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Greenbelters Celebrate Earth Day 2004



PHOTO BY CINDY MURRAY

Earth Day volunteers plant shrubs along the shoreline of Greenbelt Lake.

Earth Day Brings Out Crowd to Enjoy Spring

by Eileen Simon

On Saturday, April 17, Greenbelters celebrated Earth Day 2004, although its official date is April 22. Fifty volunteers marked the occasion by planting native shrubs and plants along the north shore of Greenbelt Lake from 10 a.m. to noon. These plants add to the Wetland Education Center, which includes grass, shrubs and a natural stone seating area on the shoreline installed over the past several years.

Eleven varieties of shrubs were used: chokeberry, button bush, summersweet, red twig dogwood, winterberry, Virginia sweetspire, sweet bay magnolia, swamp rose, Cherokee rose, bald cypress and highbush blueberry. A total of 260 plants were purchased with a grant from the Chesapeake

Bay Trust.

The goal of Saturday's plantings was to prevent soil erosion along the shoreline. Bill Phelan, assistant director of Public Works for the City of Greenbelt, explained that when geese come ashore, they eat from the first patch of grass they see. Once the grass is gone, the soil begins to wash away. By planting some prickly varieties of shrubs, the geese will be forced to disperse along the shore and vary their feeding areas, thereby reducing the amount of grass depleted from a single area.

This "green buffer" also helps protect the lake from goose droppings, which considerably alter the water's pH. By spreading the feeding

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SHL Celebrates Spring In Annual City Festival

by Nicola Dickenson

It was a beautiful spring day when the Greenbelt Recreation Department hosted its 6th Annual "Celebration of Spring" at Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

Parents and children alike came out in droves to enjoy the festivities, including face painting, temporary tattoos, making plastic parachutes and jumping on two moon bounces. They could also visit information tables such as those set out by Greenbelt CARES and the Greenbelt Police Department's D.A.R.E. program. The event also offered free hotdogs and drinks and culminated in an energetic African Heritage Dancers and Drummers program.

Julie McHale, assistant director of programs at the Greenbelt Recreation Department, said they expected between 600 to 700 attendees throughout the day. "The festival was created to fill a need for residents who lived outside of the heart of Greenbelt," she said. "The kids really appreciated the event."

McHale added that the festival promotes family and tries to include interactive activities. Last year, for example, costumed characters interacted with the kids and this year the African Heritage Dancers and Drummers provided such an interchange.

See **SHL FESTIVAL**, page 8

City Council Asks School Funds To Be Spent on Old Building

by Baynard Woods and James Giese

The Greenbelt City Council had a busy agenda for its April 12 regular meeting but managed to deal with the issues expeditiously and adjourned before 11 p.m. Major issues were how to spend \$1,000,000 on Greenbelt Middle School, whether or not to approve a site plan for the new animal control facility, what sort of mosquito control effort should be made in the city this summer and how to keep skateboarders off newly resurfaced tennis courts.

Middle School

At the city's recent dinner with legislators, County Councilmember Douglas Peters reported

that it would be possible for him to earmark \$1,000,000 for work on the Greenbelt Middle School facility. Peters asked the city to suggest possible uses, given the general state and goals for the school. Council referred the question to its Advisory Committee on Education (ACE).

After meeting with Principal Judith Austin, Peters and his staff, ACE recommended that the money be used for planning and designing the reconstruction of the school. However, if the money wasn't enough to pay for that cost, then it should be used for improvements to the original portion of the building which is

to be preserved and used as offices for school personnel.

Councilmember Konrad Herling asked School Board Member Jose Morales, who was at the meeting, if a million dollars would be enough to pay for planning and design. Morales said it would be a quarter of a million shy.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts expressed strong support for using the money to renovate the historic part of the school. Councilmember Leta Mach expressed support for ACE's recommendation.

See **COUNCIL**, page 12

Periodical Cicadas in Greenbelt: Ready or Not, Here They Come!

by Steve Frank

In mid-May, cicadas will emerge in Maryland and other parts of the Northeast. In Greenbelt we can expect a spectacular show by these rare and fascinating, albeit noisy, creatures, particularly in Old Greenbelt, with its many large trees and minimal recent development that would have dug up or paved over the cicadas' underground burrows.

Love 'em or hate 'em, the periodical cicadas will emerge. So put screens in the windows, protect your young trees and then relax and prepare to be dazzled by their strange appearance, varied songs and sheer abundance.

Cicadas are not locusts. This is a misnomer applied to periodical cicadas because their abun-

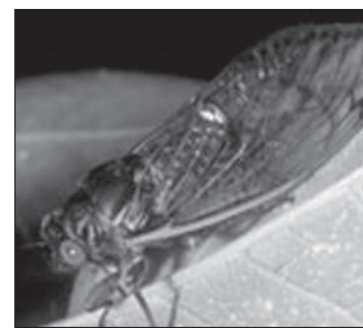


PHOTO BY GAYE WILLIAMS

dance reminds people of the locust plagues of Africa and in the Bible. Locusts are large, migratory grasshoppers that are devastating to crops, whereas periodical cicadas are not grasshoppers and they don't eat crops.

Periodical cicadas are also different from the annual cicadas that serenade us on late summer

nights. They are black with red eyes and orange wing veins, and sing during the day. Annual cicadas are green with brown eyes and wing veins. They are larger than periodical cicadas and sing during the night.

The brown, wingless cicada nymphs have been underground since 1987 and have been feeding on sap from tree roots. During this, the 17th year, they have burrowed to within inches of the surface and are just waiting for warmer weather. Over the course of three to five days in mid-May, the cicada nymphs will emerge from their burrows at night and climb a nearby tree, house or other vertical structure. They latch on to the structure with their legs and begin to molt and adults emerge from the

See **CICADAS**, page 2

Postal Service to Update Council on New Facility

by Elaine Skolnik

United States Postal Service representatives will brief Greenbelt City Councilmembers at the April 26 council meeting on the current status of plans for the new post office facility in Greenbelt East. Although the Postal Service has already purchased the five acre lot near the corner of Hanover Parkway and Ora Glen Drive and a site plan has been approved, it appears that the Postal Service may be considering additional options for a facility including the possibility of finding a new site. The new post office, as planned, would offer retail, distribution and carrier service.

In a March 22 memorandum to the city council, City Manager Michael McLaughlin reported that Post Office "adminis-

trators feel the Greenbelt area does not justify there being two retail centers so close together." He was referring to the existing facility in Old Greenbelt's Roosevelt Center which, he said, successive city councils wanted to keep open as a retail center "as long as it makes sense" after the new postal facility has opened in Greenbelt East.

On April 14, the city council held an executive session on the issue. Representatives of the Postal Service and Congressman Steny Hoyer's office were present. Next Monday, April 26, an update on the status of the new post office will be on council's agenda. The meeting will be held in the council chamber in the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road at 8 p.m.

What Goes On

Saturday, April 24

9 a.m. to noon, Electronics Recycling, Schrom Hills Park

Monday, April 26

8 p.m., First Public Hearing on FY2005 Budget, followed by City Council Meeting, Municipal Building

Wednesday, April 28

7:30 p.m., Board of Appeals Public Hearing, Community Center

8 p.m., Council Budget Worksession on Public Works, Community Center

Friday, April 30

6 p.m., "It's Municipal Government," Community Center

Saturday, May 1

9 a.m. to noon, Greenbelt Clean up Day

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shiny brown shell. The adult cicadas require a few days for their new exoskeleton to harden before they are ready to begin their mating ritual.

There are actually three different species of periodical cicadas that all emerge together and look nearly identical. Male cicadas are the noisemakers. They congregate in trees and use an organ called a tymbal to make the constant buzzing sound that will fill our days until late June. They use this sound to attract females of the same species. Once a female has mated, she lays her eggs (up to 400) in small tree branches and uses an egg-laying organ called an ovipositor to gouge slits into twigs where she deposits several dozen eggs. Ten weeks later the eggs will hatch and nymphs, the size of small ants, will fall from the trees and burrow into the ground where they will feed on roots and grow until 2021, when they will emerge.

Cicada Damage

While harmless to people, periodical cicadas have the potential to damage trees and some woody shrubs with their egg-laying habit. Cicadas lay eggs in branches that are 1/4 to 3/8 inch in diameter and twigs of this size that have slits gouged into them by the females usually die and hang from the tree or fall to the ground. This damage, called flagging, will not kill large, established trees. However, small trees, on which most of the branches are small, could suffer considerable damage or die from extensive cicada oviposition. Trees less than six feet tall are at most risk of incurring severe or fatal damage from cicadas. People should consider waiting to plant trees in late summer or fall.

Trees commonly damaged by cicadas are fruit trees, oak, maple, ash, dogwood and redbud but over 200 species are susceptible. Cicadas will not damage most evergreen trees, flowers or herbaceous ornamental plants, as they require wood in which to lay their eggs.

The most effective way to protect small trees from cicada damage is with mesh netting. The netting must have holes 3/8-inch diameter or smaller to prevent entry by cicadas and should be installed prior to cicada emergence and remain until the cicadas are gone.

Insecticides are dangerous and ineffective. If the cicadas on a favorite tree are sprayed, some

will die but others will fly away and may be eaten by birds, dogs and children. Meanwhile other cicadas, not deterred by the toxic residue, will quickly recolonize the tree.

Not Harmful

Periodical cicadas do not bite, sting, scrape, scratch or poke. They are relatively slow and essentially defenseless. They use an alarm call, a loud buzzing they make when something grabs them, in hopes of scaring the predator. Their main defense is in their numbers; with millions emerging at once, the likelihood of any one of them getting eaten is minimized.

So what good are periodical cicadas? They provide a food source for many animals, such as birds, foxes and other mammals and trout. They also give trees a periodic pruning and provide nutrients for trees and other plants with their molting.

How to Prepare

To avoid feeling defeated by cicadas, there are a few exercises that may help. Protect young trees with mesh, sweep sidewalks to prevent a build up of carcasses and cover the backyard pond with net or skim the pool often to avert a smelly buildup in the filter system.

[Greenbelter Steve Frank is a graduate student at the University of Maryland, Department of Entomology, and a member of the department's "Cicadaman-iacs," a group which educates the public about periodical cicadas. For more information, including cicada recipes, visit www.entomology.umd.edu.]

Schools Evacuated After Bomb Threat

The Prince George's County Police Department contacted school system administrators shortly before 3 p.m. on Tuesday to inform them of a bomb threat.

The police department received an anonymous phone call from a male who demanded that a \$1 million ransom be paid or three Prince George's County schools would be blown up. The police immediately contacted county Police Chief Melvin High, who was in a scheduled meeting with Dr. André Hornsby, public schools chief executive officer. They decided to evacuate all school buildings. The Prince George's County Fire Department was notified.

At 2:50 p.m. all schools and offices were notified to immediately implement an emergency evacuation of all buildings. Building maintenance and security staff then conducted searches for suspicious packages or objects.

All afternoon and evening activities were cancelled with the exception of after care. Outdoor athletic games currently in progress were allowed to continue; however, students were not permitted to re-enter school buildings.

As a followup to this incident the county public schools will work with the county police and fire departments to monitor the situation. Schools were to re-open on Wednesday on schedule, operating with heightened vigilance to provide a safe, secure environment for students.

The Old Curmudgeon



"There's a cicada in my soup... my dessert... my hair... my pants...!"



PHOTO BY MARC SIEGEL

The Marc Siegel home on Maplewood Court had an intruder drop in on Thursday evening April 15. It was their neighbor's very large oak tree. It fell after four days of rain, even though it had survived Hurricane Isabel and the other wind storms of 2003. The tree has been removed and the Siegel family is looking forward to getting a new roof and bathroom repairs.

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

Seniors' Course On Negotiation Skills

A new course entitled "Negotiation Skills: Reaching Agreement Without Giving In" will be offered at the Greenbelt Community Center under the auspices of the Prince George's County Community College SAGE Program for senior citizens. It will be taught by Deborah Prindle, a Harvard-trained international development expert with over 20 years of experience designing and managing overseas foreign aid programs in Africa, Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, Latin America and Asia. She founded a negotiation training program in Cyprus that has trained over 500 Turkish and Greek Cypriot leaders, from all walks of life, to use principled methods to discuss and resolve their difference.

The purpose of the Greenbelt course will be to teach participants a practical step-by-step method for finding win-win solutions to the many situations in daily life in which it may be necessary to resolve difference of opinion with others. Graduates of Prindle's previous courses elsewhere in the county are using this method to buy and sell things; contract for services, home improvements and repairs; and resolve disagreements with family, friends, neighbors, fellow committee members and other people in their daily lives. Participants will engage in role plays to practice the skills taught in the course. Class exercises will be specially tailored to participants' needs and interests.

The class will be held in the Greenbelt Community Center on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for six sessions starting on Monday, May 10 and ending on Wednesday, May 30. Registration for this summer SAGE program is required. Registration forms are available at the Greenbelt Community Center. Call Karen Haseley at 301-397-2208 for more information.

Charlestowne Village Elects New Board

At the rescheduled 2004 annual meeting, held on April 13, the Charlestowne Village Condominium Association elected three directors to their seven-member board. Elected to the open positions were Donald Bowen, Rev. Booker T. Hughes and Carolyn (Sue) Schultz. All were previous members of the board. After the general elections, the board members held their election of officers. The 2004 board members and officers are: Daisy M. Brown, president; Mona Schlossberg, vice president; Carolyn (Sue) Schultz, secretary; Rev. Booker T. Hughes, treasurer; Donald Bowen, director; Genice Lee, director; and Tristan P. White, director.

Board meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at the Greenbelt Community Center at 7 p.m. Owners and residents are encouraged to attend.

Local Schools In Quiz Show

On Friday, April 30, from 6 to 8 p.m., teams from Greenbelt Elementary, Magnolia Elementary, Springhill Lake Elementary and St. Hugh's School will compete in the quiz show, "It's Municipal Government 2004." The competition will be held in the Greenbelt Community Center and refreshments will be served.

Community Events

GHS Grads Plan Reunion Luncheon

The Greenbelt High School reunion luncheon planned for all Greenbelt High School students, spouses, friends, guests and faculty will be held Saturday, May 1 at 11 a.m. at the Greenbelt American Legion, 6900 Greenbelt Road. Save this date.

Following the luncheon everyone is welcome to join a ceremony dedicating a tree and bench to all GHS alumni on the lawn outside the Community Center (old Center School).

Call Pauline Bordas for information at 301-474-8657.

Astronomy Club Hosts Star Party

The Greenbelt Astronomy Club will hold its annual Astronomy Day activities on Saturday, April 24 beginning at 5:30 p.m. This event will be held at the Wolfe Fields on Northway Extended. This is the site of an observatory that is hoped to be completed in the near future, a joint project of the City of Greenbelt and the astronomy club.

Prior to sunset, safe observations of the sun will be possible with telescopes equipped with solar filters. With luck, the recently discovered Comet Bradford will be visible to the unaided eye after darkness falls. Also, members of the club will have telescopes available for viewing celestial objects such as: Comet Bradford; the planets Venus, Saturn and Jupiter; galaxies and nebulae. This event is open to the public and there is no charge. This event will be cancelled if there is precipitation or hopelessly cloudy skies.

B4BC Planners Meet Saturday

The Greenbelt Bike 4 Breast Cancer planning committee will meet in the Community Center on Saturday, April 24 at 11 a.m. The group hopes to expand the early October event each year, bringing in more sponsors and more riders.

The goal is to bring greater awareness of breast cancer and contribute funds to Y-Me, an organization that provides support and information to victims of breast cancer.

Budget Schedule - Revised

Council has scheduled the following work sessions and meetings on the proposed city budget. All meetings are at the Municipal Building and will begin at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Public Hearing at Regular Meeting	Mon., 4/26
Public Works - CC	Wed., 4/28
Fraternal Order of Police	Mon., 5/03
Contribution Groups - CC, 7:30 p.m.	Wed., 5/05
Green Ridge House - GRH, 7:30 p.m.	Thur., 5/06
Public Safety	Wed., 5/12
Final Budget Worksession	Wed., 5/17
Second Public Hearing at Regular Meeting	Mon., 5/24
Budget Adoption at Regular Meeting	Mon., 6/07

(CC - Community Center, GRH - Green Ridge House)

Kliman Explores Seeing Color

Local artist Ted Kliman will be the facilitator at "Explorations Unlimited" on Friday, April 30. Kliman will be showing and discussing two National Gallery of Art education resources: "Seeing Color: Object, Light, Observer" (video); and "Color and Light in Painting" (slides). "Seeing Color" focuses on works by Titian, Turner, Monet and Matisse and asks, "What is color?" For answers, it turns to artists, curators, conservation scientists and science students. This video was filmed in studios, laboratories and museum galleries. It looks at its subject as both an aesthetic and physical phenomenon.

"Color and Light in Painting" is an introduction to the theories of color and light in painting. Basic terms are explained. Painting by Rembrandt, Goya, Renoir, Monet, Picasso and others exemplify various approaches.

Kliman is a nationally exhibiting artist who has an MFA in painting from the Maryland Institute College of Art. He served as an artist-in-residence at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C., from 2002-2003 and has also taught at Morgan State University.

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

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The members enjoyed the speaker from Hospice of the Chesapeake at the April 14 meeting. Hospice needs volunteers in Prince George's and Anne Arundel Counties.

The greeter for the day was Pearl Siegel. The 50/50 winners were Helen Gibson and Marge Hromulak.

There are openings on the trips to Hershey, Pa., on June 17 and Hanover, Pa., on July 8.

Bingo will be played at the April 28 meeting.

People tell me they enjoy this column for news of the club. Just think of all the interesting information members enjoy at the weekly meetings. See you there.

GIVE BLOOD

There is an urgent need!
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"Race for Education" 5K Run Walk

The "Race for Education" 5K Run/Walk takes place April 24. Registered participants can pick up race packets at Eleanor Roosevelt High School's main office, 7601 Hanover Parkway on Friday, April 24 from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m.

The course features a moderately flat route that winds through scenic Watkins Regional Park. Awards will be given in the 5K run in various age groups; the 5K walk participants will not receive awards. To learn more call Jackie Gray, executive assistant, at 301-952-6116.

Green Ridge House Closes Waiting List

Green Ridge House has closed its waiting list as of April 16. The HUD Occupancy Handbook, Chapter 4, Section 3, states that "owners should monitor their waiting lists to make sure that they do not become so long that the wait for a unit becomes excessive."

The handbook further states, "the waiting list may be closed for one or more unit sizes when the average wait is excessive (e.g., one year or more)." Green Ridge House currently has a two-year waiting list. All current applicants will remain on the waiting list, which will reopen "when it gets down to a more manageable level," according to City Manager Michael McLaughlin.

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9a.m. - 2p.m.

Look for: Clothing & accessories, household items & furnishings, children's toys, games, books, crafts, etc. Directions: Greenbelt Rd., right on Frankfort Dr. (across from E.R.H.S.) Sale located in the Community Center parking lot.

RAIN DATE: Sunday, May 2, 2004

St. Hugh's School Silent/Live Auction

to benefit the Primary Playground

Saturday, May 1

6:00 PM, Grenoble Hall

Admission \$10

includes hors d'oeuvres, desserts and drinks

Cash bar available

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Greenbelt Baseball

Major League Schedule

Date	Time	Game
Mon., April 26	6:00 p.m.	Tigers vs. Lions
Tues., April 27	6:00 p.m.	Cubs vs. Athletics
Wed., April 28	6:00 p.m.	Orioles vs. Giants
Thur., April 29	6:00 p.m.	Cardinals vs. Indians
Fri., April 30	6:00 p.m.	Giants vs. Athletics
Fri., April 30	7:00 p.m.*	Tigers vs. Orioles
Sat., April 31	10:00 a.m.	Lions vs. Cardinals
Sat., April 31	1:00 p.m.	Indians vs. Cubs

Major League Standings as of Tuesday 4/20/04

American League W-L		National League W-L	
Tigers	1 - 0	Lions	1 - 0
Athletics	1 - 1	Cardinals	0 - 0
Giants	0 - 0	Indians	0 - 1
Orioles	0 - 0	Cubs	0 - 1

2003 Machine Pitch Schedule

Date	Time	Visitor vs. Home
Mon., April 26	6:00 p.m.**	Marlins vs. Mets
Wed., April 28	6:00 p.m.**	Phillies vs. Marlins
Fri., April 30	6:00 p.m.**	Mets vs. Phillies

All games are played at McDonald Field unless noted. *This game will be played at Braden #2. **These games will be played at Braden #3.

Portraits of Latino Achievements

The Smithsonian Center for Latino Initiatives will host a Family Day on Saturday, April 24 as part of the exhibit "Our Journeys/Our Stories: Portraits of Latino Achievement." Children can participate in a number of activities such as mask and mural making, "Retracing Our Roots" and "Where in the World?" (finding ancestors' homes).

Family Day will feature local artists, storytellers, speakers and musicians. Performances will include Ollantay, an Andean folk band; Los Quetzales Mexican Dance Ensemble; local Latin jazz pianist Benito Gonzales; and the salsa band Sin Miedo.

This free event will take place from noon until 4 p.m. at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History, located at 14th St. and Constitution Ave.

"Our Journeys/Our Stories: Portraits of Latino Achievement" explores the diversity of the Latino experience in the United States through stories and portraits of men and women who have led extraordinary lives. The exhibit closes April 25.

GAVA Youth Films Screenings Nearby

Student films created in the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts and Greenbelt Access Television (GAVA/GATE) Animation Program, which conducts animation classes in Greenbelt, will be appearing this month in two film festivals. "Vote!" by 13-year-old Greenbelter Joel Mason-Gaines and "The Big Cheese" by Pallas Bane, from Bowie, will be shown at the 35th Annual Nashville Film Festival, April 26 through May 2. About 14,500 people will attend the festival. "Vote!" was also included in the 8th Annual East Lansing Children's Film Festival at Michigan State University this past February.

"Downhome Cookin" by Peter Enns, from Hyattsville, is one of only 18 films selected from over 300 entries worldwide to be shown at the Arizona State University Art Museum Short Film and Video Festival. The festival, now in its eighth year, takes place April 24 in Tempe, Az., where the films are screened outdoors.

Local residents can view these videos and other animation works during Maryland Day, Saturday, April 24 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hornbake Library at the University of Maryland. For information call 301-474-2192.

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church
 3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi (301-937-3666)
Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community
 April 25, 10 a.m.
 "Difficult Choices"
 by Phyllis Hubbell, co-minister, First Unitarian Church of Baltimore, and co-chair of UUs for Social Justice
 Barbara Wells ten Hove, Jaco B. ten Hove, co-ministers


Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS
 Sundays 10 A.M.
 Municipal Building

Greenbelt CARES

The week of April 12, the ACE Reading Club hosted its second annual Greenbelt Youth Literary Showcase in the City Council chamber. Liz Murray, coordinator of the ACE Reading Club, hosted the event and introduced the 16 students from Greenbelt Middle School and Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) who were honored for their work in one of the following categories: junior poetry, senior poetry, junior short fiction and senior fiction. Students performed their selections for an audience of friends, family, city council members, ACE members, interested neighbors and the press. Everything from city certificates to ACE T-shirts, journals and gift cards were the students' rewards.

The ACE Reading Club received support from the City of Greenbelt, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education, Greenbelt CARES, Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, P & G Old Greenbelt Theatre, Siri's Chef's Secret, Jasper's Restaurant and the ERHS newspaper, "The Raider."

Free Scoop Night At Baskin-Robbins

Baskin-Robbins franchisees in the local area are thanking their loyal customers by hosting the fifth annual "Free Scoop Night" event on Wednesday, April 28 from 6 to 10 p.m.

In celebration, Baskin-Robbins and its franchisees will give back to the community by making a donation to First Book, a national nonprofit organization that provides free, new books to children from low-income families. To date, Baskin-Robbins' donations have allowed First Book to distribute more than a million new books to children across the country.

Participating stores in Greenbelt include: Beltway Plaza (6000 Greenbelt Road) and Cipriano Square (8865 Greenbelt Road).

Refuge Celebrates Earth Day Sunday

The Patuxent Research Refuge will celebrate Earth Day on Sunday, April 25 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the National Wildlife Visitor Center, Laurel. Earth Day is a global event designed to educate and mobilize people worldwide for environmental protection. Activities include native grass seeding, planting wildlife-enhancing shrubs and trees, trail maintenance, guided walking and tram tours and the chance to purchase native plants.

Those interested in participating in one of the work projects should bring a pair of work gloves and be prepared to rake, seed, plant, push wheelbarrows and work on trails. Activities will occur rain or shine and admission is free. The National Wildlife Visitor Center is located off Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 197. Call 301-497-5760 for more information or visit <http://patuxent.fws.gov>.

Maryland Day Sat.

The fifth annual University of Maryland College Park campus-wide free family event, Maryland Day, includes children's activities, free music, theater and dance performances. It will take place on Saturday, April 24 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Baha'i Faith
 "There can be no doubt whatever that the peoples of the world, of whatever race or religion, derive their inspiration from one heavenly Source, and are the subjects of one God."
 -Baha'ullah
 Classes for Children & Adults, including interfaith devotions, Sunday, April 25 at 10 AM
 Springhill Lake Elementary School
 Greenbelt Baha'i Community
 P.O. Box 245
 Greenbelt, MD 20770
 301-345-2918 301-220-3160
www.bahai.org/www.us.bahai.org

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 Corner of Crescent and Greenhill Roads 301-474-4212
www.greenbeltbaptist.org greenbelt.baptist@verizon.net
 Dr. Mark Johnson, Pastor
 Sun. Worship 8:35 am, 11:00 am
 Wed. Praise and Prayer 7:00 pm
 Wed. Living Proof, Youth Event 7:00 pm

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

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 6905 Greenbelt Road • 301-345-5111
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. Worship
 8:45 a.m. Fellowship
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 9:15 a.m. Bible Class
 10:30 a.m. Worship
 Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Evening Worship

 Fax 301-220-0694 • E-mail myholycross@erols.com

St. George's Episcopal/Anglican Church
 7010 Glenn Dale Road (Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)
 301-262-3285 | rector@stgeo.org | www.stgeo.org
 Sundays: 8:00 am Simple, quiet Mass
 9:00 am Christian education for all ages
 10:00 am Sung Mass with organ and folk music, ASL interpreted
 1:30 pm Signed Mass (last Sunday of each month only)
 Wednesdays: 7:00 pm Simple, quiet Mass
 An inclusive congregation!

Zirkin - Duda

Stan and Stephanie Zirkin of Charlestowne Village announce the wedding of their daughter Rachel Elizabeth to Alan Jon Duda, son of Gene and Linda Duda of New Castle, Pa., on October 4, 2003.

The ceremony was performed by Cantor Ellis Shaffer at Temple Solel in Bowie.

Erica Oliver of Durham, N. Car., sister of the bride, was matron of honor and Lane Duda of Deep Creek Lake, Md., brother of the groom, was best man. The bride's nephews, Alec and Billy Porter of Durham, N. Car. were ringbearers. The groom's niece, Aviana Gutierrez was flower girl, escorted by big brother Austin Gutierrez. The groom's sister and brother-in-law, Amy and Manny Gutierrez of Pittsburgh, Pa., were also in the wedding party.

The bride is a 1987 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School and a 1992 graduate of the University of Maryland Baltimore Campus.

The groom is a 1987 graduate of Oxon Hill High School and 1991 graduate of Virginia Military Institute.

A reception was held at the 94th Aerosquadron Restaurant in College Park. The couple now lives on Lakeside Drive.



Stan and Stephanie Zirkin of Charlestowne Village announce the birth of grandson Ephram Chase Zirkin Oliver, who joins big brothers Alec and Billy Porter, ages 10 and 7. Ephram was born on March 18, 2004, weighing 8.5 lbs. His parents are Erica and Andy Oliver of Durham, N. Car.

We hope News Review staffer Terri Gates gets better soon.

Md. 500 Ride/Tour

The Md. 500 (spring ride) is always scheduled the last Sunday in April. This year, its 16th year, it's April 25. Meet at REI in College Park at 9 a.m. (come early for safety check). Support units have been cut to reduce overhead work, which has worked out well. The well-received April and October rides were show-up and ride events. The group leaves REI around 9 a.m. and takes different routes around College Park and the University of Maryland and stops for a refreshment break in downtown College Park, where riders can refuel. The work saved allows staffers to visit with all the riders and really enjoy the event along with the participants.

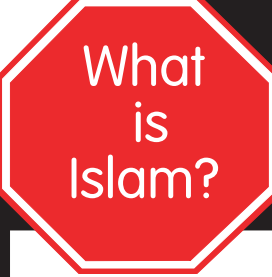
MASS SCHEDULE:
 Sunday 8, 9:30, 11 a.m.
 Saturday 5 p.m.
 Daily Mass: As announced
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.
 Rev. Thomas F. Crowley, Pastor
 Rev. R. Scott Hurd, Pastoral Associate
 Part Time Ministry
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 135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Md.

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 Hillside & Crescent Roads
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www.greenbelt.com/gccucc/
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 Daniel Hamlin, Pastor
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 Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

 40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
301-474-9410
 SUNDAY
 Sunday School 9:45 am
 Worship Service 11:00 am
 Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm
 Third Friday, Games Night 7:30 pm
 www.gbmg-UMC.org/mowatt
Rev. DaeHwa Park, Pastor
 April 25, Third Sunday of Easter, Meal Sunday, Heritage Sunday, Native American Ministries
 Sermon: "Feed Them as I Fed You"
 Traditional Service


 According to Islam, the one, next to God, who a person owes the most reverence and respect is to his/her mother.
 "Oh mankind! Reverence your guardian Lord, who created you from a single person, created of like nature, his mate, and from them twain scattered countless men and women. Reverence God through whom you demand your mutual rights, and (reverence) the wombs (that bore you; i.e., your mother): for God ever watches over you."
 -The Holy Quran 4:1
 To find out more about Islam, e-mail us at muslimguide@hotmail.com or call 301-982-9463 or visit the website www.islam-guide.com.



City Information

**CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
PUBLIC HEARING ON FY 2005 BUDGET
8:00pm, Municipal Building, Council Room,
Monday, April 26, 2004**

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

Municipal Government Week – Proclamation
Public Hearing – FY 2005 Proposed City Budget
Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

***Committee Reports** (Items on the Consent Agenda marked by * will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)

LEGISLATION

OTHER BUSINESS

- Briefing on Status of Postal Service Plans for Facility at Hanover and Ora Glen
- Eleanor Roosevelt/Duval High School Funding Shift
- Voter-Verified Paper Trail for Voting Machines
- Retiree Health Savings Plan
- Greenbelt Station Settlement Update (tentative)

MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10 a.m. on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail kgallagher@ci.greenbelt.md.us to reach the City Clerk.



MR. RABBIT HOPS IN PUDDLES TO GET TO THE COMMUNITY CENTER FOR THE ANNUAL EGG HUNT

Not even the bad weather could prevent Mr. Bunny Rabbit, Mayor Davis or Little Miss, Junior Miss and Miss Greenbelt from attending this year's Annual Egg Hunt at the Greenbelt Community Center. The rain forced the event inside for the third time in the last five years. However, that did not seem to dampen the spirits of 350 girls and boys, Moms and Dads, and family and friends from attending.

The event began with Mayor Davis introducing Mr. Rabbit to the anxious awaiting crowd. After everyone had the opportunity to meet with Mr. Rabbit, the prize eggs and Golden Egg winners were announced. Miss Greenbelt, Junior Miss Greenbelt, Little Miss Greenbelt, Mr. Rabbit and Mayor Davis all had a hand or paw in picking the winners. The Golden Egg winners are: Evan Krieger (1 1/2 - 3yrs.), Kristen Beauchamp (4 - 5 yrs.), Anna Brennan (1st - 2nd grade), Meghan Costello (3rd - 4th grade) and Kiera Brown (5th - 6th grade). The event culminated with a puppet show performed by Blue Sky Puppet Theater. All had a good time.

The Recreation Department would like to thank the generous merchants who donated services, money and goods to this year's event. The sponsors are as follows:

Generous Joes, Greenbelt Truck and Auto, Greenway Beauty Supply, Greenbelt Exxon. Giant Foods Inc., Jaspers, Siri's Chef's Secret, Quiznos Subs, Greenbelt American Legion Post 136, Jeepers!, P&G Theaters, Eye Works Inc.

Truly, the sponsors are what make the Annual Egg Hunt a success. We Thank You!

IT'S MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT!

Friday, April 30th

6pm at the Greenbelt Community Center
Come out and cheer on teams from Greenbelt Elementary, Springhill Lake Elementary, Magnolia Elementary and St. Hugh's School!

Refreshments will be served!
Celebrate Municipal Governemnt Week, look for the special flag flying at the municipal building and watch the students show you just how much they know about the City Government!

MEETINGS FOR APRIL 26-30

Monday, April 26, 8:00pm, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING ON FY 05 BUDGET, Municipal Building (live on Channel 71).

Wednesday, April 28, 7:30pm, BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING, Community Center.

Wednesday, April 28, 8:00pm, BUDGET WORK SESSION re: Public Works, Community Center

OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES
Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.

Vacancies exist on the:

- Advisory Committee on Education
 - Park & Recreation Advisory Board
 - Recycling & Environment Advisory Committee
- For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Saturday, April 24, 2004

9am-12noon at Schrom Hills Park

City residents, businesses and organizations can recycle old and/or unwanted computers and other electronic items.

Accepted Items Include: central processing units, hard drives, monitors, keyboards, printers and copiers, laptop computers, computer speakers, scanners, computer mice, software, recording equipment, cameras, telephones, radios, other small electronic equipment (NO TELEVISIONS OR LARGE STEREO UNITS)

Also... Trade in your old mercury fever thermometer and receive a new FREE digital thermometer!

For further information, contact the City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8308.

GREENBELT CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, May 1st

9am - 12 noon



■ Work as a group with your coworkers, neighbors, friends, scout troop, church, school, etc...or work on your own!

■ Pick an area such as park, playground, common area, pathway, roadside, wooded area, etc that you would like to cleanup. If you can't think of an area for cleanup, we'll give suggestions!

■ Call the Public Works Office at 301-474-8004 and let us know your plans. We will provide gloves, bags and arrange for pickup of the trash.

ATTENTION STUDENTS: Volunteer community service hours will be given. Bring your forms!

Sponsored by the Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Greenbelt Board of Appeals

Notice is hereby given that the Greenbelt Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **April 28, 2004 at 7:30 pm** in the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt MD on the following Variance application:

I. An application filed by The City of Greenbelt for consideration of a request for a variance on premises located at 550 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD. The applicant is requesting a variance from front yard setback requirements (along the north and west property lines) for the purpose of constructing an animal control facility to serve the Greenbelt Animal Control Program.

For more information call 301-345-5417

**GREENBELT
AQUATIC AND
FITNESS
CENTER**

**SPRING MINI SESSION:
May 10-June 4**
Residents and Passholders may register April 26 & 27
Nonresidents register April 28-30
All may register thereafter until classes are filled.

**ONE DAY ONLY
"THE EARTH
MACHINE"
COMPOST BIN SALE**

\$35.00 each
Saturday, April 24, 2004
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
(Or While Supplies Last!)
WAL-MART Parking Lot
3330 Crain Highway
Bowie, MD 20716
Hosted by Prince George's County Department of Environmental Resources.
Call 301-883-5045 for more info

**GREENBELT
MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC
ACCESS CHANNEL 71**

MUNICIPAL ACCESS 301-474-8000: Monday, April 26 at 8pm: Regular Council Meeting/Public Hearing on the FY05 Budget "live" Tuesday & Thursday, April 27 & 29: 10am & 6pm "Ask the Expert-Nutritional Shopping Tips" 7pm "Ace Reading Club Greenbelt Elementary 2nd Grade" 7:30pm "ACE Reading Club presents Greenbelt Elementary Fourth Graders" 8:00pm "Replay of Council Meeting" PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Tuesday & Friday, April 28 & 30: 7pm "St. Bernadette vs. St. Jude Girls Basketball" 8pm "Woman's Work" 8:30pm Greenbelt Arts Center presents "I Remember Mama"

**ADOPT-A-BENCH
MEMORIALS**

Have you considered adopting a bench? A bench is a lasting memorial in honor of a loved one, living or deceased, and may be adopted by an individual or a community organization. All adopted benches are made by the City's Public Works Department and are identified with a brass plaque. Currently there are two benches at the Community Center which are available for adoption. Also available for adoption are the brick pavers in the allé at Schrom Hills Park. For information on adopting either a bench or a paver, call Public Works at 301-474-8004.

Get into the Arts

A Review

GAC Demonstrates There's "Much Ado About" Something

by Altoria Bell Ross

In the age of cryptic speech, abbreviated language and Ebonics, hearing the fluent use of the King's English in the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC)'s production of Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing" was a balm to battered ears.

This romantic comedy, set in Messina, Italy, in the sixteenth century, revolves around obstacles to the union of two young lovers, Claudio, portrayed by Shannon Webber, who also appeared in GAC's "The Tempest," and Hero, played by former Miss Greenbelt Kateri Hull who despite hoarseness made a lovely lady-in-waiting. The play's subplot involves a war of the sexes between Lady Beatrice, portrayed by nine-year veteran of the Baltimore Community Theater Debbie Bennett, and Benedick, played by Brian Moors, a newcomer to GAC.

Standouts in the mastery of the language were Bennett, who was so good at being bad, Ryan Anthony, who sophisticatedly played Don Pedro, Sandy Irving as Balthasar and the saintly Friar Francis and Norman Gleichman as a clownish Dogberry.

In addition to the beautiful use of language, the set and costumes presented a visual feast for theater goers. The Italian court-



Jennifer Lee, as Margaret, tends to Hero, played by Kateri Hull.

yard and greenery felt authentic and lent itself well to the dance at the masked ball but at other times, the flower stand/fountain blocked actors from view. The costumes were rich, particularly the maroon, green and gold outfit worn by Don Pedro (Ryan Anthony) – cool shorts.

The timing and delivery of the language brought forth giggles and hearty laughter from the dozen or so in attendance. Perhaps the warm weather kept theater goers away but they shouldn't stay gone long. "Much Ado About Nothing," directed by Gretchen Jacobs, only runs through May 8 and it is definitely much ado about something.

Art Show at New Deal Café Features John Guernsey

by Shirl Hayes

This month the New Deal Café is featuring the artwork of John Guernsey. Guernsey's works range from black and white etchings to elaborate, large scale pieces in colored pencil.

The feel of the whole collection is one of consistent swirling surrealism, but with a sturdy, underlying structure that projects the authority of an artist who is at home in his medium. Each piece is inhabited by fantastic creatures that still manage to have a self possession and a depth as if they are appraising their audience just as they are being appraised.

The "Matchmaker" seems paused in his business to look out of the frame, his regard inviting enough to seemingly make the other beings in the picture turn to see what has captured his attention.

"Taurus" almost seems to be either concealing annoyance or stifling laughter behind her hand.

In contrast, "Dance Progression" and its compatriots in color "I Met Her In A Dream" and "Green and Blue Ballet" are much more in the classic Hellenic-in-

spired tradition.

The large color works give the viewer the feeling of seeing the world through a lens of 1960s psychedelica that escaped the corruption of innocence that was the 1970s.

"My work is like a big monkey that I carry around on my back," says Guernsey. "Sometimes he is light and playful and other times he's heavy and cumbersome. I can't shake him – nor do I want to – but I wouldn't mind selling him off piece by piece."

Artists Spring Open Studios on Sunday

The artists of Passageways Studios will hold their Annual Spring Open Studios on Sunday, April 25 from 2 to 5 p.m. Passageways is a working artists' cooperative. Artwork including printmaking, painting, sculpture, tapestry and mixed media will be exhibited with most work for sale. The studios are located at 6001 66th Avenue, East Pines Center, Riverdale one block east of the B-W Parkway on Route 410.

Toho Koto Society Free Program

The University of Maryland's School of Music presents the Washington Toho Koto Society with music director Kyoko Okamoto on Sunday, April 25 at 2 p.m. This free program will be held at the Joseph and Alma Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center and features Japanese strings and traditional music.

Earth Day Activities Included a T-shirt Contest



PHOTO BY KRISTEN WARD

Mayor Judith Davis presents a certificate and a family-four pack of tickets to the National Aquarium to high school senior Andrea Wiggins who won this year's Earth Day T-shirt Contest. Wiggins colorful design featured a lake surrounded by trees with a man and woman on either shore vacuuming, dusting and befriending the native woodland creatures. The design was printed on the back of shirts that were distributed to the first 75 people who came to the lake to help with the annual planting.

Greenbelt Arts Center
presents

Celebrate Shakespeare's birthday – come see

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

The men are home from war and their thoughts turn to romance. All except for Don John's, of course, whose thoughts turn to villainy. Come enjoy Shakespeare's blithe and bonny comedy!

Directed by Gretchen Jacobs

Fridays and Saturdays, April 16 – May 8 at 8 pm

Sundays April 25 & May 2 at 2 pm

123 Centerway, Greenbelt (next to the Post Office)

Tickets \$10/\$8 sr/st

Reservations 301-441-8770

More information at www.greenbeltartscenter.org

Great Gardens Begin at Behnke's!

Special: 'Stellar Pink' Dogwood Trees

Beautiful pink flowering dogwood tree is disease and borer resistant, with a vigorous and attractive uniform growth habit.

Large 6 to 8 ft. trees, regularly \$149.99 now just \$75!

(Sale price good through May 5th only.)

Exbury Azaleas

Not your average azaleas—come see the surprising palette of brilliant colors, including yellow and orange! In bud now.

Clematis Vines

Well-behaved vines bloom for years. Choose several varieties for color May-September. Many new varieties in stock.

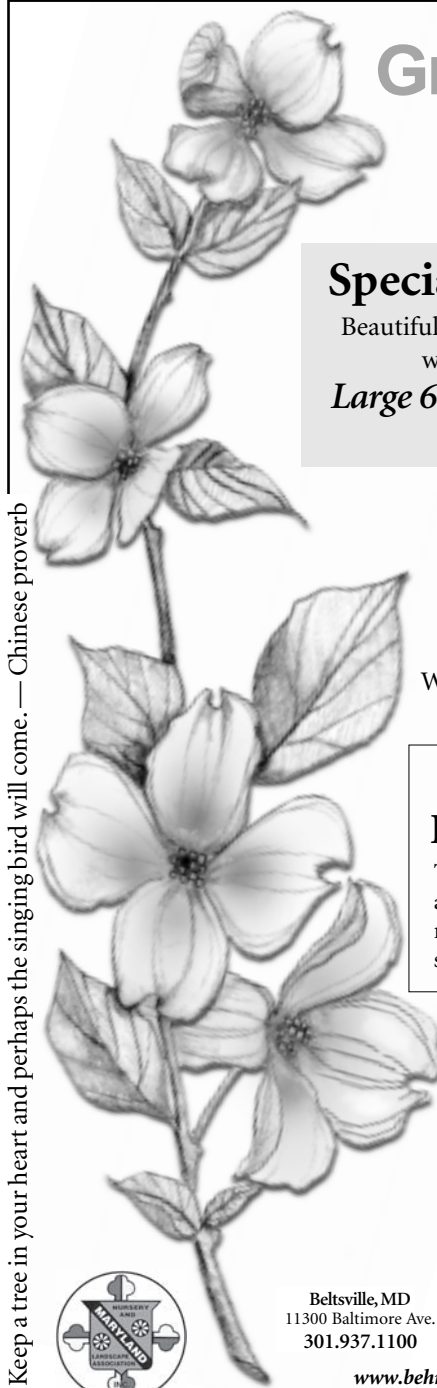
Celebrate Earth Day, April 22 Plant Behnke's Native Tree Seedlings

Two-year old plants, 1 to 2½ feet tall, just \$4.99 each! Ideal for school and community projects, commemoration or memorial observances, reforestation, beautification, etc. Choose from White Oak (Maryland state tree), Black Oak, White Ash, Native Dogwoods, and Redbuds.

Listen to Behnke's New Radio Show "Garden Sense"

every Saturday at noon on WMAL 630 AM!

Listeners are invited to call in questions every week.



Keep a tree in your heart and perhaps the singing bird will come. — Chinese proverb



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Greenbelt Consumer Co-op Ad

POLICE BLOTTER

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

Attempted Carjacking

Breezewood Drive and Cherrywood Terrace, April 12, 3:27 p.m., a man reported that he was in his vehicle in a parking lot waiting for a friend when he was approached by two other men. They accused the victim of hitting their vehicle, then opened the driver's door of the victim's vehicle and began assaulting him, punching and kicking him. They then attempted to take the keys out of the ignition and tried to pull the man from the vehicle. The victim managed to drive away from the scene and contact police. The suspects are described as a black male with a dark complexion, a heavy goatee and wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and a black male with a light complexion, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt with a blue logo on the front.

Concealed Weapon

6900 block Greenbelt Road, April 14, 12:57 a.m., a nonresident man was arrested and charged with concealed deadly weapon, possession of cocaine, possession of paraphernalia and false statement. Police stopped a suspicious vehicle which appeared to be avoiding them while the occupant was making movements as if to hide something under the seat. A computer check revealed that the driver had a suspended license. He was found to be in possession of a steak-type knife, a quantity of suspected "crack" cocaine and paraphernalia commonly used to ingest "crack" cocaine. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Drugs

7800 block Greenbelt Road, April 9, 10:40 a.m., a nonresident woman was arrested and charged with possession of cocaine when police stopped a vehicle for an equipment violation. The driver appeared to shove something into her pants pocket while talking to the officer. She was found to be in possession of a quantity of suspected "crack" cocaine. She was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Greenbelt Community Center, April 9, 11:27 a.m., Jeffery Allen Kline, 31, 2 Court Crescent Road, was arrested and charged with two counts of possession of a controlled dangerous substance, three counts of theft, credit card theft, possession of a stolen credit card and other credit card offenses. Police responded to a report of the theft of a purse at the Center. A short time later it was reported that a man was attempting to use the victim's check cashing card at the Co-op Supermarket. A detective patrolling the area observed a man matching the description of the suspect. He was positively identified as the one who took the purse; property belonging to the victim was recovered at the suspect's residence. The suspect was also found to be in possession of a quantity of controlled prescription drugs. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Greenway Shopping Center, April 9, 5:09 p.m., a nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia and several traffic violations. Po-

lice observed a man running from the parking lot of the shopping center and getting into a waiting vehicle. The man fled the scene at a high rate of speed and ran the red traffic signal at Mandan Road. The vehicle left the roadway and struck the curb at the intersection of Greenbelt Road and Cipriano Road, then continued traveling east on Greenbelt Road. As police attempted to catch up to the vehicle, it collided with two vehicles stopped at a traffic light and both occupants fled from the vehicle. The driver was apprehended a short time later at the rear of DuVal High School and was found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to ingest "crack" cocaine. He was released on citations pending trial.

Unattended Child

Beltway Plaza Mall, April 10, 4:50 p.m., a resident woman was arrested and charged with leaving children unattended in a motor vehicle when police responded to a report of unattended children in a vehicle. The vehicle was located and three children, two one-year-olds and an eight-year-old, were discovered alone in the vehicle. The driver returned to the vehicle approximately 30 minutes later and was arrested. She was released on citation pending trial.

Trespass

Beltway Plaza Mall, April 11, 5:24 p.m., a nonresident youth was arrested for trespass when he was observed at the Mall after he had previously been banned by agents of the property. The youth was released to a parent pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

Burglary

7300 block Morrison Drive, April 10, 9:29 p.m., unknown person(s) entered the residence by way of an unlocked front door. NBA jerseys, NBA jackets and video games were taken.

Greenway Shopping Center, April 13, 3:43 a.m., commercial burglary.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported as stolen: a dark blue 1987 Dodge conversion van, Maryland tags M326643, April 9, from the 200 block Lakeside Drive; a green 2001 Mazda 626 4-door, Maryland tags JRK497, April 11, from the 6100 block Breezewood Court; a 1997 Honda Accord LX 4-door, April 11, from the 8200 block Canning Terrace, recovered April 13 by the Prince George's County Police, no arrests; a 1994 Volkswagen Jetta 4-door, April 13, from the 7200 block Hanover Drive, recovered the same day by the Berwyn Heights Police, no arrests; a 1991 Chevrolet Caprice 4-door, April 14, from Market Lane, recovered the same day by the Prince George's County Police, no arrests; a tan 2003 Honda Civic 4-door, Maryland tags DNW175, April 15, from the 6100 block of Cherrywood Lane; a tan 1995 Honda Accord 4-door, Maryland tags MEK265, April 16, from the 7700 block Hanover Parkway; and a white 1991 Ford Crown Victoria 4-door, Maryland tags MEZ964, April 16, from the 6900 block Hanover Parkway.

Three vehicles were recovered by other police departments; no arrests were made in any of the

SHL FESTIVAL continued from page 1



Kids and parents alike were treated to a number of activities at Springhill Lake's Annual Spring Festival. At left, John Norden, Greenbelt Recreation Department staffer, helps children make plastic parachutes.



PHOTOS BY NICOLA DICKENSON

Though the event is targeted for Springhill Lake and Greenbelt residents, many others came to enjoy the fun. Joyce Reese, from Adelphi, said this was her first year attending. She heard about the festival when she visited the Aquatic Center and brought her two kids and a cousin, ranging from ages three to four. "My favorite part is that there is a festival," she said. "It's great for the kids and I plan to come back in the future."

Donna Brooks of Seat Pleasant said this was her first time attending as well. She brought her six-year-old granddaughter. "I like that there aren't a lot of older kids," she said. "This is good for young kids and it's not rowdy."

Dina Curtis of Lanham who brought her seven-month-old daughter joined in the sentiment. "[The festival] is really good. It's good to have two bounceabouts because kids always fight over those. There's a lot of stuff to keep the kids busy and free food," she said, "and the police keep unwanted people away."

The kids seemed especially excited by the various activities at the festival. There were lines for both of the moon bounces and the tattoo and arts and craft stations both had their fair share of tiny visitors. Kendra Kemp, nine years old, said, "I got to the festival at 10 a.m. My favorite part is the bounce about." She went on to say that she had been on it several times since arriving.

D.A.R.E./CARES

Master Police Officer George Mathews staffed the D.A.R.E. table, where he had information packets and premiums such as plastic badges for the kids. Mathews said that the Greenbelt police usually participate in the event.

On the opposite end of the D.A.R.E. table, Andre Peri and Toni Tate were busy staffing the Greenbelt CARES table, where they offered information and answered questions about the free program that gives residents counseling and outreach assistance. Greenbelt CARES also works in conjunction with the police to offer residents 24-hour support.

Then everyone gathered into the gymnasium to watch the African Heritage Dancers and Drummers provide an energetic

recoveries.

Vandalisms to, thefts from and attempted thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7600 block Ora Glen Drive, 7700 block Mandan Road, 7800 block Mandan Road, 7900 block Mandan Road (2 incidents), 7700 block Hanover Parkway, 71 Court Ridge Road, 6400 block Ivy Lane, 6100 Breezewood Court, 6100 Breezewood Drive and Beltway Plaza Mall.

and interactive program. Kids and parents alike were invited on stage to dance along with the troupe and eager kids rushed to the stage to participate. Between dances the troupe provided a brief history on dancing and noted that it was a celebration of pride and strength.

The African Heritage Dancers and Drummers provided an energetic and interactive program. Participants were invited to dance along with the troupe. Between dances they provided a brief history on dancing and noted that it was a celebration of both pride and strength.



Come to the COLLEGE PARK FARMER'S MARKET

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(formerly Calvert Road)
in College Park - across from Airport
Saturdays from 7am - 12noon
May 1 through November 20

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I have approved buyers for 2 or
3 bedroom GHI units
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geese out along the shore, droppings are also dispersed and it takes longer for waste runoff to reach the water. Phelan notes that each goose produces up to 10 pounds of waste per month.

"This will keep the birds in the water so they can enjoy the lake from where they're supposed to be," said Mary Crellin, a member of the Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee (REAC).

REAC Chairman Neil Barnett said that getting the public involved "lets the kids get their hands dirty," as he instructed his smiling grandchildren in the digging of holes in the muddy soil. He explained that the newly planted area will be temporarily sectioned off with twine, which will keep geese and humans out of the area long enough for the plants to become established. After this initial planting the city's horticulture crew will touch up and maintain the area.

Volunteer Victoria Chihos of Bowie seemed to sum up the general air of enthusiasm for the task - "It's fun to play in the mud," - as she earned service hours for a school project. All



Lauren Hill dons a big smile as she poses with her dad James atop a steamroller.

around the work area, neither the soggy soil nor the climbing temperatures dampened spirits.

Cypress Trees

In honor of Arbor Day, officially observed on April 30, Mayor Judith Davis and the Greenbelt City Councilmembers planted 10 bald cypress trees near the Earth Day planting area. Planting the young trees "fosters a personal connection with the earth," said Councilmember Konrad Herling. Davis noted the muddy soil is like "our own little swamp right here."

The trees are common in Southern climates and are known for their knee-like roots that jut out of the swampy soil. They are a good fit for this part of the shore. Asked about her thoughts on helping to create the future cypress grove, Davis said, "It's such a beautiful day - one can really see what [the Earth Day celebration] is all about."

"Green" Transportation

Environmentally-conscious transportation was also a theme at the celebration. Adam Johnson, marketing director for the DC Zipcar office, was on hand to explain membership and the "green benefits" of shared vehicle use. John Wheaton of College Park Honda answered questions about a Civic Hybrid car on display. In a nod to public transportation, a new Connect-A-Bus vehicle was dedicated with Prince George's County Councilmember Douglas J.J. Peters presiding.

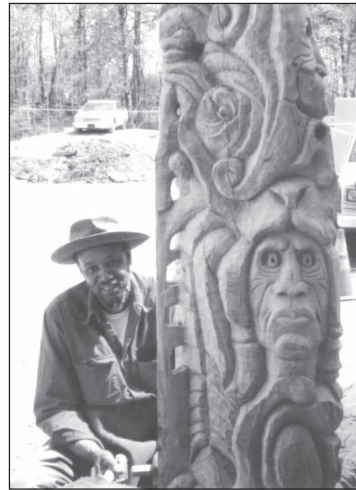
Greenbelt's Public Works Department held an open house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Over 150 people, young and old alike,



came to tour the facilities, see the trucks (and sound the horns!), talk to department staff and enjoy hotdogs, potato chips, Kool-aid and other refreshments. Visitors also learned about Greenbelt's recycling program, backyard composting and other services at an information booth.

"When people think of public works, they think about having their trash picked up," said Public Works Administrative Associate Antoinette Conrad, "but it's more than that." For example, Conrad said, the city saves its residents money each year by growing flowers, shrubs and even trees from seeds, cuttings and saplings. These are then planted around the city or sold at the Public Works plant sale.

Horticulture crew supervisor Brian Townsend added that recycling extends to the reuse of dead and diseased trees. He explained that the city turns them into lumber on a small-scale mill. The lumber is re-used for building projects or sold back to the community. Public Works also makes logs and larger pieces of wood available for free at the woodpile located on Crescent Road (between Lastner Lane and



PHOTOS BY CINDY MURRAY

Woodcarver Ernest Gilbert demonstrated his "whittling" skills on a local recycled maple tree. The tree-turning-bench featured Native American-influenced faces. The detail below attests to Gilbert's extraordinary skill.

Greenhill Road).

Visitors also had the opportunity to observe a work of art in the making as master cutter Ernest C. Gilbert hand carved a piece of local recycled maple into a bench. Gilbert explained that the ideas for his designs come to him as the work progresses. The bench features Native American-influenced faces and stylized natural imagery. Gilbert, "always a whittler," said he has been a carver since the 1970s.



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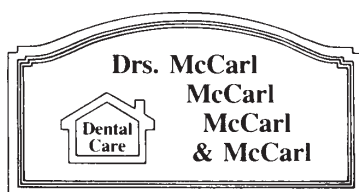
Interested parties should submit a smile photo clearly showing their front teeth, name and address, phone and a brief description of themselves by mail to the McCarl Dental Group, 28 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770. Due to the anticipated volume of requests, applications cannot be taken over the phone. Applicants will receive notification that the letter and photo were received but the photos will not be returned. A photo of the person selected will be published in the Greenbelt News Review.

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Mayor Judith Davis asked if renovating the original building would give the school board an out so that they could say that they don't have to do anything for years since they fixed the worst parts. Morales stressed that a million dollars may not be enough to accomplish what ACE has recommended. Council then unanimously recommended to Peters that the potential million dollars be spent on renovating the historic part of the building.

Animal Facility

Council had already approved constructing an animal control and shelter building as well as the interior layout plan for kennels. The staff presented the site plan for the facility which is to be located at the north end of the police station property. The only grading required will be for the extension of water and sewer lines. This placement will preserve the large mature trees on the site. The building is to be equipped to hold up to nine dogs at a time, plus cats and any exotic animals that might come under the purview of the animal control officer. It is to be well screened and operated in a fashion so as to not disrupt the neighborhood. Roberts wondered if this project would have an effect on a possible expansion of the police department itself.

Planning and Development Director Celia Craze, whose department also includes code enforcement and animal control, answered that "it will not impact the building program." In terms of parking, she said "the police fleet itself is bigger than the parking lot we have." But she stressed that only the animal control officer would use the parking lot regularly.

"There will be no open adoptions, with visitation of animals only by appointment, to avoid the public circulating in the police site," she said.

Patrick McAndrew, president of the Boxwood Civic Association expressed the neighborhood's concerns about exterior lighting. "People were very concerned about the possibility of floodlights being installed." But what the city staff has proposed (only an exterior door light) has eliminated this concern.

McAndrew also asked that the facility be under supervision when animals were placed in outdoor pens and that it be primarily an indoor facility. Finally, Boxwood was concerned that there be standard operating procedures so that, as staff changes over time, the concerns of the Boxwood Civic Association would be passed on. Council approved the site plan with these added recommendations.

Mosquito Control

For many years the city has participated in the Maryland Department of Agriculture's (MDA) mosquito control program. This year the city was presented with two options: to use larvicide in wetland areas to kill mosquito larvae or to have MDA perform, besides larvicide, adult surveillance and possible spraying if the mosquito count is high. The city shares in the cost of this program. MDA estimates the cost for using larvicide only at \$500 and \$1,500 for larviciding plus adult surveillance and spraying.

In recent years, the city has chosen the larvicide only option.

However, the arrival of the Asian Tiger mosquito and the West Nile virus has increased the public's concern about mosquitoes. There are long-standing concerns by some residents about the effects of spraying on people, pets and the environment, however.

Neither option will completely eliminate the pests. The MDA has indicated that the spray operations are not even effective on the Asian Tiger mosquito. In its presentation, city staff stressed the importance of individual efforts to remove stagnant water in which mosquitoes breed and to use insect repellent on exposed skin.

Herling asked about the success rate for the spraying option and David Moran, assistant to the city manager, was unable to answer. Davis said that there is much more that the city would have to know before choosing a spraying option. Assistant Public Works Director William Phelan said that in past years some areas had expressed a desire for spraying. He said that he was not worried about spraying being a danger but did not think that it would be very effective, particularly because it would not reach the center of the city's very large super blocks. "If you spray, you're still going to get bitten," he said.

The council approved the staff recommendation to do larvicide only but Davis asked that MDA send someone to come to meet with council at a future date to provide further education on mosquito control.

Tennis Courts

The Capital Projects Budget for this fiscal year includes \$75,000 to resurface Braden Field Tennis Courts 5 through 8, the four courts nearest to St. Hugh's. The project was originally

approved for the 2003 budget. The surface of the courts is failing badly and staff has been investigating groundwater problems beneath the court.

American Asphalt Paving Company has submitted a proposal to install three French drains and resurface the courts at a cost of \$64,844. In order to do the resurfacing, repair work will also have to be done on the fence. Staff recommended replacing the fence and have located a Montgomery County bid awarded to Long Fence upon which it can add this work. Using that bid, the project would cost \$16,092, for a total project cost of \$80,936. This is \$6,000 over the budget but staff thought it was a good price.

Muriel Bowser, president of Greenbelt Tennis Association, in a communication to council expressed concern that "skaters will use the new courts until the skate park is built." Assistant Recreation Director for Facilities Joe McNeal presented council with a draft "zero tolerance" policy for skateboarding in prohibited areas. McNeal said that such a policy will send a strong message that the city is about to spend \$250,000 on a skate park and will be holding the skaters to their word about not skating in prohibited areas.

Councilmember Edward Putens asked what is meant by zero tolerance. McNeal said that whenever the police see skateboarders on the tennis courts or at Roosevelt Center they will issue the violator a citation. The council expressed interest in confiscating the violator's skateboard as well. Both Davis and Putens were concerned about "a very few" nasty skateboarders who are responsible for most of the problem. Putens asked that signs

stating the zero tolerance policy be placed at the tennis courts. Mach pointed out that the signs needed to state where the kids can skate as well. She stressed the importance of keeping the message positive.

Greenbelt's Chief of Police James Craze helped answer the question. He said in the past the police department thought it better to "err on the side of caution. Better to let a few go than err and go beyond procedure and infringe on the rights of one child." He stressed that this would change with zero tolerance.

Much of the conversation regarding the tennis courts revolved around the tennis player vs. skateboarder issue. One citi-

zen remarked that he is often around the tennis courts and Roosevelt Center and had not seen a skateboarder all year.

After the discussion, the staff's recommendation for contracting to resurface the four tennis courts and repair the fence and to adopt a zero tolerance policy were unanimously approved by the council.

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GENERAL FUND BUDGET FY 2004-2005

REVENUES

Taxes	\$14,482,500
Licenses & Permits	708,300
Revenue from Other Agencies	839,300
Service Charges for Current Services	1,756,000
Fines & Forfeitures	812,500
Miscellaneous Revenues	131,200

TOTAL REVENUES	\$18,729,800
Appropriation of Fund Balance	0

EXPENDITURES

General Government	\$1,650,100
Planning and Community Development	728,800
Public Safety	7,562,800
Public Works	2,311,000
Social Services	429,600
Recreation and Parks	4,014,300
Miscellaneous	118,400
Non-Departmental	498,600
Fund Transfers	1,412,500

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$18,726,100
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PROPOSED EXPENDITURE BUDGETS FOR OTHER FUNDS

Building Capital Reserve Fund	\$63,000
Cemetery Fund	1,800
Debt Service Fund	927,900
Replacement Fund	283,300
Special Projects Fund	81,000
Temporary Disability Fund	55,000
Unemployment Compensation Fund	6,000

TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	\$1,418,000
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Capital Projects Fund	\$1,156,500
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TOTAL CAPITAL FUNDS	\$3,558,500
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ENTERPRISE FUNDS

Green Ridge House	\$1,020,000
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The Public Hearing will be held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD. This is the first of two Public Hearings on the budget. The second is scheduled for Monday, May 24, 2004. Public attendance and participation are encouraged. All citizens of Greenbelt will have a reasonable opportunity to provide written and oral comments and to ask questions concerning the entire budget. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10 a.m. on the meeting day. Deaf persons are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail the City Clerk at kgallagher@ci.greenbelt.md.us. Copies of the proposed budget may be examined at the City Offices, 25 Crescent Rd., or at the Greenbelt Library, 11 Crescent Rd., during normal business hours. The budget is also posted on the City Web site at <http://www.ci.greenbelt.md.us>. For more information, please call 301-474-8000. Kathleen Gallagher, City Clerk

The Public Hearing will be cablecast live on Channel 71.



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Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc.
125 CRESCENT ROAD GREENBELT, MD 20770

April 2004

Dear Citizens and Business Owners of Greenbelt:

It is that time again to ask for your generous donations to help support the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. We will be starting our **Annual General Fund Drive** in April. We truly appreciate your contributions during the previous fund drives.

You will receive your donation package in the mail during the month of April. You may choose to either mail your donation back to us or bring it to the station and hand it to one of our volunteers. We are located at: 125 Crescent Rd. Greenbelt, MD. If you should misplace your donation package, you can still mail us your contribution. Our new mailing address is: Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Dept., 125 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD 20770.

As in the past, I would like to **emphasize strongly** that you **do not accept any solicitations over the telephone** from persons identifying themselves as members or representatives of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. **We only ask for donations through the mail for this annual general fund drive during the month of April.**

We have received some questions from concerned citizens as to some of our other scheduled fundraisers. Our Ladies Auxiliary conducts a picture portrait fund drive in the fall. This fundraiser involves representatives from a contracted corporation that go door to door throughout the city of Greenbelt. They are instructed to show a city permit and a letter from the Ladies Aux. During the month of December we conduct what we call our annual boot drive. We station our members at various intersections collecting donations.

Again, may I thank you for your very important past and continued support during our upcoming General Fund Drive.

Regards,

Jay A. Remenick, President
Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc.