disease will be the topic for the June 26 meeting.

Ice Cream Social At Greenbriar

Greenbriar/Glen Oaks residents are invited to join neighbors at the picnic area on the hill behind the community building for an old fashioned ice cream social on Saturday, June 29 from 1 to 3 p.m. This is a free event, first come, first served. Call 301-441-1096 for further information.

Community Events

Woodland Hills Holds Picnic/Meeting

The Woodland Hills Community Association will hold its annual picnic and business meeting on Sunday, June 23. The picnic will start at 1 p.m. on Parcel A, the community-owned wooded area between Northway and Woodland Way.

Attendees should bring chairs, plus a side dish or dessert for the common table. Other food will be provided. New officers will be elected at the meeting after the picnic at about 2:30 p.m. All Woodland Hills residents are encouraged to join their neighbors.

Alzheimer Support Groups Offered

The Alzheimer's Association provides group leaders for local Alzheimer's caregiver support group meetings. Support group meetings are facilitated by trained group leaders and are free, available on an ongoing basis and open to the community.

Support groups allow affected families to meet other caregivers, to share experiences and caregiving tips while developing coping skills. Caregivers and family members are invited to visit. Call the Alzheimer's Association, National Capital Area for schedules and locations of groups that meet in Greenbelt. The toll-free phone number is 1-866-259-0042.

Homeschool Co-op Families to Meet

The Greenbelt Homeschooling Co-op invites all Greenbelt homeschooling families (and those interested in homeschooling) to an organizational meeting to determine the needs and wants of Greenbelt's homeschooling community. The meeting will be held in the Senior Room of the Community Center on Sunday, June 23 at 8 p.m. For information, contact Deborah Taylor at PGHLNeditor@aol.com or 301-345-2485 or Tanya Nordberg at 301-486-0117.

Greenspring I Homeowners Meet

There will be a meeting of the Greenspring I Homeowners Association at 8005 Craddock Road on Thursday, June 27. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Tutoring Starts At SHL Center

In response to the demand for summer tutoring, the Greenbelt Recreation Department will conduct a tutoring program this summer to be held at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

A kick-off meeting to outline the program and schedule tutoring times will be held on Saturday, June 22 at 9:30 a.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. The kick-off meeting will last about one hour. Attendance at the kick-off meeting is mandatory. Actual tutoring will start on June 29, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Tutoring will continue at the same location and times on following Saturdays through July and part of August.

It is planned to have three groups: elementary school students, middle school students and high school students. The program will be similar to the ones conducted in the fall and spring during the school year.

Call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212 for further information.

New Deal Café Hosts Folk Trio

The Riverdale folk trio The Jones Family will perform at the New Deal Café at 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 22.

The Joneses - father Chuck, mother Brenda and 17-year-old daughter Chenos - will perform songs from "Unquiet," their recent CD on Shambling Gate Records, as well as new material. "Unquiet," described as a "family-spun folk record with attitude" by co-producer and recording engineer Heidi Gerber, was recently named folk CD of the month by a public radio station in the Midwest and has been receiving airplay throughout the country. "Unquiet" can be purchased from Shambling Gate Record's website at www.shamblinggate.com, at the House of Musical Traditions in Takoma Park, and Franklin's General Store in Hyattsville.

Greenbelt organizations are invited to send information on meetings and activities.

Greenbelt Baseball

Final Standings

(As of Tuesday, June 18)

	American League		National League	
	W - L		W - L	
Seed #1	Athletics 12 - 5		Lions 17 - 0	
Seed #2	Orioles 11 - 6		Cards 11 - 6	
Seed #3	Giants 9 - 8		Cubs 4 - 13	
Seed #4	Tigers 2 - 15		Indians 2 - 15	

Playoff Schedule

Game 1 Tuesday, June 18	#3 Giants defeat #4 Tigers
Game 2 Wednesday, June 19	NL #4 vs. AL #3
Game 3 Thursday, June 20	Winner Gm #1 vs. AL #2
Game 4 Friday, June 21	Winner Gm #2 vs. NL #3
Game 5 Monday, June 24	Winner Gm #3 vs. AL #1
Game 6 Tuesday, June 25	Winner Gm #4 vs. NL #1
Game 7 Wednesday, June 26	AL #1 vs. Gm #3 winner
Game 8 Thursday, June 27	NL #1 vs. Gm #4 winner
Game 9* Friday, June 28	Gm #3 winner vs. AL #1
Game 10* Saturday, June 29	Gm #4 winner vs. NL #1

All games will be played at McDonald Field at 6 p.m.
*Games will be played only if necessary.

Play Water Polo

The Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team (GMST) and the Counselors in Training (CIT) are inviting interested 12 to 14 year olds, male and female, to join them in Intramural Water Polo at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center (GAFC). The water polo pool time is 8 to 10 p.m. on Thursday nights - June 27; July 11, 18, and 25; August 1, 8, and 15. Enter at the main desk.

The GMST captains have been chosen and have already started training. Sign up at the GAFC desk for all sessions or drop in week to week. Water polo is like a mix of swimming and soccer, perfectly refreshing for a hot summer night. All four teams will play each other once.

These will be fun events where the teams that aren't playing can host a party in the picnic area. For more information call Larry Hilliard at 301-474-7504.



Double Dutch Team Are Champions

The American Double Dutch League's World Double Dutch Invitational Championship took place June 14 and 15 in Sumter, South Carolina in a nicely air conditioned building.

The Greenbelt City Stars won first place in the sixth grade division and third place in the third grade division, beating out world-renowned teams (15 in each grade level) from New York, New Jersey, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Florida, Massachusetts, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Japan, and France. The teams are now titled World Champions and World Finalists, respectively. They will be going to the USA Jump Rope National Championships in Florida the week of June 17. They are also raising funds to attend the Junior Olympics in Tennessee in August. Call Kim Bradshaw at 301-503-6962 or 301-324-6988 for details.

Pitkin to Run Again As State Delegate

Delegate Joan Pitkin (D-Prince George's 23rd) has announced that she will seek re-election to the Maryland House of Delegates.



Pitkin is currently a member of the House Appropriations Committee. In 1979, she was elected as the first woman to represent the 23rd District. She was also the first person appointed to chair the Prince George's County Commission on Children and Families. She serves as vice chairman of the Health & Human Resources Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee, and as a member of the Committee on Drug and Alcohol Abuse and board member of the Maryland Women's Legislative Caucus. She was appointed by the governor to serve on the Women's Health Promotion Council.

Pitkin serves as vice-chairperson on the Joint Committee on Program Open Space and as a member of the National Environmental Policy Institute and the National Council of Environmental Legislators.

Help the Museum

Learn about Greenbelt's rich history and become a part of its legacy of community involvement by joining the Greenbelt Museum team. Help is currently needed with collections research, exhibits, special projects, events, serving on committees, and conducting tours. Some jobs require a one-time commitment, others are ongoing. Call 301-507-6582 or e-mail greenbeltmuseum@ci.greenbelt.md.us.

Spring Choral Concert

Mishkan Torah Congregation
70 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
(301)-474-4223

7pm
Sunday, June 23
ADULTS \$10 CHILDREN \$8

Hebrew, English, & Yiddish Songs



Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee, Inc.

NOMINATION FORM Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen

Submit this form or a letter by Monday, August 5, to:
Robert Zugby, Chair
94 Ridge Rd., Greenbelt, MD 20770

Name of Nominee _____

Address _____

Nominated By:
Name(s) (please print) Signature(s) Phone

Please attach a statement (preferably printed or typed) which explains why the nominee deserves recognition as Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen. Possible subjects include a list of organizations or activities in which the nominee has participated, including length of time; specific accomplishments during each period of service; the impact on Greenbelt or on people within the city; and personal qualities which make the nominee special. Award is for volunteer (unpaid) work only. Supporting printed material will be accepted but is not required. Testimonials by others as to the person's good works will be helpful. The more information you can provide the committee the better.

Note: All nominators must sign. Use separate sheet if necessary. Thank you!!

Parenting Program Has Partial Reprieve

by Judy Bell

In FY 2002 Greenbelt CARES Youth and Family Services Bureau received a \$10,000 grant from the Prince George's County Health Department through the Addictions and Mental Health Programs division. Its purpose was to run a parent training program. CARES implemented the program, which ran for six months. By all accounts it was highly successful. But when the FY 2003 Health Department budget was announced, the parenting program was not included.

However, this is not the end of the story. In a letter to Senator Leo Green dated May 30, Health Officer Arthur Thatcher states that "After reviewing your letter and our proposed FY 2003 budget ... I believe that we can make \$6,500 available to Greenbelt CARES for a similar, but somewhat scaled back, program next year."

Carol Leventhal, director of CARES, said that she plans to run the program again. However, it will be a shorter version unless another grant can be found to make up the difference. Leventhal is looking into the possibility that \$3,500 could be diverted from the county's \$100,000 share of a \$615,000 Youth Consolidation Grant through the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention.


Happy Wanderers Walk in Columbia

A Freestate Happy Wanderers Volksmarch Club walking event will be held on Saturday, June 29 starting at Pavilion A, Centennial Park, 10000 Route 108, Columbia, Md.

Start between 8 and 11 a.m. and finish the walk by 2 p.m. The 10-km trail for this walk features Centennial Lake and surrounding neighborhoods on pathways and sidewalks. The trail is suitable for strollers. A shorter trail for first time walkers is offered.

For a free brochure and information call 301-317-4549 or 410-437-2164 before 8 p.m. Check out <http://www.ava.org/clubs/freestate> or email remccoy@highstream.net.

Baha'i Faith
Vacation Virtues School
Presents
The Brilliant Star Club
Based on the
Family Virtues Guide Text
June 24-28, 5-7 p.m.,
Ages 6-10
Greenbelt Community Center
\$5 per session
To register call 301-345-3983


Catholic Community of Greenbelt
SUNDAY MASS, 10:00 AM
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
SERVE BREAKFAST AT S.O.M.E.
Sunday, June 30, 2002
Meet at St. Hugh's School Parking Lot, 6:00 AM

Joyriver Is the First CD for Local Singer

Greenbelter Karla Scott has recorded her first album of hymns, Joyriver. Although she has had a singing career that has taken her all over the world, this CD album fulfills another personal goal. She is also pursuing a doctoral degree in music. She became a professor at a private college immediately after completing a masters degree. She is billed as having a crystal clear voice brimming over with messages of peace and a fresh, unique sound.

On Joyriver, Scott sings a collection of 10 familiar hymns in simple yet arresting arrangements woven with occasional jazz and gospel elements, she writes in her promotional literature. "This project gave me a chance to sing what is in my heart," she writes. "It was important to me to produce music that would make people stop, listen and reflect - music that would make a difference. I chose hymns because their inspirational messages encourage everyone. Today, more than ever we are all searching for ways to support one another."

Scott grew up in a family where everyone played at least one instrument. Her father was a music professor and her first teacher. At age four she began studying piano, "I was so little, I had to sit on hymnbooks to reach the keyboard" she writes "but my father new how crucial it was to start early." At age five she began studying violin as well, but singing was her first love. "I've wanted to sing my whole life and I am definitely one of those annoying people who sings all the time" she writes, "I was fortunate to grow up in a home where that love was nurtured. Though classical training ruled the day, Scott was encouraged to listen to everything. "I love Julie Andrews as much as Roberta Flack and I have learned from the great singers: Leontyne Price, Barbra Streisand, Ella Fitzgerald, Marilyn Horne and many others."



Our condolences to Eleanor Ducharme on the death of her husband Richard.

Sequoia Austin, 10, will attend Interlochen Arts Camp in Interlochen Michigan this summer. The daughter of Jessica Vides-Austin, she will study alto saxophone at the camp. Sequoia is the granddaughter of Margaret Austin of Ridge Road. Sequoia lives at 56 court Ridge Road.

Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Patrick Reddick, son of Judi M. and Arthur Z. Reddick of Spring Manor Drive, recently completed a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Arabian Gulf in support of Operation Enduring Freedom while assigned to the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), home based at Camp Pendleton, Calif. Marines from Reddick's unit conducted offensive raids against Taliban and Al-Qaeda forces in Afghanistan. Additionally, Reddick's unit worked 18 days to complete humanitarian and civic projects in six different coastal areas of Kenya. They replaced a decrepit footbridge, built a two-classroom building for school children, created a water source for the Gongoni Maternity Wing in the District of Malindi and performed carpentry work on a school for the deaf in Kilifi.

Irene Pavlish has just returned from her mother's 100th birthday party. Her mother is Mabel Myer of Lawrence, Ks., born on June 13, 1902. Mrs. Myer was surrounded by her 10 surviving children and most of her 78 grandchildren, great-grands and great-great grands. Two sets of five generations were present. Mrs. Myer has visited Greenbelt many times.



Mabel Myer

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
Part Time Ministry

ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Md.

Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

Sunday Worship
10:15 a.m.

Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

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



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301-262-3285 | stgeogd@aol.com | www.stgeo.org

Sundays: 8:00 am
9:00 am
10:00 am

A Simple, Quiet Mass
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Sung Mass with Organ and Folk Music, ASL Interpreted



Nursery Provided 9:00-11:30 am

An inclusive congregation!

Baha'is Invite Kids To Vacation School

Children ages 6 to 10 are invited to participate in the Baha'is Vacation Virtues School June 24 to 28 from 5 to 7 p.m. each day, at the Community Center. Art and drama will be used to explore ten key virtues. Students earn points and prizes through projects and opportunities to apply the virtues at home.

The curriculum is based on the acclaimed Family Virtues Guide by Linda and Dan Popov which addresses children as spiritual beings whose purpose in life is to have a life of purpose - to develop all the virtues and capacities which were created within them in potential. Space is limited to ten students. Call 301-345-3982 to register.

The vacation school is sponsored by the Greenbelt Baha'i Community. There is a fee, which includes pizza and materials.

Skrowaczewski Will Conduct Orchestra

The School of Music at the University of Maryland will sponsor a concert by the National Orchestral Institute on Saturday, June 22 at 8 p.m. in the concert hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Stanislaw Skrowaczewski will conduct his own Concerto for Orchestra as well as Bruckner's Symphony No. 9. There is a fee.



Obituaries

Richard Ducharme

Richard Oliver Ducharme, 79, of Crescent Rd. died on Monday, June 17, 2002 at Doctors' Community Hospital of metastatic carcinoma.

Mr. Ducharme was born in Champlain, N.Y. He served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II from 1946 to 1948 with the rank of corporal. Later he was a baker.

He was a member of St. Hugh's Catholic Church and American Legion Post #136.

Mr. Ducharme is survived by his wife, Eleanor Ducharme; daughter, Rose Marie Lord; son, Oliver Ducharme; grandchildren, Maggie, April, Crystal, Kevin and Sean; great-grandchildren Kaitlyn and Tre; and five sisters and brothers.

A mass of Christian burial will be held at St. Hugh's Church, 135 Crescent Road on Friday, June 21 at noon. Burial will be at Veterans' Cemetery, Cheltenham. Funeral arrangements were made by Borgwardt Funeral Homes.

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

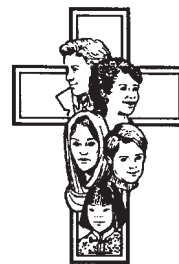
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Beltsville/Adelphi (301-937-3666)
Welcomes you to our open,
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June 23, 10 a.m.
"Father Sun"
(Native American Cultures)
by Maria Day, worship associate,
Tish Hall and other Paint Branchers



Barbara Wells and
Jaco B. ten Hove,
co-ministers

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Dr. Mark Johnson, Pastor
Corner of Crescent & Greenhill Rds
301-474-4212 gbaptist@lwol.com



Sun. Worship 8:35 & 11:00 am, 6 pm
Wed. Praise and Prayer 7 pm
Wed. Living Proof for Youth 7 pm

"Building Bridges to the Family of God thru the Love of Christ"

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
301-474-9410



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SUNDAY
Children and Adults
Bible Study 9:30 am
Worship Service 11:00 am
Tues. Lectionary Study 8:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:45 p.m.
Thurs. Disciple Bible Study 6:45 p.m.

Rev. DaeHwa Park, Pastor

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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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Worship: 11:15 a.m.

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Worship: 7:30 p.m.



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might be located, have not yet been pinned down, she told council.

Mayor Davis confirmed the situation. The developers' plans are "a target that constantly moves," she acknowledged wryly.

Three Alternatives

Seven alternative designs had originally been drawn up, consultant engineer, Steve Hawtof, of Gannett Fleming, Inc., said, as he discussed each in turn. But four had subsequently been discarded — two which additionally provided ramps to the USDA property north of the Beltway, in which USDA no longer took an interest; another because it would be too expensive; and a fourth because of its greater impact on the adjacent wetlands. Three designs are thus still in contemplation.

The no-build alternate, #1, would involve only routine maintenance. Its map layout forms the template against which each of the change alternates has been modeled. In the present configuration at the site, access into the Metro station is available from the Beltway only by the eastbound lane; from the station one can re-enter the Beltway only by a westbound ramp and bridge from the roadway along the eastern boundary of the property.

Alternates #2 and #3 would both supply the two missing directional ramps. Both would make access possible from the east into the station by means of a bridge. In both a simple exit ramp paralleling and leading into the Beltway would carry traffic eastbound out of the station.

These alternates differ in the position and curve of the necessary bridge. In #2 the off-ramp from the Beltway would be carried outside the current directional ramp, which it would then "fly over," as well as over the Beltway itself. The curve and grade would be more gradual than in the other alternate, permitting faster movement of traffic, up to 40 mph.

In #3 the off-ramp from the Beltway would be carried inside the current directional ramp—that is, closer to the outside Beltway lane. It would fly over only the Beltway lanes, but both the rise and the curve would be sharper, requiring traffic to move more slowly, at about 30 mph.

Alternate #4 is markedly different in configuration. It is described as a diamond interchange. Vehicles leaving the Beltway westbound would come to a full stop, where they would turn left and travel over the Beltway on a shorter, two-way bridge into the Metro site. Exiting the site, they would reverse direction over the same bridge and turn left onto a new ramp to I-95 westbound. This alternate would require removal of the present directional ramp and bridge from the Metro station westbound.

Phases of Development

The design process leading to the Wednesday workshop constitutes most of Phase I of the interchange development. A citizen focus group will then meet with the design team in responding to comments collected at the workshop or mailed in later by workshop attendees. From this input, decisions will be made about which design alternatives to pursue.

A later phase will involve a detailed environmental analysis, including decisions concerning mitigation for disruptions in nearby wetlands. When the councilmembers deplored the failed or misplaced mitigation sites that had been developed during construction of the Metro station, Wolcott responded that hydrology, though improving, is "a very challenging science."

Final Phases

Once these preliminary phases of planning are completed, funding must be allocated for final design of the projected interchange and for acquisition of the rights-of-way. Only then can construction occur.

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quickly to deal with the situation before the start of the next school year.

City council approved a contribution of \$2,000 to the USO benefit fund-raiser dinner dance which has since taken place on June 14. The contribution was to offset expenses that are not covered by ticket sales. At that time, over 200 tickets had been sold. Council approved new job descriptions for the Recreation Department creating two assistant directors, one for facilities/operations and one for programs. Councilmember Thomas White raised questions about apparent conflict in responsibilities and supervision between the two positions. City Manager McLaughlin explained that there would be some overlap between positions

because, while the Recreation Department is a large one, there is need for the two positions to work closely together. White also objected to the process as not the best in achieving the skill sets needed for each position. Councilmember Alan Turnbull questioned the value of council reviewing job descriptions for individual positions. He said that council should rely on the city manager — the one person council was responsible for hiring. After some discussion and fine-tuning, the position descriptions were approved. Council also approved a resolution which would raise garbage collection fees by \$1.30 per quarter and a three percent increase in resident and non-resident pass rates at the Aquatic and Fitness Center.

Greenbelt CARES

The week of June 10, Greenbelt CARES welcomed Antoinette (Toni) Tate as a new Crisis Intervention Counselor. Toni was a CARES Family Clinic volunteer counselor last year. She is a third year graduate student at The American University, studying for a Ph.D. in clinical psychology. Toni enjoys photography, tennis and Greenbelt.

Join the Rangers

Teens are invited to earn their high school service hours by working with M-NCPPC park rangers on a variety of conservation projects throughout Prince George's County. This an opportunity for teens who love nature and enjoy being outdoors to meet people and gain valuable experience. For further information: 301-627-7755; TTY 301-699-2544; www.pgparcs.com.



City Information



OPENINGS ON BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups. Vacancies exist on the following:
Park & Recreation Advisory Board
Recycling & Environment Advisory Committee
 For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

ATTENTION ALL RESIDENTS FIREWORKS DISPLAY THURSDAY, JULY 4TH!

9:15pm at Buddy Attick Park
 Rain Date: Friday, July 5th
 Please inform all members of your household about this scheduled event. We do not want anyone to be alarmed by the explosions and flashes of light from the fireworks.
 Info: 301-474-8004.

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 23-29

Wednesday, June 26 at 7:30 pm, SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, Greenbelt Community Center, Senior Classroom.
 Saturday, June 29 at 10am, COMMUNITY MEDIATION BOARD, Greenbelt Community Center, Dining Hall #2.

CITY JOB OPENING

Public Works Maintenance Worker (Laborer): \$10.29/hr., FT, Ability to perform a variety of tasks requiring heavy labor, including driving trucks, operating machinery and other equipment. Requires a valid MD Class C driver's license with a good driving record.

The City of Greenbelt is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Apply in person at: City of Greenbelt Personnel Office, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt; download the Employment Application from our website at www.ci.greenbelt.md.us, or call our job-line at 301-474-1872 to request **required** application be mailed to you.

Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center SUMMER ADMISSION POLICY

101 Centerway-301-397-2204



A Greenbelt resident is required to show a valid I.D. to pay daily admission at all times.

On weekends and holidays, entrance is restricted to Passholders, residents and their guests. A passholder or Greenbelt resident may bring a maximum of three (3) guests upon payment of the admission fee. They must sign their guests in, remain at the facility and are responsible for them at all times.

The Aquatic and Fitness Center staff realize there may be some extenuating circumstances to the above policy. Give us a call at least 48 hours in advance of your visit and maybe we can help.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY MONTH PRESENTS SOME BIKE SAFETY TIPS

- ★ Obey Traffic Signs and Signals
- ★ One person per bike. Riding double is only permitted when carrying a helmeted child in an approved carrier or on a tandem bicycle.
- ★ Ride single file, especially on roads with heavy traffic. Where traffic is light, cyclists can ride two abreast as long as they are not impeding traffic.
- ★ Stay off sidewalks! Riding on sidewalks is illegal, can be dangerous, and is discourteous to pedestrians.
- ★ Share the pathways. Users should allow room for others to pass. Joggers should avoid running in packs. Bicycling is not permitted on hiking trails or in nature areas.
- ★ Keep to the right. All pathway users must keep to the right except when passing. Yield to pedestrians; they have the right-of-way on hiker/biker trails.
- ★ Warn others when passing. When approaching pedestrians, sound your bell or horn or call out, then pass safely to the left.
- ★ Ride slowly down hills, under and across bridges and where trails curve sharply. Reduce your speed when the trail is busy.
- ★ Be alert. Watch for surface hazards like broken glass, gravel, and potholes. Cross railway tracks at a right angle to avoid getting your front wheel caught.

ALWAYS WEAR A HELMET!

Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center

101 Centerway, Greenbelt, MD
 301-397-2204

Children's Weekday Swim Lessons begin on June 25th.

Registration is: Saturday, June 22 from 9am-12pm for Greenbelt Residents and Passholders
 Monday, June 24 from 9am-12pm for everyone

The M-NCPPC & the Springhill Lake Recreation Center present:

Summer Center for Teens

(aka. Teen Weeknight Watch)

Ages: 10-15
 (as of December 31, 2002)
Cost: FREE
Dates: June 24-August 2
Times: 3pm-8pm
Place: Springhill Lake Recreation Center

Program is ongoing. You must register at the site with the M-NCPPC.

For more information call Ernie Johnson at 301-445-4500 or Brian Butler at 301-397-2212.

Summer hours for the Youth Center and Springhill Lake are in effect. Please check posted signs for new hours when visiting the centers or call the Recreation Business Office at 301-397-2200.

ATTENTION... IT IS TIME FOR FACILITY ID RENEWALS!



It is now time to update your facility ID for the Youth Center and Springhill

Lake Recreation Center for the upcoming year. New IDs should be purchased by July 1, 2002. The ID will be good from July 1, 2002 - June 30, 2003. Please see Center staff to purchase your ID. All participant 8 years and older are required to have an ID to enter the centers; those under the age of 8 need to be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older who has a current ID. Call the Recreation Business Office for further Information.

GREENBELT ACCESS CHANNEL 71

Municipal Access 301-474-8000:
 Tuesday & Thursday, 6/25 & 6/27: 6pm "Stop & Look with Willy Whistle" & "Walking With Your Eyes", 6:30pm "Greenbelt Concert Band" 7:30pm "Perils for Pedestrians" 8:00pm "DARE Graduation SHL" 8:45pm "DARE Graduation GE"
Public Access 301-507-6581:
 Wednesday & Friday, 6/26 & 6/28: Call for Schedule.

Greenbelt Consumer Co-op Ad

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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.

Assault

Greenbelt Elementary School, June 7, 11:15 a.m., a petition of assault was filed against a ten-year-old student after the youth allegedly kicked a teacher in the legs several times when the teacher tried to intervene in a dispute between the youth and another student.

T.G.I. Friday restaurant, June 8, 1:40 a.m., a man and a woman, both 20, of Mitchellville, were arrested on multiple charges after becoming disorderly during a customer dispute. The man also was charged with assaulting an officer. Both were released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, June 8, 8:37 p.m., a 13-year-old resident was arrested after allegedly having punched the victim in the chest during an argument over a bicycle. The youth was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Disorderly Conduct

T.G.I. Friday restaurant, June 7, 11:33 p.m., two Upper Marlboro men, 22 and 21, were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after they were observed shouting profanities and refusing to leave the restaurant at the request of agents of the property. They were both released on citation pending trial.

T.G.I. Friday restaurant, June 8, a 27-year-old Alexandria resident was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after he was observed shouting profanities and refusing to leave the restaurant at the request of agents of the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

Drug Arrests

6200 block Springhill Drive, June 11, 9:47 p.m., a 22-year-old northwest Washington man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute and related charges. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Theft

Capitol Cadillac, June 7, 10:17 a.m., two men, 24 and 21, residents of Southeast Washington and Suitland, respectively, were arrested for theft. Officers responded to a report of four suspicious men who entered the dealership claiming to have a large sum of cash and wanting to purchase a vehicle. The men were located, and two were found to have open warrants with the county sheriff's department. A computer check also revealed that the vehicle they arrived in, a 1987 Chevrolet Cavalier, had been reported stolen to Metropolitan Police. The suspects were released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner and for service of the warrant. The other two suspects were investigated and released.

Greenbelt Community Center,

June 7, 1:29 p.m., someone took a video camera and video projector. 9300 block Edmonston Road, June 7, 3:04 p.m., a 12-year-old Greenbelt resident was charged with taking a doorbell assembly from the front door of a residence and fleeing the scene on foot.

Greenbelt Fire Department, June 8, 4:38 p.m., someone removed an automatic external defibrillator from the premises.

Beltway Plaza, June 9, 7:24 p.m., an unattended wallet was taken from a bench inside the mall.

6400 block Ivy Lane, June 10, 3:31 p.m., someone removed a laptop computer from an unsecured office suite.

6000 block Springhill Drive, June 10, 11:20 p.m., a black Cannondale mountain bike was taken from the patio of a residence.

Beltway Plaza, June 11, 2:04 p.m., an unattended cellular telephone was taken from the Keys store.

6400 block Ivy Lane, June 12, 6:30 p.m., money was taken from an unattended purse in an office suite. A man was seen in the suite area at the time of the theft, allegedly looking for a restroom. The suspect is described as a black male, bald, wearing a grey jersey-type shirt.

Target, June 12, 6:46 p.m., an unattended purse was taken from the store.

Greenway Center, June 7, 12:20 p.m., someone removed money from a desk at the Hair Cuttery.

8100 block Burkhardt Court, June 10, 11:48 a.m., a red and white Iron Man X-pert bicycle was taken from the front yard of a residence.

With reference to a fraud reported May 3 at the Gold and Diamonds jewelry store, an arrest warrant was obtained June 6 charging a Beltsville woman, 37, with forgery and related offenses.

With reference to a credit card offense reported March 12 at Jasper's restaurant, an arrest warrant was obtained June 6 charging a 19-year-old Lanham woman with theft and related credit card offenses.

Forgery

Allfirst Bank, Greenbelt Road, June 6, 1:22 p.m., a D.C. woman, 42, and a D.C. man, 46, were arrested and charged with forgery and other offenses after the woman tried to open an account using another person's identity. Both persons were released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Vandalism

9100 block Edmonston Terrace, June 12, 11:11 a.m., someone broke out the sliding glass door of a residence.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a silver 1990 Toyota Camry four-door, Md. tags KJR637, June 9, from the 7700 block of Hanover Parkway and a tan 2002 Cadillac DeVille four-door, from the Capitol

Cadillac dealership, June 13.

One vehicle stolen prior to the period of this report was recovered.

With reference to a theft from auto in Beltway Plaza, January 3, a summons has been obtained charging a Temple Hills man, 25, with the theft.

Vandalism to, thefts from and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7200 block South Ora Court; 400 block Ridge Road; 9100 block Springhill Lane; 9000 block Breezewood Terrace; 6900 block Hanover Parkway; 100 block Westway; 7800 block Mandan Road; 7800 block Hanover Parkway, and 8200 block Canning Terrace.

Woman Foiled Trying to Rob Boston Market

On June 17 at about 8:55 a.m., the Greenbelt police received a call from Beltway Plaza Security about a man with a gun and a possible armed robbery in progress at the Boston Market in Beltway Plaza. After officers arrived and secured the perimeter, a woman left the restaurant by a rear door. She was quickly determined to be a suspect. It was believed an armed male suspect was still in the restaurant and that the shift manager was possibly also inside the store. Attempts to contact the manager or anyone else inside the restaurant by phone were unsuccessful.

Investigation later revealed that when the manager entered the store while the robbery was in progress, an employee pushed her back out, and the manager fled to the Beltway Plaza Security Office. It was believed that the male suspect then fled the restaurant on foot, leaving his female accomplice inside the restaurant. The shift manager's hands were bound behind her back but she was otherwise unharmed, according to Lt. Michael Craddock, Greenbelt Police Dept.

Greenbelt police later learned there was no male accomplice and that the woman was acting alone. Arrested was a 24-year-old Suitland woman, charged with attempted armed robbery, attempted theft over \$500, and false imprisonment. She was taken to the Department of Corrections to appear before a District Court Commissioner.

Silk Painters Show Wares, Hold Auction

Free events open to the public are included in the Third International Silk Painters Congress at the University of Maryland on Friday, June 21 and Saturday, June 22 at the Stamp Student Union Building. Featured free events include the art show, demonstrations, educational exhibits, silent auction, bazaar, vendor exhibits, and the "Peace" banner collaborative hands-on silk painting project. The hours are June 21, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. and June 22, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For further information call 301-474-7347.



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Large 4BR 3BA split-level with in-ground pool, expansive deck, shed, fenced yard, garage, family room addition & kitchenette. \$209,900

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This spacious 3 bedroom GHI townhome WITH GARAGE has a remodeled kitchen and hardwood flooring on the main level. \$94,900 U.C.

2 Story Addition

This 2 bedroom frame townhome has a large addition on both levels. Major improvements and modifications throughout. \$79,900 U.C.

Townhome With Garage

This remodeled home has an 11 1/4' x 17 3/4' master bedroom. Lots of improvements and the garage is included, too! Coming Soon.

Bladensburg

4BR 2 BA Cape Cod. Major Renovations including modern kitchen with new appliances, countertops and ceramic tile. \$139,900 U.C.

2 Additions

This 2 bedroom townhome has a front addition with mud & laundry room, and a screened porch out back. Modern kitchen, too! \$67,900

3 Bedroom Townhome

Lots of renovations being completed on the frame unit that backs to woods. Call now to arrange your tour of this home. \$69,900 U.C.

Cipriano Woods

A great deal on this 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath townhome near Greenbelt. Owner has made many improvements & new furnace. \$125,900 U.C.

3 Level Townhome

This home with full finished basement has new replacement windows, gas heat and hwh, close-in parking and other features. \$125,900. U.C.

End Unit With Large Corner Lot

This home will look brand new when work is complete! Refinished hardwood floors, fresh paint, new kitchen and more. Coming Soon.

Brick End Unit

This 3 bedroom townhome has a large corner lot with lots of plantings. Lots of renovations and improvements throughout. \$115,000 SOLD

1 Bedroom Townhome

This incredible home has a skylight, customized kitchen with ceramic tile, separate laundry room and thou\$and\$ in upgrades. Nice! \$47,900

U.C. = Under contract; seller may consider back-up offers



The Department is offering a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Citizens may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522. Victims of the theft of lawn ornaments, tools, lawn mowers, etc., should contact Criminal Investigations at 301-507-6530. Some items have been recovered and police would like to return them to owners.

A Review

'Betty the Yeti' Trees or Dollars?

by **Konrad Herling**

The Greenbelt Arts Center's presentation of "Betty the Yeti," an 'eco-fable' by Jon Klein, brings to our community stage questions related to the environment that our local residents and area businesses have been wrestling with for years. The play, directed by Steven Cox and produced by Sheila Crossley Cox, presents what initially appears to be predictable choices: jobs or protection of endangered species, or maintaining a "more convenient" style of living versus what may be a more sterile, but more environmentally sensitive way of life. These questions get turned on their heads as the usual suspects arising in environmental/economic confrontations receive a surprise visit from a yeti, one of the lesser known endangered species.

The Yeti (played with great dexterity by Amethyst Dwyer), a cross between a lion and a goat, or other mammals as audiences see fit, has ventured from its home to see what these invaders of her natural surroundings are

perpetrating. While lumber corporate executive Clare Kutz (played convincingly by Trix Whitehall) is more amazed by the creature's appearance and behavior than impressed to the point of changing her point of view, lumberjack Russ Sawyer (Bob Kleinberg), a "man's man" actually takes to the beast. Before long, Yeti becomes the center of attention, pulling the plot and audience away from the love relationships between lumberjack Russ, his separated wife and lover of nature, Terra Sawyer (Emily Brite), and her other love, Trey Hugger (Donn Cook). While Terra has grown apart from Russ due to an increasing political rift between the two, her admiration for the smart, adroit, environmentalist Trey increases. But alas, Russ, who notices a spotted owl from upclose and observes how 'cute' it is, subsequently develops an even stronger affinity for the yeti, after overcoming his initial fear of the beast. But once more, Russ returns to his career's work when promised a handsome compensation for cutting down vast acres

of forest. The rush was on as a prospective court order would prohibit such activity. If the lumber company was fined for this, so be it. After all, it'd still make a profit, and paying the fine would just be the cost of doing business.

Keeping an eye on this is Momoe Nakumra (Iko Sumiko).

While she is focused on just "doing her job," she too gets swept up in 'Yetimania,' keeping detailed records of the creature's activities and developing habits.

Of course, the biggest change which occurs is within the character of Russ. Instead of the myopic, self-centered, rough and tumble working man, he grows

into a sensitive protector of the environment. And it is this greater appreciation of nature and its creatures which draws Terra Sawyer back to him. Meanwhile, the single-minded Trey Hugger's mind and heart is motivated by achieving political success for his

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Amethyst Dwyer as The Creature (Betty), center, Momoe Nakamura as Iko, and Bob Kleinberg as Russ T. Sawyer discuss Betty's eating habits.



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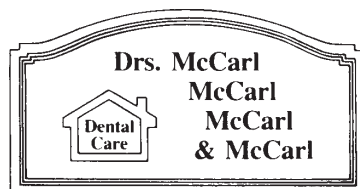
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background studies are presented and potential areas of improvement suggested. At the third meeting the task force provides feedback concerning various technical alternatives. These are then worked through in the preparation of a concept master plan, the outcome of the fourth meeting.

Since this project was particularly large, the group had discussed possibilities for change and improvement one segment at a time, working from west to east. At the May 30 meeting (the fifth), they were discussing the final piece — from Kenilworth Avenue to Soil Conservation Road, the segment involving solely the city of Greenbelt, plus of course NASA and unincorporated lands. As in earlier meetings, the task force reacted to aerial photographs of the road segment, on which RK&K engineer Karen Jarrett had made notations in pencils of different colors.

Issues Discussed

Throughout the entire length of Greenbelt Road under discussion, the provision of bicycle lanes on both sides of the pavement had been a major consideration. This could be made possible in certain areas by some narrowing of drive lanes for automobiles. At the bridge over the CSX railroad tracks, however, and through the Kenilworth Avenue interchange, safety solutions became more problematic. Various forms of barriers to protect bicycles and pedestrians should be put in place, task force members agreed. At the same time these should be aesthetically pleasing, perhaps involving plantings to provide some form of screening from highway traffic.

Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis raised an issue concerning the water retention ponds on the Golden Triangle. These became unsightly, she said, because of litter that blew into or was deposited at those sites. There was disagreement, she said, about who had the responsibility to clean them out. She suggested that attractive vegetation along the road margins could at least screen these areas from view.

Responding to another concern raised by the mayor, Pat Schmitt, SHA highway design engineer, committed the agency to study the timing of traffic lights at Walker Drive. This issue involved the presence of a bicycle lane at that intersection. Jarrett described how a sidewalk might be built on the other side of the highway, from Kenilworth Avenue to the entrance to Greenbelt Park.

Lakecrest Drive

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even after fatalities occurred.) According to Davis, members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church say they would walk to church across Greenbelt Road if a light were there.

Schmitt said that by narrowing Legion Drive, room existed to create an acceleration lane for traffic turning westward from Lakecrest and also to create a buffer between Legion Drive and such a lane. Davis was concerned that such a redesign would move through-traffic (to the Legion and Bell Pointe) closer to the houses on Lakecrest Circle.

Southway to Hanover

Another complicated section involves carrying bicycle lanes from Southway over the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and pedestrians across Greenbelt Road. Noting that pedestrians often cross in dangerous places near Greenway Center, Davis suggested some kind of barrier deterrent along the median strip.

Better signage for northbound Hanover Parkway traffic turning left on Greenbelt Road was also discussed. Three left-turn lanes are available, but strangers planning to head for Baltimore do not understand how close they are after that turn to the Parkway entrance ramp and that they should therefore enter the right-most lane.

Berwyn Heights Report

After the task force meeting was officially concluded, Greenbelt Tom Renahan, who is currently serving as a consultant to the city of Berwyn Heights, briefly described his mandate to prepare a report detailing possible aesthetic improvements to the south side of Greenbelt Road to enhance the commercial properties along that strip. Pedestrian safety at the Greenbelt Middle School is also a major issue, Renahan said. He expected to complete the report within the next 30 days, he said.

Next Meeting

At the meeting's conclusion, task force members agreed to meet one last time on August 29 to pull together their recommendations for the length of Greenbelt Road included in the project. A public hearing will then be scheduled in the fall.

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environmental advocacy group rather than driven by a genuine love of nature.

So, for me, the play was about making choices, and the kind of questions we raise for ourselves as individuals and as members of a community as whole. Are there indeed only two choices for each of these types of issues, or do we find out that as we learn more, we have multiple options, each one of which has its repercussions?

On the whole, I'd say that the actors are credible. You really don't catch them "acting," which is, I suppose, the worst critique they could receive. I did find all characters to be likeable, yes,

even Ms. Kutz. (Of course, I realized that Doug Love and CCRIC might dissent on this point.) However, I feel that the performance needs to tone Terra Sawyer down a bit, as her decibel level and pitch are bit too much sometimes, particularly when she argues with Russ. As a result the listener ends up losing a bit of the script and intended impact.

The tone is underlined nicely by a simple, yet effective set, and music which brings one back to the '60s. Anyone older than 40 knows most of the names: Tracy Chapman, Pete Seeger, Woody Guthrie, and Judy Collins, just to name a few. And there's a nice selection from "Flutar," a local

duo who have performed in concert at the Arts Center.

Aside from Director Cox, members of the Weaver family bore numerous roles as stage manager, customer, lighting and sound technician, along with usual suspects Carolyn Cornelius and Penny Martin handling props.

This was a strong community effort presenting a play which should have a strong set of messages for Greenbelt, a community known for its strong commitment to the environment. I do want to say that while I recommend the play, you might want to leave the kids at home as some of the content and language can be rough.

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