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## APB Excited about SHL Proposal SHL Planners Excited about APB

by James Giese

The Advisory Planning Board (APB) met with representatives of Apartment Investment and Management Company (AIMCO), the owners of the Springhill Lake apartments, to review the proposed plans to replace the existing apartments with a new apartment community. The main purpose of this meeting was to review the proposal, which was described as a work in progress. However, the board decided to unanimously adopt a motion (to be refined by email amongst the members) expressing general support for the concept plan. They also supported a higher-density mixed residential project with some commercial to take advantage of the site without supporting at this time the finer details of the urban design.

Representatives of AIMCO were delighted with the board's quick action. Patti Schwayder, senior vice-president for government and community relations of AIMCO, told the board at the close of the meeting, "You are tremendous! You are fantastic!"

### Springhill Lake Public Workshop

There will be a public workshop on the Springhill Lake proposed redevelopment plan on Wednesday, June 15 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. (See City Information on page 5 for details.)

Earlier she commented, "Council should hear this elegant discussion. Council would be enlightened." Those remarks were seconded by Joseph DeTuno, AIMCO's executive vice-president for redevelopment, who chimed in, "It's great!"

#### Plan Review

Schwayder and Mike Watkins, director of town planning for Duany, Platter-Zyberk and Company, reviewed the concept plan. Schwayder told how after six years of ownership, AIMCO has concluded that it would be better to replace than restore. She

speculated that it could be an incredible community built to new design standards. The company and its consultants have spent two years so far to reach this point in the process. However, it is still a work in progress.

Watkins cautioned that the board should not be concerned at this time about details such as the location of bike racks and design of playgrounds. That will come at a later stage of design. This is a concept plan. He commented on how AIMCO had presented the idea to them and given them a great degree of freedom in a pedestrian friendly, diversified community.

The site has some fundamental limitations upon the design, they concluded. The existing street system, both public and private roads, need to be maintained because the existing utilities are located there. Also, many of the existing trees line the streets. That left the designers with a curious set of blocks

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## Hard Working Council Tackles Springhill Lake Redesign Plans

by Thomas X. White

While still basking in the glow of a job well done concerning the Metropark development plans and having just put the finishing touches on a challenging Fiscal Year 2006 budget for the city, the Greenbelt City Council's worksession on Tuesday, May 31 put council and its staff right back into a situation requiring additional hard work (and more time). Now they must effectively address the proposed redevelopment scheme for the Springhill Lake apartment project in west Greenbelt.

This worksession was council's first opportunity to review and discuss the Conceptual Site Plan (CSP) for the redevelopment of the Springhill Lake property recently filed with the Prince George's Technical Staff of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC).

Because this filing of the CSP will now accelerate the schedule for Greenbelt's review and consideration of the proposed plans, Celia Craze, director of Greenbelt's Community Development and Planning Department, told council that the city will have to play catch-up to provide timely suggestions and comments on the CSP to Apartment Investment and Management Company (AIMCO), owners of the property and to the M-NCPPC Technical

Staff.

Craze asked council to fundamentally accept the concept for redevelopment, while recognizing that staff is not yet ready to advise council on what it should do, and to continue to work on the details as the plan goes through the CSP process.

For council's information, Craze provided a May 27 memorandum delineating the elements of the project into "big-picture issues and, beyond those, a multitude of planning and design issues specific to the site." She suggested that council first address the big issues, such as the overall projected density increase, the suggested relocation of the elementary school and the city's recreation center and infrastructure improvements and public facility needs.

Other major issues are the relationship of the SHL property to the Beltway Plaza shopping center and Metro development, housing choices and opportunities and abandonment and dedication of street rights-of-way. In addition, the city should consider possible County Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) assistance and the potential for a temporary decline in city property tax revenue generated by the SHL redevelopment process.

A separate document outlined the city staff's preliminary com-

ments on the CSP, the relationship between the CSP and the Greenbelt West Sector Plan, the Development District Overlay Zone (DDOZ) and the County's General Plan, all of which should, in some way, influence the ultimate planning and development decisions for the property. Council was also provided with a background document used by the Prince George's County Board of Education in their evaluation of the possible relocation of SHL Elementary School to the present Greenbelt Middle School site.

#### AIMCO Input

AIMCO representatives at the meeting to respond to the city's questions and concerns included Patti Schwayder, AIMCO senior vice president, based at the Denver, Col., headquarters; David Douglas, senior vice president for the Washington Metropolitan Region; Joseph DeTuno of AIMCO; Michael Watkins, town planner for Duany Plater-Zyberk & Co. (DPZ), engaged to plan and design the SHL redevelopment project; and Andre Gingles, a local planning and zoning attorney hired by AIMCO.

Schwayder, providing a brief history of the redevelopment project, described how AIMCO's initial plans for a renovation of

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PHOTO BY BILL CORNETT

Steven O'Hara of Lakeside North enjoys a quiet reading place by the south bay of Greenbelt Lake on Saturday afternoon.

## FOP Seeks Right to Collective Bargaining from City Council

by Barbara Hopkins

Collective bargaining with binding arbitration for police officers, open space funds and legislative initiatives for 2006 were some of the topics on the agenda when the Greenbelt City Council met on Monday night, May 23.

#### Collective Bargaining

John Rogers, chair of the collective bargaining committee for the Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge #32, explained to council that the FOP was not unhappy in its relationship to council but had agreed to seek collective bargaining rights with binding arbitration for officers at the rank of sergeant and below because they considered it the next progressive step in their development. During previous discussions on the topic, council had raised concerns about the rest of the city employees who do not have this option. Rogers said the FOP considers this a valid concern and for that reason he was not presenting the draft charter amendment that had been expected.

The FOP has requested that

the matter be placed before the city voters next November if council does not act positively on the issue. In order to meet the requirements of the city charter for putting it on this year's ballot, council must adopt a resolution by October 3.

Rogers said he hoped the city would come to a decision by the end of August. Mayor Judith Davis said council will meet in an executive session with legal council soon and then hold a worksession which should lead to a decision.

The idea of binding arbitration created problems for several councilmembers, who consider it a loss of control and even an additional expense when legal representation is required. During the discussion Rogers clarified the process of binding arbitration, in which a governing body and employees agree to resolve differences by submitting to the decisions of a neutral third party. Rogers

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### What Goes On

#### Saturday, June 11

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot between City Offices and Community Center

#### Saturday, June 11 and Monday, June 13

9 a.m. and 2 p.m. only, Open Registration for Children's Swimming Lessons, Aquatic and Fitness Center

#### Monday, June 13

6 p.m., Advisory Committee on Trees, Community Center (or meet the Committee at the end of Laurel Hill Road for a walk through the woods)

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

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

8 p.m., Council Meets with GHI (stakeholders), GHI Board Room

#### Tuesday, June 14

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

#### Thursday, June 16

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

*Editorial***Think It Through**

We think that it is important for the Greenbelt City Council and the county government to consider carefully an appropriate review process for building permits for new additions in Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) homes. Not having such a review, as had been the case until now, is different from the process experienced by all other homeowners in the county. While good in-house review standards may now be in place at GHI, its long-term history in regard to new additions is not that good.

If you own a home in any other part of Greenbelt and wish to build an addition, your plans are reviewed for conformance to a variety of zoning and subdivision regulations. These regulations are designed to protect one neighbor from excessive intrusion by another and to preserve the overall design and character of a community.

Because GHI was originally built by the federal government without local controls and has been placed in a zoning category restricting building construction in accordance with a plan that does not exist, GHI has been free of building construction review relating to overall size and location of the planned design at the county level, where planning and zoning authority are vested by state law.

Additions, particularly on the garden and service sides of GHI townhomes, can seriously impact the view and access to light and enjoyment of the yard of adjacent residents. Neighbors may fail to object for fear of causing conflict with their neighbor. One or more additions in a court can seriously impact the architectural character of the court, particularly if the wrong architectural style or wrong materials are used.

CB-134-1988, a never-enforced 1988 county council act now the subject of much concern by some GHI members and its board, requires county review of additions exceeding 25 percent of the size of a GHI dwelling. The process to be followed for approval under that law, a departure from site plan, would be expensive to follow in GHI because there is no existing plan to file and one would have to be prepared first. The law also affects some of the adjacent single-family homes, but not as much because additions over 25 percent in size for such homes would be very large.

CB-134-1988 does not appear to be the right way to regulate and control the construction of additions in GHI. But having no governmental oversight to GHI building construction, particularly in view of past failures, strikes us as not being the right thing to do nor is it in the best interests of GHI residents.

Let's take the time to resolve this matter once and for all the right way.

**Annual Blues Festival In Roosevelt Center**

Seven blues groups will set the beat at the Annual Blues Festival in Roosevelt Center on Saturday, June 18 from 1 to 8:30 p.m. The free outdoor concert will move inside the New Deal Café in the case of prolonged rain.

Opening the event will be the Zach Sweeney Band.

Among the other six musical acts (see ad on page 3 for list), Ronnie Ray and the Coolers is a four-piece blues combo that "boogies, strolls and struts through classic Chicago-style and authentic jump blues."

The Clarence Turner Blues Band is "one of the few and far between nitty, gritty pure blues bands in the D.C. area." In September 2004, they were invited to play at the annual D.C. Blues Festival at the Carter Barron Amphitheatre. A performance at D.C.'s Blues Alley followed. In February 2003, Turner was listed in the Washingtonian Magazine's "Who's Who in D.C. Blues."

The festival is one of a series of free, outdoor, all-day concerts produced by Friends of New Deal Café Arts, with funding from the City of Greenbelt, Prince George's Arts Council and Prince George's County.

**World Refugee Day Celebration**

National Geographic and the United Nations Refugee Agency will celebrate World Refugee Day with a series of free live performances and family-friendly activities on Saturday, June 18 starting at noon. Artists from around the world will present music and dance highlighting their cultures.

Activities will include children's workshops throughout the day as well as a special poster giveaway. There will be a market for arts and crafts vendors benefitting the refugee community. A selection of ethnic foods also will be available.

The United National General Assembly designated June 20, 2000, as World Refugee Day to recognize and celebrate the contribution of refugees throughout the world. Since then, World Refugee Day has become an annual commemoration marked by a variety of events in more than 100 countries.

The festival takes place at the National Geographic Society, 17th and M Streets NW, Washington, DC. For more information, call 202-857-5838.

**NAMI Hosts Guest Speaker**

The Prince George's Chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) will hold its monthly workshop on Thursday, June 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the New Carrollton Municipal Center. The topic will be services for the mentally ill at the Prince George's County Detention Center and the speaker will be Ben Yue, social worker at the Detention Center. He will discuss new specially-funded programs which are in place or pending. The workshop is free and open to all.

**Board of Education Committee Meets**

The Business Roundtable, Partnerships and Communications Committee of the Prince George's County Board of Education will meet on Monday, June 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Executive Conference Room at the Sasser Administration Building, 14201 School Lane in Upper Marlboro.

The meeting will be open to the public; however, there will be no public participation. For additional information, call Executive Assistant Sharon D. Mack at 301-952-6129.

**Corrections**

In last week's News Review an erroneous date (now past) was announced for the Greenbriar Condominiums board meetings. Those meetings will actually be held on Tuesday, June 14 at 6 p.m. for Phase III and at 7:30 p.m. for Phases I and II. See article on page 3 for more information.

In the article in last week's News Review Frann Fendley, CYO Coach of the Year, was given credit for the first St. Hugh's girls' softball championship in 2003. This newspaper has learned that the first CYO softball championship by St. Hugh's girls was won in 1994 under Pat Berard, beating St. Bernard's in Riverdale.

**PRELIMINARY AGENDA MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Thursday, June 16, 2005  
7:30 p.m., GHI Board Room

**GDC Stockholders Meeting – 7:30 p.m.**

- Election of Officers

**GHI Meeting Immediately Following****Key Agenda Items**

- Living Trust Approval – 5H Ridge Road
- A&E Committee CLEAR Project Update
- 2005 Parking Lot Repair Contract – 2nd Reading
- Rules on Use of Portable Gazebos
- Allocation of Unallocated Revenue
- First Quarter Operating Statements
- Boiler Room Renovation Contract, 34F Ridge – 2nd Reading

Regular board meetings are open to members.

**Letters to the Editor****Open Letter**

To the Mayor and Members of Council

Having just read the article in the May 26 News Review concerning the rapid progress of the AIMCO development, I wanted to share with you my concerns about this project. I will be out of town in July and therefore request that these comments be included in the official record of public hearings held during that time on this issue.

I am very concerned about the apparent lack of space being allocated for recreational uses (e.g., playgrounds, parks and ballfields). I remind council that Greenbelt and the other green towns of the 1930s were specifically designed to avoid the well-known urban blight of traditional

city residential areas in which children had no place to play except in streets and alleys. I urge council to insist on a reasonable amount of recreational open space to support the quality of this development. To do otherwise would be to depart from an important feature of quality of life for Springhill Lake residents, one that is currently enjoyed by those of us in Old Greenbelt and Greenbelt East.

I look forward to hearing about council actions to include recreational open space in the AIMCO concept plan and hope that you will refuse to settle for less. Thank you very much for your attention.

Ruth Kastner

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# Community Events

## Greenbriar Boards Meet on June 14

Greenbriar Condominiums Phase III Board Meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 14. The Board Meetings for Phase I and Phase II will follow at 7:30 p.m. in Greenbriar's Commons Room.

For more information on these meetings, call Bridgette Ferrell at 301-441-1096.

## Greenbelt Seniors Battle Old Liners

In a hard-fought softball doubleheader Monday, June 6 Greenbelt Seniors lost 13-12 and 11-7 to Old Liners on their field in Howard County. Behind in the first game by 8-2, Greenbelt – keyed by a base-clearing triple to the right field fence by Lefty Smith – took a 12-10 lead before the Old Liners responded.

Leadoff hitter Jim Harbaugh had two singles and two walks in each game; John Benish twice stroked two singles, and drew two walks. Dave Kerr and Larry Dandridge had two hits apiece in the second game while manager Ray Reed and Jim Dugan had a pair each in game one. Reed and John Strekel shared the pitching in the first game, Reed and Sterling Tropp in game two in the Baltimore Beltway Senior Softball League.

## 1st GLBT Pride Meet Is Set for June 20

The inaugural event of a group for Greenbelt's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered residents and their supporters will be held on Monday, June 20 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the New Deal Café. Members of GreenBeLT Pride, the new organization, will gather at the café to socialize and informally discuss some of the local and statewide initiatives affecting their lives. Members will mark their tables with rainbow flags, a symbol of diversity and acceptance of sexual minorities.

The event is scheduled in the month of June, the traditional time for celebrations of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender pride across the United States. Organizers of the Greenbelt event believe it will be the first of its kind in the city's history. All are welcome.

Fifteen people attended a meeting at the Greenbelt Community Center at the end of May to plan this event and also to discuss the need for future social, cultural, educational and political programs for Greenbelt residents around sexual diversity issues.

Participants at the May meeting observed that they knew of many households in the city with gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered members, so they adopted the slogan, "You can't spell GreenBeLT without GBLT!" and adopted "GreenBeLT Pride" as their organizational name – with the deliberately "incorrect" capitalizations to highlight the letters in the city's name that correspond with the words "gay, bisexual, lesbian, transgender."

For more information, about GreenBeLT Pride or the event on June 20, contact Frank DeBernardo at 301-474-5294 or FdeBernardo@aol.com.

## Greenbelt Greens Meet on Monday

The monthly meeting of the Greenbelt Greens will be held on Monday, June 13 in the community room of the police station at the corner of Crescent and Ridge Roads at 7:30 p.m.

A report will be given of the Maryland State Greens annual assembly held in Baltimore on June 4. The status of the new locals in Frederick and Charm City will be discussed. Support for candidates for the Greenbelt City Council and possible candidates for 2006 will be presented. Plans for the large peace demonstration in the fall and numerous smaller events are on the agenda.

All are welcome. Refreshments will be served. For further information phone Anya at 301-486-0744 or Bob at 202-722-4303.

## At the Library

### Children

Tuesday, June 14, 10:30 a.m. – Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver; limit 15 babies.

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

Thursday, June 16, 10:30 a.m. – Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years; limit 20 children.

### Adults

Saturday, June 11, 10:30 a.m. – Poetry Plus Club, Multicultural Poetry – Arthur Rimbaud's poetry.

Saturday, June 18, 10 a.m. – Learn how to successfully incorporate herbs for landscape and culinary pleasure. Join master gardeners as they share environmentally sound advice. A question and answer period will follow and literature will be available.

## GHI Notes

June 13 at 8 p.m. – Stakeholders meeting with city.

June 15 at 7:30 p.m. – Companion Animal Committee in the GHI lunch room. Also at 7:30 p.m. – Architecture & Environment Committee.

June 16 at 7:30 p.m. – Board of Directors.

Meetings are held in GHI Board Room unless otherwise noted.

## City Notes

Public works facilities maintenance crew changed air filters and inspected fire extinguishers in all city buildings, replaced the fill valve on the cooling tower at the police station, did monthly inspection of street lights and building lights on city property and continued work on the Community Center project. One crewman was on duty all night at Grad Night to help with the myriad details necessary to ensure the success of the event.

The horticulture crew weeded, pruned and planted 126 summer annuals at the Aquatic and Fitness Center; removed the pansies and planted a combined 252 annuals at the entrances to Boxwood and Lakewood.

### Recreation Dept.

Approximately 425 attended the alcohol/drug-free Grad Night celebration. As part of Grad Night, graduates from Eleanor Roosevelt used the pool with no incidents to report.

## Alaska Film Launches Summer Explorations

On Friday, June 17 the summer Explorations Unlimited travel video series will open with "The Alaska Railroad," a video in the Reader's Digest "Scenic Rail Journeys of the Americas." Hear the train whistle blow as the train pulls out of the station to begin an adventure on the Alaska Railroad.

The journey takes viewers from Anchorage to Fairbanks and Seward, crossing America's last frontier, a vast unspoiled wilderness where nature reigns in pristine wonder. Roll through the awesome snow-capped peak of Mt. McKinley, tallest mountain in North America; travel deep into 7,000 square-mile Denali National Park to see moose and brown bears; pan for gold; marvel at 1,000 foot long Hurricane Bridge. Enjoy the thrill of the ride, the splendor of the sights. All aboard!

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Lounge. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information call 301-397-2208.

## Star Party on Sat.

Weather permitting, the Greenbelt Astronomy Club (GAC) will host a star party this Saturday, June 11. The event will take place at Wolfe Fields on Northway extended. It begins at 8:30 p.m.

The club and its members will have telescopes available to share views of celestial objects.

Future GAC events can be found online at <http://www.greenbeltastro.org/events.shtml>. In the event of precipitation or hopelessly cloudy skies at the time of an event, the star party will be cancelled without further notice.

## Dems Annual Picnic Sat. at Schrom Hills

The Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club of Greenbelt will hold its annual picnic on Saturday, June 11 at Schrom Hills Park between 4 and 7 p.m.

The club will provide hot dogs and hamburgers, condiments, soft drinks and water, plastic utensils and paper products. Attendees are asked to bring a salad and a dessert to share.

Enjoy a late afternoon cook-out with Democratic friends and some regional Democratic office holders.

Schrom Hills Park is located on Hanover Parkway about one-half mile to the south of Greenbelt Road (Route 193). The park is located on the left proceeding south past Greenway Center on the right. Proceed to the pavilion where club members will be grilling food.

T-shirts with a take-no-prisoners kicking donkey (emblem) will be on sale at the picnic. Tickets to the Bowie Baysox game Friday, June 24 should also be available. That game day will feature more outdoor cooking in addition to the game and a fine summer fireworks display to prepare people for the 4th.

Come out to celebrate the start of summer! For information, call 301-474-2896 after 8 p.m.

## Greenbelt Baseball

### Major League Schedule

Date	Time	Games
Mon., June 13	6:00 p.m.	Lions vs. Orioles
Tues., June 14	6:00 p.m.	Indians vs. Giants
Wed., June 15	6:00 p.m.	Cubs vs. Tigers
Thurs., June 16	6:00 p.m.	Athletics vs. Cardinals
Fri., June 17	6:00 p.m.	Rain Makeup
Fri., June 17	7:00 p.m.*	Rain Makeup
Sat., June 18	10:00 a.m.	Rain Makeup
Mon., June 20	6:00 p.m.	Playoffs start

### Major League Standings as of Tuesday 6/07/05

American League	W-L	National League	W-L
Giants	10 - 4	Indians	7 - 7
Orioles	8 - 5	Cardinals	7 - 7
Tigers	8 - 6	Cubs	6 - 7
Athletics	2 - 10	Lions	6 - 8

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

### Machine Pitch

Mon., June 13	6:00 p.m.	Phillies vs. Mets
Wed., June 15	6:00 p.m.	Mets vs. Marlins
Fri., June 17	6:00 p.m.	Marlins vs. Phillies

All games at Braden #3

## Park Seeks Junior Rangers

The rangers of Greenbelt Park are looking for Junior Rangers

Greenbelt Park is an 1,100-acre forest featuring 10 miles of trails, picnic areas and a campground. Junior Rangers will participate in environmental education, field trips and become stewards of the National Park Service.

Applications for the 2005 Jun-

ior Ranger program are available at the headquarters and the ranger station near the campground. The program is for 8 to 12 year olds.

The first session will be held on Tues., June 14 through Fri., June 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information, call 301-344-3944.

Greenbelt Arts Center Presents

## AUDITIONS

# The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie

By Jay Allen

Saturday, June 11 from 3-6pm

Sunday, June 12 from 10am-1pm

Director, Sheilah Crossley-Cox

Producer Steven Cox

Readings from the script.

Performances: August 12 - 27

## Greenbelt Arts Center

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[www.greenbeltartscenter.org](http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org)

## ANNUAL GREENBELT BLUES FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 18, 1 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Zach Sweeney Band - at 1 p.m.

and the following bands, not necessarily in order:

Ronnie Ray and the Coolers

The Pulverizers

Matt Kelley and Rick Sampson

The Shakers

Blu Lou and Friends

with Clarence "The Blues Man" Turner

ending the evening show.

The free, outdoor concert will be on a Festival Stage set up in Roosevelt Center. Produced by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts, this event receives funding support from the City of Greenbelt, the Prince George's Arts Council and Prince George's County.

**After Hours Jam— 9 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.**, inside the New Deal Café: Acoustic Blues, featuring Wave Milor, Mike Baytop, Dave Miner and Dave Harris.

## Museums Present Chagall Bible Series

More than 100 hand-colored Marc Chagall etchings that illustrate the Hebrew Bible are on exhibit at the Museums at the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center June 15 through September 15.

"Marc Chagall: The Bible Series 1957" presents fundamental themes of love, vanity, tragedy and hope that connect to a wide audience. Chagall's 105 Bible images dwell on heroic human action as well as human weaknesses while showing the complex relationship with God. David lusts after Bathsheba. Jacob deceives his father Isaac. Joseph's brothers sell him into slavery. Yet, all become leaders in Israel. Chagall's etchings complement and transcend the written text to encompass the artist's special insights.

Chagall, whose work includes paintings, prints, theater sets, stained-glass windows and murals, is considered one of the great artists of the 20th century.

The exhibit is presented in cooperation with the Haggerty Museum of Art, Marquette University, Milwaukee.

Opening June 7 at the Center is an exhibit of 50 intricately illuminated pages from the famous 15th century Borso d'Este Bible. The Illuminated Word features reproductions of Taddeo Crivelli's illuminations. It runs through October 15.

The Cultural Center, 3900 Harewood Road, N.E., Washington, D.C., is open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Admission is by voluntary donation. Free parking is available at the museum. For more information call 202-635-5440.

## Greenbelt "Makes Way for Ducklings"

by Marge Owens

The morning of Tuesday, May 31 around 9:30 three adult geese herded seven half-grown offspring across six lanes of traffic on Greenbelt Road. They were headed from Greenbelt Park to the Lake Park. One of the adults would stand in the middle of each lane facing the oncoming cars with wings slightly stretched out then the other two adults would herd the group of young ones into that lane.

The process was repeated until they were all safely across. Traffic stopped absolutely during the five or six minutes it took.

## Greenbelt Folk Dancers Celebrate 25 Years of Fun

by Jeri Holloway

On Friday, June 17 the Greenbelt Folk Dance Class will celebrate its 25th anniversary with an open party at the Greenbelt Youth Center at 7:30 p.m. Dance



to music from far off places while spending an evening with friendly, fun people from Greenbelt and surrounding communities. Partners are not necessary but comfortable clothes and shoes are a must. Light refreshments will be served.

The folk dance classes began 25 years ago this spring when spirited and energetic Terry Forbes blanketed the area with flyers about a class that was to be taught by her husband Roland Forbes. The Forbes shared the responsibility of running the class in the early days. Terry did most of the publicity, social organizing and keeping everyone happy. Terry was the soul of the group; Roland's big responsibility was teaching.

Rilla Potter spotted a flyer in a grocery store in College Park and decided to try her dancing skills. She has been a class member for 25 years and is a most enthusiastic and skilled dancer. She loves the music and the people. Her husband Nelson joined the fun a few years later. Marsha Sloger began taking

the class during the second session; she and her husband Charlie have been longtime dancers.

In 1996 Greenbelt resident Lindley Darden convinced Forbes to move the class to Greenbelt. There have been 36 sessions of classes offered at the Youth Center and the group continues to grow in numbers and enthusiasm. Second generation dancer Monica Forbes McAbbee, a Greenbelt resident, is a current member of the class.

It is estimated that over the 25 years at least 600 dances have been taught from some of the following countries: USA, British Isles, Spain, France, Greece, Turkey, Hungary, Bulgaria, Russia, Romania, Israel, Japan, China, Tibet, Poland, Serbia and Macedonia to name a few.

Roland Forbes is a master teacher traveling to dance camps during the summer to learn new dances to keep everyone "on their toes." It's always a challenge for the feet as well as the brain. Folk dancing is a wonderful way to get some exercise while having fun. If you like the party, sign up for the next class through the Greenbelt Recreation Department. There is a modest fee for the eight-week session.

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## Cathedral Holds Worship Service

As part of its national ministry, the Washington National Cathedral prays for the people and government of each state on an appointed Sunday.

The worship service and celebration for Maryland will be held at the Washington National Cathedral at 11 a.m. on Sunday, June 12. The Rev. William Shand, rector of Saint Francis Church of Potomac, will deliver the sermon as guest preacher. The Maryland State Boychoir of Baltimore will perform. All are welcome.

## Anniversary Concert In University Park

On June 11, Voices XXI (Voices 21), Jesse Parker, music director, celebrates five years of choral excellence. An anniversary concert will be performed on Saturday, June 11, 7:30 p.m. at the Riverdale Presbyterian Church, 6513 Queens Chapel Road, University Park, featuring music by Britten, Barber, Brahms, Casals, Finzi, Gabrieli, Berger, Conte, Ferko and the world premiere of "Ave Verum Corpus" by Composer-in-residence Paul Criswell. Admission and parking are free.

For information, visit the website ([www.voicesxxi.org](http://www.voicesxxi.org)), call 240-643-6563 or write to [Voicesxxi@aol.com](mailto:Voicesxxi@aol.com).

## Shavuot All Night Study at Synagogue

On Sunday evening, June 12 from 9 p.m. until 5 or 6 a.m., there will be an all night "study" session at Mishkan Torah celebrating the holiday of Shavuot. The session will consist of short periods of actual study interspersed with trivia games, videos with Judaic themes, discussions of various topics and refreshments.

Everything will have a Judaic theme that will connect those who attend with the holiday. The final event in the early morning will be Shavuot morning services. On Tuesday morning, the second day of Shavuot, there will again be morning services but at 9:30 a.m.

Call Mishkan Torah's office, 301 474-4223, for information.

## Baha'i Faith

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at Buddy Attick park  
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301-474-3720

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Greenbelt, MD 20770  
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[www.bahai.org/www.us.bahai.org](http://www.bahai.org/www.us.bahai.org)

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



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



### Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

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Municipal Building

## New Beauty Salon Opens at Greenway

by Shamla K. Shakir

Friday through Sunday, June 10, 11 and 12 will be the grand opening of "Blush Beauty Full Co." a new beauty salon in Greenway Center. Special discounts will be offered on a wide range of upscale professional hair care products such as Paul Mitchell, Mizani and American Crew.

Blush Beauty Full Co., located at 7577 Greenbelt Road, will provide professional hair care services to both men and women including style, cut, color and more. The staff is also trained to give professional consulting on a variety of hair care products.

Owner Paul Baik said that the store is aimed at people who "need a convenient source of high quality beauty products that cannot be found in grocery stores or discount drug stores."

Blush Beauty Full is the second business in the Greenbelt area for Baik, a recent alumni of the University of Maryland who also owns Greenway Beauty Supply. Salon services from the older site have been relocated to the new Blush Beauty Full.

"We welcome all of our customers in the Greenbelt area to come out to our grand opening," he said. Store hours are from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday. For more information call 301-442-9062.



Many good wishes are extended to Crista Fernandez by her co-workers, friends and visitors to the Greenbelt Aquatic Center. Crista, her husband and their four children are moving to Houston, Texas, soon.

Congratulations to Lori and Tom Moran and Mary and Barry Moien who celebrated their 40th and Marlene and Desie Viktor who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary years with others from the Archdiocese of Washington during a June 4 Jubilarian Celebration at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Several hundred couples with significant anniversaries in 2005 were honored.

Best wishes to longtime Platteau Place resident Jane Love, who is back home after abdominal surgery. Her son Doug and all her neighbors wish her a speedy recovery.

Congratulations to Tim and Aida Duncan of 14 Court Ridge Road on the birth of their son, Timothy Vishal Duncan, born on May 10, 2005. He weighed in at 6 lbs., 14 oz. Grandmothers Ines Lopez and Shobha Duncan witnessed the birth at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital. Proud grandparents Bill and Shobha Duncan, of 13 Court Ridge Road, report they are delighted to have their grandson so close by.

Army Spec. Travis W. Bonner, husband of Nicole Bonner and son-in-law of Carolyn Foxx of Hanover Parkway, has graduated from the Radio and Communications Security Repairer Advanced Individual Training course at Ft. Gordon in Augusta, Ga. The course trains students to troubleshoot and perform preventive maintenance checks and services on radio and communications equipment. Spec. Bonner, who graduated from ERHS in 2001 and Bowie State in 2004, is the son of Emma I. Bonner of Largo.



# City Information

## NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2006 BUDGET FOR THE

**GENERAL FUND  
BUILDING CAPITAL RESERVE FUND  
CEMETERY FUND  
DEBT SERVICE FUND  
REPLACEMENT FUND  
SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND  
TEMPORARY DISABILITY RESERVE FUND  
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION RESERVE FUND  
GREEN RIDGE HOUSE FUND  
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND  
2001 BOND FUND  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND**

At its regular meeting of June 6, 2005, the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, adopted the City's budget for Fiscal Year 2006, thereby approving expenditures as follows:

General Fund .....	\$ 20,083,300
Building Capital Reserve Fund .....	70,100
Cemetery Fund .....	1,800
Debt Service Fund .....	924,900
Replacement Fund .....	179,000
Special Projects Fund .....	86,800
Temporary Disability Reserve Fund .....	50,000
Unemployment Compensation Reserve Fund .....	6,000
Green Ridge House .....	1,118,700
Capital Projects Fund .....	1,325,000
2001 Bond Fund .....	1,200,000
Community Development Block Grant Fund .....	100,000

Copies of the adopted budget document will be available for examination in August 2005 at the City Offices at 25 Crescent Road, at the Greenbelt Library at 11 Crescent Road and on the Greenbelt Citylink Web site ([www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)).

## OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups. Vacancies exist on the:  
**Arts Advisory Board  
Employee Relations Board  
Park and Recreation Advisory Board**  
For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

## Meetings for June 13-17th

**Monday, June 13, 6:00pm, Advisory Committee on Trees.** All interested persons are invited to meet at the end of Laurel Hill Road to walk through the woods with the Committee. For information, please call the Public Works Department at 301-474-8004.

**Monday, June 13, 7:00pm, Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee,** at the Community Center.

**Monday, June 13, 8:00pm, Council Work Session,** with Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (stakeholder), at GHI Board Room.

**Wednesday, June 15, 7:30pm, Park and Recreation Advisory Board,** Community Center Gallery/Sr. Conference Room

## SPRINGHILL LAKE PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT PLAN PUBLIC WORKSHOP WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2005 6:30-8:30pm Greenbelt Community Center Multi-Purpose Room 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770

Attendees will have the opportunity to view the conceptual redevelopment plan for Springhill Lake. Please note that there will be no formal presentation; however, city planning staff will be available to receive comments and answer questions.

If you are unable to attend, but would like to review the plan and/or comment on the plan, please contact the Department of Planning and Community Development at 301-345-5417.

## GREENBELT CARES BABYSITTING COURSE



**Wednesday, June 22nd from 10am-1pm  
Municipal Building-1st Floor  
Conference Room**

This free course is targeted toward students completing grades 5-8. Students will learn responsibility and health and safety issues of taking care of children, as well as learning about poison control and fire prevention. Students completing the course will receive a certificate and be eligible to participate in the Greenbelt CARES ODD JOBS/JOB BANK program.

**Info/Enrollment: 301-345-6660, ext 2016 or  
[jhering@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:jhering@greenbeltmd.gov)**

## GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

**MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Tuesday & Thursday, June 14 & 16: 10am & 6pm "Ask the Expert," 6:45pm "Prince George's County Public Schools: A Year of Achievement 7pm**  
"Springhill Lake Elementary School presents Ray: The Legacy of a Legend."

**PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, June 15 & 17: 7pm "Public Safety," 7:30pm "Pittsburg Comicon."**

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Greenbelt Board of Appeals

Notice is hereby given that the Greenbelt Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **June 14, 2005, at 7:30 pm** in the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 202, Greenbelt, MD on the following variance applications:

An application filed by Ibrahim Uyar for consideration of a request for a variance on premises located at 6807 Landon Court, Greenbelt, MD. The applicant is requesting a variance of 7.5' from rear yard setback requirements for the purpose of constructing a 12.7' x 23.2' deck.

An application filed by Marcel & Bernadette Onuorah for consideration of a request for a variance on premises located at 7920 Greenbury Drive, Greenbelt, MD. The applicant is requesting a variance of 10' from rear yard setback requirements for the purpose of constructing a deck.

An application filed by Tonya & Aliou Ceesay for consideration of a request for variances on premises located at 6815 Green Crescent Court, Greenbelt, MD. The applicant is requesting a variance of 15' from rear yard setback requirements and 3' from side yard setback requirements for the purpose of constructing a 16' x 36' deck and catwalk along rear of home.

**For more information call 301-345-5417**

## DONATION DROP-OFF

**Saturday, June 11  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
Parking lot between the City Office  
and the Community Center**

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

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

## GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER Weekday Children's Swimming Lessons Summer Session One



Session Dates: June 14 – June 17, June 21 – 24  
Passholders and Residents register: Sat., June 11  
Open Registration: Sun., June 12 & Mon., June 13  
Register in person at the GAFC between 9:00am and 2:00pm ONLY!

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to work with. Fortunately, AIMCO is interested in having a broad range of housing, not just one kind as is mostly the case with the current apartments at Springhill Lake, Watkins said.

Another design limitation was accommodating stormwater runoff. The low point on the site is at the Springhill Lake elementary school. That is where a small lake needs to be for storm water retention. Hence the planner's desire to rebuild an elementary school at another location.

The center of the community will be where the existing neighborhood commercial area is at Springhill Drive and Springhill Lane. However, new convenience stores and shops such as a dry cleaner will be located on the ground floor of buildings which will also house apartments, much as they were in old city neighborhoods. The highest density of residences will be located near the center with the lowest densities farthest away.

The main entrance will be facing the Greenbelt Metro Station with twin 10-story "tower" buildings on either side of Springhill Drive at Breezewood Dr. An 800-foot pedestrian walk is to connect the community to the Metro station and the proposed Greenbelt Station complex. There will be a variety of styles of apartment buildings and townhouses throughout the complex. Some apartments will be more like the loft apartments being created in old industrial buildings. The plan would set aside 89 acres of open space.

### Density

Previously, the planners proposed to replace the 2,899 units with about 4,500 units. That count is now up to 6,000. Schwayder calls that a cap on the number of units but not necessarily the final count. In the approved sector plan for the Greenbelt Metro Area, the underlining zoning for the Springhill Lake area is a lower density R-18 zone. AIMCO proposes changing that to the R-10 zone. The later adopted General Plan for the county would permit up to 40 units an acre.

APB Chair William Wilkerson commented that it is not so much a question of what the zoning should be as it is what the concept plan should be. City Planner Terri Hruba agreed, saying that if you like the concept plan, then you support an appropriate zoning for it. AIMCO's attorney, Andre Gingles, commented that the amount of density permitted would be a driving force in making the project work. He noted that the ratio of commercial to residential could change, increasing square footage of commercial from 24,000 to 30,000 and reducing the number of residential units by a couple hundred.

Accommodating traffic generated would be the major limitation to the amount of development. Wilkerson said that the greater density would support more of the local, walk-to commercial that the city would like to see. Schwayder commented about concern of competition from the owners of Beltway Plaza by saying that she had told them it is now their turn to consider change. She thought the mall should be replaced with a mixed-use kind of development.

DeTuno said that he felt this project would become one of the

"hottest" communities in the country. He expected people to come from all around.

### Support

APB member Joyce Chestnut felt the board should first decide whether it agreed on the increased density. "If we can have input on the other 100 issues, I support the increase in density. What else can you do?" she said.

Member Emmett Jordan said that he too was comfortable with it. "Increasing density in the vicinity of Metro makes sense."

Sheldon Goldberg, another member said, "I'm a big city boy. I appreciate what you're trying to do. Where I grew up in the Bronx you would have miles of residences with retail underneath. If you went to the city, you didn't take your vehicle. Hopefully, this will do it."

Brian Gibbons also said he fully supports high-end density. "If you make and design a high density community, you make a walking community. If you do not build up the density here near Metro stations, the people will go out to Frederick County."

George Branyan also felt the increased density could make it a more livable space. "I'm interested in seeing it fold over into the rest of Greenbelt. This development could make it more attractive to other developers and property managers to make similar changes. "On the one hand it will be different. On the other it will provide the diversity we need," he said.

(The seventh board member, James Drake, was absent from the meeting.)

### Other Items

Before adjourning, the board touched briefly on several issues. One is the amount of open space to be provided. Will there be suitable space for ballfields? What will the city decide about its recreation center? AIMCO would like to use the city property for one of its signature tower buildings. The relocation of the elementary school and possibly the recreation center to the middle school property was discussed. Gingles, mentioning that the school system plans to tear down and replace the Greenbelt Middle School, noted that the historic portion of that building which the council seeks to preserve, consists of 30,000 square feet that is leftover. "It is a real limitation on what you can do

## Park Seeks Help Resurfacing Trails

The National Park Service, in cooperation with REI Outfitters, will sponsor a volunteer service event to repair trails in Greenbelt Park. The event will take place Saturday, June 11 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the park's Holly Picnic Area. The rain date is September 10.

At least 100 volunteers are needed to resurface and redirect trails in the park. Volunteers should be at least 14 years of age due to the nature of the work. Chaperones are necessary for ages 14 to 17 years. Participants should wear heavy shoes and dress for the weather. Gloves will be provided by the park. REI will provide lunch at the end of the day.

Community service forms will be honored for participating students at the end of the day's program. Interested persons are encouraged to RSVP for this event by calling Mal Fordham, Greenbelt Park trail maintenance event coordinator, at 301-982-9681. For further information contact Park Ranger Alex Culver at 301-344-3944.

with that space," he said.

Schwayder invited the APB to a four-day design charrette, July 11 to 15. Four distinguished architectural firms are to participate as will a landscape planner. While AIMCO is not committed to using any of the firms to design the buildings, they do wish to take advantage of their design talents.

## Review

# Run See "Over the River"; GAC's Season Finale

by Judy Bell

Bravo to the Greenbelt Arts Center for a moving tribute to families just in time for Father's Day as the theater ends its silver anniversary season with the play, "Over the River and Through the Woods," written by Joe Dipietro, directed by Bob Hoffman and produced by Pamela Hutchinson.

The play, dubbed a comedy, revolves around a young, single Italian-American man Nick Cristiano, played by Mike O'Donnell (think Ray from "Everybody Loves Raymond") from New Jersey who announces his great out-of-town promotion to both sets of grandparents. These are relatives he visits every week for Sunday dinner. The grandparents' antics to keep Nick in town include an introduction to the very pretty and chic Caitlin O'Hare played by Hanalyn Colvin, who makes her GAC debut in this performance. Beatriz Mayoral and Ellen Cole, both experienced actors, are wonderful as Nick's maternal grandmother, Aida Gianelli and paternal grandmother, Emma Cristiano. Nick's grandfathers Frank Gianelli played by Bill Jones, who makes his GAC debut in this role and Nunzio Cristiano, brought to life by Jon Marget,

add their own flavor. Jones like Colvin makes his debut. During most of the production, Jones looks like he is having loads of fun as Frank, delivering punch lines and generally cutting up, but it is Jones' character who gives a heart-wrenching monologue of how he comes to America from Italy and Jones does a good job. Marget performed bit roles in earlier GAC plays, "The Tempest" as a guard and in "The Creation of the World and Other Matters" as the Angel of Death. In this production, he stretches into more of a character role - and handles it well. What also works well is the chemistry among these two couples - very lovely.

The actors have the pleasure of performing on a warm set (think of an upscale of Archie Bunker's living room). The GAC stage also has an array of family photos on display, beautiful serving dishes and the like.

This production makes the audience laugh; it make the audience cry; and the play is well worth going "over the river and through the woods" to see. Performances continue through June 25 with two Sunday matinees.

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## SHL REDESIGN continued from page 1

the SHL project, with a projected cost of approximately \$100 million, has evolved into plans for its total redevelopment, with a projected cost of more than \$750 million.

This project, based on a "New Urban Village" theme, would involve the phased demolition of all existing rental housing units and its reconstruction with a greater number of units in a variety of housing types and styles and with a certain number of for-sale town homes.

AIMCO considers the plan to have been "hatched" in Greenbelt, based on its earliest discussions with the Greenbelt City Council and further elaborated at the invitation-only planning charette in January 2004 in Greenbelt. A 10-year build-out is projected once the redevelopment plan is approved by the Prince George's Planning Board and the county and once AIMCO and the Board of Education agree to relocation of the elementary school and the city and AIMCO agree on the exchange terms for relocation of the city's recreation center and compensation for the adjoining property.

### Size Increase

Mayor Judith Davis noted that the CSP now envisions that the total number of housing units under the new plan would be increased from the existing 2,899 units to a range of 5,000 to 6,000 units when complete. Davis questioned the density increase.

Schwayder responded, "To make the project work." To support the greater density, AIMCO has requested that the project area be rezoned from the existing R-18 (garden apartment category) to R-10 (high-rise residential category).

According to the city staff, R-10 would allow for the proposed density of nearly 32 dwelling units per acre and the housing types proposed in the CSP. For that reason staff recommends that a density cap be placed on the proposed project as a condition of the CSP.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts recalled that "Council's earlier discussions considered that the increased density could be a trade-off for more green space." Roberts also opined that the CSP is different than what was presented in the past. "I think that there is lack of mix in housing types and that more balance is needed [in the number] of owned units."

Councilmembers Edward Putens and Leta Mach joined in this aspect of the discussion. They also raised concerns with both the small number of for-sale units planned and the lack of control over initial sales of such units to investors that would set up an absentee landlord type of situation. Putens wondered whether the for-sale units could be covenanted for resale restrictions during the first two years.

Mach echoed that idea. She reminded the AIMCO representatives that the use of cooperative housing models would provide those types of protections. In response, AIMCO representatives indicated they want to let the market dictate what the housing type mix should be but they are open to adjusting the mix depending on market conditions.

### Open Space

Davis then raised the issue of

available open space and active recreation areas in the plan. She noted the city staff finding that, based upon the standards of the DDOZ, up to 23.55 acres of park land should be dedicated. The staff memo noted that "during past discussions with AIMCO on park land dedication or fee-in-lieu of provisions, AIMCO has taken the position that such a requirement would be a deal breaker. Nonetheless, the subdivision regulations and the DDOZ include requirements for recreation."

Councilmember Konrad Herling weighed in on this general issue. "With the increased density being proposed," he said, "the amount of active recreational areas would be even more acute." Herling also asked the AIMCO team to consider a more central location for the community facilities.

AIMCO representatives offered no specific response to council's concerns regarding adequate recreation areas nor to the potential exchange of the existing SHL Recreation Center site. Schwayder said that AIMCO may be able to live with no change in the recreation center site but was waiting for council to decide on available options to consider.

### School Issue

Jose Morales, a member of the Prince George's County Board of Education, reported on tentative results of the board's feasibility study to replace the SHL elementary school. Of three options considered by the board to address AIMCO's request to construct a new elementary school on the existing Greenbelt Middle School site, the board is leaning toward a so-called Scheme C.

This plan would entail removing the entire school bus facility; demolishing the existing middle school except for portions designated for historic preservation (sections built in 1937 and 1945); and, using a design concept that the board followed for the G. James Gholson Middle School/Cora L. Rice Elementary School project, build a new middle school/elementary school complex.

Based on cost estimates provided in the June 2004 feasibility study for Scheme C, the total cost for the project would be approximately \$47 million. Morales said that use of the bus site would allow for an expanded ballfield and recreation area to serve the new school complex. It would be considered a "park school" complex able to be used by the community. Council reactions to the Scheme C proposal ranged from concerns that the planned combination elementary/middle school facility may not have adequate capacity to serve Greenbelt's school populations to Roberts' comment that "the School Board's plan for fields would not take AIMCO off the hook."

"Kap" Kapistan, representing Beltway Plaza, provided comments to council and the AIMCO representatives regarding the interface of the redeveloped SHL with the back of the shopping center. He questioned the closing of a portion of Breezewood Drive that is shown on the new plan and asked that an extension of Cherrywood Terrace into the Beltway Plaza property be considered. He also preferred that more multifamily buildings be

## Pre/Kindergarten Registration Begins

The Prince George's County school system is currently accepting registrations for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students for the 2005-2006 school year. The school system has modified registration procedures to include early admission to either program based on educational needs, student performance on early admissions assessments and available seats. Registration forms for both programs are available in all elementary schools. Students who meet age requirements and students who are homeless will receive top priority.

If families are unsure which school to contact they can call the Office of Pupil Accounting and School Boundaries at 301-952-6300.

### Pre-Kindergarten

Families may register their child for pre-kindergarten at their local elementary school. Children admitted to the pre-kindergarten program must be four years old on or before September 1, 2005. Children born between September 2 and October 31, 2001, who demonstrate specific educational needs may apply for early admission.

For detailed information on pre-kindergarten admission procedures, call the local elementary school or the Office of Early Childhood Programs at 301-408-5514.

### Kindergarten

Families may register their child for kindergarten at their local elementary school. Children admitted to the kindergarten program must be five years old on or before September 30, 2005.

Children born between October 1 and November 30, 2000, who receive an assessment score of 90 percent or higher on the Test of Kindergarten/First Grade Readiness Skills may apply for early admission.

For detailed information on kindergarten admission procedures, call the local elementary school or the Office of Curriculum and Instruction at 301-808-4000.

### Early Admission

For families applying for early admission to either pre-kindergarten or kindergarten, the Office of Early Childhood Programs will contact the parent/guardian to schedule an assessment appointment during one of the following test windows: June 13-17, June 20-24, July 11-15 or July 18-22.

located adjacent to Breezewood Drive, instead of the townhouses shown on the plan.

In wrapping up the evening's discussion, council agreed to schedule another worksession on June 23 to further consider the city's options regarding the SHL Recreation Center site, the disposition of city rights-of-way affected by the CSP and the proposed vacating of the Breezewood Drive rights-of-way. The mayor suggested more meetings for SHL and the larger Greenbelt community on the plans for redevelopment.

One such meeting will be a public workshop on June 15 at the Greenbelt Community Center where city planning staff will be available to receive comments on the CSP and to answer questions. Another invitation-only design charette is planned for July 15.

Council and the city staff appear to have their work cut out for them this summer.

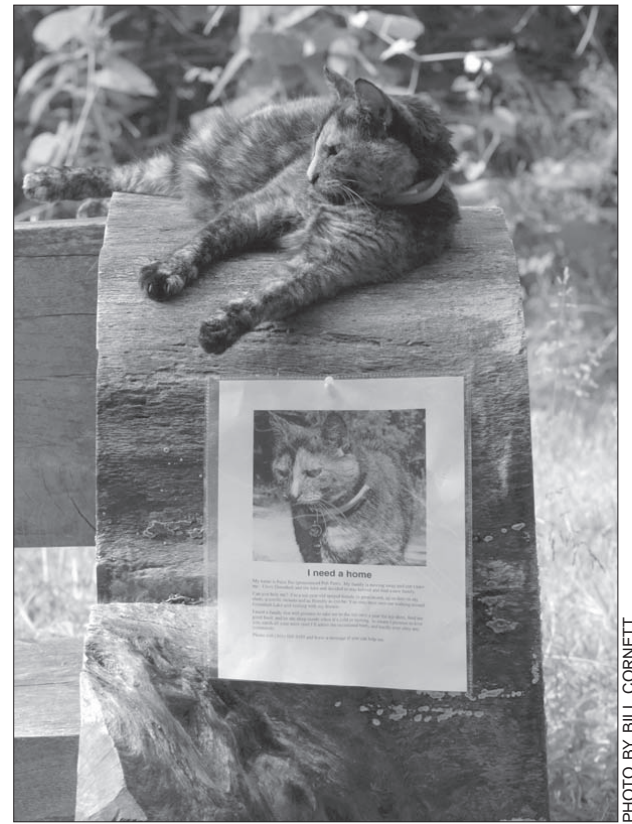


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# POLICE BLOTTER

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

## Assault

May 31, 3:49 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, a man reported that he became involved in a verbal altercation with another man who then punched him in the face and fled the scene. The victim refused treatment for a bloody nose. The suspect is described as a black male, 5'8", 150 pounds with black hair and brown eyes, wearing red shorts and a white T-shirt.

## Robbery

May 28, 10:03 p.m., Greenway Center, a cashier at the Safeway Store reported that a man approached her in line as if to buy merchandise. As she opened the cash register, the man pushed the victim out of the way and took money from the register. He exited the store and fled the scene in a vehicle described as a green van with a partial Maryland license tag of M02860. The suspect is described as a black male, 20 to 30 years of age, 6'2" with a medium build, a dark complexion, black hair in cornrows, wearing a black sweatshirt and a black hat.

May 30, 12:17 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, the victims reported that they were walking down a sidewalk when they were approached by a man who threatened the victims while gesturing as though he had a weapon. He demanded the victims' purses and, after obtaining the purses, he told them to run from the scene. He then fled the area on foot. The suspect is described as a black male, 19 to 20 years of age with short black hair and a dark complexion, wearing a white tank top T-shirt, blue jeans, black shoes and a glove on his left hand.

## Drugs

May 25, 2:54 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of heroin with intent to distribute, possession of heroin, theft, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, unlawful taking of a motor vehicle, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia and several traffic citations. Police stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation and upon approaching the vehicle, observed a quantity of suspected marijuana in plain view inside the vehicle. The driver was found to be in possession of a quantity of suspected heroin and paraphernalia commonly used to package heroin for distribution was located in the vehicle. A computer check also revealed that the vehicle, a 1998 Nissan Pathfinder, had been reported stolen. The man was transported to the department of corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

## Theft

June 1, 6:39 p.m., Roosevelt Center, a woman of no fixed address was arrested and charged with trespass and theft after she allegedly took merchandise from Generous Joe's Restaurant. Investigation revealed that she had been previously banned from the Center by agents of the property. She was arrested and transported to the department of corrections

## Police to Conduct Sobriety Checkpoint

On Friday, June 10 the Greenbelt Police Department and the Municipal Drunk Driver Reduction Task Force will conduct a sobriety checkpoint in the 6900 block of Greenbelt Road as part of the Checkpoint Strikeforce Campaign. The checkpoint will take place from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m.

Checkpoint Strikeforce is a six-month, intensive enforcement effort sponsored by the National Highway Administration targeting alcohol and drug-impaired drivers. The campaign will include Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and the District of Columbia.

Under this initiative, law enforcement agencies in these jurisdictions have committed to conducting sobriety checkpoints throughout the region. The objectives of the campaign are to both deter motorists from driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol and to identify and arrest those who ignore the dangers of getting behind the wheel while impaired.

Other jurisdictions in this area are also participating in this campaign. There will be a sobriety checkpoint on Friday, June 24 from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. in the area of 34th Street and Rhode Island Avenue, Mount Rainier.

for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

## Burglaries

May 27, 7:34 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road, four resident youths, ages 9, 10, 11 and 13, were arrested for burglary after they allegedly broke into a residence and took food. The 10-year-old was also arrested for malicious destruction. They were released to parents pending action by the juvenile justice system.

May 27, 8:11 p.m., 9000 block Breezewood Terrace, it was reported that unknown person(s) used unknown means to enter a residence. Nothing was taken but the front door and sliding glass door were found open.

## Vehicle Crimes

Two vehicles were reported stolen, a 2001 Dodge Intrepid 4-door from Beltway Plaza Mall and a white 1995 Honda Accord 4-door, Nevada tags 542PVN from the 9100 block Springhill Court.

Eleven vehicles were recovered, six by Greenbelt police with no arrests and five by other police departments with an arrest made in one recovery.

Vandalism to and theft from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7800 block Mandan Road, 7900/8000 blocks Mandan Road (10 incidents), 8200 block Canning Terrace, 7800 block Hanover Parkway, Greenway Center, 42 court Ridge Road, 6500 block Capitol Drive, 6100 block Breezewood Court, 6100 block Breezewood Drive, 6200 block Breezewood Drive and 9100 block Springhill Lane.

## Off-road Vehicles Need Registration

Amendments to the county code, which took effect on April 1, require the registration of off-road vehicles, including all-terrain vehicles, miniature scooters, miniature motorcycles (pocket bikes) and off-road motorcycles (dirt bikes).

The amendments mandate a registration fee of \$30 for all off-road vehicles upon the sale or transfer to any new owner. The registration must be in the name of the owner or, if the owner is under the age of 18 years, in the name of the parent or guardian. The registration will be valid for two years.

The new amendments also stipulate that an off-road vehicle cannot be driven or operated on any public street or sidewalk in Prince George's County; it cannot be driven on any private or publicly owned property unless the driver has with him written permission from the owner; and it may be operated on private property between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. only. Furthermore, any person under the age of 16 years must be supervised by a parent or guardian while operating an off-road vehicle; and helmets must be worn by the driver and passenger at all times while the vehicle is being operated.

Violations will result in a fine of \$250 for the first violation, \$500 for the second violation and \$1,000 for any subsequent violations.

Licensing and registration information can be obtained by calling the Department of Environmental Resources Business License Office at 301-731-7990 or by visiting 6016 Princess Garden Parkway, Suite 370, New Carrollton. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## Police Association Offers Scholarship

The Maryland Chiefs of Police Association is offering a competitive \$500 college scholarship award. To qualify, the student must be between 17 and 21 years of age and enrolled as a full-time student in a law enforcement curriculum.

Greenbelt residents interested in applying should contact the office of the chief of police at 301-507-6500 for an application. Applications must be received by July 15, 2005.

## Law Enforcement Job Fair June 11

People interested in a career in law enforcement can attend the Law Enforcement Job Fair on June 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The job fair will be held at the Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly, Va.

Individuals will meet representatives from over 25 federal and local law enforcement agencies from Maryland, Virginia and D.C., including the Greenbelt Police Department. Information will be available about careers in police work, corrections, investigations and civilian positions as well as criminal justice education. More detail can be obtained from [www.lejobfair.com](http://www.lejobfair.com).

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cited an instance where the arbitrator denied a requested salary increase because the jurisdiction simply did not have the money to grant what was requested.

## Open Space Funding

Council unanimously agreed to submit the city's FY 2006 Program Open Space (POS) to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. In FY 06 the commission is allocating the city \$183,075, or three times the amount allocated last year, bringing the city's total balance to \$773,344. Davis was careful to point out that these funds cannot be used to supplement the budget but are reserved for the purchase of open space.

Three acquisition projects will be included in the POS for FY 06, two in Greenbelt West and one in Greenbelt East. All are carryovers from last year's program.

## Legislative Initiatives

Not finding a choice project for submission to the statewide legislative initiatives list of the Maryland Municipal League (MML), staff suggested the city withhold making a suggestion this year. Last year the city had suggested Municipal Electric Aggregation, which was chosen by MML as one of its priorities. Assistant City Manager David Moran gave council an update on the progress of that issue, saying that it had not made it past committee.

The topic had later been tacked to another bill, which failed.

Despite this setback, Moran remarked that having been accepted by MML as a significant statewide issue is an important step in raising the awareness level of people in power. MML can continue to press its cause whenever practical.

Councilmember Leta Mach noted that this validates the inclusion of the city's MML dues in the city budget.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts suggested the issue of making penalties for drunk driving more of a deterrent. He advocated confiscating the car of someone convicted repeatedly for driving while intoxicated. Taking away their driver's license, he said, is not painful enough and offenders often drive anyway. Taking the car would be a bigger inconvenience and could generate revenue for the state if confiscated cars were sold.

City Solicitor Robert Manzi explained that drunk driving enforcement is not consistent throughout Maryland because some judges are reluctant to send such people to jail where they will mix with more hardened criminals and may not be safe. Where jails are less crowded, he said, penalties are harsher.

Council agreed to put Roberts' idea forward at its annual legislative dinner.

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# Death Penalty Author Rachel King Visits at the New Deal Café

by Matt Johnson

On a slow Wednesday night at the New Deal Café Rachel King, author of two books about the death penalty, sat at a table and discussed this controversial issue with whomever would listen.

King was at the café on April 6 at 7 p.m. to promote her new book, "Capital Consequences: Families of the Condemned Tell Their Stories," which focuses on the families of death row inmates. Her previous book, "Don't Kill in Our Names: Families of Murder Victims," spotlights the families of murder victims.

Her first book taught me that families of murder victims are not always for the execution, some of them are for reconciliation, said Bob Auerbach, a 44-year resident of Greenbelt and co-chairman of the Greenbelt Greens. Auerbach invited King to speak at the café in order to "get a little bit of awareness" as well as to rally support for House Bill 1161, since withdrawn, which if enacted would have launched a Maryland Commission on Capital Punishment.

The commission would look into racial disparities and other questionable factors surrounding the death penalty in Maryland. A statistic provided by the Maryland Coalition Against State Executions reveals that African Americans are four times as likely to be killed in homicides but the death penalty is given three times as often in the murders of whites. Of the seven men currently on Maryland's death row, two are white while five are black; they all were convicted

for killing whites.

To those advocating the abolition of the death penalty on racial and other grounds, the creation of a commission is a small step forward.

"Fundamentally I don't believe a country that's a democracy has the right to kill anyone for any reason," said Julie Hawk, a friend of King's.

Christopher Scherer of Parkway, who was brought to the event by a blurb in the News Review, set up his position by stating that he is a life-long member of the Catholic Church.

"Pope John Paul II was against the death penalty for some time," he said. "The pope feels that if society can protect itself from these individuals, it's very rarely if at all necessary."

If the perpetrator is locked away and no longer a threat, then there's no need to take another life, Scherer added. Auerbach went further, proposing rehabilitation as an alternative to death.

King's investigations have led to some of these softer points of view concerning the death penalty. Starting back in 1996 King photographed and interviewed families of people on death row and families of murder victims, two years after she helped to form Alaskans Against the Death Penalty, a campaign to combat the reinstatement of capital punishment in Alaska.

"I felt like I was constantly inspired by people's ability to survive horrific experiences," King said of her first book, "Don't Kill in Our Names: Families of Murder Victims." She considers her newer book even more powerful largely

due to her deliberation that the Holocaust is the only comparable experience to the families of death row inmates. She said she believes this to be comparable because both cases involve government-endorsed slaying.

King said that while families of victims go on to forgive the defendant and sometimes go on to advocate for the person's release from death row, families of the condemned have a different experience: they have to forgive society. They also have to live with the stigma of having an accused murderer in the family and cope with the lack of support they receive from neighbors, friends and especially the media, which is considerably one-sided in its treatment of victims' families versus inmates' families, according to the Introduction of "Capital Consequences: Families of the Condemned Tell Their Stories."

Joining in the discussion were Bret Cohen and Becky Wallack of the University of Maryland's chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union. Cohen entered the café wanting to learn from King, an ACLU member herself who is an attorney for the organization's Capital Punishment Project.

### Unevenly Applied

"It's alarming how the death penalty is unevenly applied between states and among races. Minimally, I believe states should conduct studies to determine the relative application of the death penalty between victims and suspects of different races to determine if the death penalty is being applied fairly and evenly, and if it

is not, they should eliminate capital punishment altogether," said Cohen.

King said that the only state to investigate the death penalty fully was Illinois. Under the direction of Republican Governor George Ryan, a moratorium was placed on executions and a committee was created to ensure that no other man would be falsely put on death row – as Anthony Porter had been until he was reprieved in 1998 after nearly 20 years of imprisonment.

King is unsure why other states are not readily following this example.

King's appearance at the New Deal Café came at a time of tension forming around the status of death row inmate Vernon L. Evans, Jr., a 55-year-old African American man accused of shooting two people dead in Baltimore County over 10 years ago. On April 1 he was granted a stay in his execution, which was originally planned for April 18 by the Court of Appeals. His case will be argued before the Court of Appeals in June along with that of Wesley E. Baker, a man accused of shooting a white female to death in 1992.

Activist groups such as the Campaign to End the Death Penalty feel Evans' sentencing was unjust, citing his race as a major factor in the litigation because both of his alleged victims were white.

"I know that race played a big role in his case," said King. She pointed out that in Maryland a black person is about three times more likely to receive the death penalty than a white person.

"[Evans] didn't have a trial with a jury of his peers," she said. Though it's illegal to remove jurors because of their race, King said, prosecutors came up with other reasons to get rid of the black jurors in Evans' case, using eight of their 10 preemptive strikes to do so.

King went on to criticize the justice system for not allowing death row inmates to have the right to an attorney after their first appeal. Accused men such as Evans who are too poor to afford their own counsel find themselves stuck with an inadequate defense, according to King. She said it's possible for someone who has just graduated from law school to be appointed to a capital case – with no prior experience.

"People don't understand what the system is really like," said King. "[If they did,] I don't think they would tolerate it."

A gathering around King questioned the right of the state to sentence the most depraved criminals to death on moral grounds.

"I think absolutely it's a moral issue. Some people really believe that some crimes are so severe you need death," she said. "I think that's a valid moral position [but] I don't agree with it."

King pointed to the possibility of reconciliation with the victims as well as the ability of the inmate to work and send money to help repair the damage done.

"The thing about a life sentence is that it allows for the possibility of redemption," she said.

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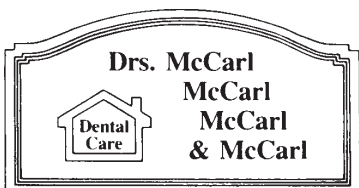


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# Designer of Unique Viola Is Son of Greenbelter

by Shamla K. Shakir

There's a peculiar instrument on display at the National Music Museum in Vermillion, So. Dak. — the ergonomically-designed "Pellegrina" viola, donated May 20 by Greenbelter Esther Rivinus in her name and that of her late husband, Edward Rivinus, Jr. The oddly-shaped instrument, an invention of Esther Rivinus' son David of Portland, Ore., is often compared to surrealist painter Salvador Dali's artwork.

The traditional viola, a four-stringed member of the violin family, is positioned on the shoulder and played with a bow. It leaves its musician susceptible to repetitive motion injuries including tendonitis, carpal tunnel syndrome and rotator cuff injuries at the shoulder — especially during a four-hour rehearsal. David Rivinus designed the asymmetrical Pellegrina to reduce stress placed on a musician's neck, back, shoulder, elbow and hand.

"This [the Pellegrina] is literally going to change the viola in years to come, because people cannot afford to own an instrument that is going to make a cripple out of them," Esther Rivinus said.

Although Esther Rivinus was unable to attend the dedication ceremony, David Rivinus presented the instrument in her honor to Museum Director Dr. Andre Larson. The ceremony included a performance by several professional violists who have rejected traditional instruments in favor of David Rivinus' models, which are designed to increase comfort (without sacrificing sound) based on the needs of the musician. Common alterations include decreasing both the weight and the length of the instrument.

One of the more well-known performers, Don Ehrlich of the San Francisco Symphony and



**Esther Rivinus of Ridge Road (right) donated a "Pellegrina" viola to the National Music Museum in Vermillion, S. Dak. The ergonomically-designed viola is the invention of her son David Rivinus who is pictured above at right.**

viola professor at the San Francisco Conservatory, turned to David Rivinus in 1997. Ehrlich suffered injuries to his elbow, wrist and thumb that had left him with little choice except to seek an alternative to the traditional viola.

Although other ergonomically designed musical instruments have been introduced into the market, David Rivinus is the first to approach the viola. "This is hundreds of years of tradition that's being challenged," said Esther Rivinus' friend Kathleen Holmay of Kensington.

Explaining initial reactions to the viola's very untraditional appearance, Esther Rivinus said, "The first time he took it to a musical group to perform, one woman nearly fainted."

But since the first ergonomically designed viola was intro-



PHOTO BY SHAMLA SHAKIR

duced in 1993, a number of David Rivinus' instruments have been placed in orchestras around the United States, Australia, Canada and Europe, including the Atlanta Symphony and the Netherlands Philharmonic.

Ridge Road resident Esther Rivinus, 85, settled in Greenbelt in the early 1990s but spent many earlier years traveling around the world with her six children and her husband, a foreign service officer. In the 1950s the Rivinus family was in Austria, she said, and one day a very young David came home after

playing with his neighbor. His friend's father had just introduced him to the violin, David told Esther.

"He said, 'I will be the next Stradivarius,'" Esther said.

Stradivarius or not, David's line of instruments includes an ergonomically designed violin called "The Maxi-milian," an ergonomic but more traditional-looking viola called "The Riviola" and five- and six-string violas. The waiting list for these instruments, which can vary from a couple of months to up to three years, shows how popular they are.

The funny thing, though, is that David "hates playing it [the viola]," Esther said with a laugh. "Maybe it's because he's not very good at it."

## Flower Pots Tour At Botanic Garden

The U.S. Botanic Garden presents "Tour of Pots: From Necessity to Artistry" on Tuesday, June 21 from 11 a.m. to noon and from 6 to 7 p.m.

Much has been written about the history of gardening. Few, however, know the stories of plant containers. The stories, it turns out, are fascinating and begin thousands of years ago. For eons containers have been used for activities as diverse as starting seedlings in Roman nurseries to moving plants half way around the globe. Stroll through the Terrace exhibit with U.S. Botanic Garden staff member Dayna Lane as she shares flowerpot stories and histories. The event is free though pre-registration is required. To register, call 202-226-4082 or visit at [www.usbg.gov/education/events](http://www.usbg.gov/education/events).

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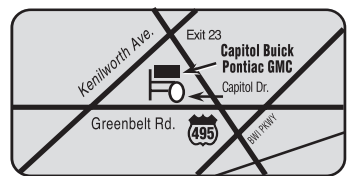


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## School Resource Officers Perform a Variety of Tasks

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### Eleanor Roosevelt High School

- \* Attended morning staff meeting.
- \* Patrolled hallways during the day.
- \* A student was stopped in the hallway with the odor of burnt marijuana upon his breath and person. He then admitted to having more on his person. A glassine baggie containing marijuana was located. He was charged with one count of possession of a controlled dangerous substance on a juvenile petition.
- \* Worked boys' basketball game (no incidents).
- \* Searched area for truants, several were located and sent back to school and their administrators notified.
- \* Worked girls' basketball game (no incidents).
- \* Counseled student regarding a personal problem.
- \* Assisted security and school staff in an investigation involving a pending fight.
- \* Broke up fight in school between students. The matter was handled by their administrators.
- \* One "outsider" was caught on campus, he was identified, his mother was spoken to and he was sent off campus without charges.
- \* Attended District Court in Hyattsville.
- \* Met with a guidance counselor regarding a student who is possibly being harassed. The student was not in school but will be spoken to.
- \* Spoke with a parent regarding snow on the sidewalks on Greenbelt Road. Spoke with both public works and state highway in an effort to resolve the problem.
- \* Per an email from Greenbriar Condos, the area of 7718-7720 Hanover Parkway was checked for truants. Greenway Center and Eastway at the overpass were also checked. Several truants were in the woods behind 22 Ridge. They fled on foot and were not caught.
- \* Attended parent/teacher conference.
- \* Patrolled campus at dismissal.

### Other Tasks

- \* Mobile patrolled around the school bus stops throughout the city. Half hour.
- \* Foot patrolled the exterior of Springhill Lake Elementary School, checking the doors. Half hour.
- \* Foot patrolled the wooded area near Greenbelt Middle School.
- \* Talked to a student from the middle school in reference to his involvement in a stolen car case.
- \* A student reported that another student may have been in possession of a knife yesterday at school. This officer, along with a school official, talked to the student and was unable to confirm he had a knife. He was counseled about bringing things to school that do not belong there.
- \* Sat in on a couple of lunches and talked to students.
- \* Responded to the nurse's office to assist with a student having an asthma attack.
- \* Talked to a parent who received information about a suspicious person hanging out at a bus stop in College Park. The parent is going to contact Prince George's County Police.
- \* Patrolled Greenbelt Elementary.
- \* Foot patrolled at Roosevelt Center. 15 minutes.
- \* Mobile patrolled around the parking lot of Roosevelt. Half hour.
- \* Taught the criminal justice class at Roosevelt.
- \* Foot patrolled around the wooded area next to the high school. Half hour.
- \* Stopped by the school bus stop on Lakecrest Drive and made sure everything was okay.
- \* Responded to a classroom with the vice principal for several disorderly students. They were counseled and class resumed.
- \* Located four outsiders who were attempting to come onto the property to pick up their friend. They were sent on their way and advised not to return.
- \* Linda Sherwood (principal Springhill Lake) advised that several students were throwing eggs at vehicles after school. One of the eggs hit a teacher's car. Five students were brought in and all were spoken to. Their parents were also notified of the situation by the school.
- \* Checked on a suspicious vehicle to the rear of the school. Checked okay. Employees working.
- \* Located two students hanging out by the playground area on Gardenway. They were sent to school.
- \* Attended a training meeting at the station. Two hours.
- \* Talked to four classes at the Head Start Program (SHL) about safety. Two hours.
- \* Assisted with traffic control at dismissal at Roosevelt due to heavy snow storm.
- \* Assisted with the large group of students still at school due to the late buses.
- \* Checked on a student who was having problems in the neighborhood and in school. He seemed to be doing better.
- \* Two more students were removed for playing on a cell phone. They were counseled.
- \* Met with Kathy Curl (principal Greenbelt) about upcoming bus stop problems at University Square and surrounding areas.
- \* Took two middle school students home who had missed the bus.
- \* Patrolled the hallways at Roosevelt after school.

## Wheaton IRS Center to Close

The Internal Revenue Service has announced that it plans to close some Taxpayer Assistance Centers (TAC) as part of their efforts to create efficiencies, modernize operations and reduce costs while maintaining taxpayer service. The TAC in Wheaton, located at 11510 Georgia Avenue is one of 68 locations nationwide scheduled to close.

The IRS currently operates 400 TACs that provide walk-in service for taxpayers. The decision to close was based on a model weighing five criteria including workload, geographic factors, demographics, employee costs and facility costs.

The closures reflect changes in how taxpayers file their taxes and access tax information. In recent years the use of IRS.gov and e-filing increased rapidly while face-to-face interactions with taxpayers declined. This year the majority of tax returns were filed electronically, the first time e-filing has outpaced paper returns.

Taxpayers will continue to have access to a variety of IRS services by phone, through the website at IRS.gov and by the remaining TAC offices as well as IRS volunteer tax assistance programs.



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MPO Scott Kaiser (center) and Captain Tom Kemp (far right) of the Greenbelt Police Department received a plaque from the Greenbelt City Council (L-R, Konrad Herling, Leta Mach, Mayor Judith Davis, Rodney Roberts) designating the two-month period of April and May as the Maryland Chiefs' Challenge Campaign. The campaign promoted increasing compliance with seat belt laws and child safety seat use, proven methods for saving lives on the roadways. The presentation was made at the city council meeting on April 25.

## Herbal Crafts Demonstrated

Stop by the National Herb Garden at the U.S. National Arboretum for an afternoon of family fun on Saturday, June 18, 1 to 4 p.m. Members of the Herb Society of America will demon-

strate crafts made from the herb garden, including lavender wands, bookmarks, tussie mussies and rose beads. The event is free. Visit [www.usna.usda.gov](http://www.usna.usda.gov) or call 202-245-5898 for information.



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The program is for all area

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Pictured at the Pleasant Touch ribbon cutting are (left to right) Councilmember Rodney Roberts, Gwen Vaccaro, Diana Hill, Mayor Judith Davis and Councilmember Konrad Herling. Vaccaro is the owner of the spa and Hill is the customer who has been her longest regular client. The Grand Opening was held on Saturday, June 4 and included tours of the newly renovated Art Deco spa.



PHOTO BY DAVID LANGE

Three names were added to the plaque at the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on May 20 at Greenbelt Elementary School. Joining Principal Katherin Curl (left) are Sylvia Kyle, Anza Manning and Rebecca Roper. Kyle supported retired teacher Manning for many years and continues to help other kindergarten teachers. Roper was the energetic PTA president and now volunteers in the classrooms and the media room. Yvette Duboscq (not shown) has been a math tutor since 2001. (Note: the plaque was initiated last year and was announced in the News Review June 10, 2004.)

## "Beijing Impressions" Is New Gallery Exhibit

Greenbelt photographer and artist Barbara Tyroler will lead off her new Community Center Art Gallery exhibit with an artist's talk to be held on Tuesday, June 14 at 7:30 p.m. The new exhibition featuring impressionistic digital photographs of Beijing by Tyroler will open in the Gallery on June 15.

The public is invited to preview the exhibit at the special opening event Tuesday evening, June 14, which will be co-hosted by the Recreation Department and the Greenbelt Photo Club. This program is provided free of charge and reservations are not required.

The exhibit includes a number of "figurative landscapes," in the artist's words, which "synthesize the ancient with the contemporary, the literal with the metamorphic, to reflect the people and the city in cultural and political transformation." The series was inspired in part by the work of Chinese poet Lin Bai, as translated by Tyroler's daughter Samm Tyroler-Cooper. In particu-



This piece is one in a collection of works on exhibit at the Greenbelt Community Center by local photographer and artist Barbara Tyroler. The works on display "synthesize the ancient with the contemporary, the literal with the metamorphic, to reflect the people and the city in cultural and political transformation."

lar, Tyroler expresses that she was moved by the wilderness and darkness reflected in Bai's piece, "The Sun Setting City Luo Ri Zhi Cheng."

In conjunction with the exhibit, a second presentation will be given on Tuesday, July 26 at 8 p.m. at the Community Center, when Samm Tyroler-Cooper will speak about her research in Beijing on Chinese migration practices. Joining her will be American artist Ben Collier sharing some of his own digital photography produced during a year in China. This event is also free and open to the public.

Underwritten in part by the Prince George's Arts Council and Super Circle, "Beijing Impressions: Photography by Barbara Tyroler" continues through July 29. The exhibit is open to the public daily from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. whenever the gallery is not reserved. For more information call 301-397-2208.

## ERHS Senior Brittney Davis Is Named to School Board

by Shamla K. Shakir

One of the latest additions to the Prince George's County Board of Education is future Eleanor Roosevelt High School senior Brittney R. Davis of Glenarden. Elected by Prince George's Regional Association of Student Governments (PGRASG) to serve as the board's new student member, Davis will officially take office on July 7 for the 2005-2006 school year.

The 17-year-old's responsibilities will include attending board meetings and sitting on the board.

When issues are brought to the board, Davis is allowed an "opinion vote," meaning that although she is not allotted an actual vote, she can voice her opinions to other board members.

"I want to give a student's perspective on problems facing the county," she said.

But Davis also hopes to give the student member a larger role. "I'm going to try and get a full vote," she said.

Davis is not unfamiliar with representing her student body. Since being elected class secretary in ninth grade, she has played an active role in Eleanor Roosevelt's Student Government Association (SGA). In the 2005-2006 school year, she will serve



Brittney Davis

as SGA president.

Besides her role in student government, Davis is a member of her school's Gospel Choir and captain of the junior varsity cheerleading squad. Although she keeps busy with these activities, Davis also manages to volunteer with the Kettering-Largo-Mitchellville Boys and Girls Intramural Basketball Program and work as a Quest Program Mentor at school.

The board conducted personal interviews with all student applicants and then required the students to make a presentation. Davis said she did her presentation on the importance of school safety.

Initially selected as one of two finalists by the board, she then gave a speech to PGRASG, who made the final decision. "I hope to learn more things about the county," Davis said of her new role in the upcoming year. "I also hope to bring more things to the county that may have been missing."

Davis will be replacing outgoing student member Morgan A. Shepherd of Charles Herbert Flowers High School. PGRASG also elected Keshia Yagnik of Eleanor Roosevelt High School to serve as its president for the coming school year.

## Lunch for Children Served All Summer

When schools close their doors for summer vacation, many young people across the state lose access to a vital source of good nutrition – the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) will help by offering free meals at more than 700 locations across Maryland.

As the nation celebrates National Summer Food Service Week, June 5 to 11, State Superintendent of Schools Nancy S. Grasmick appealed to low-income families to take advantage of the SFSP.

"Children who are not well nourished over the summer will not be prepared to do their best

work when they return to the classroom next fall," Dr. Grasmick said. "The Summer Food Service Program was designed to address this problem by providing well-balanced meals at playgrounds, parks, camps and other place where children gather in the summer."

Beginning June 6 Maryland parents who would like to find an SFSP site near their home can make a toll-free call to 1-877-731-9300 during the day or visit [www.mdsummermeals.org](http://www.mdsummermeals.org) 24 hours a day. The SFSP telephone hotline is operated by the Center for Poverty Solutions.



### NOTICE OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

June 13, 2005 – 7:30 p.m.

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STAKEHOLDER MEETING – 8:00 p.m.  
GHI Board Room

#### AGENDA

- 2005 Parking Lot Repair Contract – 1st Reading
- Boiler Room Renovation Contract, 34F Ridge – 1st Reading
- Underground Utility & Drainage Contract – 2nd Reading and Final Passage
- Business Insurance Policy Renewal – 2nd Reading and Final Passage
- Resolution to Change Banks

#### TOPICS: STAKEHOLDER MEETING

1. Playground M.O.U. Update
2. R.P.C. Issue – CB 42-2005
3. Pesticide Use
4. M.O.U. – Right of Way Issues

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