

## Council Supports USPS Proposal, Voting Paper Trail, Health Plan

by Sandy Smith

The Greenbelt Post Office was the primary topic at the April 26 meeting of the Greenbelt City Council. It will again be an agenda item up for decision at the May 10 meeting. Timothy Haney, district manager of the Capital District of the U.S. Postal Service, and other staff members were at the meeting to describe the two alternatives for the location and services of the post office in Greenbelt.

Also at the meeting council reviewed recommendations to add a paper trail to the voting process in time for the next election, discussed a proposed shift of funding from Eleanor Roosevelt to DuVal High School and was briefed on what council viewed as an attractive retirement health savings plan for city employees.

### Post Office

After years of discussion, negotiation and planning, the choices for postal service in Greenbelt come down to two basic alternatives, Timothy Haney explained

to councilmembers and citizens in attendance at the meeting. The postal service can maintain a full-service retail operation in Roosevelt Center and move only carrier and distribution services to the new upcoming facility at Hanover Parkway and Glen Ora Drive. The other option is to move all of the existing operations to the new site and work with the community to identify a potential site for a contract postal unit in or around Roosevelt Center.

Haney said that the city's request that the postal service maintain retail operations at both locations was not economically feasible based on the level and volume of business in the Roosevelt location and that anticipated for the new facility. Haney was sympathetic with the desire to provide for customers' needs and was looking for an innovative way to have both a full-scale state-of-the-art facility at Hanover and Ora Glen and maintain essential cus-

tomers services in old Greenbelt.

His solution was a Contract Postal Unit (CPU), which he explained in detail. The CPU is a partnership between the postal service and a local business, which agrees to install and operate a modular postal unit. The CPU provides essentially all of the retail services in a postal facility. Thus, customers can buy all of the usual services and products, from stamps to shipping. Only postal boxes would not be available at the CPU.

Haney said that there are numerous benefits to the retailer who adds a CPU to an existing business. Postal customers would bring more traffic to the establishment, with resulting increase in sales from other products. In addition, the postal service pays the retailer a percentage of the business generated.

The CPU is a system ready-to-go, he said. It's self-contained

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## Public Works Staff Stretched Thin as City Facilities Grow

by Thomas X. White

The Greenbelt City Council's fifth worksession on the Fiscal Year 2005 budget on Wednesday, April 28 dealt with the Greenbelt Public Works Department. Public Works Director Kenny Hall, using a department "tag team" approach, provided council with an up-to-date assessment of the department's budget, "strictly covering existing services" and a few "proposed service changes" in the area of waste disposal and the yard waste special trash programs.

Other team members participating were Bill Phelan, assistant director of public works; Carolyn Clemens, superintendent of operations; and Cindy Murray, recycling coordinator. Like their counterparts in the other city departments, they had a requisite Power Point® presentation but it was interspersed with each key

staff member taking the lead on specific projects and programs depending on his/her area of responsibility and expertise.

For those who like what they see happening around town, the worksession was a good review of how the public works team takes care of our business, maintains our facilities, keeps us green in more ways than one and at the same time responds to a variety of requests for services from citizens, other city departments and community organizations.

The manager's proposed budget has them doing these things with the same staff complement as the current year's budget (52.7 full time equivalents) with a modest increase in public works salaries of \$22,300. Overall public works expenditures are up only \$108,700 for FY05 over FY04.

For the second year in a row, the city manager has not funded a request for a skilled labor position on the facilities maintenance staff. The department is looking for someone who would have the capability of responding to a wide variety of technical maintenance issues and repair requests. The recommended position would be slotted at the Grade 9 level (about \$40,000 to \$50,000).

In support of the request, Superintendent of Operations Carolyn Clemens outlined in a March 1, 2004 departmental memo the number of city facilities that have come on line over the past 45 years, with no additions being made to the two positions (facilities maintenance manager and helper) with respon-

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## Annexation Issue Prevents Metroland Suit Settlement

by James Giese

Nearly a month following the cut-off of negotiations between the Greenbelt City Council and representatives of Metroland LLC over a settlement of a city appeal challenging the approval process for the concept plan for the Greenbelt Station, the council has received a second letter from Attorney Norman Rivera which appears to close the door even tighter.

Rivera cites the council's wish to annex that part of the proposed development located outside city boundaries as the principal reason. The unincorporated southern part (South Core) of Greenbelt station is adjacent to Berwyn Heights and College Park as well as Greenbelt.

The northern part, the Greenbelt Metro station property, is already within the city limits. The city's appeal of the county's approval of a concept plan for Greenbelt Station is now before

### *Rivera's Letter to Mayor Davis*

The following is Rivera's letter of April 30 addressed to Davis.

Dear Ms. Davis:

This is to relay to you that my clients had wished to settle the Greenbelt Station case at one of our three scheduled hearings. Regrettably, the issues to be discussed became untenable especially in terms of the proposed annexation for the South Core. It is uncomfortable, to say the least, for my client to be in a position where the municipalities surrounding the project have common but conflicting goals, including

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the Court of Special Appeals. The city's litigation has been delaying further progress of the proposed development and, if successful, could cause further delay.

Mayor Judith Davis commented that she hated to say negotiations between the city and Metroland are over but it sounds pretty bad from the city's point of view. She expected the council to consider the matter further in the future.

## Annual Pet Expo to Present Wide Range of Activities

by Patti Brothers

The third annual Greenbelt Pet Expo will be held Saturday, May 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. The event will be held rain or shine. Admittance is free. The Expo is sponsored by the City of Greenbelt in conjunction with the Greenbelt Dog Park Association and the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Pet Subcommittee.

The purpose of the Pet Expo is to provide a fun informational day for all animal lovers. It will provide educational information on trainers and companies that possess a positive animal-friendly approach. Demonstrations will show dog training with positive reinforcement and also fun activities that can be done with pets.

Local companies that offer services for pet owners, such as pet sitters, groomers and day care providers, will also be present at the Expo, as will representatives from various rescue groups who can answer questions from potential pet owners. Other individuals with their own pet or pets will answer questions also.

Dr. Michael Fox, the "Animal Doctor" for The Washington Post, as well as a famous veterinarian, author and founder of an animal sanctuary in India, will speak at 2 p.m. A K-9 demonstration will be put on by the

Greenbelt Police K-9 Unit at 11 a.m.

Ruth Chase and the Coventry School for Dogs will have a freestyle dog dancing demonstration at 1 p.m. Gena Wilson, LCSW-C, will talk about communicating with animals at 3 p.m. She will intuit messages from animal friends (whether alive or deceased) and also do impromptu readings from photographs.

Other speakers will be Wendy Grooms and Marcie Baier. Grooms is an animal massage therapist and Reiki Master and Baier is an acupuncturist for animals. They will talk about alternative health care for animals as well as demonstrate massage and acupuncture. The City of College Park Animal Control Officer will be at the Expo to provide a wildlife education seminar. Ruth Chase and the Coventry School for Dogs will also be conducting an agility demonstration at which there will be an opportunity for pets visiting the Expo to participate. Representatives from New Carrollton Veterinary Hospital, a full service medical and surgical facility, will be at the Expo also. Prince George's County Animal Management Division will be there

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### What Goes On

#### Saturday, May 8

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, parking lot between the Municipal Building and the Community Center

10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Greenbelt Pet Expo, Community Center

#### Monday, May 10

7 p.m., Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee, Community Center

7:30 p.m., Council Reception for ACE students, Municipal Building

8 p.m., Regular City Council Meeting, Municipal Building

#### Wednesday, May 12

7:30 p.m., Council Budget Worksession, Public Safety/City Manager's Quarterly Update, Community Center

#### Thursday, May 13

7 p.m., Advisory Committee on Trees, Community Center

7:30 p.m., GHI Board Meeting, GHI Board Room

#### Saturday, May 15

9 a.m. to noon, City Plant Sale, front lawn of Community Center

## Bharatanaty Spring Recital Previewed at Dance Studio

The Greenbelt Recreation Department will host an open dress rehearsal and dessert social at the Jayamangala studio for Indian classical music and dance located in Greenbelt. This program will be held on Thursday, May 13 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Instructor Shobha Subra-manian and her students will offer a preview of the studio's 2004 spring recital showcasing Bharatanatyam dances – a 2,000-year-old temple dance form using intricate footwork, complex gestures and mime to tell stories of Hindu gods and goddesses. The evening will include opportunities for casual discussion and audience participation. This event is free but advance registration is required. All ages are welcome to attend.

The studio address will be provided to participants at the time of enrollment. Registration forms for this event are available at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road and at [www.ci.greenbelt.md.us](http://www.ci.greenbelt.md.us) in the Greenbelt Recreation Department's quarterly brochure. The activity number for this program is 283600-1. Completed forms may be submitted in person or by fax at 301-220-0561. For more information, contact Nicole DeWald at 301-397-2208.

Jayamangala, Inc., is a family-run nonprofit organization which has been operating in Greenbelt since its inception in 1991. Executive Director Dr. Nathan Bala is accompanied in this creative enterprise by his wife Jaya Bala, the institute's music director and



**Shobha Subramanian, the dance director who will lead the presentation on May 13.**

daughter Shobha Subramanian, dance director, among other faculty. The project is very much a labor of love, designed to preserve and share classical performing arts traditions of India with an intercultural audience through classes, public performances and conferences.

The next international conference sponsored by the organization will take place on Saturday, May 8 at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The program will conclude with an "East-West Symphony" concert at 6:30 p.m. integrating Indian and western instrumentation. Information about the event or ongoing educational programs is available by phone at 301-345-3856 or on the web at [www.jayamangala.org](http://www.jayamangala.org) and via email [bala\\_nathan@hotmail.com](mailto:bala_nathan@hotmail.com).

## Mishkan Torah Choir Sings At Arlington Cemetery

by Jordan Choper

On Sunday afternoon, April 25, the Mishkan Torah Choir participated in a memorial service honoring the life achievement of British General Orde Wingate, at the amphitheater at Arlington Cemetery. Wingate had a very influential role in the formation of the Haganah, the precursor of the current Israel Defense Force in mandated Palestine in the late 1930s. His activities were not appreciated by the British High Command and he was sent to Eritrea, in 1940. In 1941 Wingate was sent to work behind the Japanese lines in what was then Burma. There he formed and led the Chindits, a clandestine force composed of British and Indian soldiers who

attacked the Japanese supply trains and roads. Wingate died in a plane crash while flying over the Himalaya mountains. Since the majority on the plane were Americans and it was impossible to identify who was who, all of the bodies recovered were buried at Arlington.

Mishkan Torah's Choir sang in Yiddish, Hebrew and English in three-part harmony. The choir is led by Becky Silverstein. It is more of a concert choir than one that officiates at services. Its repertoire is a mixture of Judaic liturgical, folk and popular music in Yiddish, Hebrew, Ladino and English. They will be in concert on Father's Day, June 20, at Mishkan Torah.



**The Mishkan Torah Choir performed for a memorial service for British General Orde Wingate at the Arlington Cemetery amphitheater on April 25.**

## Letters

### THANKS

I was so delighted to receive so many pet donations at our collection at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center (GAFC) for the Washington Animal Shelter in Washington, DC. Paws up for those who participated and for the management of GAFC for supporting our efforts. We'll be hosting another pet donation in late summer.

*"Li" Dan Celdran  
Companion Animal  
Committee Member*

### THANKS

We wish to thank the many people in our community who have shown such wonderful support and sympathy for our family during this very difficult time. It is deeply appreciated.

*The Family of  
Miguel Pereira*

### New Board Elected At Chelsea Woods

On April 14 Chelsea Wood Condominium held their 2004 annual meeting elections and election of officers. The results are as follows: Peggy Smith, president; David M. Yocorowic, vice president; Nancy Smith, secretary; Kimele Carter, treasurer and Askar Askarov, director. Board meetings are held monthly at 8405 Greenbelt Road in Greenbelt. Owners and residents are encouraged to attend. The board meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.

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Triplets \*5:30, 7:30

**Sunday**  
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Triplets \*5:30, 7:30

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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.

# Community Events

## Vehicle Theft Prevention Day

On Saturday, May 8, the Beltway Plaza Mall will host an Auto Theft Prevention Day from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. This event will be presented by Beltway Plaza, the Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office, the Prince George's County Police Department and the Greenbelt Police Department. Those attending can buy anti-theft devices at a greatly reduced price, have their vehicles "vin-etched" by the Vehicle Theft Prevention Council, register their vehicles for the "Watch Your Car" program and get safety tips to prevent vehicle theft.

Information booths will be located inside the mall and the "vin-etching" will take place in the rear parking lot from 2 to 4 p.m. For more information contact Greg Shaffer in the State's Attorney's office at 301-952-3031.

## "Snack and Stack" At Greenbriar May 8

Greenbriar's spring clothing drive was successful thanks to the many who contributed. The time has come to sort and organize the mountainous donations. Help is needed. Come to "Snack and Stack" on Saturday, May 8 at 10 a.m. in Greenbriar's Terrace Room at 7600 Hanover Parkway. Volunteers will be rewarded with refreshments and free lunch. Call Sarah Phillips, community affairs director at 301-441-1096 to register for this event.

Clothing will be donated to the Missions of Love, a Capital Heights charity benefitting low and no income families in Prince George's County and beyond.

## GIAC Board Meets

The Greenbelt Internet Access Cooperative (GIAC) open board meeting will be held May 13 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Police Station. New and old members are welcome to attend. There is a special need for interested people to serve as officers and members of the board.

Also mark calendars for the annual members meeting on June 1 at 7 p.m. in Room 103 of the Greenbelt Community Center. A light supper and dessert will be provided. There are several important issues to be discussed about the future of GIAC.

## "Poetry Plus" On Shakespeare

On Saturday, May 8, "Poetry Plus" will gather at 10:30 a.m. downstairs at the Greenbelt Library for readings and discussion. The topic for this month is "Shakespeare." All are welcome to bring copies of their own or others' poems to share.

## Hunting Ridge Board Meets

The results of the April 28 election held at Hunting Ridge are as follows: Sally Boorman, president; Kay Mooney, vice president; Ronald C. Brooks, secretary; George Miller, treasurer; and Carol Kossuth, director.

Board meetings are held monthly at the Clubhouse (6914 Hanover Parkway) and owners and residents are encouraged to attend. The board meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

## "Explorations" Is About the Internet

On Friday, May 14 the PBS Home Video "The Internet Show: Driver's Education for the Information Superhighway" will be shown during Explorations Unlimited. This video discusses how the internet began, how information is transmitted and how to use the internet. John Levine and Gina Smith host this light-hearted look at all the fun and games, as well as the serious side of this important means of communication. Come and learn the ins and outs of the information superhighway called the Internet.

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.

## "42nd Street" Film At Senior Lounge

On Monday, May 10 the movie "42nd Street" will be shown at the Greenbelt Community Center at 1 p.m. in the senior lounge. This 1933 film is the story of a Broadway musical producer and the numerous problems he faces in his efforts to reach a successful opening night. Some of the songs are: "You're Getting to Be a Habit with Me," "Shuffle Off to Buffalo" and "Forty-Second Street."

There is no charge to see the movie. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

## Joint Reception At Courthouse

A joint reception will be held on May 11 for Sy Mohr, the artist currently displaying in the U.S. District Courthouse in Greenbelt and Tim Edberg, the photographer of the bas reliefs on Greenbelt's Community Center.

A wine and cheese reception will take place at the courthouse from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The reception is open to the public.

## Festival Committee Meets in Gallery

The Labor Day Festival Committee will hold its third meeting on Thursday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center in the Gallery and invites any one interested in joining the committee to attend this meeting. The planning for this year's festival (which is the 50th and a very special one) is proceeding well but there are still a few vacancies. Be a part of this committee and the biggest happening in Greenbelt all year. Call Patti Brothers at 301-982-2312 for more information or come to the meeting on May 13.

## Diabetic Feet Topic Of "Living Program"

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program presents "Ask the Experts," a cable show featuring foot care tips for diabetic feet. Guest presenter Cathy Silberman of Foot E7X will be featured on Tuesday, May 18 from 11 a.m. to noon at the Community Center in the senior classroom. This session will be taped for broadcast on Channel 71.

The Greenbelt Connection will be running shuttle service for residents of Green Ridge House and Greenbriar Condominium. Greenbriar residents should meet at Greenbriar Community Center for pickup. Call 301-474-4100 to reserve a seat.

## ERHS Class of 1994 Plans Reunion

Join former classmates for an evening of dinner, dancing and nostalgia. The Eleanor Roosevelt High School Class of 1994 will hold its 10-year reunion on Saturday, June 19 from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the University of Maryland, University College Inn and Conference Center, 3501 University Blvd. East, Adelphi. Register at [www.erhs94.org](http://www.erhs94.org) or e-mail [reunion@erhs94.org](mailto:reunion@erhs94.org) for details.

## ERHS Bands Will Rock at Center

On Friday, May 14, from 7 to 10 p.m. the classic hard rock teen band Adrenaline will perform at a free outdoor concert in Roosevelt Center sponsored by Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA). This is the first appearance by Adrenaline at a FONDCA event since their successful outdoor concert last Halloween. Nick Dobson, Phil Hannam, Travis Jolly and Dahni Scally of Eleanor Roosevelt High School make up the band. Nick is a Greenbelt resident and the others live locally. Also performing will be a newly formed fun-punk band of Roosevelt students, Loud Mouth Miscreants. Another Roosevelt group also is expected to perform that night.



PHOTO BY JAMES GIESE

Greenbelt Golden Agers enjoyed the view of Chautauqua Institution and Chautauqua Lake, New York, from the front porch of the Athenaeum Hotel. That's Lorrie Moran, the three-day trip's organizer, on the far right. While visiting Chautauqua, the group got to see the outside of the Miller Cottage, the oldest cottage there. It was built by Lewis Miller, one of the founders of Chautauqua and the great-grandfather of News Review Editor Mary Lou (Miller) Williamson. The seniors also visited the hometown of actress Lucille Ball (her real name) where they visited the Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz Museum. They saw the family home in Jamestown, N.Y., at the time of her birth, her childhood home in neighboring Celoron, Jamestown high school where she attended until age 15 and the family cemetery where she is buried. Also on the tour were the Sugar Shack and Johnson Estates Winery on the shores of Lake Erie and a boat ride and pizza lunch aboard the Summer Wind on Lake Chautauqua.

## Greenbelt Baseball

### Major League Schedule

Date	Time	Games
Mon., May 10	6:00 p.m.	Cubs vs. Tigers
Tues., May 11	6:00 p.m.	Indians vs. Giants
Wed., May 12	6:00 p.m.	Cardinals vs. Orioles
Thur., May 13	6:00 p.m.	Athletics vs. Lions
Fri., May 14	6:00 p.m.	Tigers vs. Giants
Fri., May 14	7:00 p.m.*	Cardinals vs. Cubs
Sat., May 15	10:00 a.m.	Lions vs. Indians
Sat., May 15	1:00 p.m.	Athletics vs. Orioles

### Major League Standings as of Tuesday 5/04/04

American League	W-L	National League	W-L
Giants	4 - 0	Cardinals	3 - 1
Tigers	2 - 1	Lions	1 - 1
Orioles	1 - 2	Cubs	2 - 2
Athletics	1 - 4	Indians	1 - 4

### 2004 Machine Pitch Schedule

Date	Time	Visitor vs. Home
Mon., May 10	6:00 p.m.**	Phillies vs. Marlins
Wed., May 12	6:00 p.m.**	Mets vs. Phillies
Fri., May 14	6:00 p.m.**	Marlins vs. Mets

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.

## KOL HARUACH KLEZMER BAND IN BENEFIT CONCERT

Sunday, May 9 at 7:00 PM

Mishkan Torah Synagogue, 10 Ridge Rd., Greenbelt, MD

Resv/Info = 301-474-4223

or [www.kolharuach.com](http://www.kolharuach.com)

Ticket prices = \$10 to \$18, Group Rates available



## PRELIMINARY AGENDA MEETING OF THE GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, May 13, 2003

GHI Board Room

### Key Agenda Items

- Finance Committee Report
- Presentation of 2003 Audited Financial Statements
- Satellite Dish Request - 19T Ridge
- Exception for Vinyl Shed - 35G Ridge
- Proposal for Glass Block Window in Frame Home Bath - 2J Laurel Hill
- Proposal to Remove Three Large Trees to Construct Deck - 45J Ridge
- PowerPoint Presentation of Marketing Committee's New Member Orientation
- 2004 Slate Roof Contract - 2nd Reading
- A&E Proposal for Yardline Project
- FFS Rate for Skilled Labor Jobs/Fixed Price Jobs
- Review Board Task List
- T-Mobile Request

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### FONDCA PRESENTS

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Friday evening, May 14

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# Obituaries

## Manuel Pereira

Manuel Pereira died unexpectedly of a stroke on March 26, 2004, at Doctors Community Hospital in Lanham. He was 58. He is survived by his wife Nancy Boardman and sons Jaime and Miguel Pereira, as well as his mother and sister in Portugal. Nancy and their sons recently returned from Olhao, Portugal, where Manuel was laid to rest with his father, who died a year and a half ago.



Manuel was born in the Algarve region of southern Portugal and moved to Greenbelt with his family about 20 years ago. He graduated from the University of Genoa in Italy in 1976 with a dual engineering degree in naval architecture and marine engineering.

Subsequently, he and Nancy moved to Lisbon, Portugal where their two sons were born. There he became a highly regarded inspector of ships and boats for the government agency responsible for the safety of all the civilian fleet in Portuguese waters. He was also chosen to be the Portuguese delegate at International Maritime Organization meetings in their London headquarters.

Upon moving to Greenbelt he continued in this profession as a consultant. During his years in Greenbelt he was an avid follower of his sons' numerous activities in the community. From their years as Little League baseball players, to Boys and Girls Club basketball and soccer teams, to his co-founding of the Comets, the first National Capital Soccer League team in Greenbelt, on which Miguel played for seven years, Manuel rarely missed a game. In Jaime's high school years at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Manuel enjoyed the soccer games and took pride in Jaime's participation as a percussionist in the school's wind ensemble under the direction of Sally Wagner.

He came to have a special fondness for Greenbelt and its natural beauty and could often be seen walking the family dog, Scamper, around Greenbelt Lake, in Boxwood Village and in the Roosevelt Center area. There was more time for this after his sons graduated from high school, as Miguel is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in bio-chemistry at the University of Michigan and Jaime recently graduated from New York University.

There will be a memorial service for Manuel at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church at a yet undetermined date later this summer.

## PJ Siegel Memorial

Friends, family, colleagues and associates of PJ Siegel are invited to gather together to share stories and fond memories of her life at a memorial service being held in her honor at the residence of her twin, Marc Siegel. The memorial will be held at 16 Maplewood Court in Greenbelt on Saturday, May 15, at 1 p.m. PJ Siegel died on January 14, 2004; the date of this memorial service would have been her 45th birthday.



## St. Hugh Council Adds New Knights

Through the efforts of St. Hugh Pastor Rev. Thomas Crowley, Grand Knight Sean Bailey and a recruitment team led by chairman James Ragusa, the St. Hugh Council of the Knights of Columbus has added eight new members in the last few months. The newest members of the St. Hugh Council are: Martin C. Collins, Isidoro A. Garcia, James R. Hill, Jr., Daniel L. Manglitz, Godfrey C. Nwachukwu, Ignatius C. Nwachukwu, Edward V. Putens and Lawrence A. Yore.

The St. Hugh's Council raises money for Special Olympics, participates in the Greenbelt Labor Day parade and festival and sponsors soccer shootouts, basketball free throw contests, model rocket shoots and has been a part of the Greenbelt Community since May of 1992 when the St. Hugh Council was first formed.

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic family fraternal service organization. Today there are more than 1.6 million members of the Knights of Columbus in nearly 12,000 local councils like the one in Greenbelt at St. Hugh Catholic Church.

## "Culture Gulch" Link Is Now Available

The latest edition of "Culture Gulch," Greenbelt's monthly arts and humanities newsletter, is now available on the city's website. It can be reached at [http://www.ci.greenbelt.md.us/culture\\_gulch-index.htm](http://www.ci.greenbelt.md.us/culture_gulch-index.htm) for information about May programs including:

Indian Dance on Thursday, May 13 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. – preview the performance, talk and enjoy a dessert reception at Jayamangala institute for classical Indian music and dance. Advance registration is required. The event is free for all ages.

Art classes including ceramic and glass workshops and a preview of summer highlights including best vacation pictures, mosaic garden markers, watercolor and photography in the pool.

## Audition for Teen "Grease" Production

Prince George's Summer Teen Theatre will hold auditions for its summer production of "Grease" at 7 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, May 17 and 18 (callbacks will be Wednesday, May 19). Auditions will be held at High Point High School at 3601 Powder Mill Road, in the chorus room. A large cast is required, ages 13 to 19. Prepare 16 bars of music (accompanist provided). Bring legible sheet music and be dressed to dance. For information call 301-725-4350.



Congratulations to Senior Community Planner Terri Hrub and husband Bob on the birth of twin girls. Megan and Paige were born April 10, 2004, weighing in at 5 lbs. 10 oz. and 5 lbs. 1 oz. The twins have a big brother, Calvin, who turned two the same week they arrived.

Greenbelters husband and wife, Ingrid Cowan and Ole Hasse, will participate in the Opera Theatre of Northern Virginia's performance "Nancy" on May 14 and 16 in Arlington. A recently completed work, the opera showcases the triumphant and tragic life of a daughter of the Randolphs of Virginia. For directions and ticket information call 703-528-1433 or visit [www.novaopera.org](http://www.novaopera.org).

Congratulations to Esi Abban, who has been chosen to participate in Salisbury University's gospel choir. She is the daughter of Kwame Abban and Esther Dadzie of Greenbelt and a 2001 graduate of Duval High School. She is currently a sophomore majoring in respiratory therapy.

Barbara Tyroler, Greenbelt artist, is one of the digital artists featured this month at Montpelier Cultural Arts Center in Laurel.

At last week's Pro Choice March in Washington, D.C., Greenbelt Esther Webb her daughter, who was visiting from

Utah, participated along with a million and a half others in a demonstration supporting the right of women to make their own reproductive choices. According to Webb, who was in a wheelchair, "the march was very peaceful." Webb also said that this march was similar to that of the Million Mom March in that there was a mix of young people and people who had never participated in a march before. "The difference," she said, "with this march was the single-mindedness of the crowd. They were so united in what they believed."

Webb said she saw other Greenbelters at the march including Marge Owens and Donna Hofmeister. She also saw a banner for the Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church but could not tell how many participants they had.

### Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

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Jaco B. ten Hove,  
co-ministers

### 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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## Greenbelt Community Church

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Sunday Worship

10:15 a.m.

Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

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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!

## Baha'i Faith

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– Baha'u'llah

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Friday, May 14, 6:30PM  
Potluck dinner – public welcome  
Call 301-474-6749 for directions

Monday evening study circle focused on the Baha'i Writings is beginning. Call Lucy at 301-699-3993 to register

Greenbelt Baha'i Community  
P.O. Box 245  
Greenbelt, MD 20770  
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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

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	9:15 a.m.	Bible Class
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
Wednesday	7:30 p.m.	Evening Worship



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301-474-9410  
SUNDAY



Sunday School 9:45 am  
Worship Service 11:00 am

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[www.gbqm-UMC.org/mowatt](http://www.gbqm-UMC.org/mowatt)  
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm  
Third Friday, Games Night 7:30 pm

Rev. Daehwa Park, Pastor

May 9, Festival of the Christian Home  
Mother's Day  
Sermon: "Seeking Home of God"



Many messengers have been sent, but there has always been just one message.

"And We did not send any apostle before you (O Muhammed) but We revealed to him that there is none who has the right to be worshipped but I (God) so worship Me (alone and none else)."

– The Holy Qur'an, 21:25

Muslims believe that Prophet Muhammed (peace be upon him) was the last in a long line of prophets who were sent to guide mankind. Twenty-five of these prophets are specifically named in the Qur'an, including Noah, Abraham, Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob, Moses and Jesus. Though they came at different times to different lands and people, all were sent with signs of their divine inspiration and the same message – There is no one worthy of worship but one God. For more information about the prophets or about Islam, contact [muslimguide@hotmail.com](mailto:muslimguide@hotmail.com) or call 301-982-9463 or visit [www.islam-guide.com](http://www.islam-guide.com)

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that of possible annexation of the South Core of this project. Settlement based on that term alone was not practical from a political perspective, nor would this have resolved any of the other site plan issues. Therefore, we regrettably were not able to maintain that term as a condition of settlement. We do however, maintain open lines of communication between the City and ourselves and will continue to do so, as we pursue the development of the project. Obviously, the North Core will stay within the City of Greenbelt corporate limits and you will derive a great deal of benefits, in terms of the tax generation and perhaps, more importantly the benefits of a premier mixed-use transit oriented development within the City limits. This is a project that has regional implications and benefits and I think that the City should be as pleased as we are to have such a project in its midst.

Other aspects of the settlement agreement, notably site plan and landscaping approval, also were of concern to the County who still maintains zoning and subdivision authority and it may have been difficult to satisfy the goals of your municipality as well as the County, which has to look at the greater good of the County and the region. In sum, we apologize for the fact that we could not come to an agreement at the meeting on Monday, April 26, 2004. However, we are hopeful that such an accommodation can occur in the future. Please do not hesitate to contact me for any clarification of the above, or if you wish to meet to discuss any other issue.

Sincerely,  
Norman D. Rivera

**PET EXPO**

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to provide pet licenses and the county Health Department will hold a rabies clinic. The Roxie Fund will also be doing micro-chip identification.

Linda Siadys will take photographs of pets with and without their owners (owner's preference) and a licensed groomer will be doing nail trimming. Crunchies (a health food pet store) will offer free samples of natural foods. Karing by Kristina, a reputable pet sitting service and Pets on Wheels will also on hand.

There will be numerous rescue groups including Alley Cat Rescue, the Partnership for Animal Welfare, Greyhound Pets of America/Maryland, House Rabbit Society, the Mid-Atlantic German Shepherd Rescue, the Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue, the Mid-Atlantic Turtle and Tortoise Society, Parrot Rescue, Reptile Wonders, Rocky's Ferret Rescue and Small Angels Rescue.

Other animal organizations that will be represented at the Expo are Compassion Over Killing, the Perseus Foundation and The Fund for Animals.

Kids' entertainment will include a caricature artist, face painting and a moon bounce. The New Deal Café is providing the food and Donny Gloves will provide the musical entertainment.



# City Information

**CITY COUNCIL**  
**Reception for ACE Students, 7:30pm**  
**Regular Meeting, 8:00pm,**  
**Municipal Building, Council Room,**  
**Monday, May 10, 2004**

**COMMUNICATIONS**  
**Presentations**  
 -ACE Student Awards  
 -Legislative Wrap-Up-22nd Legislative District  
 -Public Works Week-Proclamation  
 -Police Week-Proclamation

**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**  
 A Resolution to Repeal Resolution 960 and to Establish Admission Fees and Pass Rates for the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center, Effective May 29, 2004 (1st Reading)

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- Proposed County Legislation on Woodland Conservation and Tree Preservation
- Plan for Greenbelt Postal Facility
- MML Action Request-2005 Statewide Initiatives
- \*Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT) Board of Trustees Ballot

**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](mailto:kgallagher@ci.greenbelt.md.us) to reach the City Clerk.

**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.*

**MEETINGS FOR MAY 10-15**

**Monday, May 10, 7:00pm, Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee, at Community Center.**

**Monday, May 10, 7:30pm, Reception for ACE Students, at Municipal Building**

**Monday, May 10, 8:00pm, REGULAR MEETING/ ACE STUDENT AWARDS, at Municipal Building** (live on Channel 71).

**Wednesday, May 12, 7:30pm, BUDGET WORK SESSION re: Public Safety/City Manager's Quarterly Update, at Community Center**

**Thursday, May 13, 7:00pm, Advisory Committee on Trees, Community Center.** All interested persons are invited to attend. For info, call 301-74-8004.

**DONATION DROP-OFF**

**Saturday, May 8th**  
**9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**  
**Parking lot between the City Office and the Community Center**

*The American Rescue Workers accepts donations of usable Household Goods (clothing, furniture, small appliances, curtains, towels, bedding, books, puzzles and toys.)*

For further information contact the City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8303.

**GREENBELT PET EXPO**

**SATURDAY, MAY 8**  
**10am-4pm**  
**Greenbelt Community Center**  
 Rain or Shine

Bring your family, friends and especially your pet to this informative and entertaining event. There will be demonstrations, information, activities for the kids, food, entertainment and a whole lot more! Info: 301-345-5417

Activities will include: PG County Rabies Clinic, Micro Chip Identification by Roxie Fund, Informational Booths, Dr. Michael Fox, the "Animal Doctor" for the Washington Post, Positive Reinforcement Training with Ruth Chase of the Coventry School, Agility Demonstration, Animal Communicator Gina Wilson, Greenbelt Police K-9 Demonstration, Animal Massage and Acupuncture, Pet Photography, Freestyle Dog Dancing, Entertainment by Donny Gloves, Food by the New Deal Cafe, Caricature Artist, Moon Bounce, Face Painting, Animal Rescue Groups and so much more.

**BRING YOURSELF, BRING YOUR FAMILY AND BRING YOUR PET!**

**SKATEBOARDING UPDATE**

The Greenbelt Skate Park will soon be in the design phase. Please check the News Review for any upcoming design meetings. Skaters input will be requested.

The temporary skate park on Lakecrest Drive is now open. The hours are Saturday and Sunday from 1-5pm and weekdays from 4-7pm.

Please be advised that the City will strictly enforce violations to Greenbelt City Code 12-49. This is a fine of \$50 for first offense, \$100 for the second offense and up to \$250 for additional offenses. Skateboarding is not allowed on any other tennis courts, Roosevelt Center or any other undesignated areas.

**YOUR COOPERATION IS APPRECIATED!**  
 Info: 240-542-2191

**PLANT SALE**  
**MAY 15, 2004**  
**9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

The City Horticulture Crew will hold its annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 15, 2004 on the front lawn at the Community Center from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon. Some of the plants available for purchase will be tomatoes, peppers, coleus, Yubi portulaca, Lantana, petunias, impatiens and New Guinea impatiens, ageratum, begonias, salvia, vinca, fox glove, carnations, zinnias, reblooming iris and Siberian iris, plus miscellaneous surplus shrubs and trees. Come early for the best selection.

**WORK WITH THE CITY TO BUILD A SKATE PARK THAT WILL MEET YOUR NEEDS! 240-542-2191**

**GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71**

**MUNICIPAL ACCESS 301-474-8000: Monday, May 10 at 8pm: Regular Council Meeting (live) Tuesday & Thursday, May 11 & 13: 10 & 6pm "Ask the Experts" 7:30pm "ACE Reading Club Literary Workshop" 8:15pm "ACE Reading Club at Springhill Lake" 8:30pm "Replay Council Meeting/ACE Student Awards"**

**PUBLICACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Tuesday & Friday, May 12 & 14: 7pm "Future View" 7:30pm "The Mill and other Selected Short Films" 8:30pm Greenbelt Arts Center presents "Betty the Yeti"**

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and can be designed in many configurations. The postal service provides training and publicizes the location to notify customers. Haney also mentioned benefits to customers since the CPU can be open additional hours beyond the traditional postal service schedule.

Reaction was positive from the audience. Sheldon Goldberg, Greenbelt East Advisory Committee, said having a full-service, top of the line facility in Greenbelt East, a fast-growing part of the city and a retail operation under contract in Roosevelt Center seemed a win/win solution.

Sylvia Lewis said the CPU concept was somewhat like the "candy store post offices" she remembered fondly from England. She asked if local delivery would be as fast from the CPU and Haney said yes, that the postal service would pick up at the CPU on a regular schedule and Greenbelt deliveries would still be fast-tracked.

Haney mentioned the high quality of service provided by the Greenbelt post office employees and that it was a model facility in that light – but that the building was getting old.

Councilmember Leta Mach wanted to know about the cost to a business for a CPU. Haney said there were staff costs, the cost of installation and a surety bond to protect the business and customers. The CPU is provided by the postal service, which provides a great deal of assistance, Haney explained, in getting started.

He said that there were almost 4,600 CPUs in operation, not only in the United States but in other countries. He made these comments in response to some concern about quickly finding an appropriate business with a serious interest in the CPU.

Mayor Judith Davis wanted to know about the timetable for making this decision and building the new post office. Haney said that he was eager to reach a decision and begin construction, which could start in four months and be completed by the summer. Davis wanted to allow for more public comment and reaction. She scheduled this topic for further discussion and a final decision at the May 10 city council meeting.

### Voter Verification

In response to a request from Ruth Kastner that council support action to require a paper trail to verify voting by the time of the next election, council opted to indicate its support for some type of verification but not to urge implementation in time for the November elections.

## Youth Employment Program Initiated

Applications for the 2004 Summer Youth Employment Program are now available. The program is hosted by Prince George's County for residents for a paid six-week summer job experience.

"This program provides great exposure to both our public and private sectors for our young people," according to County Councilmember Douglas J.J. Peters, who represents Greenbelt. "I hope all the eligible youths of County Council District 4 will take advantage of this opportunity," he concluded.

The goal of the county's youth employment program is to provide an opportunity for a structured, supervised and quality work experience that builds skills and assists in career decision-making that may

Councilmember Rodney Roberts spoke in support of verification. In response to the comment that this could cost more, he said, "It's a priceless thing to have an honest election."

Others raised concerns about the impact of a paper trail on voting by those visually impaired and still others thought that a hastily adopted system could generate more problems. A compromise was reached to go on record in support but to allow more time to develop a good approach.

### School Funding

Council approved a Memorandum of Understanding to be established with the School Board in regard to school attendance and funding of Eleanor Roosevelt and Duval High Schools. The school board has decided to shift funds intended for Eleanor Roosevelt to Duval in light of anticipated growth at Duval and intentions to reduce student enrollment at ERHS from 2,800 to 2,200 to 2,400 students. Greenbelt's Advisory Committee on Education recommended a Memorandum of Understanding to ensure that school attendance boundaries would be drawn so that Greenbelt children would attend Greenbelt schools, both now and in the future.

The city then agreed to support the classroom additions at Duval in light of projected demographic trends. The memorandum also guarantees that there will be no changes in the special programs offered at Eleanor Roosevelt and called for a reduction in the existing student-teacher ratio along with the reduction in overall attendance. Council added one more stipulation, that if Greenbelt student population grows, new classrooms rather than temporary classrooms would be added at Roosevelt.

### Health Savings Plan

Council had a favorable reaction to the first presentation of information about a health savings plan for retirees offered by the city's deferred compensation provider, the International City/County Management Association Retirement Corporation. As proposed, the plan would allow for employees to save for health care costs after their retirement by directing that a portion of the monies already contributed to the deferred compensation plan be put to this use. They could also contribute their own funds. After council approved the concept, City Manager Michael McLaughlin said staff would come back with a detailed plan for final approval.

provide future employment. Selected participants are eligible to participate in one of three categories of work experience: public, government and private sectors.

To be eligible, applicants must be residents of the county between the ages of 14 and 21 years and be in good standing with their school. An applicant must provide verification of age, citizenship, residency, family income and student status if called for an interview. The deadline for submission of applications is May 14.

Applications can be obtained from the councilmember's office at 301-952-3094 or from the county high schools and libraries. For information on the Summer Youth Employment Program, contact 301-583-2045 or 2003.

## St. Hugh's Family Fishing Tournament

by Austin Conaty

On Saturday, April 17, the St. Hugh Council of the Knights of Columbus sponsored the Third Annual Knights of Columbus Family Fishing Tournament. The first sunny and pleasant Saturday in many weeks turned out to be the perfect setting for the young anglers at Buddy Attick Park's Greenbelt Lake. Once again, Chuck Hatcher gave pointers and instructed the young fishermen in baiting and casting.

The youngsters, from age four to 10, were a mix of last year's participants and first-timers. Edward and Anna Brennan were welcomed to their first year at the tournament. All of the participants were accompanied by at least one parent.

Robert and Mark Bailey were the first two to catch those evasive bluegills. Mark and Robert were both awarded prizes for their efforts. Last year's champion, Haley Hilliard, proved once again to the competition that she knows how to reel them in. Without a catch for most of the morning, Haley finished the tournament in a flurry of fishing expertise as she caught five bluegills in the final half hour of the tournament. The champion came out on top and, for the second year in a row, brought home the trophy.



PHOTO BY AGNES CONATY

**Left to right: standing – Austin Conaty, Chuck Hatcher, Larry Hilliard, Christine Bailey and Charles Bailey held by Sean Bailey. Seated on the bench – Thomas Bailey, Robert Bailey, Haley Hilliard and Edward Brennan. The families are ready for food, drink and awards after a morning at the Knights of Columbus Family Fishing Tournament.**

All of the fish were quickly measured and then carefully returned to their home in the lake. Each participant received a certificate of participation and enjoyed snacks and drinks after a morning of fishing.

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more than 1.6 million members of the Knights of Columbus in nearly 12,000 councils in the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Philippines and several other nations.



PHOTOS BY AUSTIN CONATY

**Parents instruct on casting and reeling methods. Left to right Robert Bailey, Chuck Hatcher, Edward Brennan, Mark Bailey, Sean Bailey and Larry Hilliard.**



**Haley Hilliard with her champion fish.**

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**Assault**

9100 block Edmonston Road, April 24, 12:46 p.m., a nonresident man was arrested and charged with attempted first degree assault and attempted second degree assault when police responded to a report of a violent domestic dispute in an apartment. The man answered the door, let the police come in to talk to him and then ran to the back bedroom of the apartment. The officers followed him and grabbed him as he attempted to pick up a loaded .38 caliber handgun. The suspect was arrested and released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Beltway Plaza Mall, April 25, 4:32 p.m., two nonresident men were arrested and charged with assault, theft and possession of burglary tools. An off-duty police officer observed two men attempting to steal the headlight assembly from a parked vehicle in the rear parking lot of the mall. The officer attempted to apprehend the men, who got into a vehicle and struck him as they were fleeing the scene. Their vehicle was located by responding police and they were apprehended after the vehicle was involved in an accident on Kenilworth Avenue and I-95. Both suspects were released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner. The officer was slightly injured during the incident.

**Attempted Carjacking**

Beltway Plaza Mall, April 23, 3:40 a.m., police responded to the parking lot of the mall for a report of a fight. Investigation revealed that a man attempted to steal merchandise from the Giant Supermarket. The theft was prevented by a store security officer, who then chased the man on foot out of the store, joined by Beltway Plaza security officers. The suspect then assaulted a man in an attempt to take his vehicle. After he was unable to take the car, the suspect fled the scene on foot, eventually running to Greenbelt Park. The area was checked by both a United States Park Police helicopter and Greenbelt K-9. The suspect, who was described as a black male, 26 to 27 years of age, 170 pounds with a medium to dark complexion, wearing a navy blue shirt, tan pants and a blue baseball hat, was not located. A second man, believed to have been involved in the incident, was observed running across the 6000 block of Greenbelt Road and driving away in a vehicle described as an older style Nissan Sentra bearing stolen

# POLICE BLOTTER

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

Maryland tags HNR597.

**Robbery**

6000 block Springhill Drive, April 28, 4:40 p.m., the victim reported that he was riding his bicycle when he was approached by two youths, who ordered him off of his bicycle. They began assaulting him when he refused. One of the suspects displayed a pocket knife during the assault. They fled the scene when other youths came to the victim's aid. The suspects are described as two black males, 11 to 13 years of age, 4'11" with black hair and brown eyes. One of the suspects was wearing a red "Old Navy" T-shirt.

Beltway Plaza Mall, April 30, 12:01 a.m., a man reported he was sitting in the passenger seat of a vehicle, with the engine running and the driver's door unlocked, while the driver was returning a videotape. A man opened the driver's door, entered the vehicle and produced a handgun. He ordered the passenger out of the vehicle and fled the scene in the victim's vehicle. The owner of the stolen vehicle flagged down another car, got in and attempted to locate the suspect while calling 911. The owner observed her vehicle being driven in the Takoma Park area, where the Takoma Park Police and the Maryland State Police caught up to it. It was involved in an accident and two possible adult suspects were located, one who was in possession of a BB-type handgun. A third possible suspect, a juvenile, was also detained in the area. Investigation is continuing.

**Concealed Weapon**

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, April 26, 9:46 a.m., a nonresident youth was arrested for concealed deadly weapon on school grounds. A report was received that a student was in possession of a knife at the school. Investigation revealed that the youth had a folding knife in her purse. She was released to a relative pending action by the School Board and the Juvenile Justice System.

**Drugs**

Kenilworth Avenue and I-95, April 26, 6:23 a.m., a nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana and two counts of possession of paraphernalia as a result of the

investigation of a personal injury accident. The man was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

6000 block Cherrywood Lane, April 29, 2:05 p.m., a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia. Police stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation and investigation revealed that the driver had no license. He was found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana. The suspect was released on citation pending trial.

**Theft**

Greenbelt Road and Kenilworth Avenue, April 24, a resident and a nonresident youth were arrested for two counts of theft, malicious destruction and unauthorized use. As police stopped a vehicle for an equipment violation, all three occupants exited the vehicle and attempted to flee the scene on foot. Investigation revealed that the vehicle, a 1995 Dodge Neon, had recently been stolen from the 6000 block of Springhill Drive. Two of the youths were apprehended after a foot chase. A third suspect got away, but a BB-type gun, dropped while the suspect was fleeing the scene, was recovered. The youths were released to parents pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

**Burglary**

100 block Westway, April 25, 6:40 p.m., unknown person(s) entered the residence possibly by way of an unlocked sliding glass door. A computer storage bag, keys and credit cards were taken.

7600 block Mandan Road, April 25, 9:12 p.m., unknown person(s) attempted to enter a residence by tampering with the front door handle. Entry was not gained.

7700 block Greenbelt Road, April 26, 8:08 a.m., commercial burglary.

400 block Ridge Road, April 26, 10:23 a.m., unknown person(s) used unknown means to enter the residence. A CD player and rechargeable batteries were taken.

6300 block Ivy Lane, April 28, 12:36 p.m., commercial burglary.

**School Disruption**

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, April 27, 9:35 a.m., a resident man was arrested and charged with disruption of school

activities and a resident youth was arrested for disruption of school activities and disorderly intoxication. They were observed by a school resource officer and appeared to be intoxicated, inside a parked vehicle in the parking lot of the school. The youth was released to a parent pending action by the School Board and the Juvenile Justice System. The adult was released on citation pending trial.

**Vehicle Crimes**


The following vehicles were stolen: a silver 1999 Ford Escort 4-door, Maryland tags JXL383, April 21, from Springhill Court and Edmonston Terrace; a black 1991 Acura Legend 2-door, Maryland tags 2CP623, April 22, from the 8100 block Lakecrest Drive; a 1995 Honda Accord 2-door, April 23, from the 6900 block Hanover Parkway, recovered April 28 by the Baltimore City Police, no arrests; a silver 2003 Chevrolet Suburban, Maryland tags 190M071, April 24, from the 7500 block Mandan Road; a 1993 Chrysler Concorde 4-door, April 24, from Beltway Plaza Mall, recovered April 26 by the Metropolitan Police, no arrests; a white 1991 Toyota Camry 4-door,

Maryland tags LLG434, April 24, from Beltway Plaza Mall; a 1994 Mazda Protégé 4-door, April 25, from the 100 block Westway, recovered the same day by the Prince George's County Police, no arrests; a brown 1990 Mazda 626 4-door, Maryland tags MEY307, April 26, from the 6100 block Breezewood Court; a black 1992 Honda Accord 4-door, Maryland tags SVX863, April 26, from the 7600 block Hanover Parkway; a white 1994 Acura Integra 4-door, Pennsylvania tags DNV0139, April 27, from the 6400 block Ivy Lane; a 1992 Honda Accord 4-door, April 29, from the 6600 block Springcrest Drive, recovered the same day by the Prince George's County Police, no arrests; and a brown 2003 Ford Excursion, Virginia tags JCE5532, April 29, from the 6400 block Ivy Lane.

Six stolen vehicles were recovered, four by Greenbelt police and two by other police departments. No arrests were made in any of the recoveries.

Thefts from vehicles, attempted thefts from vehicles or vandalisms to vehicles were reported in the following areas: Beltway Plaza Mall (3 incidents), 6200 block Springhill Court (2 incidents), 6100 block Breezewood Court, 7800 block Walker Drive, 23 court Ridge Road, 8100 block Mandan Terrace and 7700 Greenbrook Drive.

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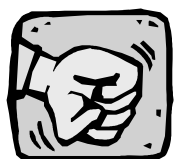
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# "Things That Fly" Mural Project for an Artful Afternoon

by Agnes Conaty

The chilly weather did not stop me from attending the Artful Afternoon at the Greenbelt Community Center on April 4. I came in with the early batch of participants who molded clay with the theme "Things That Fly" to be part of a mural which Artist-in-Residence Marla McLean hoped would be ready this summer. She told me we might see our mural pieces on a wall somewhere on the third floor of the Greenbelt Community Center.

I was thrilled with the theme of flying objects since I work at the College Park Aviation Museum. I made two planes, two birds and a butterfly. Others made a dragonfly, a kite, a flying truck, among others. The clay workshop was not new to me. In February I attended the Artful Afternoon where we created candle holders out of clay. We used basically the same techniques to do our mural pieces.

We cut a slab of clay with a



Artist-in-Residence Marla McLean shows artists young and old how to create flying objects out of clay.

thin wire. From that slab we took a small piece to shape out the flying object we had in mind. We used tools such as a rolling pin, a stamper, a pointed stick. We joined parts together using a

soda ash solution. Marla and Pam, another clay artist-in-residence who helped out, made sure that our pieces were neither too thin nor too thick for mural purposes. They also loaned out

some books on flying objects to give us some ideas on what to make.

When we were done with the clay molding we painted our pieces and allowed them to dry before they were glazed.

I was pleased to see several waves of people young and old who came for the workshop. When I was done with my clay projects I went down to the first floor to re-visit the Faculty Exhibition at the Art Gallery. There was a group of youngsters who gathered together to do the "i spy" contest related to the exhibit. I noticed that some of the art works I had seen a month ago at the exhibit were no longer around since the majority of the pieces were for sale.

I left the comfort of the heated center for the cold outside with warm thoughts running in my head. The Artful Afternoons had inspired me to dream of becoming one of the center's artists-in-residence and to come up with my own art exhibit some day.



Clay artists focus on making mural pieces that "fly."



Agnes Conaty paints her flying pieces: two airplanes, two birds and a butterfly.

## St. Petersburg Via Slide Presentation

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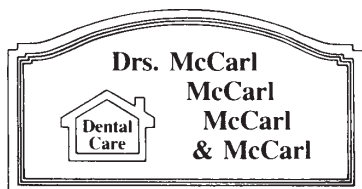
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### May Plant Sale

The Beltsville Garden Club will sponsor their second plant sale of the season on Saturday, May 15, at High Point High School, 3602 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville. Quality perennials, annuals, shrubs and trees will be sold at reasonable prices. The plant sale is from 8 a.m. until noon and will be held rain or shine. For more information call Geoff White at 301-937-1539 or visit the club's website at <http://www.beltsvillegardenclub.org>.

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sibilities for daily maintenance of facilities. During that 45-year period, the square footage for Greenbelt city-owned facilities has increased from 17,500 sq. ft. to 211,600 sq. ft. An additional 5,500+ sq. ft. is expected to come on line next year.

The memo also notes that "the age of some of our buildings and the growing complexity of some of our newer buildings is placing increasing burdens on staff time and capabilities." It is likely that council will address this unfunded request along with those from other departments at its final budget worksession, scheduled for May 17.

### Public Works

FY04 highlights for the public works crews included: construction of the new pedestrian bridge linking Greenbrook to Schrom Hills Park; work on the new traffic circle at the entrance to the Hunting Ridge community, where public works crews saved over \$20,000 for the project; landscape improvements adjacent to the municipal parking lot; and the recently constructed patio area on the west side of the Municipal Building.

Phelan noted that the horticultural crews produced over 9,000 flowering plants this year for a savings of \$4,500. In addition, the city's efforts at recycling downed trees have provided over 1,000 board feet of good-grade lumber to citizens for a nominal price.

Clemens provided council with the latest developments on the planned renovations and expansion of the public works facility, noting that "we are coming down the homestretch" on finalizing plans for this innovative project. She expects the final site plan and other approvals by the park and planning commission to be completed soon and the project going out for bid mid to late May. The bid process should take about two months and if all goes well groundbreaking could be in July.

The city has obtained a \$100,000 grant for the building's designed environmental elements. Among other features, it will use approximately 90 percent recycled water, utilize a great deal of passive lighting, use recycled materials in construction and use other "low impact" development features.

### Playgrounds

Phelan told council that by the end of July, 21 of the city's 31 playgrounds would be upgraded. Of the remaining sites, three are GHI-owned and seven are city-owned. Because there are ongoing discussions and consideration of an overall city plan and policy for playgrounds, no GHI playgrounds will be included in the FY05 planned upgrades. Upgrades for six playgrounds are planned for the new fiscal year with \$37,500 included in the capital projects fund for the work.

In contrast, staff is recommending elimination of the Greenbriar Park, which is located on the south side of Hanover Parkway adjacent to Greenwood Village and Eleanor Roosevelt High School because of its poor location and lack of use by children. The park equipment will be transferred to a playground on Breezewood Drive. Staff will work with the Greenbriar community on a design for any new facility for

the park.

### Tree Policy

Phelan also described the department's efforts at maintaining Greenbelt's "Urban Forest" (mainly streetscape trees). Working with the city's Advisory Committee on Trees, the city has begun a program of filling in where street trees are missing and reducing the loss of mature trees, by such measures as bolting Bradford pear tree limbs to give them better strength in storms and aerating soils at tree bases.

Another "green initiative" of the city is the use of alternative fuels for city vehicles. Cindy Murray, the city's recycling coordinator, briefed council on the program which now includes five vehicles using compressed natural gas (CNG) and 40 vehicles using biodiesel, a mixture of regular diesel fuel and 20 percent soy oil.

Last year the city obtained a State of Maryland Energy Administration grant to construct and install a CNG fast fueling facility. This facility is now in a test mode. When fully operational, it will provide for more efficient filling for the city's CNG vehicles and those of other government agencies or the public.

Although the city made a switch to biodiesel for environmental (clean air) reasons, biodiesel fuel is more expensive than standard diesel fuel. Staff is conducting emission and other tests to evaluate whether that use should be continued, especially if fuel costs continue to rise.

### Waste Pick-up

Murray also discussed with council the proposed change in Greenbelt's yard waste pick-up program. Currently the city is collecting loose leaves and yard waste from several sectors of the city and transporting them to the compost facility at Northway Field. Approximately 600 cubic yards of mulch are processed annually and used for landscaping projects. It is also made available to the public free of charge.

On the other hand, city crews collect nearly 300 tons of leaves and yard waste in plastic bags annually, which has to be transported to the Prince George's County Western Branch Composting Facility in Upper Marlboro, costing approximately \$7,000 in disposal fees and

\$2,300 in transportation costs every year.

The plastic bagged material cannot be processed at the Northway Fields because the bags do not decompose and the cost to de-bag it is prohibitive. For this reason, staff proposed requiring residents to use paper bags for bagged leaves and yard waste pick-up beginning in March, 2005.

Residents would be required to use either paper yard bags or plastic bins for leaf and yard waste collection. Paper bags can be processed along with the yard waste at the Northway Field facility. If accepted, this proposal would have only a small budgetary impact - reduced expenses saved from shipping to Western Branch but some offsetting expenses for promotion of the new system and a one-time purchase of 10,000 paper bags to get the program started.

The proposal envisions that residents would purchase their own bags or a plastic bin or receptacle for the collections. Through a series of informational flyers and weekly ads later this year, public works would start encouraging residents to begin using paper or plastic bin receptacles. Additionally, paper yard bags will be given away free to residents at city events. In 2005, the bags will then go on sale.

Since GHI residents do not enjoy the benefits of the leaf vacuum service, staff has recommended that they continue to receive 10 paper yard bags per year. After March 1, 2005, plastic bags containing leaves and yard waste will be tagged and not collected. The tags will inform residents to put the leaves and yard waste either in paper bags or a yard waste bin.

This proposal received considerable discussion. City Manager Michael McLaughlin noted that it might be "painful when a resident gets [improperly] bagged yard waste turned down." Councilmember Leta Mach opined that the proposal is "a good idea and [there] could be additional savings in the future."

### Bulk Trash

Another waste disposal change under study is the bulk trash pick-up policy. Staff is hoping to provide for allowance of an extra fee for the pick-up of abnormally large special trash

collections. There have been times when nearly the entire contents of a house were put out for pick-up. Another case involved the pick-up of certain items such as construction debris that require an extra disposal fee or are not suitable for disposal at the county landfill. Staff is considering a change that would allow the levy of a "time and disposal expense fee" for such pick-ups or recommend that the resident make other arrangements for such materials.

Regarding the regular one-day-a-week trash pick-up, staff is considering possible changes to the city's code that would require that 32-gallon closed trash receptacles be placed either at the street side or beside an accessible path on the day of pick-up. The rationale for the change is that refuse workers are sometimes required to maneuver through obstacles or dangerous circumstances in order to reach the receptacles.

Finally, the city's waste disposal budget for FY05 includes a proposed increase in the refuse fee of \$1.50 per quarter or \$6 per year. Also proposed is raising the recycling-only fee \$3 per year to \$23. The last time the fees were raised was 2001.

### Problems

Other items discussed included the possibility that the city might have to pull back on some of its traditional landscaping improvements for lack of manpower to cover the growing commitments. In this context, it was noted that another unfunded item was a request for \$15,000 to take up some of the slack here by using contractors.

Councilmember Konrad Herling raised the issue of adequate capitalization for the Replacement Fund. In response, Hall noted the aging of the public works vehicle fleet. "We have been making it work," he said, "by deferring purchases longer."

In wrapping up the work session, Mayor Judith Davis expressed appreciation to the public works management and asked

that they convey council's appreciation to the department's supervisors and crews for the "exceedingly hard work that the department does for Greenbelt citizens," continuing to provide practically everything that everyone requests, "even though you are stretched thin."

## Early Bird Special At Patuxent Refuge

The Patuxent Research Refuge in Laurel, invites visitors to enjoy the National Wildlife Refuge System a little earlier this May.

On Saturday and Sunday, May 15 and 16, Patuxent will have an "Early Bird Special." The North Tract of the Refuge will open at 6:30 a.m. for birding, hiking, biking, fishing, wildlife observation and other recreational uses. No pre-registration is required but visitors must check in at the Visitor Contact Station and receive an access permit.

The entrance to Patuxent Research Refuge's North Tract is located off of Rt. 198, between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 32. For more information call the North Tract at 410-674-4625.

## Ensemble Presents All-Brahms Concert

Voices XXI, conducted by music director Jesse Parker, will be joined by organist John Romagna for its season finale concert, an all-Brahms program on May 15. The concert will include motets, choral lieder and will feature the Washington, D.C. area premiere of "Missa Canonica" by Johannes Brahms.

The performance will be held at Riverdale Presbyterian Church, 6513 Queens Chapel Rd., University Park, on Saturday, May 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Admission is free; donations will be accepted at the door. For more information, contact 240-643-6563 or by email write to Voicesxxi@aol.com.





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