

Proposed Agreement Greenbelt Station Development

The proposed agreement between the City of Greenbelt (City) and Metroland Developers, LLC/Greenbelt Metropark, LLC, (MD/GM) is summarized below.

• The parties acknowledge that the project is intended to be a mixed use, transit oriented development but that some flexibility should be provided to modify the mix of uses in response to changing market conditions. The development and mix of uses shall be in conformance with the following:

South Core:

• Up to 983 housing units and 115,000 sq. ft. gross floor area of neighborhood – serving retail and including at least two of the following three land use types: residential, neighborhood commercial and office.

North Core:

• A mix of residential, retail, office and hotel uses with 30-60 percent residential, based upon total gross floor area (up to 1,267 housing units); 10-40 percent retail (up to 1.1 million sq. ft.); and 25-60 percent office (up to 1.2 million sq. ft.). Up to 300 hotel rooms may be constructed (and included in the square footage limits for retail.)

• The city shall be afforded approval authority of all plans and revisions requiring approval, including detailed site plans, sign plans, grading, sediment and erosion control plans. If the Prince George's County Planning Board and/or the District Council approve a detailed site plan with conditions which require modifications of the detailed site plan approved by the city, such approval (by the county) shall not constitute a violation of the agreement, provided that MD/GM did not solicit, proffer or otherwise initiate a conflicting or countermanding decision.

• MD/GM will, within 60 days of approval of the agreement, file a petition to annex the South Core to the city and will pay the associated engineering and legal costs.

• MD/GM will promptly file a petition to annex any lands adjacent to the city that are acquired as part of the development, not including land located on the opposite side of Branchville Road or Greenbelt Road.

• MD/GM will provide \$720,000 for the phased funding of an additional six police officers for the Greenbelt Police Department.

• The city will have sign plan approval.

• The city will agree to the abandonment of the Cherrywood Lane right-of-way, up to the culvert bridge located approximately 400 feet west of the intersection of Metro Access Drive and Cherrywood Lane.

Recreation:

• The developers will dedicate to the city approximately 1.5 acres of land for recreational, police or other public use. MD/GM shall also seek modification to its agreement with the State of Maryland to permit transfer of the remaining open space as set forth in the purchase agreement with the state, to be dedicated to the city, per that agreement. MD/GM shall remove junk, trash, debris, rubbish and invasive wetland plants from any area dedicated to the city.

• MD/GM will invest \$2 million for public recreation facilities in the project area and will invest \$1.1 million in onsite public recreation facilities, such as trails, playgrounds, sitting areas or other facilities or improvements.

Transportation and Infrastructure:

• MD/GM shall fund intersection improvements including evaluation and design costs, as directed by the city, at the intersection of Metro Access Drive and Cherrywood Lane up to the cost for a traffic signal.

• MD/GM shall construct a sidewalk and/or trail along Cherrywood Lane from Metro Access Drive to Breezewood Drive and provide \$500,000 to the city to be used for beautification and/or right-of-way improvements on Cherrywood Lane.

• MD/GM will establish and either fund or establish a continuing funding mechanism for a trolley/tram or similar light transit system to connect the North and South Cores.

• MD/GM agrees to contribute \$10 million toward the construction of modifications to the Beltway (I-95/I-495) interchange at the Greenbelt Metro Station to provide a full access interchange. The city agrees not to oppose the inclusion of the project in the consolidated Transportation Plan, funding of the project with state and/or federal funds and construction with approved alternative(s).

• MD/GM will contribute \$500,000 to the city for improvements to the existing police station or for construction of a new facility within the project area.

Environmental Protection:

• MD/GM shall use all measures available to minimize the disturbance of wetlands and other environmentally sensitive areas.

Council Reviews Terms of New Agreement on Metroland Site

by Thomas X. White

At its regular meeting on March 14, the Greenbelt City Council dealt with a new proposed agreement on the Greenbelt Metro Station development. Greenbelt city staff and the representatives of Metroland Developers, LLC, have been negotiating the terms of a new agreement to resolve the city's longstanding concerns.

Council will take up the agreement at its March 28 regular meeting for final action and approval.

Just over a year ago, the city was involved in negotiations with the developer with the objective of settling the city's then-pending legal challenges to the project approvals granted by the county. According to city officials, those earlier negotiations failed when the developer withdrew critical elements of the agreement.

These new negotiations have been going on since early January following the court-ordered reversal of the Prince George's County Planning Board and District Council approvals last summer of the conceptual site plan and preliminary plan of subdivision for the project. With the court reversal, the city has been able to negotiate a new agreement that, if approved, would increase the city's influence over the development plan, ensure environmental protections, reduce the density of the development and secure significant developer contributions for public safety,

recreation amenities, streetscape and urban design improvements and additional open space.

The new agreement would also guarantee the city's option to annex the entire southern portion of the development. The northern portion of the development planned for the existing Metro property is already within city limits. (Highlights of the draft agreement can be found at left.)

A Partnership?

Following an overview presentation by Celia Craze, Greenbelt's director of planning and community development, on the elements contained in the agreement, representatives of the developers provided their perspectives. In response to Mayor Judith Davis' question on how they felt about the draft agreement, Attorney Norman Rivera responded, "Dan Colton, Sandi Gallagher and I have been working with the city's staff for a long time. We agree to all 49 points (in the agreement) and would sign it now. We have seen the light."

Dan Colton of Metroland Developers, LLC, reiterated Rivera's comments. He thanked everyone for the hard work over the past 14 weeks, noting that he feels as if the city and the developers have reached a partnership stage for the project.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts wanted more to be done to assure that the project would in-

clude sufficient space for active recreation including ballfields. That section of Greenbelt has always been underserved for recreational facilities, he said, and wanted the provision in the agreement dealing with recreation amenities to be more concrete regarding active recreation areas. Other members of council expressed the view that the new agreement is much improved.

Lawrence Taub, representing Quantum Companies (Beltway Plaza), raised concerns that the proposed agreement did not mention the 1998 market study that had been an issue in the city's and Beltway Plaza's legal challenge of the conceptual site plan and preliminary plan of subdivision approvals. Beltway Plaza considers that the market study used to support those approvals was deficient in that it did not provide justification for "upscale retail" as required by legislation passed by the county applicable to the Metro project.

In response, Greenbelt Counsel Robert Manzi noted that "upscale" retail is part of the legislation and would not have to be part of the agreement. He noted that the issue was not part of the settlement agreement being considered last year before it was scuttled and that an additional market study will be required at the time of the detailed site plan review.

Future Meeting

Relating to another matter affecting the Metroland development, City Manager Michael

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State Funds for CARES Jeopardized/Restored, Maybe

by Judy Bell

As one of 21 youth services bureaus (YSBs) throughout the state, Greenbelt CARES was slated to lose a significant portion of its state funding unless the governor restored \$2.1 million to his proposed Fiscal Year 2006 state budget – the amount the YSBs received in 2005.

Two hearings were held in Annapolis on the funding. Greenbelt's Delegate Tawanna Gaines, a member of the Maryland Legislature's House Appropriations Committee, told the News Review that YSBs will receive the same amount of state funding as in FY2005. The money goes toward counseling, crisis intervention and drug and alcohol intervention.

Greenbelt CARES' FY2005 budget totaled \$393,400. Of that, \$77,500 was provided by the state under a 75-25 percent formula whereby the city provided a matching grant of \$26,000. The remainder of the 2005 budget included \$15,000 in county grants,

\$800 in GED co-pays, \$20,000 for a Youth Consolidation Grant and an additional \$254,100 under a category described as "Excess Funded 100 percent by City."

Put simply, the state gets an additional \$315,900 in services for its contribution of \$77,500. What started out to be a 75-25 match in the 1970s is now a 5-1 overmatch provided primarily by the City of Greenbelt.

When reached for comment last week, Greenbelt CARES Director Liz Park said she was "hopeful that the legislators will realize the devastation that would come for kids" if the funding were not restored.

Delegate Gaines told the News Review that "YSBs do excellent work."

(As the News Review went to press there had been no official confirmation presented by the Governor's office to indicate the funding had actually been restored.)

What Goes On

Monday, March 28

10 a.m. sharp, Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Buddy Attick Lake Park

8 p.m., Regular City Council Meeting and Presentation of FY2006 Budget, Municipal Building

Wednesday, March 30

8 p.m., Council Work-session with Greenbelt Park (stakeholder), Community Center

Saturday, April 2

9 a.m. to noon, Potomac Watershed Cleanup, Northway Tributary of Beaver Dam Creek, meet at Northway Park; SHL stream, meet behind SHL Recreation Center

10 a.m., Community Mediation Board, Community Center

Sunday, April 3

1 to 5 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center

Letters to the Editor

Bicycles as Vehicles

With reference to last week's letter "No Timid Cyclists in Roundabouts":

If it is true that Maryland law provides that "bicycles are treated as vehicles in Maryland," why are bicyclists so rarely seen observing the vehicular traffic laws pertaining to stop signs, traffic signals, etc.?

While bicycle operators are certainly not the only offenders in this regard, there can be no doubt that a very high percentage of adult bicyclists exempt themselves from many of the traffic controls that apply to all vehicles traveling on local streets and roadways.

On the other hand, why does it seem that such common (and conspicuous) traffic offenses seldom attract the attention of law enforcement? It cannot be argued that a bicycle running a red light or stop sign (usually with no reduction in speed) poses much less risk to public safety than any other vehicle doing the same.

Posing considerably less risk, but just as disregarding of public rules, are those riders who routinely fail to dismount their bicycles in well-posted pedestrian-only areas such as Roosevelt Center. One can seldom visit the central plaza without encountering adults and children wheeling along (and sometimes around and around) among the pedestrian crowd. Those ramps are provided for handicap access, folks, not for two-wheelers.

How are we supposed to teach our community's children to respect the simple rules of modern life in the face of such blatant disregard by adults? . . . conspicuously bad examples on a level applying directly to children's learned behavior . . . think about it.

Neil McLeod

THANKS

Greenbelt Pottery, Inc., would like to thank the community for participating in our First Annual Empty Bowls event held at the Greenbelt Community Church on March 12 to benefit Help-By-Phone, which serves Prince George's County residents with eight emergency food pantries. It was a huge success. Thanks to you we raised more than \$3,500!

The members of Greenbelt Community Church did an

amazing job providing most of the food, set-up and clean-up of the event, as well as the space. We couldn't have done it without them! Thanks to all who contributed.

We would also like to thank the Recreation Department at the Community Center, where members of Greenbelt Pottery created most of the bowls in the ceramics studios. Their support helped make this such a success.

Gina Mai Denn
President,
Greenbelt Pottery, Inc.

Pedestrian Safety

At about 6:40 p.m. on Saturday, March 12 Barbara J. Cassidy, who was returning by foot to Greenbelt East after attending a service at St. Hugh's Church, was sideswiped while in the crosswalk of Greenbelt Road by a car traveling west in the lane next to the median. The rearview mirror on the passenger side of the car hit her left arm, fracturing the bone just above her elbow. The side of the car badly bruised the left side of her left leg. She was thrown to the pavement. Her feet were severely injured, especially her left foot, the big toe and the four metatarsals being broken and three metatarsals being fractured in the right foot.

Someone called the Greenbelt Police to inform them of my wife's accident. My wife got to her feet and walked to the corner of Frankfurt Drive and Greenbelt Road, turned around and returned to the median. Here two young men in the car that hit her picked her up and upon strong request brought her to the townhouse unit that we live in on Somerset Court. She wanted to go to Sibley Hospital where her orthopedist operates, she did not want to go to Laurel or Prince George's Hospitals. Our neighbors notified the police about 7 p.m. and also notified my wife's orthopedist using his answering service that my wife was going to be driven to Sibley Hospital. The police arrived about 7:15 p.m. and told my wife an ambulance would only take her to Laurel or Prince George's. I arrived on foot from Greenbelt Center and put my wife, whose feet were causing her great pain, in our car and drove to Sibley Hospital. We were there until 1 a.m.

Greenbelt claims to be a walking community, but the Greenbelt Road crosswalks at Hanover Parkway, Frankfurt Drive and Mandan Road are not walker friendly. The medians at Hanover and Frankfurt are not safe places to stand; these two areas are muddy and littered with broken auto parts. I do not believe the two yellow crosswalk school signs on both the east and west lanes of the Frankfurt intersection and the "School 35 mph" signs are being noticed by motorists. Most cars go about 50 mph. I know that Route 193 is a state road but something should be done to make the Frankfurt intersection safer, e.g., a blinking yellow light, a cement walk, not mud and a curb located on the median so that a pedestrian can safely stand in this area if he or she can not complete crossing Greenbelt Road. When I heard that my wife was standing on the median when the two young men picked her up, I thought she was lucky that she was not hit again. Certainly something can be done to make these crosswalks safer, otherwise make a law that pedestrians can not cross these roads if a guard is not present. This is not a walking community; just walk in your own area, drive to others.

James E. Cassidy

Pick Up after Pets

I was watching when you did not pick up after your dog while you walked him. You know who you are. That made your pet a neighborhood nuisance instead of the beloved family member that he/she is. In addition to your dog being a nuisance to the general citizens and a health hazard to the playing children, it makes the rest of our pets seem a nuisance also. That's just not fair!

Out of consideration for your fellow citizens and dogs, please pick up behind your dog. It's uncivilized not to. It's a regulation of the Health Department. And it's the law.

Jessi Britton

Got a Comment, Question,
Beef or Something
Nice to Share?
Send in a Letter to the Editor.
We read them all!

Grin Belt



"You know, Jerome, I get thirsty just looking at that statue."

Botanic Garden Hosts Celebration

Admiral Charles Wilkes would turn 207 on Sunday, April 3. Bring the family and celebrate his exploration of Australia, New Zealand and Antarctica while in command of the U.S. Exploring Expedition of 1838-1842. Listen to music, try local foods, meet Wilkes and discover the important role he played in the history of the U.S. Botanic Garden and the Smithsonian Institution. The day will end with birthday cake and singing.

The party is Sunday, April 3 from 1 to 5 p.m. No registration is needed. For more information call 202-225-8333.

Our Neighbors

Our sympathy to Bill Souser on the death of his wife Arlene. She was a very active member of the Golden Age Club and volunteered in many Greenbelt presentations such as the Labor Day Festival.

Congratulations to Noah Desch who has been named to the dean's list for the winter quarter at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, Ind. To be named to the dean's list, students must earn at least a 3.3 grade point average. Desch, a junior, is majoring in computer engineering. He is the son of Michael and Theresa Desch of Lakeside Drive.

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Week of March 25

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(PG-13)

Friday

Stripes *1:00, *2:50
Baby *4:45, 7:30, 10:00

Saturday

Stripes *1:00, *2:50
Baby *4:45, 7:30, 10:00

Sunday

Stripes *1:00, *2:50
Baby *4:45, 7:30

Monday-Thursday

Stripes *5:30
Baby 7:30

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Community Events

Explore Updates To Medicare

Explorations Unlimited opens its spring season on Friday, April 1 with a presentation by Julie Neal from the Prince George's County Area Agency on Aging, where she has worked for 23 years. Neal will introduce participants to the Senior Health and Insurance Program (SHIP) which assists senior citizens and individuals with disabilities with health insurance issues. She will also discuss the CAMM (Curb Abuse against Medicare & Medicaid) project as well as the new modernization act of Medicare.

Neal is a business graduate from the University of Maryland. She is the coordinator of the SHIP program.

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 (room 114). Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for information.

Greenbriar Phase III Meets, Keeps Board

At its March 14 annual meeting Greenbriar's Phase III voted in the existing Board of Directors: President Anne Weldon, Vice President Angeline Butler, Secretary Rosemarie Culmone, Treasurer Jacquelyn Hair and Director Fran Ritter. Some 37 percent of Greenbriar homeowners voted in person or by proxy.

Greenbriar Condominiums board members are elected from homeowners. The boards meet with management and community members monthly. Owners and residents are encouraged to attend and participate. Phase III meets the second Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. in the Commons Room of Greenbriar Condominiums Community Center.

GHI Notes

March 27, 10 a.m. to noon – Woodlands cleanup. Meet at 58 Ridge Road common area.

March 29, 7:30 p.m. – Ad Hoc Management and Technology Audit Committee.

March 30, 7:30 p.m. – Architecture and Environment Committee.

March 31, 7 p.m. – Finance Committee.

April 2, 9 a.m. to noon – Woodlands cleanup. Meet at intersection of Laurel Hill and Hillside Roads.

April 9, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Native Plant Landscaping Tips Workshop.

Unless otherwise noted, meetings are in the Board Room.



Stunned to see a huge crane towering over Roosevelt Center at 6:30 a.m. Saturday, March 19 local photographer Tom Carter grabbed his camera to snap this photo just as the new air-conditioner for the movie theater was being hoisted onto the roof. Cool.

PHOTO BY TOM CARTER

Clean Up Streams Here on April 2

A river runs through it and so do one out of five cigarette butts, styrofoam coffee cups, plastic bottles and aluminum cans, all eventually littering the roads, parks and streams of the four-state and D.C. area Potomac River watershed. This unhealthy and unsightly trash clogs the Potomac River and degrades its splendor and beauty.

On Saturday, April 2 from 9 a.m. to noon volunteers are needed to join members of the Greenbelt Recycling and Environment Committee removing litter and other debris from two sites in Greenbelt. One group will work on the Northway tributary of Beaver Dam Creek. Meet at Northway Park and follow the signs. Others will clean the Springhill Lake stream. Meet behind Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane.

All participants should bring work gloves and wear comfortable clothing and boots or old shoes. Community service hours will be given to students, so bring the necessary forms.

For more information call the City of Greenbelt Public Works Office at 301-474-8004.

At the Library

Tuesday, March 29, 10:30 a.m. – Cuddletime for newborn to 17 months with caregiver; limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, March 30, 10:30 a.m. – Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver; limit 15 toddlers.

Thursday, March 31, 10:30 a.m. – Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years; limit 20 children.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club meeting on March 16 was opened by President Betty Maher with a moment of silent prayer for our sick members.

The birthday lunch was enjoyed by all. Winners of the birthday raffle were Vita Pergola and Wally Taymen.

The club was saddened by the death of Arlene Souser. She will be missed by her many friends and everyone at the Community Center. Her cheerful outlook and positive attitude through many tough years were an inspiration to all who knew her. Some people make the world more special just by having been in it. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Bill at this sad time.

Synagogue Holds Forum on Food

On Sunday, April 3 at 11 a.m. the Social Action Committee of Mishkan Torah will hold a forum on the food people buy at the grocery store. Where does it originate? How does it directly and indirectly impact the earth and people's health? What are the Judaic ethical concerns? What are some things that consumers can do to nourish themselves in a way that is environmentally and humanly sustainable? The panel will include Michel Cavigelli of USDA, Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) and Mishkan Torah; Martha Tomecek of USDA, BARC and Mishkan Torah; and Rabbi Jonathan Cohen of Mishkan Torah.

The forum is free, open to the public and pegged for free-flowing discussion.

On Screen

Zebra Comes to Greenbelt

"Racing Stripes" will be at the Old Greenbelt Theatre for early shows from Friday, March 25 through Thursday, March 31. The film features a young, fallen-by-the-wayside zebra that wants to be a race horse and the young farmgirl who adopts him and wants to be his jockey. Pegged to youngsters/family, it can be seen Friday through Sunday at 1 or 2:50 p.m. and Monday through Thursday at 5:30 p.m. After those times "Million Dollar Baby" will continue its showings.

"Stripes" has been called a cross between "National Velvet" (for the inspirational racing angle) and "Babe" (given the talking barnyard critters from A to Zebra). Voices known and lesser known say the lines.

Frederik Du Chau is director and one of several writers.

—Eli Flam

Proposed Voting Changes Requires Council Worksession

by Thomas X. White

Judith Ott, chairperson of the Greenbelt Board of Elections, presented a report on early voting and voting by mail to City Council March 14. Councilmember Rodney Roberts' suggestion that a worksession be set to discuss all the issues was supported by the council.

Questions on early voting and mail voting were referred by council to the Board of Elections at the January 10 meeting. The board's findings:

- Voting options should be made available in all precincts.
- Any significant change in the voting process or procedures should require substantial review of and revision to the city charter and city code.
- Establishing multiple days on which voting machines would be available raises too many major concerns with increased costs, staffing and security for this year's election (November 2005).
- Expanded voting by mail would be easier, quicker and cheaper to implement, since it would essentially be a broadening of eligibility for absentee voting. Although it would require further study by the board, it might be possible to start this in 2005.
- Residents' awareness and knowledge of city elections and candidates are restricted by both the council candidates' agreement to limit use of campaign signs on private property and the city law prohibiting electioneering within 300 feet of the polls.

Either or both of these practices could be easily changed on a "pilot" or trial basis for an election or two to assess the impact.

• Consider voting on Sunday rather than Tuesday, as is done elsewhere in the world.

The Board of Elections noted that Oregon is now voting en-

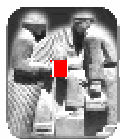
tirely by mail and Washington state recently passed legislation to give Washington counties the option to vote entirely by mail. In any case, the board recommended to council that it take a sequential approach in considering any changes by modifying the electioneering law and/or the campaign sign agreement prior to making changes to actual voting methods. If that has no impact, then implement and take the time to evaluate an expanded voting by mail system. Increasing the number of days that voting machines would be available is a last resort.

In the ensuing discussion by council, no consensus for any of the proposed options appeared within reach. Council opinions on making any changes to the electioneering and sign procedures were mixed, with Roberts more likely to support relaxation of the procedures. Mayor Judith Davis and Councilmember Leta Mach were not quite ready to dismantle procedures in place for more than a decade. Council did appear to be receptive to the expanded mail ballot approach but recognized that more work needed to be done to plan for such a change. The timing for implementing such a change for the November 2005 elections would require accelerated planning. Ott noted that the board has not discussed any details that would be involved in implementing an expanded mail system.

Energy Savings

Council followed a staff recommendation to authorize participation in the Baltimore/Washington Corridor Chamber of Commerce Cooperative Electricity Program. It is believed that the city would be able to get lower rates for buying electricity.

What's Happening at the New Deal Café



Fri. – Janet Griffin

her songwriting, undaunted delivery and powerfully rich voice...her magical essence truly shines thru

Sat. – Starlight Shimmy:

A Night of Middle Eastern Dance

Sun. – Jeff Felsher

Guitar Magic 10am -1pm

Join Us from 10am to 2pm for Easter Sunday Brunch

The Café will close at 2pm this Sunday



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Obituaries

Arlene Souser

Arlene Vivian Souser of Ridge Road died of cancer on March 17, 2005, just six days after her 76th birthday.



Mrs. Souser was born Patricia Arlene Baxter but when she was two years old, her parents were killed in an auto accident. She was adopted by her aunt and uncle who renamed her Arlene Vivian Stohr. Bill and Daisy Stohr were horse ranchers in California.

Mrs. Souser lived on the ranch until she joined the U.S. Air Force. She was discharged after three years and then took a job as a receptionist and companion to a woman doctor.

While living in Petaluma, Calif., she met Bill Souser and they were married three months later. Her husband brought her back to the east coast and in 1955 they moved to Greenbelt.

Mrs. Souser was very active in the Greenbelt Golden Age Club and served as membership chairman in 1994. She also worked in Greenbelt's Labor Day Festival and the New Year's Eve program.

She is survived by her husband Bill and nephew Leland D. Stohr. They did not have any children.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Easter Sunrise Service at Lake

An ecumenical Easter sunrise service will be held on the shore of Greenbelt Lake next to the "Buddy" Attick Park bandstand on Easter Sunday, March 27 beginning at 7 a.m.

Officiating will be church leaders from Berwyn Presbyterian Church, the Catholic Community of Greenbelt, Greenbelt Baptist Church, Greenbelt Community Church and Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church.

In the event of rain the service will be held at Greenbelt Baptist Church, Crescent and Greenhill Roads.

CUA, UM Women Offer Joint Recital

Catholic University's (CUA) Benjamin T. Rome School of Music invites the public to a free program by the CUA Women's Chorus and the University of Maryland (UM) Women's Chorus in a joint program at 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 2. The choruses are conducted by Diana V. Saez and Phillip Silvey, respectively. The performance takes place on the CUA campus located at 620 Michigan Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C.

For more information, call 202-319-5416 or visit <http://music.cua.edu>.

Writing Contest For Earth Day

Patuxent Research Refuge announces a poetry and essay contest for ages 5 to 13: Explain why the Refuge and the National Wildlife System are important. At an award ceremony April 23 from 10 a.m. to noon, all contest participants will receive a prize and Earth Day will be celebrated at the National Wildlife Visitor Center, on Powder Mill Rd. between Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Highway 197 south of Laurel.



Poems and essays will be judged separately in the following age categories: 5 to 7, 8 to 10 and 11 to 13. Each participant may enter one poem in any form, at any length and/or one essay up to 1,000 words.

Entry forms may be picked up at the National Wildlife Visitor Center, downloaded from <http://patuxent.fw.gov> or call the Visitor Center at 301-497-5887 to have it sent. Entries may be submitted in person or mailed to Kate Toniolo at the National Wildlife Visitor Center, 10901 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, MD 20708. They must be received by 5:30 p.m. April 1.

Wood-Boldt

Sarah J. Wood and Adam H. Boldt plan to marry in May 2006 in the Greater Baltimore area. Miss Wood, daughter of Judy Wood of West Allis, Wisc., and Bernie Wood of Mosinee, Wisc., is a 1999 graduate of the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point with a major in Spanish. She attends Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, Missouri. In 2006 she will receive her Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree. Adam H. Boldt is the son of Yvette and Elihu Boldt of Lakeside Drive. He is a 1996 graduate of the University of California, San Diego with a major in biochemistry and cell biology. He will graduate in 2005 from the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, Missouri with a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine. His residency will be in pediatrics at the University of Maryland Baltimore.

Society to Display Camellia Blossoms Yearly Harp Recital At UM Next Thurs.

Experience camellia blossoms in their full glory during a free annual show of flowers grown by members of the Camellia Society of the Potomac Valley. The show is in the Administration Building auditorium at the U.S. National Arboretum on April 9 from 1 to 5 p.m. and April 10 from noon to 4 p.m. Visit <http://www.usna.usda.gov> or call 202-245-4523 for information.

Rebecca Anstine Smith, music director, will lead the yearly recital of harp soloists, duos and ensembles on Thursday, March 31 at 7:30 p.m. The free recital is presented by the University of Maryland School of Music in the Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
301-474-9410 www.gb-gm-umc.org/mowatt

Rev. DaeHwa Park, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 am Worship Service 11:00 am

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

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1:30 pm Signed Mass (last Sunday of each month only)
Wednesdays: 7:00 pm Simple, quiet Mass

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Holy Saturday	7:30 p.m.	The Great Easter Vigil
Easter	8 & 10:30 a.m.	Resurrection Services with Holy Communion
	9:15 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt (No Sunday School)

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Corner of Crescent and Greenhill Roads 301-474-4212
www.greenbeltbaptist.org greenbelt.baptist@verizon.net
Dr. Mark Johnson, Pastor

Fri., March 25	Good Friday (Tenebrae) Service, 7:00 p.m.
Sun., March 27	Easter Services, including our "Overjoyed" Choir's musical, "The Way, The Truth, The Life," 8:35 & 11 a.m.

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Baha'i Faith

A study circle "Reflections on the life of the Spirit" is forming to study the Baha'i Writings. The public is welcome. Sunday mornings at 10AM. Call Jim to register 301-793-1015.

Greenbelt Baha'i Community
P.O. Box 245
Greenbelt, MD 20770
301-345-2918 301-220-3160
www.bahai.org/www.us.bahai.org

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Jaco B. ten Hove,
co-ministers

I am the WAY and the TRUTH and the LIFE

John 14:6

Greenbelt Baptist Church would like to invite you to hear our Easter musical, entitled "The Way, The Truth, The Life" on Sunday, March 27 at both of our morning services. Service times are 8:35 and 11:00 a.m.

An inclusive congregation!



City Information

REGULAR MEETING CITY COUNCIL

Municipal Building – Council Room – 8pm
March 28, 2005

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

– Proposed FY 2006 City Budget – City Manager

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 Authorize the City Manager to Purchase Electricity Through the Baltimore Washington Chamber of Commerce Electricity Cooperative Purchasing Program (1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules; 2nd Reading, Adoption)

OTHER BUSINESS

- Draft Development Agreement – Greenbelt Station
- Design Services for Preparation of the Northway Fields Master Plan – Award of Contract
- Street Resurfacing and Miscellaneous Concrete Work – Award of Purchase
- *Adoption of Board of Appeals Resolution on Variance Application #04-004-V
- *Advisory Groups – Resignations/Appointments

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@greenbeltnmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups. Vacancies exist on the:

- Park and Recreation Advisory Board
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee

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

CITY OF GREENBELT JOB OPENINGS

Temporary Laborer: \$8.00/hr. Approx. 9 month period. To assist various Public Works Crews as needed. Mon-Fri, 7:30-4:00pm. Experience as laborer in public works, construction, landscaping, or related field. Valid MD driver's license. Deadline: April 8, 2005. Apply: City of Greenbelt Personnel Office, 25 Crescent Road; download application from website www.ci.greenbelt.md.us or call job line 301-474-1872 for required application.

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

COMMUNITY CENTER CONSTRUCTION

The Greenbelt Community Center handicap ramp on the east entrance will be closed due to facility construction until approximately April 22, 2005.

The rear entrance, next to playground, is handicap accessible.

Please call 301-397-2208 for more information. We apologize for any inconvenience.

GREENBELT RECREATION DEPARTMENT YOUTH SPORTS TRIP

Sat. March 26 at 1pm
Lacrosse: Maryland vs North Carolina
Van will leave Youth Center at 12:30pm
Register at the Youth Center. \$10 per person includes ticket, transportation and chaperone.
INFO: 240-542-2194
gwarda@greenbeltnmd.gov

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 6th 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

Meetings for March 28 – April 2

Monday, March 28, 8:00pm, Regular Council Meeting/ Presentation of FY 06 Budget, Municipal Building (live on Channel 71)

Wednesday, March 30, 8:00pm, Council Work Session w/ Greenbelt Park (stakeholder), Community Center

Saturday, April 2, 10:00am, Community Mediation Board, Community Center

AN ARTFUL AFTERNOON

Sunday, April 3, from 1-5pm at the Greenbelt Community Center

Enjoy this free mini arts festival featuring a studio open house, art exhibits, projects, Greenbelt Museum tours, etc.

Tea and Artistry!

1-3pm HANDS ON PROJECT Make a fanciful Spring hat and gloves with Katie Scott-Childress, artist-in-residence.

2-3pm SPRING TEA Hosted by the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum. Author Christina O'Boyle will talk about her new book, *looking for lightheartedness*. You may purchase the book and have it signed. Dining Hall, Community Center.

3pm FREE PERFORMANCE Visual comedian Mark Jaster will perform "The Maestro," a classic combination of mime and music. Hailed by the Washington Post as "clown extraordinaire."

EXHIBITION: Alyssa Dennis – Drawings, continues through April 16th. A collection of large finished drawings with architectural motifs and haunting figurative compositions.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT BARBARA DICKEY DAVIS AT 240-542-2062

POTOMAC WATERSHED CLEANUP

Saturday, April 2nd: 9am-12pm
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Come and join members of the Greenbelt Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee to remove litter and other debris from two sites in Greenbelt.
NORTHWAY TRIBUTARY OF BEAVER DAM CREEK
Meet at Northway Park and follow the signs.

SPRINGHILL LAKE STREAM

Meet behind Springhill Lake Recreation Center
6101 Cherrywood Lane
Bring your work gloves, and wear comfortable clothing and boots or old shoes.
Community Service hours will be given to students.
Bring Your Forms! Info: 301-474-8004

FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP PROGRAM

The Prince George's County Senior Nutrition Program serves hot lunches Monday through Friday in the commercial kitchen at the Community Center. Senior citizens must reserve a hot lunch at least a day in advance to ensure that enough meals are delivered. Meals are \$2.25. Please call 301-397-2208 x2236 to make reservations.



EARTH DAY T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST!



DESIGN THE CITY OF GREENBELT'S OFFICIAL EARTH DAY 2005 T-SHIRT
(Please limit design to 4 colors)

Submit your original design by 12 noon Thursday, March 31st.

or...Mail your design to: REAC, c/o City of Greenbelt, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland...or bring it to this address and place it in the drop box.

Greenbelt will celebrate Earth Day by planting native wetland plants at the Wetland Education Facility @ Greenbelt Lake on Saturday, April 16th from 10am-12noon. T-Shirt designs should reflect the theme: "Greenbelt Cares for the Environment." The T-shirts will be given out to all who participate in the Earth Day Event. This contest is open to all whether you are 5 years old or 100 years young. Winning design will be selected by the Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee (REAC). The winner of the contest will receive a 4-pack of tickets to the National Aquarium in Baltimore.
For more information contact Cindy Murray at 240-542-2153.

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Tuesday & Thursday, March 29 & 31: 10am & 6pm "Ask the Expert – Senior Services," **6:45pm** "Three Concert Works for the Saxophone with Influences of Brazilian Popular and Folk Music," **8:00pm** Replay of City Council Meeting.

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, March 30 & April 1: 7:00pm "Public Safety Spotlight," **7:30pm** "PGCC Jazz Ensemble," **8:30pm** "Greenbelt Arts Center Annual Meeting."

A Bunny's Tale: Silly Bunny Finds a Home

by Elaine D. Jones



It was the first day of spring, Palm Sunday 2005. Granny went to the Greenbelt Co-op to shop. The first thing she saw was me, lying forlornly atop a box next to the plastic eggs and the colored grass. She looked like a nice lady and she was headed straight toward me, so I perked up and put on my brightest smiles.

"Well, hello," said I. Startled only for an instant, she replied, "Hi there," with a warm smile. That's all I needed to pour out my whole sad story.

My name is Silly Bunny. For as long as I can remember, I lived in a home for stray bunnies in Oklahoma. I was surrounded by hundreds of playmates but I dreamed of adventures far beyond the garden fence. One day a man in a red hat came by. He offered to pay some of us to deliver chocolate eggs for three weeks. I volunteered immediately with a truckload of my friends.

At first we were elated and worked hard from sun up to sunset. But we grew hungry, for the man gave us no fresh lettuce or carrots, only a few dry pellets and a little water. When one of my friends broke open a package of chocolate eggs to give us some energy, the man cursed and threw him out on the side of the road, frightening us half to death. All through the long dark nights we drove, huddled together in the cold locked truck, hardly able to breathe until we hopped out each morning to begin work. (As you can see, I left home without even thinking about changing my bunny slippers for shoes, so my poor feet were swollen and blistering.)

One day as we were hiding

our eggs in the forest, we met some free-range bunnies, not slaves like us. "Where are we?" we asked. "This is Greenbelt - can't you tell?" they said. "Look at all the lovely blooming snowdrops, crocuses and bluebells. Forsythia and red maple buds are getting ready to pop and daffodils are up. Soon thousands of trees in yards and woodlands will unfurl tender green leaves or clouds of pink and white blossoms."

Suddenly, we heard the whine of the truck coming down the dirt road. "Run," I shouted, "run for your lives!" "But the money . . ." my friends said, ". . . we haven't been paid yet." "And you never will," I said. We hurtled lickety split out of the woods, running past rows of little houses, through a tunnel under the street, behind the Mobil station, Domino's Pizza and a barbershop. A delivery man was unloading huge boxes of vegetables at a big open door and we leaped through, hoping for a bite to eat. A tall kind man named Bob rounded us up, fed us and put us in a large basket out here with some refugee frogs he'd taken in from Indian Creek. He said we could stay until each of us found a new home with his Co-op customers.

Do you remember my name? They called me Silly Bunny because I used to sit on the windowsill every day, looking out to see if my parents were coming. They never did. I'm begging you to adopt me. Granny said, "If you don't mind being cooped up in a Priority Mailbox for two days, I've found you a good home. My grandson, Leandre and his dad will love you forever. They live outside of Ft. Sill

County Grants Go To 12 Nonprofits

County Councilmember Douglas J.J. Peters announced awards for 12 Greenbelt not-for-profit community organizations at the Greenbelt City Council meeting March 14. He expressed pleasure in helping "these deserving organizations." The FY 2005 grant recipients are: Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (\$10,000); Greenbelt Cares (\$5,000); Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad (\$2,500); Greenbelt Arts Center (\$2,500); Greenbelt Theater (\$2,500); Greenbelt Recreation Department (\$2,000); Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (\$2,000); Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (\$1,500); Friends of the New Deal Café Arts (\$500); Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club (\$500); Springhill Lake Girl Scout Troop (\$500) and the Greenbelt Astronomy Club (\$500). Nearly all of the recipient organizations were present, thanked Peters and assured him that the grant funds will benefit the citizens of Greenbelt and the county.

in Oklahoma, the state where you were born. There are lots of windowsills for you to sit on in their house. In a few years, the Army will move them to a new place, so you will have many exciting adventures. Don't you think that is the perfect home for you, Silly Bunny?"

My heart was thumping so loudly I was speechless as I hopped into her arms. On the way out, Granny picked up the Greenbelt News-Review and read: Oklahoma Coyote captured by Greenbelt Police and Animal Control Officer. Truckload of chocolate eggs confiscated for Monday's annual egg hunt at Buddy Attick Park.

Greenbelt is so great! Happy Easter, Happy Spring to one and all, from Thumper (a.k.a. Silly Bunny).

AGREEMENT continued from page 1

- MD/GM shall provide to the city a detailed plan indicating environmental impacts, as well as alternatives to minimize and avoid such impacts.

Urban Design:

- Parking areas shall be generally located to the rear or side of buildings, below grade, or in a parking structure, except for short term convenience parking.
- MD/GM will design and create a gateway on Metro Access Drive at Cherrywood Lane, subject to the approval by the city.
- Retail components shall be designed as a "main street" or "lifestyle" design, not as a mall.
- The North Core shall include open space of sufficient number and quantity to impart an environment of openness and to provide locations for informal gatherings. Open spaces shall measure in aggregate, at least one acre. These spaces shall be open to the public and open air.
- No businesses with drive through windows, car washes or gas or service stations are permitted. Banks and pharmacies with drive-up windows are permitted in the South Core, so long as the drive-up is related to a walk-in retail or service establishment.
- Billboards are not permitted.
- In the North Core, building heights shall generally range from 4 to 10 stories with a maximum height of 140 feet from finished grade, except landmark buildings which may rise to 12 stories with a maximum height of 165 feet from finished grade.
- In the South Core, building heights shall generally range from 2 to 5 stories with a maximum height of 70 feet from finished grade.

The complete draft of the agreement is available at the city's website at http://www.ci.greenbelt.md.us/Greenbelt_Station_Draft.pdf. Paper copies are available in the city manager's office.

METROLAND continued from page 1

McLaughlin requested guidance from council regarding what position, if any, the city should take at the Thursday, March 17 meeting of the Prince George's County Planning Board where the Metroland Developers' request for reconsideration of the Conceptual Site Plan for the project was to be on the agenda.

Following discussion, council, on a motion by Council-member Leta Mach, directed that Manzi should appear at the Thursday meeting and, if requested to

speak, note that the city is nearing agreement with the developers.



Cross Walk

Come join
Soul'd Out Youth Group
for a one mile walk through Greenbelt
in remembrance of Easter.
**The walk will start at
7 p.m. on Good Friday, March 25.**
The walk will begin and finish at the
Greenbelt Youth Center. All ages are
welcome to join us.

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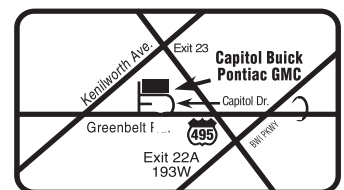
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Police Blotter

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

Robbery

March 16, 11:13 p.m., Beltway Plaza Mall, the victims reported that they were in a vehicle in the rear mall parking lot when they were approached by two youths holding what appeared to be shotguns. The youths ordered the victims out of the vehicle, announced a robbery and took one victim's cell phone, wallet and necklace. Both then fled the area on foot toward Cherrywood Lane. The suspects are described as two black males in their teens, with thin builds, both wearing black jackets, blue jeans, black shoes and ski masks.

March 17, 10:49 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Court, a man reported that he parked his car and observed a nearby vehicle double parked. After he exited his car, he was approached by a man who produced a handgun and announced a robbery. The victim was ordered to the ground and the suspect went through the victim's pockets, taking his wallet. The suspect fled the scene in the double-parked vehicle, described as a late model 4-door, possibly a Lexus, with tinted windows and fancy rims. He is described as a black male 20 to 25 years of age, 6 ft. with a medium build, wearing a black parka-type jacket, blue jeans and a ski mask.

Theft

March 15, 2:42 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road, police responded to the address for an occupied suspicious vehicle and upon arriving on the scene the vehicle left the area at a high rate of speed. Police then observed that the suspect vehicle had struck a parked car and that the three occupants bailed out of the vehicle and attempted to flee the scene on foot. A resident man and a resident youth were apprehended and arrested for theft. The youth was released to his parents pending action by the juvenile justice system. The man was released to the department of corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner. Investigation is continuing as to the third suspect's identity. Investigation revealed that the vehicle, a 1995 Nissan Maxima 4-door, had been reported stolen March 13 from the 9100 block of Springhill Lane.

DWI

March 5, 5:21 p.m., Kenilworth Avenue and Old Calvert Road, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with driving while impaired, driving under the influence, reckless driving, negligent driving and other motor vehicle offenses after he was stopped for a traffic violation. He was released on citations pending trial.

March 10, 12:41 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, a resident man was arrested and charged with driving while impaired, driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol and other motor vehicle offenses after he was stopped for an equipment violation. He was released on citations pending trial.

March 13, 1:07 a.m., Hanover Parkway and Good Luck Road, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with driving while impaired, driving under the influence and negligent driving after being stopped for a traffic violation. He was released on citations pending trial.

Drugs

March 14, 10:02 a.m., Cherrywood Lane and Breezewood Drive, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana after police stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. A computer check revealed that the driver had an open arrest warrant with the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department. Located in the vehicle was a quantity of suspected marijuana. The man was released to the department of corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner and for service of the warrant.

March 17, 4:47 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia after police stopped a vehicle for a registration violation. Upon approaching the vehicle, police detected the odor of what was believed to be marijuana. The driver was unlicensed and therefore arrested. He was also found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana. He was released on citation pending trial.

Trespass

March 11, 12:48 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespass. Police observed the man on the grounds of Springhill Lake Apartments after he had been banned from the complex by agents of the property. He was released to the department of corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

March 16, 10:07 p.m., T.G.I.Friday's Restaurant, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespass. He was told by management to leave the restaurant after acting in a disorderly manner and harassing other patrons. He was escorted from the premises and was arrested when he returned a short time later. The suspect was released on citation pending trial.

Burglary

March 10, 9:19 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, it was reported that unknown person(s) used unknown means to enter a residence and take two credit cards. The cards were later used to make unauthorized purchases.

March 14, 11:31 a.m., 9200 block Edmonston Road, a woman reported that she was upstairs in her residence when she heard suspicious noises coming from the living room downstairs. When she walked downstairs she observed two youths standing in her living room. Upon seeing her they fled the residence. The suspects are described as two black males approximately 12 years of age, one was 5', 190 pounds with black hair and a light complexion,

Police Arrest Seven In DWI Campaign

On Thursday, March 17 the Greenbelt Police Department initiated a DWI Saturation Patrol as part of the Checkpoint Strikeforce Campaign. The saturation patrol resulted in four driving while impaired/driving under the influence arrests, one driving while suspended arrest, one possession of cocaine with intent to distribute arrest and one possession of paraphernalia arrest. A total of 47 citations, warning and/or equipment repair orders were also issued.

Checkpoint Strikeforce is an intensive enforcement effort sponsored by the National Highway Safety Administration targeting alcohol and drug impaired drivers. Under the Checkpoint Strikeforce initiative law enforcement agencies in Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and the District of Columbia have committed to conducting sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols throughout the region. The objectives of this campaign are both to deter motorists from driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol and to identify and arrest those motorists who ignore the dangers of getting behind the wheel while impaired.

wearing dark clothing and brown shoes. The other was 5'2", 110 pounds, wearing a blue coat and blue jeans.

March 17, 11:47 a.m., 6200 block Springhill Court, it was reported that unknown person(s) entered the residence by breaking out a sliding glass door. Nothing appears to have been taken.

March 17, 1:57 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, it was reported that unknown person(s) entered the residence by breaking out a kitchen window. A video game player and video games were taken.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were stolen: a 1994 GMC truck from the 7900 block Mandan Road; a blue 1999 Dodge Durango, Maryland tags 361M559 and a 2002 Chrysler Concord 4-door from the 6900 block Hanover Parkway; a 1992 Honda Civic 2-door from the 6100 block Breezewood Court; a brown 1991 Acura Legend 4-door, Maryland tags 75298CB from the 7800 block Mandan Road; and a black 1994 Nissan Altima 4-door, Maryland tags JNK951 from the 200 block Lakeside Drive.

Seven vehicles were recovered, one by Greenbelt police with no arrest made, five by other police departments with an arrest made in one recovery and one by the owner.

Vandalism to, thefts from and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: Beltway Plaza Mall, 6100 block Breezewood Drive, 6200 block Breezewood Drive, 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, 6000 block Cherrywood Terrace, 6200 block Springhill Court, 6000 block Springhill Drive, 100 block Westway, 200 block Lakecrest Drive, 7400 block Greenway Center Drive, 7800 block Mandan Road and 7900 block Mandan Road.

Fire & Rescue Log

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

Incident Report

From March 5 to March 18 the GVFD responded to a total of 49 engine and 59 ambulance calls. Among those, 18 were reports of smoke or fire, two gas leaks, 13 motor vehicle accidents and 55 medical calls.

Marriott Fire

In the early morning hours of March 5 Greenbelt was alerted to a report of a fire in the laundry room of the Marriott Hotel on Ivy Lane. Greenbelt's engine arrived to find a fire that had been partially extinguished by the sprinkler system. The units on scene took care of the remaining fire before it could spread.

GVFD 50 Years

On Saturday, March 12 the GVFD celebrated its 50th anniversary at the annual banquet. Among those joining the celebration were members of the Greenbelt City Council, County Fire Chief Lawrence Sedgwick, County Councilmember Douglas J.J. Peters and representatives from a number of local and statewide fire organizations. Also in attendance were many past members as well as current members of the department and Ladies Auxiliary.

The program included proclamations by the visiting dignitaries and a photo presentation covering the last 50 years of the department. A number of annual awards including service awards ranging from 5 to 50 years were presented. The ceremony also included the installation of the administrative and line officers and trustees for the year 2005.

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Artful Afternoon Offers Spring Crafts, Tea, More

On Sunday, April 3 the Greenbelt Recreation Department will hold its monthly Artful Afternoon at the Community Center from 1 to 5 p.m. Activities include hands-on spring crafts, a tea and book signing, a comedic performance, a studio open house, historic house tours and art and historical exhibits. All activities are free and open to the public.

From 1 to 3 p.m., participants can make a fanciful spring hat and gloves with Katie Scott-Childress, artist-in-residence and Greenbelt Museum curator. All materials will be provided.

Spring Tea

A hat and gloves will be perfect attire for the Spring Tea hosted by the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum in the dining hall at the Community Center from 2 to 3 p.m.

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From 1 to 5 p.m. visit the working studios of Greenbelt's own artists-in-residence on the third

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For historic perspectives on Greenbelt there will be guided tours of the vintage home at 10-B Crescent Road operated by the Greenbelt Museum from 1 to 5 p.m. Visit the museum's exhibit at the Community Center - "Living the Healthy Life" - which explores the history of sport, health and fitness in the New Deal Era. This exhibit is open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

Artful Afternoons are held the first Sunday of every month at the Community Center at 15 Crescent Road. Artful Afternoons are an outing for families and people of all ages and an introduction to the many programs and classes available through the City of Greenbelt's Department of Recreation. For information call Barbara Dickey Davis at 240-542-2062.

City Gets Temporary Hybrid Vehicle Use

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UM Faculty Recital

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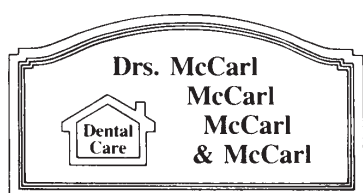


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This year David Allen Sibley, the author/artist of the newest and most powerful series of birding field guides, will be the featured artist. Sibley will be available for book signings at the Friday evening reception and on Satur-

day during the art show. The show is held at the National Wildlife Visitor Center, Patuxent Research Refuge, 10910 Scarlet Tanager Loop, Laurel, off Rt.197 and Powder Mill Road. For more information call 301-497-5789 or visit www.friendspwrc.org.

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Review

Wrestling with an Iguana At Greenbelt Arts Center

by Eli Flam

An opening night audience at the Greenbelt Arts Center clapped energetically at the end of "The Night of the Iguana" on Friday, March 18. Viewers filled more than half the seats for this seminal play by Tennessee Williams, which first carried the day on Broadway in 1961. It will continue here on weekends March 25 to April 9.

On the three-quarter-round stage the set is pegged for a casual, seaside Mexican inn on a jungly hilltop, summer of 1940. Recently-widowed owner Maxine Faulk (Cathy Barth) strides on stage after a daytime layabout with a staffer, young Pedro (Samuel Encarnacion). Soon, in clumps Larry Shannon (Andrew Schneider), tour guide and defrocked minister. He is in the grips of a fearful headache and tormenting frustration with his bused-in group of 11 Baptist women teachers from Texas (holed up down hill) and with his own life.

The trick to acting, quoth Charlie Chaplin, is "entrances and exits." Both Faulk and Shannon come on strong with high-voltage rancor, followed in kind by venomous group-leader Ms. Fellowes (Malca Giblin) and young Charlotte Goodall (Jobie Watson). The latter is a teacher desperate to pair up further with Shannon.

For contrast, bus driver Hank (Dave Solomon) tries to soft-soap the bus key back from the recalcitrant guide who wants the group to stay on at the Costa Verde.

With the arrival of artist Hannah (Cassie Lee) – another of Tennessee Williams' women wounded by life's meaner thrusts – a full-tilt battle between tastes and values takes on new shadings. She is escorting her aged father Nonno (Philip Brandis) the oldest living poet of renown we are told repeatedly, with that edge of irony that Williams hones so variously.

In the meantime contentious

byplay salted with sharp quips between strung-out Shannon and Maxine drives matters. Hannah, with the adept Nonno, and the tour bus stranded down the driveway add other vectors. In Act II Jake Latta (Steve Yednock), sent by the tour company, shows up to challenge Shannon further.

Backed by producer Gene Duarte, director Barth (who took on Williams' "A Streetcar Named Desire" at the Arts Center six years ago) leads cast and crew in wrestling with a play whose namesake – the iguana – counts for more offstage than on. It's smuggled on in a closed sack by Pedro and Pancho (Brian Moors), then tied up behind the Costa Verde.

Like the proverbial gun seen in Act I, look for it to go off by play's end in an unexpected direction. Along the way simulated lightning and real trickles of water prink up a tropical rain-storm.

In a key exchange Maxine – who wants Shannon to stay with her – importunes him on his womanizing: Why does he have to take on all these young women?

"People," he intones, "need human contact." Contact there is aplenty between the mixed characters cast up in the play's remote redoubt. Hackles are raised, anger abounds. What kind of resolution, if any, works out for Maxine and Shannon, much less others, by the end?

See how these lives piece out at the Arts Center Fridays or Saturdays, March 18 through April 9 at 8 p.m. or on a Sunday, March 27 at 2 p.m. and April 3 at 5 p.m. Call 301-441-8770 to reserve tickets.

A lot of work has gone into this production from many committed area denizens; staff and crew include Den and Malca Giblin, Doc Elza, Meg Larko, Gene Duarte, Mary Collins, Carolyn Cornelius, Bob Thompson, Lou Yakstis, Christine Wells, Tom Zanner, Frank Sledge and Steve Yednock.



In "The Night of the Iguana" at GAC, Hannah (left) and Maxine (right) contend for the attentions of Shannon – the man in the middle.

The Iguana Review On Tap at GAC, Too

Playgoers at "The Night of the Iguana" at the Greenbelt Arts Center weekends through April 10 will be offered a free copy of "The Iguana Review #4." Any donations for the newly-published collection of poems will be given to the Arts Center.

"The Iguanas" – a group of area poets who meet monthly in Greenbelt Library – dedicate this "Wintery Iguana Mix" to Emily Nutku. "There is no doubt that this publication would not exist without her initial inspiration and leadership," says an introduction. Nutku died last year.

The first poem "Soon" by Robert Baluch begins, "The long cold darkness / Of winter is fast approaching / And I have yet to finish / My summer chores . . ." Fellow poet Anne Sucher – one of 12 contributors – has several photographs in the booklet, too.

For more information, to submit poetry/prose or pictures or to obtain a printed copy, email rzbaluch@netscape.net or aesucher@yahoo.com. Monthly meetings at the Greenbelt Library are held on the second Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to noon, on the lower level.

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Greenbelter Bob Janus Is KC Citizen of the Year

by Austin Conaty

In October 1881, a 29-year-old priest, Fr. Michael J. McGivney, met with a small group of men in the basement of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut. These men were dedicated to their religion, their families and the defense of their country. On March 29, 1882, this group of men was incorporated as the Knights of Columbus.

This year the order celebrates the 123rd anniversary of its founding. On Sunday, March 13 the Maryland Council of the Knights of Columbus held a Founder's Day Mass which included the Fourth Degree Assembly in full regalia at St. John the Evangelist Church located in Severna Park. Nearly 200 Knights, friends, families and award winners reconvened a short distance up the street at a Founder's Day Awards Banquet at the Holy Trinity Knights of Columbus Council.

More than 100 councils in the State of Maryland are invited to submit their nominees for Catholic Teacher of the Year, Firefighter of the Year, EMT of the Year, Police Officer of the Year (2004 winner was Greenbelt Police Department's Officer Marvin "Randy" Marks), Family of the Year and Citizen of the Year. The winners are announced and recognized at the banquet.

The St. Hugh Knights of Columbus Council nominated Bob Janus as this year's citizen of the year and he was selected as the statewide winner. Susan Holland, a co-worker of Janus, wrote a wonderful letter mentioning many of his accomplishments. In that letter Holland mentioned that Janus had been serving for more than 40 years. He has held the position of Area Director, Special Olympics Prince George's County since 1968. He has had a positive impact on many Special Olympic Athletes, their families,



Bob Janus shakes hands with Maryland State Deputy Ron White while receiving his Citizen of the Year Award.

their coaches and their teachers over the years. The nomination letter was full of historical notes on Janus' fruitful years with the Special Olympics, including the many awards he's received and also included a personal touch because Susan and her husband, Doug, are proud parents of Desiree, a Special Olympics athlete.

After a delicious meal and some socializing the awards ceremony was under way. Citizen of the Year was the last of the awards given out Sunday evening. When Janus received his award, he thanked his wife, Jo Anne for her support over the many years and congratulated all the other awardees and thanked them for making a difference in other people's lives.

Janus thanked his St. Hugh Knights of Columbus Council for nominating him, then acknowledged Susan Holland and her family and Doug Holland's recent award as outstanding volunteer and Desiree's award as a Special Olympics Maryland Prince George's athlete. Janus motioned for Desiree to stand. When she did, she received a standing ovation. His talk was the climax of the evening. In a classy and humble way he left everyone with a warm feeling in their hearts and a twinkle in their eyes.



Pictured from left to right: Agnes Conaty, Austin Conaty, PGK Joe Griffith, Mike Rousseau, Ann Griffith, Maryland State Deputy Ron White, St. Hugh Council Grand Knight David Lockwood, 2005 Citizen of the Year Bob Janus, Susan Holland, Jo Anne Janus, Doug Holland and Desiree Holland.

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