

## Challenging Hurdles Lie Ahead For the Intercounty Connector

by Thomas X. White

The public comment period on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Intercounty Connector (ICC) was officially over February 25. The Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) now have some hard work ahead of them if they expect to maintain the accelerated schedule for review of public and agency comments, submit a decision on a chosen build alternative by June, 2005, line up all of the elements of an approved funding strategy in the current session of the Maryland General Assembly and break ground (as Governor Ehrlich hopes) in the fall of 2006.

Since the comment period on the DEIS closed, several events have taken the focus on the controversial highway to a new playing level. The ultimate selection of the actual route of the highway and how it is to be funded are being challenged. Those challenges may represent significant hurdles for the Ehrlich administration to overcome in order to get to actual construction.

Based on approximate information from SHA, over 3,000 public comments were submitted on the DEIS by the closing date. These included five hundred comment cards; 350 emails; 1,400 comments submitted to the website and about 1,000 letters. These numbers do not include comments by other government agencies and are in addition to public comments provided in testimony at the four January public hearings. All comments will become part of the final EIS and SHA has indicated that those individuals noting a particular issue regarding the ICC proposal will receive a response from the agency and that all issues raised

in comments will be covered in the EIS.

### EPA Comments

In another development, Donald S. Welsh, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region Three administrator, released that agency's comments on the DEIS. Noting that the current DEIS is part of the third process for the ICC (previous DEISs were submitted in 1983 and in 1997), EPA commented "... EPA has maintained concern about the project, particularly the 'Master Plan' alignment (Corridor 1 in the current study), ... which crosses Montgomery County's highly valued stream valley park system. The first study did not adequately identify alternatives to the preferred alignment (then labeled Alternative G in 1983). The 1997 study, which analysed five alternatives, was halted in 1999 by (then) Maryland Governor Glendening, due to detrimental environmental impacts." Under EPA's system for rating EISs they maintained the concern over Corridor 1 by rating it as Environmental Objections. "This rating is due to the direct, indirect and cumulative impacts of this highway alignment on water quality, stream habitat (particularly the reproducing trout stream in the Paint Branch watershed), high quality wetland resources, terrestrial resources of the parkland and impacts to residential communities."

Regarding Corridor 2 (the northern alignment), EPA noted that it avoids the preserved resources and habitats of the majority of parkland but has significant remaining environmental and community impacts. However, EPA feels that it is more likely that the function of Corridor 2 resources can be replaced and possibly improved, when

compared to the protected parkland of Corridor 1. Because of the very strong public concern regarding protection of the very large drinking water supply reservoir, located approximately one mile from the proposed Corridor 2 alignment, EPA is requesting that additional risk evaluation and risk minimization measures be incorporated into the analysis of this alignment. Thus, for Corridor 2, the EPA finds that, "Because of the unavoidable direct, secondary and cumulative impacts to streams, wetlands, floodplains, forests and community and historic resources, the environmental impacts associated with Corridor 2 are rated as Environmental Concerns."

### No Build

While recognizing that the No Build alternative will not satisfy the purpose and need of the study, in its technical comments, EPA noted that, "avoidance of environmental impacts of a roadway can only be achieved with a no build; therefore the (No Build) alternate is given a Lack of Objections rating." Further, recognizing the great volume of public testimony supporting and opposing the highway, the comments stated, "There is substance to the argument that neither build alternative will significantly relieve traffic on local roads, the expected time savings (especially for shorter trips) is low and the projected cost of building the highway is high. There is substance to the argument that induced travel is a result of new highways. Real improvement in traffic congestion

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## Council Visits Pre-election Voting Methodologies

by Diane Oberg

The nature of future city and state elections could be affected by two items from the Greenbelt City Council's agenda at the February 28 regular meeting. The first, a report from the city's Board of Elections, recommended that the city implement a vote-by-mail process for city elections and increase the visibility of city elections as well by easing limits on electioneering and political signage. Later in the meeting, council voted to support state legislation requiring use of voting systems that produce a "voter-verified paper audit trail."

### City Elections

In response to a January 10 referral from a previous council meeting, the elections board considered whether to recommend an early voting pilot program or a process of voting by mail for city elections to increase voter turnout. Council accepted the board's report to be discussed at the March 14 regular council meeting.

The board commended council's desire to make voting easier and increase turnout but concluded that early voting raises too many problems (such as ballot security, cost and availability of election personnel and

polling places) to be used this year. They also concluded that the city should continue to have identical election procedures at each polling place, rejecting the idea of a single precinct pilot.

Members also concluded that significant changes to the city charter and code were likely to be required for any significant changes to the election process.

The board was more receptive to the idea of voting by mail, which they likened to an "add on" to the existing absentee voting procedure. The one concern of the board with this proposal was whether it would continue to be feasible to count ballots manually or if the city would have to contract for optical scanning equipment. While security issues have been raised with regard to voting by mail, the board noted that Oregon now votes exclusively by mail.

Some of the city's election-turnout problems, the board felt, may have been created by earlier city reforms. In 1991 council banned electioneering within 300 feet of polling places during municipal elections. In recent elections the candidates

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## Spring Completion Expected In Hanover Parkway Changes

by Diane Oberg

Flowers won't be the only things popping up on streets in Greenbelt East this spring. New traffic calming devices will also be planted in the coming few months following council's approval of a final plan at its February 28 regular meeting.

A few features have been pruned since the plan's last presentation to council in September: Hanover Parkway will not lose a traffic lane near Roosevelt High School, a roundabout will not be installed on Megan Lane and speed humps will not be installed on Hanover Parkway unless other measures in the plan do not sufficiently slow traffic. Director of Planning and Community Development Celia Craze said that construction will start in late spring and should be complete by July 1.

The plan has also been modified since September to provide for a continuous sidewalk on the west side of Hanover Parkway between the Schrom Hills and Hunting Ridge roundabouts and to show a sidewalk link between the Schrom Hills roundabout and Greenspring II.

One change requested has not been incorporated. Fred Gasper had asked for dedicated bicycle lanes in the roundabouts. However, Craze said that the national

standard for roundabouts recommends that bike lanes be discontinued prior to roundabouts as the added width reduces the roundabouts' effectiveness in reducing motorists' speeds. (It is doubtful, however, that many bicyclists would follow the Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center's recommendation that they dismount and walk their bikes through the roundabout.)

Craze and her staff also examined the suggestion that an off-road bike lane be constructed in this area but found that such a lane would create bicycle-pedestrian conflicts, putting pedestrians at risk. Thus, the plan was left unchanged. Bicyclists will need to merge with vehicular traffic at the roundabouts. The proposed roundabout on Megan Lane was deleted from the plan in response to opposition from the Greenspring Homeowners Association.

### Advice

Police, fire and county public works officials were consulted regarding the proposed speed humps on Hanover Parkway. The police had no objections. The county Department of Public Works and Transportation advised that they will not install

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## Metropark Reconsideration Goes before Planning Board

The request for reconsideration by Greenbelt Metropark, LLC, Greenbelt Station developers, of the approval of the conceptual site plan and preliminary plan of subdivision will come before the Prince George's Planning Board at its March 17 meeting.

After holding an interactive design review public meeting about its plans at the Greenbelt Community Center Wednesday night, the next step is the formal request to the Planning Board to rectify the error that caused the courts to reverse the approvals.

At the March 17 Planning Board meeting, scheduled for 9 a.m., the board is expected to decide either to reconsider the approvals or not do so - possibly by a simple motion, or lack thereof, with little debate. If the board votes to reconsider, then it will schedule the matter on a future agenda to consider the merits of the reconsideration proposed by the developer. If it does not reconsider, then the developers will have to begin again with the Planning Board by submitting a conceptual site plan for the full plan-review process.

### What Goes On

#### Saturday, March 12

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

#### Monday, March 14

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

7:30 p.m., Greenbelt City Council presents ACE Educator awards, followed by

8 p.m., Regular City Council meeting, Municipal Building, Council Room

#### Wednesday, March 15

8 p.m., Council Worksession re: Preliminary Budget Discussion - City Manager, Community Center

#### Friday, March 18

1 to 3 p.m., Greenbelt Senior Center presents "A Touch of Sinatra" and ice cream social, Community Center

# Letters

## THANKS

Thank you for the article, "Greenbelt Skater Enjoyed Long Island Performance," in the February 24 issue about Alice Murphy and the announcement about our local competition. It was really a nice boost to the team to have the publicity and there was standing room only when the team performed "Oklahoma!" We came in first again!

We will represent our rink next at Richmond in April at the District skating competition competing against teams from the entire mid-Atlantic region.

Thanks again to the News Review staff for your ongoing hard work.

Susy Murphy

## New Group Learns How to Listen

by Neil McFarb

The Greenbelt Dialogue Group held its first meeting on February 21 at the Community Center. The meeting, called "Presidents Day Dialogue for Non-Presidents," was designed to introduce the dialogue method developed by David Bohm. In this process participants sit in a circle and "explore" a topic, no goal is required and the objective is not to convince others of one's point of view, but to listen to others and learn about one's own biases.

The topic for this meeting was "I'm not the President, how can I achieve peace in the world?" Much of the meeting was spent dialoging about dialogue itself, understanding the guidelines, talking about how important it is to have a positive method of communication, especially in the currently divisive political climate. Gradually the topic of peace wove itself into the conversation. Ideally each person completes their thought without interruption, others express their feelings to the group and keep away from individual attacks.

To get information more about upcoming dialogues, email mcfarb@britsys.net or call 301-345-6314.

## "Night of the Iguana" Opens At GAC March 18

by Eli Flam

A new production of Tennessee Williams' "The Night of the Iguana" opens at Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) March 18, for a run of four weekends through April 9. Director Randy Barth promises surprises.

The play is set in a rustic, seaside Mexican hotel on a jungle-covered hilltop in 1940. Widowed proprietor Maxine Faulk (Cathy Barth) welcomes an old acquaintance, T. Lawrence Shannon (Andrew Schneider), a deeply troubled former Episcopal minister. He is guiding a busload of female Baptist teachers from Texas. Their leader (Malca Giblin) is incensed because Shannon and the youngest in the group (Jobie Watson) have been intimate. Mix in an enigmatic artist (Cassie Lee) shepherding her aged grandfather, a famous poet (Philip Brandis); then, to up the dramatic ante, add a baleful creature: a captured iguana that two young hotel workers tie to the verandah. As cross-currents collide, the question obtrudes: Who's on the end of which rope?

Since the play's debut on Broadway in 1961 the namesake lizard has been represented mostly by variously stuffed sacks (it was seen live in the film version). Randy Barth heard of a production where an actor played an iguana – though this apparently is not in store at GAC.

"Rehearsals have been quite intense," he told the News Review, "particularly since I like to really explore the characters with the actors. We've had some very detailed rehearsals where we often work on a few lines at a time to adjust nuance and timing. This is particularly challenging when working in the round (or, in our case, a three-fourths round stage) since you often need audience on three sides to see a reaction."

In 1999 Barth directed Williams' "A Streetcar Named Desire" at Greenbelt. "We did quite well," he said, "both in numbers and appreciation."

Long active as director and actor at Goddard Space Flight

Center's amateur theater, Barth works there daytimes as a section manager for software engineers. (He earned a Ph.D. in computer science at the University of Maryland.)

For "Iguana," Barth and producer Gene Duarte are backed by a numerous crew for everything from program and props to lights, sound and set construction. On hand have been Mary Collins, Carolyn Cornelius, Doc Elza, Den Giblin, Malca Giblin (who doubles with work on costumes), Meg Larko, Kendra Simmons, Frank Sledge, Bob Thompson, Chris Wells, Lou Yakstis, Steve Yednock (who doubles in a lesser role on stage) and Tom Zanner. Spanish coach Beatriz Mayoral scouted out the first of two Mexican workers, played by Samuel Encarnacion; he's joined by Brian Moors, while David Solomon plays the bus driver for the Baptist teachers.

The original production drew many revisions by Williams. He was at a low point in his professional life and felt strongly his reputation was at stake with "Iguana." It got a mixed reception on the road but then carried the day – and night – in New York. Top critic Walter Kerr, in an essay full of praise, found that the play "reminds us what it is to watch poetry in the process of finding itself."

"The Night of the Iguana" will be performed at GAC Fridays and Saturdays March 18 through April 9 at 8 p.m., plus on two Sundays, March 27 at 2 p.m. and April 3 at 5 p.m. Call 301-441-8770 to reserve tickets.

## Town Hall Meeting On Social Security

Congressman Steny Hoyer will hold a town hall meeting on Social Security on Monday, March 14. The meeting will be held from 2 to 3 p.m. at the School of Public Policy, Van Munching Hall, University of Maryland, College Park. People are invited to come and share their concerns with Hoyer.

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Photograph of government-made furniture for Greenbelt homes.

## Fitzgerald Presents Lecture On Livable Modern Furniture

by Katie Scott-Childress

On March 15 at 7:30 p.m., the Greenbelt Museum will host the lecture, "Livable Modern: Furniture Design from the 1900s to the 1950s," in the Greenbelt Community Center, Room 201. Dr. Oscar Fitzgerald will present a slide lecture that chronicles furniture design from the first half of the 20th century. He will discuss the early influences of European modernism on American designers and how these ideas were adapted in the United States by designers and manufacturers.

The federal government designed and manufactured modern style furniture for Greenbelt's original residents to furnish their modern style homes. The talk will show the furniture created for Greenbelt's homes in its historical context examining the in-

fluences of various styles on the government's designers.

Fitzgerald is an active historian, author, lecturer and consultant on American and European decorative arts and architecture. His book, "Three Centuries of American Furniture," first published in 1982, went through four printings. A revised and expanded edition, "Four Centuries of American Furniture," was published in 1995. Recently he was awarded a James Renwick Fellowship for research on a new book about contemporary studio furniture.

The Greenbelt Museum sponsors a bi-monthly lecture series that is free to the public. The lectures explore aspects of the history of the Great Depression and World War II era.

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### On Screen

## In the Money

"Million Dollar Baby" opens Friday, March 11 at Old Greenbelt Theatre. Its three leading figures – Hilary Swank, Clint Eastwood (actor/director) and Morgan Freeman – won Oscars in Hollywood last month. Swank plays the pivotal role, a young athlete down on her luck who wants to be a champion boxer. Old pros Eastwood – on the outs with his own daughter – and Freeman overcome doubts to get deeply involved, in the ring and out. The story carries a strong punch and ducks the kinds of cliches that mar many a film about fist-cuffs, e.g. "Rocky" (plus its sequels) and even "Golden Boy" of yore. This one keeps its momentum into the movie's final rounds. The PG13 rating tracks to violence and tough situations.

– Eli Flam

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# Community Events

## Sinatra and Sundaes Senior Event Mar. 18

The Greenbelt Recreation Department's Senior Center is hosting its ninth annual Ice Cream Social for senior citizens on Friday, March 18. This free program will begin at 1 p.m. in the Community Center gym where Richard Garnett, "Richie G," will perform "A Touch of Sinatra."

Senior citizens will be able to socialize, relax and be entertained with the sounds of Frank Sinatra. The ice cream social will follow the performance. Attendees will be able to make their own ice cream sundaes. The ice cream will be available beginning at 2:30 p.m. in the dining room. All senior citizens are invited to attend this afternoon event. For more information call the Greenbelt Community Center at 301-397-2208.

## Ask the Experts: Vets and Spouses

The next "Ask the Experts" cable show topic will be on benefits for veterans and their spouses. It will be held at Green Ridge House on Tuesday, March 15 at 11 a.m. and will be filmed for broadcast on Channel 71. Guest speakers will be Maryland Secretary of Veterans Affairs George Owens, Director of Service Programs Paul Prozialeck and Executive Director of the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home Fred Shroyer.

All veterans and spouses are welcome. Veterans Affairs Secretary Owens will answer specific questions related to benefits.

Green Ridge House residents should sign up in the lobby. Others should call Belicia Swinson at 240-542-2036 to register.

## Transportation Gaps Reviewed

No Car? No Bus? Call the city! Those who have difficulties finding transportation to get where they need or want to go are invited to call Community Center office assistant Lisa Adams at 301-397-2208. She will provide the information to the Greenbelt Senior Citizen Advisory Committee (SCAC).

SCAC will have a brainstorming session at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 30 at the Community Center to identify transportation gaps. Anyone interested in attending is encouraged to come. Representatives from Public Works, GIVES, Community Resource Advocate and Planning and Community Development will be participating. It is SCAC's hope to find a solution to existing transportation gaps.

## Park Hosts Volunteer Day

Join a park ranger and other volunteers in Greenbelt Park to help clean up the campground for the upcoming season.

Meet at the Ranger Station near the campground on Saturday, March 12 at 10 a.m.

The Greenbelt Park entrance is located between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway at 6565 Greenbelt Road. For more information call 301-344-3944 or visit the web page at <http://www.nps.gov/gree/>

## Greenbriar Phase I Elects Furmanski

Approximately 35 percent of Greenbriar Phase I homeowners were represented in person or by proxy at the Phase I Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 1.

As Nancy Waruch's three-year term of service came to a close, Rhonda Furmanski was elected to the Phase I Board of Directors. Furmanski will assume the role of treasurer as she joins fellow board members Lawrence Noda, president; Dorothy Peck, vice president; LaVerne Smith, secretary; and Anne Chestnut, director.

The members of Greenbriar Condominiums boards of directors are elected from among homeowners by homeowners at the annual meeting. The boards meet with management and community members on a monthly basis. Owners and residents are encouraged to attend and participate, as the boards make important decisions on their behalf. Greenbriar Phases I and II meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Commons Room of Greenbriar Condominiums Community Center.

## Condominiums Collect Clothing

The Greenbriar Community Association began its annual clothing drive on March 1. The Association hopes to assist the less fortunate by donating clean, usable clothing to The Mission of Love, a Capitol Heights charity that provides for low and no income families throughout Prince George's County.

Donations will be accepted at any Greenbriar event and in the management office at 7600 Hanover Parkway until Friday, April 15.

The following day, members of the community will gather in Greenbriar's Terrace Room to count and sort the donations at a Stack and Snack event on Saturday, April 16 at 10 a.m. Participants will enjoy a free lunch afterward. Those willing to help are asked to pre-register by calling Greenbriar Community Affairs Director Sarah Phillips at 301-441-1096.



## Easter Fun At Greenbriar

Children age 12 and under are invited to celebrate Easter with Greenbriar Condominiums at 7600 Hanover Parkway on Saturday, March 26 from 11 a.m. to noon.

Children will gather in Greenbriar's Terrace Room to color Easter bags before heading outside to hunt for eggs. Refreshments will be served and no child will leave empty-handed. A special guest is scheduled to hop by for the festivities - don't forget the camera.

The egg hunt will be held rain or shine. Children do not have to live in Greenbriar to join in the fun but must be registered in advance. Call Sarah Phillips at 301-441-1096 to register before Monday, March 21.

## Folk Dance At Center

A free international folk dance open house will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 18 in the Youth Center. Participants may sign up for eight classes starting in April. Beginners are welcome. There is a fee.

## Holy Cross Hosts Choral Concert

The Prince George's Choral Society will present the John Rutter Requiem and other sacred music under the direction of Ron Freeman on Sunday, March 13 at 3 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

For tickets or further information call Frank Leonard at 301-538-1532.

## At the Library Children

Tuesday, March 15, 10:30 a.m. - Cuddletime for newborn to 17 months with caregiver, limit 15.

Wednesday, March 16, 10:30 a.m. - Toddlertime for 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15.

Thursday, March 17, 10:30 a.m. - Drop-In Storytime, ages 3 to 5, limit 20.

## Adults

Saturday, March 12, 10:30 a.m. to noon - Poetry Plus. All are welcome and invited to bring copies of their own work or favorite poems. This month's topic is "Beat Poetry - Kerouac, et al."

Wednesday, March 16, 2 p.m. - Book discussion, Daniel Keyes' "Flowers for Algernon."

Saturday, March 19, 10:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. - "Teen Job Zone: Workshops for Job Seekers 13-18," will offer tips on attitude, appearance and interviewing. Learn the importance of first impressions. Help with writing resumes and applications will be available. Space is limited. Pre-registration is required. Call Greenbelt Library directly at 301-345-5800, TTY 301-808-2061.

## Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club business meeting on March 2 was opened by President Betty Maher. Reports were read and accepted.

There are plans for several activities in the months ahead. The birthday pot luck lunch will be on March 16. The annual anniversary lunch will be at La Fontaine Bleu on April 20, a trip to the National Zoo on May 17 and, on March 30, we'll play bingo and some new, challenging board games. A flea market is being planned for spring. Start gathering articles to sell. Volunteers to help are needed.

Our prayers are with Arlene Souser and all our members who are ill and not able to attend meetings.

Be sure to read the News Review for news of important dates

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and happenings in the club.

## CCRIC Annual Mtg.

The Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek (CCRIC) will hold their annual meeting on Sunday, March 13 at 2:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center. At the meeting members will elect new officers, recommit to the CCRIC goals and discuss current developments.

The Anacostia Watershed Society will present a short slide show on stream bank stabilization and work they did on Indian Creek in the past two years. They will also discuss a new program that they are instituting on water quality mentoring.

CCRIC is an all-volunteer grassroots organization working to monitor, protect and restore its namesake tributary to the Anacostia River. The creek runs from the Konterra Gravel mine operations in Laurel to College Park, where it joins the Paint Branch to become the Northeast Branch of the Anacostia.

Indian Creek Stream Cleanup will be held in Berwyn Heights on April 3. More information on CCRIC activities can be obtained at 301 474-4875 or at [www.greenbelt.com/cr/cr/cr/cr/](http://www.greenbelt.com/cr/cr/cr/cr/)

## GHI Notes

March 19, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation

March 21, 7:30 p.m., Ad Hoc Greenbelt Community Fund

March 22, 7 p.m., Investment Committee

March 23, 7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee

March 24, 7:30 p.m., GHI Board meeting

All meetings take place in the Board Room.

## GREENBELT BASEBALL DRAFT

### New Players 9-12 year olds

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**Palm Sunday, Easter Deadlines**

The following News Review deadlines apply for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter Sunday to assure that service information and dates reach readers in time to attend.

**Palm Sunday** is March 20. Holy/Maundy Thursday (March 24) and Good Friday (March 25) occur before the next paper is delivered. All ads and notices for those dates need to be in the March 17 issue. The final deadline for the March 17 issue is Tuesday, March 15.

**Easter** is March 27. All ads and notices for March 27 need to be in the March 24 issue, which is delivered Friday evening and Saturday morning, March 25-26 (after Holy/Maundy Thursday and Good Friday). The final deadline for the March 24 issue is Tuesday, March 22.

The Greenbelt News Review deadline is Tuesday at 10 p.m., though submitting ads and copy earlier is helpful. The paper is dated Thursday and delivered by our youth carriers Friday evening and Saturday morning. Ad Desk hours are Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 8 to 10 p.m. The office is staffed at those times. Contact 301-474-4131 by phone or email [newsreview@greenbelt.com](mailto:newsreview@greenbelt.com) or fax 301-474-5880.

**Concerts Continue With String Quartet**

The Dramón String Quartet will perform at Berwyn Presbyterian Church on Sunday, March 13 at 3 p.m. as part of Berwyn Presbyterian Church's Concert Series. The group will present works by Beethoven, Bartok and Revueltas. No tickets are required. A free-will offering will be collected during the intermission to support the series and provide artists' fees.

The next concert in the series will be a violin recital by Swiatoslaw Kuznik in May.

Berwyn Presbyterian Church is located at 6301 Greenbelt Road, just west of the intersection of Greenbelt Road and Kenilworth Avenue in Berwyn Heights. For more information or directions contact Berwyn Music Director Dr. Gabriel Ruiz Bernal at 240-472-3939 or [gruizbernal@mindspring.com](mailto:gruizbernal@mindspring.com).

**Social Action Issues At Mishkan Torah**

The Social Action Committee of Mishkan Torah has scheduled a number of lectures for this year.

"Clean Energy" will be the subject of a presentation on Sunday, March 13 at 11 a.m. The program will discuss the sources of electrical energy available to the residents of Greenbelt and Maryland. Each source has its own environmental impact and consumers have the ability to choose the source of the power consumed in their homes and businesses.

On Friday, March 18 as part of the evening services which begin at 8 p.m., Dale Citron from the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation will discuss recent research of these diseases and their incidences within the Jewish community.

These free lectures are held at Mishkan Torah and are open to the public.

**Empty Bowls Event At Comm. Church**

Greenbelt Pottery will present its first annual Empty Bowls project on Saturday, March 12 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Greenbelt Community Church.

**History**

In 1990 a high school art teacher in Michigan helped his students solve a problem. They were searching for a way to raise funds to support a food drive. What evolved was a class project to make ceramic bowls for a fund raising meal. Guests were served a simple meal of soup and bread and were invited to keep the bowl as a reminder of hunger in the world. Other information about Empty Bowls may be found at <http://www.emptybowls.net>.

When Greenbelt Pottery found no such group in the area, they decided it was time to organize one for this neighborhood. In conjunction with Greenbelt's Recreation Department arts program and Greenbelt Community Church they planned the first local Empty Bowls Project to be held this Saturday.

**Beneficiary**

There is a fee, which includes participant's selection of a bowl from a variety of original bowls handcrafted by potters at the Greenbelt Community Center and a simple meal of soup and bread prepared by members of Greenbelt Community Church. Those who attend can take pleasure in knowing all proceeds will benefit the nonprofit Help-by-Phone food project.

Help-by-Phone has served Prince George's County for over 34 years, providing emergency food services throughout the county.

A very limited number of tickets may be purchased at the door the evening of the event. For more information contact Jan Derry at 301-474-8389 or [janmderry@yahoo.com](mailto:janmderry@yahoo.com).



**Greenbelt CARES**

During the month of February, 18 families on average were seen for counseling at CARES. Forty-two individuals on average came on a weekly basis; 14 were 18 years of age and younger. There were 75 students in tutoring services.

Wendy Wexler has completed a Teen Discussion Group that met for eight consecutive weeks at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The 12 participants covered communications skills, anger management, decision making and school performance.

**Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church**

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Barbara W. and Jacob B. ten Hove with John Bartoli, worship associate



Barbara Wells ten Hove, Jacob B. ten Hove, co-ministers



**Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS**

Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building

**Greenbelt Garden Plots Available**

The Greenbelt Garden club will hold its annual meeting March 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Greenbelt Police Station meeting room.

Anyone interested in renting a plot for vegetable and/or flower gardening should attend the meeting, where 50' x 50' and 50' x 25' plots will be distributed. There is a rental fee for each plot. Plots are distributed to new members on a first-come, first-served basis.

Members who had a plot in 2004 get first preference on the plot they gardened. If members are unable to attend the meeting but are interested in continuing gardening, they should call Doty Esher at 202-624-7849 from 9 to 5 before March 16 to reserve their plot.

**Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church**

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

301-474-9410 [www.gbmg-umc.org/mowatt](http://www.gbmg-umc.org/mowatt)



Rev. DaeHwa Park, Pastor

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

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Wednesday	12:15 & 6:45 p.m.	Lenten Service
Palm Sunday	8 & 10:30 a.m.	Worship Service 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
Holy Thursday	12:15 & 7:30 p.m.	Worship Service with Holy Communion
Good Friday	12:15 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Passion Observance Service of Darkness

**ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**

135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
301-474-4322



**Mass Schedule:**

Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Pastor: Fr. Walter J. Tappe

Pastoral Associate: Fr. R. Scott Hurd

**Greenbelt Community Church**

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[www.greenbelt.com/gccucc/](http://www.greenbelt.com/gccucc/)

**Sunday Worship**  
10:15 a.m.

Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

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Corner of Crescent and Greenhill Roads 301-474-4212  
[www.greenbeltbaptist.org](http://www.greenbeltbaptist.org) [greenbelt.baptist@verizon.net](mailto: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

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	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

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- The Holy Qur'an, 2:164

That was the timeless message sent down to the Prophet Muhammed (peace be upon him) nearly 1400 years ago. For more information about Islam, call 301-982-9463 or e-mail [searchislam@mail.com](mailto:searchislam@mail.com) or visit [www.islam-guide.com](http://www.islam-guide.com).

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-Baha'i Sacred Writings

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## School Boundaries Meeting Scheduled

The Prince George's County Public School system has scheduled a series of public discussion meetings to gain parental feedback on realigning school boundaries to better utilize school system resources. Letters are being mailed to every parent/guardian who has an affected pupil. Each school affected will send home flyers reminding parents to attend the meetings in their specific geographic areas. The meeting for region 2 (which includes Greenbelt) is being held on March 16 at 7 p.m. at DuVal High School.

Dr. Andre Hornsby, chief executive officer for the school system, commented that, "the public's input, particularly from parents with children in the system, continues to be of paramount importance as we work together to craft mutually agreeable changes to address school boundary challenges." Those who wish to speak must register in advance by calling the region 2 office of Dr. Bruce Katz at 240-684-6235.

Recommendations for school boundary changes are based upon the following criteria:

- 1) Adhering to contiguous boundaries and eliminating cross-busing where feasible;
  - 2) correcting imbalances due to Contextual Learning Environment (formerly Magnet) program adjustments;
  - 3) adjusting middle school configuration to grades 6-8;
  - 4) expanding pre-K sites;
  - 5) maintaining safe walking distances;
  - 6) assigning students to the school closest to their homes;
  - 7) enhancing inclusion for special students;
  - 8) maintaining before and after programs;
  - 9) implementing approved construction projects; and
  - 10) opening new schools to limit/reduce overcrowding of facilities.
- Those needing additional information can also contact Dr. Katz'office.

## City Notes

Two complaints were received and investigated by code enforcement staff. One was for roach infestation at Springhill Lake Apartments and the other for a shed and tent possibly placed on Greenbelt Homes, Inc., property.

Staff cited 55 unregistered new vehicles from Capitol Cadillac stored on the upper parking deck at Beltway Plaza and cited the Old Greenbelt Theatre for improper disposal of trash.

Animal control staff accepted the return of a cat previously adopted by a Green Ridge House resident.

Parking Enforcement staff met with the proprietor of Pleasant Touch and the city manager regarding placement of the HVAC unit on the roof above 133 Centerway.

### Capital Projects

The foundation and water and sewer lines were completed for the Animal Control facility. The pre-fabricated building is scheduled for installation Monday, March 14.

Staff met with Public Works staff to discuss the window restoration project at the Community Center. Staff continues to work with MarChuk Construction and Vitetta Architecture on finalizing documents related to the project.

### Therapeutic Recreation

Twenty-two seniors enjoyed a trip to Toby's Dinner Theater on Wednesday to see "Beauty and the Beast."



# City Information

## CITY COUNCIL

**Municipal Building – Council Room**  
**RECEPTION FOR ACE EDUCATORS – 7:30PM**  
**REGULAR MEETING – 8pm**  
**March 14, 2005**

## COMMUNICATIONS

### Presentations

- ACE Educator Awards
- Presentation of Funding for City Programs – County Councilmember Peters

**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

None

## OTHER BUSINESS

- ♦ Early or Expanded Voting
- ♦ Draft Development Agreement – Greenbelt Station
- ♦ Approval of Participation in the Baltimore-Washington Chamber Cooperative Electricity Program
- ♦ Pending State/County Legislation
- ♦ \* Award of Bid – Front-Cut Mower
- ♦ \* Application to Merchants Revolving Loan Fund
- ♦ \* Request to Waive Facility Fees
- ♦ \* Resignation from Task Force
- ♦ \* Appointment/Reappointments to Advisory Groups

## 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@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov) to reach the City Clerk.

## DONATION DROP-OFF

**Saturday, March 12**  
**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.

## MARYLAND TAX RETURN

If you live within the corporate boundaries of the City of Greenbelt, make sure to write or enter "Greenbelt" on your Maryland State Tax form under "City, town or taxing area" so that your taxes can best serve your community!



## CAMP STAFF

The Greenbelt Recreation Department is looking for enthusiastic, motivated individuals who enjoy working with kids to work in their summer camp programs. Applications are being accepted for general counselors, therapeutic counselors and activity instructors (e.g. gymnastics, dance, games). Camp

operates 9:00am – 5:00pm M-F. Call the Greenbelt's Kids Office at 301-397-2200. EOE.

**OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**  
 Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups. Vacancies exist on the:  
**Arts Advisory Board**  
**Senior Citizens Advisory Committee**

For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

## Meetings for March 14-18

**Monday, March 14, 7:00pm, Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee, Greenbelt Community Center**

**Monday, March 14, 8:00pm, Regular Council Meeting/ACE Educator Awards (7:30pm), Municipal Building (live on Channel 71)**

**Wednesday, March 15, 8:00pm, Council Work Session re: Preliminary Budget Discussion – City Manager Greenbelt Community Center**

GREENBELT SENIOR CENTER PRESENTS

## A TOUCH OF SINATRA

*an Ice Cream Social*

**March 18, 2005**  
**1:00-3:00pm**



**Greenbelt Community Center**  
 Entertainer **Richie G.** will be performing at 1pm.

Create your own sundae following the show at 2:30pm

For more information contact Karen Haseley at 301-397-2208.

GREENBELT RECREATION DEPARTMENT

## ANNUAL EGG HUNT



Bring your baskets and find the colorful eggs that the Bunny and his helpers have hidden. They have hidden many eggs, including some very special Golden Eggs that include prizes. Immediately following the hunt join us for the free performance presented by Pam the KinderSinger and her pal Rascal.

**Monday, March 28, 2005**  
**Buddy Attick Lake Park**  
**Ages 18 months thru 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
**10:00 SHARP!!!!!!**



Please arrive a few minutes early so you don't miss the fun.



In case of inclement weather, the Hunt will be held at the Greenbelt Community Center. Please call the weather and information hotline at 301-474-5525.

For more information please call the Recreation Department at 301-397-2200

## GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

**MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Monday, March 14 at 8pm: ACE Educator Awards/City Council Meeting "live," Tuesday & Thursday, March 15 & 17: 10am & 6pm "Ask the Expert-Senior Services," 6:30pm "ACE Reading Club presents Springhill Lake Elementary," 6:45pm "ACE Reading Club presents Greenbelt Elementary," 7:00pm "Greenbelt, MD: A Home for Cooperation" (as submitted to Oprah), 7:15pm "Springhill Lake Elementary Black History Month Celebration" 8:00pm "Replay of Council Meeting March 14."**

**PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, March 16 & 18: 7:00pm Spotlight Theatre presents "Night of the Iguana," 9:15pm Greg Jackson's "Choices."**

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will require the coordination of the public and private sectors, to promote incentives to reduce commuting time and distance, increase car pool opportunities, develop and use public transit options, improve transportation infrastructure and apply 'balanced' land use planning." For these reasons, EPA advises FHWA and SHA to carefully and thoughtfully evaluate the complexities of the costs and benefits.

The last rating assigned by EPA to the DEIS evaluates the adequacy of the statement, where a rating of 1 is "adequate;" a rating of 2 is "insufficient information" and a rating of 3 is "inadequate." So for the adequacy of the DEIS and the rating of the document, the EPA rated the ICC study as a 2 (insufficient information). This rating was assigned because additional information is being requested to address issues of minimization and mitigation of environmental impacts of the project.

According to the comments, "The EPA expects more detailed mitigation and environmental stewardship commitments to be available before the SHA announcement of a preferred alternative. A mitigation package developed for the corridors must consider impacts to (and loss of) interior forest habitat in Corridor 1, and to a lesser extent, Corridor 2 . . . . The document also needs an explanation for the increase in wetland, forest and stream impacts in comparison to earlier studies . . . . There is a need for a risk evaluation of the (Rocky Gorge) reservoir, possibly modeling to estimate direct impacts, road runoff impacts and secondary development impacts (which would apply to either corridor) . . . . The EPA requests that the document more clearly describe the storm water management activities proposed for the

alignments . . . . The agency requests a formalization of a process for review of design decisions (applicable to) culvert and bridge dimensions, wildlife passages, placement and type of storm water facilities, retaining walls and noise barriers and the height of interchanges."

It is clear that the concerns, objections and requests for additional information raised in the EPA comments will require SHA to undertake a great deal of further analysis in order to choose a "preferred alternative" and to complete work on a final EIS by the scheduled time for a "Record of Decision" submission to the FHWA by June 2005.

### Legislation

On another front, the ICC is being discussed in both house and senate legislative committees of the Maryland General Assembly regarding funding sources for the estimated \$3 billion cost of the 18-20 mile highway. In the house, the Appropriations Committee held a hearing on House Bill (HB) 1352 on Tuesday, March 8. In the Maryland Senate Budget & Taxation Committee, Senate Bill (SB) 75 will take up the issue, although no hearings have been scheduled as yet. Both bills are administration bills that modify the limitations on the use of Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle (GARVEE) bonds issued by the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Maryland Transportation Authority (MdTA). According to the Maryland Department of Legislative Services (DLS) Fiscal Note for the bills, they would increase the maximum percentage from 13 to 20 percent of the state's average annual federal highway aid authorization that may be used for annual debt service on the GARVEE bonds. In Maryland GARVEE bonds issued by state

transportation agencies are not secured by the full faith and credit of the state nor by any other state revenues. GARVEE bonds are currently not counted as part of the state's capital debt affordability. Under current law, annual payments of principal and interest on GARVEE bonds cannot exceed 13 percent of the state's annual federal highway aid authorization. In order to finance the ICC, MDOT is proposing to raise this percentage to 20 percent. The current financing plan for the ICC assumes a GARVEE issuance of \$1 billion, MdTA toll-backed debt (revenue bonds) of \$1.2 billion and a cash contribution of \$200 million from the Transportation Trust Fund and federal funds.

The DLS fiscal note also notes that the MdTA has advised that GARVEE bonds are a critical component of the ICC financing plan; without the increase in the 13 percent cap, other sources of funding must be identified for the ICC.

### Viability

In an analysis of the FY 2006 Maryland Executive Budget prepared by DLS, the viability of the ICC financing plan is called into question for the following fiscal and policy issues:

A high reliance on debt. \$2.2 billion or 92 percent of the project would be funded with debt. Potential impacts on MdTA toll revenues. Should toll revenue from the ICC fall below projections, a proportionately larger share of debt service will be paid from MdTA revenue generated by other toll facilities.

Another issue is the question of whether the legislature would want to commit 20 to 24 percent of its future federal highway aid cash flow to the ICC. Such a commitment of funding would leave less funding for other major capital projects and could exacer-

bate pressure for state tax and fee revenue increases to address other unmet transportation needs.

MDOT has indicated that funding delays could be expected to add \$100 million per year to the total cost of the ICC. Court challenges by opponents of the project may or may not have an impact on the project timeline. Should higher inflation become a factor due to delays or other cost overruns, it is not apparent how additional costs would be funded.

In its analysis, the DLS recommends, "that MDOT demonstrate to the General Assembly that all alternative financing methods, including additional cash, consolidated transportation bonds, TIFIA loans and other measures were considered in developing the current financing plan. Moreover, the agency should demonstrate how the current financing plan is superior to alternative methods that are available. In considering GARVEE bond legislation during the 2005 session, the General Assembly may wish to consider further restricting the amount of federal highway aid that can be used for GARVEE debt service payments to 13 percent of the 87 percent contracting authority.

"This level would more conservatively reflect the actual funding Maryland will receive based upon the annual obligational authority that Congress uses to limit transportation spending."

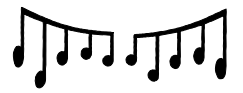
At this point it is hard to predict what actions the Maryland General Assembly will take on the two pieces of legislation. They appear to be wrestling with the bills and considering various options. Delegate Anne Healey (District 22) had this to say about the bonds, "some people see the word 'GARVEE' and think it means gravy. What GARVEE

## History Lecture Examines Club

At the Montpelier Mansion, Muirkirk Road at Route 197 in Laurel, on Wednesday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m., historian Glenn E. Campbell of the Historic Annapolis Foundation will speak on "The Comic Life and Tragic Death of the Homony Club." While primarily a social club, members of this elite, pre-Revolutionary War club in Annapolis straddled both sides of the political divide. Their mock trials and debates over the breaking of club rules reveal the larger political issues brewing in Maryland. For information on this free lecture, visit the web site at [www.pgparcs.com](http://www.pgparcs.com).

## Brazilian Jazz Concert Offered

Origem, Brazilian jazz masters, draw listeners into their world with inventive arrangements and energetic performances. They will appear in a free concert on Tuesday, March 15 at 5:30 p.m. in the Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.



bonds really do is mortgage our future federal transportation funding.

"Using this source to pay for one project (the ICC) is outrageous. The limits on the use of this source are prudent and should be kept. There are many worthy transportation projects in our area and throughout the state which need funding too."

The Greenbelt City Council met with District 22 legislators on March 9 and advised the delegation that the city strongly opposes the ICC and the GARVEE Bond legislation.

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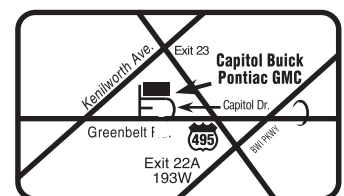
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## Police Blotter

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

### Police Receive 911 Simulator

On Monday, February 28, the State Farm Insurance Company donated a 911 simulator to the Greenbelt Police Department. The device, which teaches a child how to properly use the 911 emergency system, will be made available to children in local elementary schools and daycare facilities in Greenbelt. Any group or organization wishing to have police give a 911 simulator demonstration should contact MPO George Mathews at 240-542-2116.



Shown standing with the 911 simulator are (left to right): MPO Marty Parker, State Farm agent Jesse Williams, State Farm agent Kevin Hassett and MPO George Mathews.

### Attempted Abduction

February 27, 10:52 p.m., 6500 block Lake Park Drive, a woman reported that she was walking to the front door of the condominium building when she was approached by a man, who grabbed her from behind, told her not to scream and said that he had a gun. The man told her to let him into the secured front door but she told him she could not. The man fled the scene upon seeing a nearby resident taking out the trash. The woman was not injured. The area was searched by both a K-9 team and a U.S. Park Police helicopter with negative results. The suspect is described as a black male, short with a medium build and brown eyes, wearing a black coat with a hood, black jeans, black gloves and a ski mask.

### Sex Offense

March 2, 11:08 a.m., 6200 block Breezewood Drive, a female youth reported that she was walking to the bus stop when she was approached by a man who put his arm around her and attempted to engage her in a conversation. After the girl refused to respond to his questions, the man fondled the victim and fled the scene on foot. The

suspect is described as a black male, 20 to 30 years of age, 5'9" with a medium build, black hair, brown eyes, a bushy mustache and goatee, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and dirty blue jeans with a rip on the right leg bottom.

### Assault

February 27, in reference to an assault reported February 20 in the 7800 block of Hanover Parkway, an arrest warrant has been obtained charging a non-resident man with first degree assault, second degree assault, use of a deadly weapon with intent to injure and theft.

### DWI

February 25, 11:49 p.m., 5700 block Cherrywood Lane, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with driving while impaired and driving under the influence after he was stopped for a traffic violation. He was released on citation pending trial.

### Drugs

February 23, 7:09 p.m., Ivy and Cherrywood Lanes, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana, driving under the influence of a controlled dangerous substance and negligent driving after he was stopped for a traffic

violation. He was released to the department of corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

March 4, 2:58 a.m., Greenbelt and Mandan Roads, a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia after police stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. The driver could not produce identification and was arrested. He was found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana. He was released on citations pending trial.

### Theft

February 27, in reference to a theft reported January 16 at the Target Store, Beltway Plaza Mall, an arrest warrant has been obtained charging a nonresident man with theft.

### Vandalism

February 25, 4:25 p.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace, it was reported that unknown person(s) used a marker to put graffiti on the walls of a laundry room.

### Burglary

February 26, 8:33 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, it was reported that unknown person(s) used unknown means to enter the residence and opened dresser drawers in a bedroom. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

March 2, 9:17 a.m., 20 Southway, a commercial burglary was reported.

### Vehicle Crimes

February 27, 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, a witness observed a man break out the driver's window on a 1995 Chrysler Cirrus 4-door and drive the vehicle away. The suspect is described as a black male wearing a black coat with an orange logo and a brown winter hat.

One other vehicle was stolen, a silver 2000 Chevrolet Impala bearing D.C. tags CC8356 from the 6000 block Springhill Drive. The tags do not belong on this vehicle.

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

Vandalism to and thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: Beltway Plaza Mall, 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, 9100 block Edmonston Road, 6000 block Springhill Drive, 6300 block Ivy Lane, 100 block Westway (two incidents), Greenway Center, 7500 block Mandan Road and 7200 block South Ora Court.

## Fire & Rescue Log

The Fire Department Log is a bi-weekly report of the activities and news from the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. (GVFD). The report includes recent incidents, GVFD news and upcoming events, fire safety and other fire department related information.

### Incident Report

From February 19 to March 4 the GVFD responded to a total of 73 engine and 75 ambulance calls.

Among those calls GVFD responded to 12 reports of smoke or fire, eight automatic fire alarms, two gas leaks, 34 motor vehicle accidents and 52 medical calls.

### Precautions

During a medical emergency the first responders need to gather some important information, such as current medications, past medical history and any known allergies. This information is also conveyed to the hospital staff. To simplify and speed up this process it is useful to have a list on hand containing this information.

Keep an updated list of all medications taken, including dosages. Update this list regularly, removing any medications no longer taken and update dosages as necessary. In addition, note any current or past significant medical conditions. Significant conditions include diseases, long term or life threatening conditions such as stroke, heart or

respiratory problems and past surgeries. Include a list of any known allergies, such as medications, latex, foods or insects. Also include the names and phone numbers of primary physicians and emergency contact information.

Keep this list in an easily accessible location and be sure that family and neighbors know where it is kept. In the event an ill person is unable to communicate with the first responders, this list can greatly improve the level of care.

### Volunteers Sought

The GVFD is looking for volunteers age 16 and older. Become a firefighter, EMT or work in an administrative role. All training is provided and the time commitment is flexible. To find out more call the station at 301-345-7000, visit the website at [www.engine35.com](http://www.engine35.com) or stop by the station and ask to speak to an officer.

Questions and comments regarding this report or any fire department issues can be directed to [public-info@engine35.com](mailto:public-info@engine35.com) or to 301-345-7000.

### Infant Loss Support Group Meets

Empty Arms, Aching Heart is a support group for those who experience pregnancy loss, miscarriage, stillbirth or infant death. The group will meet on Thursday, March 17 at 7:30 p.m. at Washington Adventist Hospital, 7600 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park.

For more information call the hospital at 301-891-5265. The meeting is free.

### Arboretum Holds Native Plant Sale

On Saturday, March 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., purchase choice specimens just in time for spring blooming from the area's best native plant nurseries at the U.S. National Arboretum. A portion of the proceeds supports the arboretum's Native Plant Collection. Admission is free.

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### Legislature Considers Campaign Funding

There is a bill currently before the Maryland legislature that would publicly fund Maryland campaigns for candidates to the state legislature.

House Bill 1031, introduced by Delegate Jon Cardin in the House of Delegates and as Senate Bill 725 by Greenbelt Senator Paul Pinsky, would permit General Assembly candidates to receive public funding for their

primary and general election campaigns. Mirroring the existing public campaign finance systems of Maine and Arizona and modeled on findings of the bipartisan Study Commission on Public Funding of Campaigns in Maryland, hearings for the bill were held last week by the House Ways and Means Committee.

### Park Seeks Aid From Groups

Greenbelt Park has service projects available for Scouts and other groups. Cleanup projects are some of many opportunities for groups or companies to help a national park. Greenbelt Park's entrance and the park office are located at 6565 Greenbelt Road. For more information, call Park Ranger Kevin P. Barry at 301-344-3944.

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



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have also agreed to combat "sign pollution" by restricting campaign signs to a limited set of locations where each candidate can post one sign. The board felt these changes "have served to limit residents' awareness about elections and their access to information."

Although not a formal recommendation, the board noted that council could consider holding future city elections on a Sunday to increase participation. Another impediment to citizen election awareness was that this newspaper, while a primary source of election advertising and campaign coverage, is not delivered to all residents.

The board recommended that the city try to increase participation in city elections by piloting changes allowing electioneering closer to city polling places and reconsidering the agreement regarding election signs. They also recommended that the city try an expanded mail voting system and that the results of that change be thoroughly evaluated before giving further consideration to early voting.

### State Elections

Council unanimously approved a motion to support state legislation, HB107/SB9, requiring that all machines used in state elections use either a document ballot or produce a "voter-verified paper trail." Such a system would provide some form of printout that voters could examine to confirm that their votes had been accurately recorded.

The city staff, noting that the issue is complicated and that concerns about the voter-verified pa-

per trail process have been raised by groups such as the National Federation of the Blind and the League of Women Voters, recommended that council support careful and thorough evaluation of all alternatives, as it had done last year, rather than supporting this specific approach.

Several citizens were present on a cold and slushy night to urge council to support these two specific bills. (Several other election bills are also under consideration in Annapolis. Greenbelt's State Senator Paul Pinsky is a co-sponsor of one of these.)

Ruth Kastner of Hedgewood Dr. argued that the other bills do not have any teeth. Machine audits without a paper trail are inadequate, she said. Kastner also charged that the last state election did not accord with state election law as an independent audit was not possible.

Mayor Judith Davis noted that a paper printout does not provide true security either - in the case of intentional misprogramming - as there is no guarantee that what prints out is really what is recorded electronically. Kastner replied that the requirement in the bill to do a two percent audit would provide protection.

Rebecca Wilson of Hyattsville, a member of True Vote Maryland, also argued for support of HB107/SB9. She said that during the last election she served as a chief judge and that one of the machines she was overseeing recorded two more votes than there were voters, probably because of system crashes. While this discrepancy seems small, she argued

that two votes per precinct times 18,000 precincts could be significant in a tight election. Where election law requires recounts, use of election machines without a verifiable paper trail could lead to the invalidation of election results, forcing a new election. She argued for adoption of an optical scanning system, where voters mark paper ballots which are electronically scanned by the voter, then deposited in a ballot box, instead of the ATM-style machines used in Maryland last year.

According to Wilson, the bill supported by Pinsky gives the Secretary of Elections the option of considering approaches other than paper audit trails. Wilson argued that the other options are untested. Stephen Jascourt added that the bill Pinsky supports only requires the capability of an audit trail; it lacks the required two percent audit required in HB107/SB9.

Bertram Donn of Woodland Way noted that the developers of some voting machines, as well as election supervisors, have been politically active in support of specific candidates, making an independent, verifiable vote essential. Councilmember Rodney Roberts' motion that council formally support HB107/SB9 passed on a 4-0 vote with Councilmember Leta Mach absent.

**[Editor's note:** While the newspaper's goal is to deliver to every residence in Greenbelt, security arrangements in some apartment complexes have restricted our ability to deliver to University Square and some Parkway Apartments. Full delivery to Springhill Lake Apartments resumed in February.]

## Free Diabetic Foot Screening Offered

Doctors Community Hospital's Rehabilitation Department will provide free diabetic foot screening clinics for community residents on Thursday, March 24 from 1 to 3 p.m. on the hospital campus at 8118 Good Luck Road, Lanham.

The clinic draws on the expertise of a team of people with skills and knowledge in the treatment of diabetic foot problems. The screening will include a foot assessment, an educational video on foot care and a question and answer session. The program will accommodate approximately 20 participants, accepted by appointment only.

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Participants are accepted by appointment only and on a first come, first served basis. Call the hospital's Diabetic Foot Screening Information Hotline at 240-965-8413.

## Big Band Jazz At Smith Center

A Big Band Showcase featuring the University of Maryland (UM) Jazz Ensemble and the UM Alumni Jazz Band, conducted by Chris Vadala, will take place on Wednesday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Kay Theater of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Presented by the UM School of Music, the concert is free.

## Sarbanes Supports Block Grant Funds

Senator Paul S. Sarbanes (D-Md.) has supported an appeal to the leaders of the Senate Budget Committee urging them to reject the Bush Administration's plan to cut funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and retain the program within the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The CDBG program is a flexible source of funds for local communities and state authorities to provide housing rehabilitation, supportive services, economic development and public improvement projects that have helped improve the quality of life in many lower-income communities in the State of Maryland and across the nation.

Under President Bush's FY 2006 budget proposal, the CDBG and 17 other community and economic development housing programs would be consolidated into one and move from HUD to the Department of Commerce. The proposed budget would also cut the programs from \$5.7 billion to \$3.7 billion, a cut of about 35 percent. The letter, signed by a bipartisan group of 54 senators, asks the Senate Budget Committee to maintain the federal government's current commitment to the CDBG, which they consider one of the most effective federal domestic programs to revitalize neighborhoods with proven results.

The Senate Budget Committee was expected to mark up its FY 2006 budget resolution by March 9.

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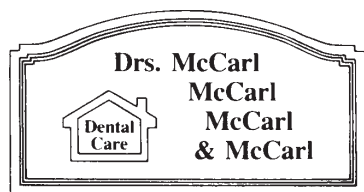


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There is a fee to enter the museum. Feik's lecture is included at no additional cost. Reservations for the lecture are recommended. An adult must accompany all children.

The museum is located at 1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Dr. in College Park. For more information, call the museum at 301-864-6029, TTY 301-864-4765.

### Monster Concert At UM Center

The UM "Monster" Jazz Lab Band conducted by Chris Vadala will perform on Monday, March 14 at 7 p.m. in Room 1230 of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. This concert is free.

### NAMI Will Explore Caregiver Resources

The March 17 meeting of NAMI Prince George's County will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. at the New Carrollton Municipal Center at 6016 Princess Garden Parkway. At this free workshop Shantelle Stroman of the board of directors of NAMI Montgomery County will lead a discussion on resources for teenaged caregivers.

She will describe her personal experiences with the mental health system, the challenges she faced caring for a mentally ill parent and the resources she found over the years. Her topic is subtitled "I Love My Mother, but Hate Mental Illness."

Refreshments will be served. For details call 301-577-6026.

### Terps and Tigers Sing at UM

On Sunday, March 13 at 3 p.m. in Dekelbom Concert Hall of the Clarice Smith Center for the Performing Arts, the "Terp/Tiger Sing" will be held. This concert is a collaboration between the University of Maryland Chorale, under the direction of Edward Maclary and the Towson University Chorale, under the direction of Paul Rardin. The concert is free.

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speed humps on "collector roads." Craze said that while "Hanover Parkway is probably best classified as a collector road . . . along the section from Greenbrook Drive to Good Luck Road, it could more accurately be described as a primary residential road, given the road profile, traffic volumes and posted speed."

The concern voiced with installing speed humps on Hanover Parkway is that they would slow down emergency vehicles. Craze recommended that the city wait to see the effectiveness of the other traffic calming devices on Hanover Parkway. If, however, these measures do not reduce speeds by the desired amount, four speed humps will be installed near the roundabouts.

The plan also includes new traffic islands, road striping and marking and signage changes. The estimated cost of the improvements is \$304,000 (in addition to the \$214,028 already spent, mostly for the Hunting Ridge roundabout).

### Fire Truck

Chief Brian Rudy, Vice President Jay Remenick and new President Chris Fleshman of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad gave council a report on their plans to purchase a new fire truck to replace Engine 352. The department has contracted to have a new engine built for a contract price of \$391,370.

One cent of the city's property tax rate is dedicated to an equipment fund for the fire department. Currently this fund has \$274,500. Additional money will be added when the new fiscal year begins this July 1. Remenick said that the department expects to obtain the remaining funds needed by selling Engine 352.

Rudy told council that the department hopes in 2007 to purchase its own ambulance, so that all equipment in the fire house would be owned by the department and the city and would not be subject to reassignment by the county.

### State Legislation

Council unanimously agreed to support House Bill 4, which would make it more difficult to sell state-owned land. They also voted to support the concept of Senate Bill 735, which would require apartment owners and condominium associations to install special smoke detectors and fire alarms upon request from a hearing-impaired occupant. They did not, however, support the actual bill as written, due to concerns about the extent of rewiring that might be required and the resulting financial impact on condominium associations.

Despite concerns from a majority of council, they also unanimously approved a motion from Councilmember Rodney Roberts to support Montgomery County/Prince George's County Bill 121, which would prohibit the District Council from approving any text amendments in residential zones that would increase the density allowed by law. Although the city generally opposes zoning by text amendment, which many see as an end-run around the zoning process, several councilmembers were concerned that current county master plans are outdated. Greenbelt's master plan has not been updated since 1989, according to City Solicitor Robert Manzi, who said that master plans are supposed to be updated every seven years. This can leave text amendments as the only way to approve uses not originally envisioned. The city is currently seeking approval for a text amend-

ment permitting reuse of the Greenbelt Nursing Home property. Roberts' motion made the city's support contingent upon an exception that would allow text amendments that have municipal approval.

### Boards/Committees

Council accepted the resignation of Sonja Nielsen from the Arts Advisory Board, reappointed Shalom Fisher to the Recycling and Environment Committee and appointed Denna Lambert to the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee.

## Summer Youth Jobs Offered by County

County Councilmember Douglas J.J. Peters (D-4th District) has announced availability of applications for the 2005 Summer Youth Employment Program.

The Prince George's County Summer Youth Employment Program has the goal to provide youth with an opportunity for a structured, supervised quality work experience that builds skills and assists in career decision making that may provide future employment. Selected participants are eligible to work for six weeks in one of three areas of work experience: public, government and private sectors.

To be eligible, applicants must reside in the county, be between ages 14 and 21 years and be in good standing with their school. The deadline for submission of applications is April 15.

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Mayor Judith Davis (second from right) and Councilmember Rodney Roberts (left) present city congratulations to Mishkan Torah President Tony Krittr and Sisterhood President Judith Morgenstein.

## Crowd Fills 50-Year-Old Halls of Mishkan Torah

by Mary Moien and Jordan Choper

More than 130 celebrants gathered at Mishkan Torah Synagogue on March 5 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the completion of the synagogue building. At that time the synagogue was known as the Jewish Community Center of Prince George's County. The building was a labor of love by the members of the synagogue and many other Greenbelters who helped in the construction. On March 5 many came back from near and far to share in the happy occasion.

Long-time member Pearl Ellerin, formerly of Lakeside, came all the way from Florida. Others, including Jeanette and Harry Zubkoff and Irene and Syd Spector came from nearby locations such as Leisure World. Many, such as Micki and Gil Weidenfeld, still call Greenbelt their home.

A highlight of the evening was a digital slide-show that included a presentation of historic photographs of the building under construction, showing a collection of amateurs working without heavy equipment to build the synagogue walls. The presentation was accompanied by a voice-over by six individuals who were children who helped by either supplying refreshments to the builders or actually laying bricks and blocks.

Not all of the voices were those of members of the congregation. At least one was a Christian resident who got into the ecumenical mode that characterized the erection of

the building. Those sharing their memories included Harry Zubkoff, Irene Spector, Richard Rosenzweig, Richard Castaldi, Howard Chasanow and Phyllis Chasanow Richman. Castaldi recalled his father working with other interfaith residents on the building. Richman remembered that her Sweet 16 party was the first event held in the newly-completed building.

A number of proclamations were given to Mishkan Torah. A proclamation from the county council was presented to Synagogue President Tony Krittr and Sisterhood President Judy Morgenstein by County Councilmember Douglas J.J. Peters. The City of Greenbelt proclamation was presented by Mayor Judith Davis and City Councilmember Rodney Roberts. A letter was read from City Councilmember Konrad Herling who could not attend.

The gala, organized by the synagogue sisterhood, included a buffet and dancing to music supplied by Tom Gavin of DJ Delight. The special night was under the overall direction of Paula Volk with assistance by Debbie Brenner, Arlene Gottlieb, Robin Olson, Micki Weidenfeld, Annie Haber, Alice Perlman and Judy Morgenstein. The buffet was catered under the direction of Alice Strasser.

The evening was a fitting way to celebrate the existence of the building and to give thanks to those whose efforts 50 years ago allowed Mishkan Torah to exist today.

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