

# GREENBELT News Review

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## Public Safety Budget, Largest In City, Increases 6 Percent

by Diane Oberg

Public safety is the largest component of the city's budget, accounting for 39 percent of total city expenditures under City Manager Michael P. McLaughlin's proposed Fiscal Year 2007 budget. The \$8.4 million dollars allocated to this account represents a 0.6 percent increase over last year's budgeted public safety expenditures. However, several issues were raised at the April 26 city council worksession that could increase expenditures above the total proposed by McLaughlin.

### Fire and Rescue

The public safety budget covers expenditures for police, fire equipment, animal control and road markings. Traditionally, the costs of providing fire and rescue services to city residents had been provided by the fundraising by the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad and by the county government.

However, after casino nights were banned and concerns were raised about county procedures for replacing and allocating fire trucks (the county still provides the ambulance), the Greenbelt City Council began allocating

funds to supplement the volunteers' efforts and allow them to continue to purchase their own equipment, rather than depending upon county-owned equipment. For FY07, McLaughlin proposes increasing this allocation to \$56,000, an increase of \$1,000.

Fire Chief Brian Rudy provided council with a spreadsheet showing the department's anticipated equipment purchases. The oldest truck, a pumper, is scheduled for replacement in 2009, the truck purchased this year will be due for replacement in 2015 and the department would like to purchase its own ambulance in calendar year 2007.

The department supplements the city funds with money it raises through the annual fund drive and its regular bingo games. Of the \$380,000 cost of the new fire truck, \$70,000 (18.4 percent), was raised through such efforts; the remaining funds came from the city set-aside. Vice President Jay Remenick said the bingo nights were going great and promised council a report on the department's fundraising efforts.

Councilmember Rodney Rob-

erts called the city's set-aside inadequate. He urged his colleagues to increase this allocation. There appeared to be support from other council members for such a move, though no specific amount was discussed.

When Davis suggested that the department may need to continue to use a county ambulance, Councilmember Edward Putens noted that the county can move equipment to other stations when it wishes. Rudy agreed and explained the new county plan for ambulances.

Companies that currently have county-owned ambulances can keep them but when they need new ones they will join an equipment rotation scheme. The department will get an ambulance, use it for 3,000 miles, then get another ambulance that it will use for 3,000 miles.

Thus, equipment will rotate from one company to another. Fire Department President Chris Fleshman noted that the county has already begun purchasing ambulances for this plan.

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## Plans for Cherrywood Lane Roundabout Are Approved

by Barbara Hopkins

People who experience difficulty exiting the Greenbelt Metro Station at Cherrywood Lane can take heart that relief has at least and at last moved into the design stage.

At the regular meeting of the Greenbelt City Council on April 24, Chief of Planning and Community Development Celia Craze gave council a computerized overview of the proposed concept design for a roundabout to be constructed by the developer of the Greenbelt Station project at the intersection of Metro Access Drive and Cherrywood Lane. Paul Dorr of the Traffic Group, the developer's traffic consultant, was present to elaborate on the design and address councilmember's questions.

Traffic control has been needed at this site for some time, according to local citizens. It will be even more critical when the

proposed development occurs. A condition of both an agreement between the developer Greenbelt Metropark LLC and the city and approval of the Conceptual Site Plan (CSP) specifies that the developer must design and provide traffic control at this site.

The developer agreed to begin the design process even though approval of the first Detailed Site Plan (DSP) had not yet occurred. The determination to construct a roundabout rather than to install a traffic light was made by the Traffic Group.

Craze pointed out to council that construction on the roundabout will not begin until after the developer's financing package for the overall development, which includes public funding, is approved by Prince George's County. Craze said she was

See **ROUNABOUT**, page 12

## General Government Budget Remains Fairly Stable

by Thomas X. White

The Greenbelt City Council met on April 5 to review the proposed General Government, Miscellaneous and Other Funds sections of the Fiscal Year 2007 budget. The General Government portion includes funds to support the city council, city administration (city manager's office), elections, finance and administrative services. Other concerns within this category include legal counsel, community promotion, city memberships in municipal and other public officers associations and the Municipal Building.

The proposed 2007 budgets for all of General Government total \$1,948,600, which is \$126,700 greater than the amount provided in last year's budget, but only \$97,800 more than was actually

spent.

Most increases occur in the city administration, finance and administrative services and legal counsel accounts. All other General Government accounts show little or no increase. The elections account projects no expenditures since no city elections are planned.

Overall staffing for General Government has also remained fairly stable over the past several years but the FY07 budget proposes an increase of half of an employee. Additional staffing occurs in the finance and administrative services section of the budget, reflecting a different approach for staffing for informa-

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## City Manager Proposes Public Works Budget Increase of 7.7 Percent

by Diane Oberg

Spending in the city's public works account will increase 7.7 percent, to \$2.7 million, under City Manager Michael McLaughlin's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2007, equivalent to 12.9 percent of total city expenditures. The Public Works Department is also responsible for additional expenditures, including \$85.8 million for parks (down 0.8 percent from Fiscal Year 2006 estimated expenditures) and the city cemetery. The increase in spending in this account is slightly higher than the 5.9 percent increase in overall city expenditures. The Greenbelt City Council reviewed this budget with staff at its April 19 worksession.

During the upcoming fiscal year, which begins July 1, citizens should see construction begin on renovation of the long-delayed public works facility, a 6.4 percent increase in refuse collection fees to \$200 per year (\$50 per quarter) and a shift from part-time to full-time staff in some city jobs, consistent with the city council's direction that the city move toward paying all workers a livable wage. The department will also contract out some responsibilities, such as mowing (other than Schrom Hills and Buddy Attick Parks and city ballfields).

Fees for opening and closing graves in the city cemetery will increase noticeably from the \$350/\$450 for opening/closing a grave that has been charged since 1993 to \$600/\$700 in the proposed budget. City staff estimates that the actual cost of opening a grave is \$700. Expenses related to opening/closing the area for burial urns will also increase to \$100/\$200 up from the current rates of \$75/\$100.

### Street Sweeper

The city will hire a new full-time driver for the street sweeper that it shares with Berwyn Heights, College Park and New Carrollton. Costs will be shared among the four cities. (The city employee who previously has driven the sweeper in Greenbelt recently notified the department of his intention to retire.)

The four cities will also purchase a new street sweeper with most of the cost covered by Livable Communities funds from the county government.

The total number of "full time equivalents" authorized for the department would decrease by one (from 52.7 to 51.7) but the number of classified (permanent) employees will increase by two (from 49.5 to 51.5) as the department shifts from temporary help to fill in on refuse collection and

the parks crews to permanent city employees. Total salary costs will increase only slightly during FY07, going from the \$2.16 million in FY06 estimated expenditures to \$2.20 million in FY07.

### Refuse Collection

This will be the third consecutive year that refuse collection fees have increased. McLaughlin's budget writeup attributed the need for the 6.4 percent increase in refuse collection fees to increases in salary, benefits and fuel costs. According to a cost comparison compiled by the Public Works Department, the city's cost, even after this increase, will be less than the rates charged by Montgomery, Prince George's and Anne Arundel Counties and the City of Rockville.

Except for Montgomery County, however, those jurisdictions collect twice weekly, so the costs are not directly comparable. When the city adjusted its rate to estimate the cost for twice weekly collection, its rate was lower than those for Montgomery County and Rockville, equal to Prince George's County's and higher than Anne Arundel's.

The city's current refuse collection rate is higher than that of the commercial haulers serving

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## What Goes On

**Friday, May 12**

**6:30 p.m.**, Municipal Government School Competition, Community Center

**Saturday, May 13**

**9 a.m. to noon**, City Surplus Plant Sale, Roosevelt Center

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

**Monday, May 15**

**7:30 p.m.**, Council Budget Worksession re: Green Ridge House at Green Ridge House

**Tuesday, May 16**

**7:30 p.m.**, Advisory Committee on Trees, Community Center

**Wednesday, May 17**

**7:30 p.m.**, Council Final Budget Worksession re: Final Review, Community Center

**7:30 p.m.**, Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board, Community Center, Senior Classroom 114

**Thursday, May 18**

**7:30 p.m.**, GHI Annual Meeting, Community Center

## Letters

### THANKS

Greenbelt is full of caring people. I always knew that but two recent events have really reinforced it for me. When we lost our dog, many neighbors assisted us with search efforts and well wishes. When we got our dog back we all celebrated together.

My friend Joe Griffith and I have been playing basketball on Sundays for over 10 years. When I fainted due to a racing heart during a game recently the other players and Greenbelt city staff that were present saved my life through their actions. I am so lucky to live in a place like Greenbelt where helping a friend in need is the only thing that is considered. I was also gratified to find out that people prayed for my quick return to health.

I am certain that Greenbelt is my home.

Larry Hilliard

### Next P&J Film "Kilowatt Ours"

The next film in the Peace & Justice Coalition progressive film series, "Kilowatt Ours," will be shown on Sunday, May 14 at 4 p.m. at the Community Center in conjunction with the Green Man Festival. The movie is free.

The film presents information on various sources of electrical power. It warns of dangers to health and the environment of coal and nuclear power. It also documents the growing practicability of solar and wind power and the potential savings from setting higher efficiency standards for households and public buildings.

Jeff Barrie produced "Kilowatt Ours" for the Southern Energy Conservation Initiative. Though first addressed to a southeastern audience, the message applies to Maryland especially with new legislation affecting clean up of coal-fired electric power plants. A spokesperson for Chesapeake Climate Action Network will lead a discussion following the film.

### Farmers Market Opens Saturday

Each Saturday through November 18 from 7 a.m. to noon, a farmers' market will be held at the Ellen Linson Swimming Pool parking lot, 5211 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park. Admission is free. Fresh vegetables, fruit, baked goods and fresh flowers will be available.

For information call 301-277-3717, TTY 301-445-4512.

## The Green Man Is Here Saturday and Sunday

by Richard McMullin

Saturday and Sunday, May 13 and 14, the center of Greenbelt will turn a deeper shade of green as the brotherhood of the Green Man comes out to dance and sing and spread the word that we are all just part of nature's ebb and flow.

This weekend Greenbelt will host the second annual Green Man Festival and participants are coming from all over the region. The Rachel Carson Council, the Order of the Green Man and five other environmental groups will participate in a weekend-long festival of music, poetry, crafts, movies and sharing of stories. Activities and information stations will be set up in Roosevelt Center and in the Community Center. Come out Saturday and Sunday to join the festival and learn more about the challenges we face, as well as opportunities to improve local and world environments. It is free and open to all.



Music will begin at 11 a.m. and continue outdoors into the evening both days. A film festival will run Saturday from 10:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and again on Sunday till 4 p.m. (For all the details, refer to last week's issue.)

This Second Annual Greenbelt Green Man Festival is the production of many volunteers who promote a healthy, sustainable community for all that includes the total environment (soils, water, air, people, pets, wildlife, forests and green spaces). Among those sponsoring the festival are Faerie Magazine and the Friends of New Deal Café Arts, with supporting grants from the City of Greenbelt, the Prince George's Arts Council and Prince George's County.

For more information about the festival, visit its website at [greenbeltgreenmanfestival.org](http://greenbeltgreenmanfestival.org).

### Explore Broadway's Golden Age May 19

"Broadway: The American Musical Parts 3 and 4" will be the theme for next week's Explorations Unlimited. At the meeting at 1 p.m. on Friday, May 19 Explorations will show the PBS home video "Broadway the American Musical, parts 3 and 4." Episode 3, "I got Plenty O' Nuttin'" (1930-1942) looks at the musical theater dichotomy that emerged during the depression era. Shows like Cole Porter's "Anything Goes" offered glamour as an escape, while others like "Of Thee I Sing" and "The Cradle Will Rock" dealt with the era's political concerns. Rodgers and Hart returned to New York to create new shows, stars like Ethel Merman and Ethel Waters became top box office draws and George Gershwin created his epic folk opera Porgy and Bess. The advent of World War II prompted Irving Berlin to write one of his biggest hits, "This Is the Army."

Beginning with "Oklahoma!" in 1943, the partnership of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II set a new standard for storytelling on Broadway. Episode 4: "Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'" (1943-1960) follows

this storytelling era. With "On the Town," Leonard Bernstein, Betty Comden, Adolph Green and Jerome Robbins musicalized wartime New York and Irving Berlin and Ethel Merman triumphed with "Annie Get Your Gun." Shows like "Kiss Me, Kate," "Guys and Dolls" and "My Fair Lady" offered sophisticated literary adaptations and the Ed Sullivan Show brought a television spotlight to Broadway. With the death of Oscar Hammerstein II in 1960 after "The Sound of Music," the curtain lowered on a golden age.

This Explorations presentation will be held in the Senior Lounge, # 111. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

### SPRINGTIME BAZAAR

Saturday, May 20  
from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Crafts, White Elephants,  
Children's Crafts,  
Lunch, Baked Goods,  
Car Wash.  
Mowatt Memorial  
United Methodist  
Church  
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Greenbelt

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## Greenbriar Community YARD SALE

(rain or shine)

Saturday, May 20  
9 to 2

7600 Hanover Parkway

Nearly 20 vendors

Hot dog stand

Other refreshments for sale.

301-441-1096

### Grin Belt



"Flowers are nice for Mother's Day, but they should not come from someone else's garden."

### On Screen

## Oscar-Winner Opens

"Tsotsi," a hard-edged South African movie that won Best Foreign Language Film at the recent Academy Awards, opens Friday May 12 at Old Greenbelt Theatre. A young Johannesburg thug (Presley Chweneyagae) jacks a BMW that has a baby in the back seat. Remembering his own rough upbringing, he is torn by the desire to keep and raise the child. Director Gavin Hood drew on a 1950s novel by Athol Fugard; the feel of the film is contemporary. R, 94 minutes. In Tsotsitaal dialect with English subtitles.

— Eli Flam

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### OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF May 12

TSOTSI (R)

Friday  
\*5:25, 7:30, 9:35

Saturday  
\*3:20, \*5:25, 7:30, 9:35

Sunday  
\*3:20, \*5:25, 7:30

Monday – Thursday  
\*5:25, 7:30

\*These shows at \$5.00

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# Community Events

## Explore Literary Courage Profiles

On Friday, May 12 at 1 p.m., Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation by Greenbelter Jim Link as he discusses "Literary Profiles in Courage: Anecdotes of Persecuted Writers." Some of the writers to be discussed are Fyodor Dostoyevsky, Charles Baudelaire, Salman Rushdie, Socrates, Marina Tsvetaeva and Wislawa Szymborska. Link is a well-known teacher for the Prince George's Community College Seasoned Adults Growing through Education (SAGE) program.

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 Classroom, #114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are encouraged.

Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

## New Exhibit Opens At Comm. Center

The City of Greenbelt, rich in New Deal history and social character, is the subject of a new exhibition of photographs by University of Maryland students. The exhibit "Greenbelt Impressions" will open on Friday, May 19 with a public reception from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center.

Coordinated with the Greenbelt Recreation Department by contributing student Megan Huey, the exhibition features 40 images by the participants in two undergraduate photography classes taught by Greenbelt resident Barbara Tyroler. Focusing on historic old Greenbelt, the group created artistic impressions of the city's residents and its physical and social spaces. The "Greenbelt Impressions" exhibit can be viewed at the Community Center Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. It continues through September 11.

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition "Food and Friendship" program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. the day before to assure sufficient quantities of food are ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215 for information about the program and to make reservations.

Meals are served beginning at noon. All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and one percent milk. Menus for Monday, May 15 through Friday, May 19 include:

Monday - Orange juice, meat-loaf with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, nectarine.

Tuesday - Cranapple juice, bar-b-que pork chops, black eyed peas, chopped collards, stewed apples.

Wednesday - Cream of broccoli soup with crackers, baked tilapia fish, wild rice, brussels sprouts, banana.

Thursday - Senior Law Day. All sites closed.

Friday - Orange juice, Swedish meatballs, wide egg noodles, California blend vegetables, strawberry parfait.

## Library News

This week the Greenbelt Library is featuring "Hoot," the best selling novel by Carl Hiaasen. Also a Newbury Honor book, "Hoot" is a humorous ecological detective story about three middle-school children who team up to save the little known miniature burrowing owl. The display, timed to coincide with the release of the Walden film adaptation of "Hoot," contains works about owls, saving wildlife and protecting the environment. Drop by to see the display, borrow some books and get a free poster/activity chart (while supplies last) about burrowing owls developed by Walden Media, the National Wildlife Federation and New Line Cinema.

This month the library celebrates Asian Pacific American Heritage Month with a display of biographies and works by Asian and Pacific Islanders in the U.S. A few well-known Asian Pacific Americans include Amy Tan, Maya Lin and Norman Mineta. Nationwide, community festivals, government-sponsored activities and educational activities for students are being held. This year's theme is "Freedom for All - A Nation We Call Our Own."

Get ready for the Summer Reading Program which begins June 1. There will be events at the library as well as a program of activities to encourage reading for all ages.

On Wednesday, May 17, 7 p.m. the Adult Book Discussion Group will read Michael Ondaatje's "Anil's Ghost." Titles for the coming year will be selected at this meeting.

Also, for the pre-schoolers:

Tuesday, May 16, 10:30 a.m. - Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, May 17, 10:30 a.m. - Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 20 children.

Thursday, May 18, 10:30 a.m. - Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years, limit 20 children.

## GHI Notes

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Monday, May 15, 7:15 p.m. - Pre-purchase Orientation, Board Room

Monday, May 15 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. - Candidates' Night, City Offices

Thursday, May 18 from 7:30 to 10 p.m. - Annual Meeting, Community Center

Friday, May 19 from 7-9 a.m. and 5-7 p.m. - Voting for Board/Audit Seats, GHI Offices

## Greenbelt Elementary School PTA presents the

**Annual Spring Fair**  
A Fantastic, Fun-Filled, Friends and Family Festival  
• Food • Games • Crafts •  
• Scholarship Book Fair •  
• Rummage Sale •  
• Silent Auction • Cake Walk •

May 20, 2006  
10am-2pm

Greenbelt Elementary School Space is available for the Rummage Sale at \$10 per space. To reserve a space, email momnkat@aol.com or leave a message at the school office for Ms. Sanders. You will need to provide your own table and chair.

## Lecture for Seniors On Disaster Planning

The next "Ask the Experts" cable show will be held at Green Ridge House on Tuesday, May 16 from 11 a.m. to noon and will be the second part of a discussion on disaster preparedness. The speaker will be Calvin Hawkins, chief of Community Affairs and Education for the county Office of Emergency Management. The focus of this presentation will be on how the county, in conjunction with local jurisdictions, will coordinate emergency efforts and how those efforts will affect seniors and people with disabilities.

The program will be filmed for later showing on Channel 71.

## Kids' Sign Making Project Is Saturday

A "Please Don't Litter In Our Community" hands-on sign-making project for children ages 8 and above will take place as part of the 2nd Annual Green Man Festival in Greenbelt, Saturday, May 13 from noon to 4 p.m. in the Youth Center Art Room. Once completed, the sign will be placed on Kenilworth Avenue by the State Highway Administration. This project is being sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts and the Good Earth Organization.

## Tennis Tourney Here Is First for Season

Tennis players of all ages are encouraged to enter the Greenbelt Tennis Association's (GTA) first tournament of the year to be held at Braden Field Tennis Courts on May 20-21. Those interested should complete an entry form, which is available on the GTA website at www.greenbelt.com/tennis or call GTA at 301-595-5833.

Nick Nayak and Greg Rothwell, two of the area's top players, are entered and should attract any residents who want to watch tennis.

The draws for tournaments are ability-oriented with self-rating into A, B or C levels but also include age-oriented draws 40-and-over and 50-and-over categories. Trophies will go to the winner and runner-up. There is a fee.

## Stamp Out Hunger Saturday, May 13



## THE 2ND GREEN MAN FESTIVAL

IN GREENBELT

MAY 13-14, 2006  
10am-7pm

Roosevelt Center  
Music, art, crafts, food, storytelling, fairy gardens, film, and more cool stuff!  
"TheNatureOfGreenMan!!"  
Exhibit: May 1-27, 9am-7pm  
Reception: May 7, 7pm-9pm  
at The New Deal Cafe  
greenbeltgreenmanfestival.org  
Sponsored by FONDCA, Prince Georges Arts Council, Prince Georges County, Faerie Magazine

## Greenbelt Baseball

Major League Schedule		
Date	Time	Games
Mon., May 15	6:00 p.m.	Giants vs. Indians
Tues., May 16	6:00 p.m.	Lions vs. Orioles
Wed., May 17	6:00 p.m.	Tigers vs. Cubs
Thur., May 18	6:00 p.m.	Rain Makeup
Fri., May 19	6:00 p.m.	Indians vs. Lions
Fri., May 19	7:00 p.m.*	Cubs vs. Orioles
Sat., May 20	10:00 a.m.	Tigers vs. Giants
Sat., May 20	1:00 p.m.	Team Tryouts

Major League Standings as of Tuesday 5/09/06			
American League	W-L	National League	W-L
Orioles	8 - 1	Indians	6 - 1
Athletics	4 - 3	Cubs	3 - 4
Giants	3 - 4	Lions	3 - 6
Tigers	2 - 3	Cardinals	1 - 8

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

## Dems Hold Annual Legislative Wrap-up

The May meeting of the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will be the annual legislative wrap-up with 22nd district legislators, Senator Paul Pinsky and Delegates Anne Healey, Tawanna Gaines and Justin Ross. Reports will be given on successes and failures during the 2006 Maryland General Assembly session which closed in early April.

A short agenda meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 19 in the Terrace Room of the Greenbriar Community Building, 7600 Hanover Parkway at the corner of Greenbelt Road (Rt. 193) and Hanover Parkway. Following the speakers and a question-and-answer period there will be a social hour. Members are asked to bring a dessert or snack to share.

Plans will be made for the annual reunion picnic scheduled for Saturday, June 10 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Schrom Hills Park,

as well as preliminary plans for club activities during Labor Day weekend, September 1 through 4. Tickets will be available for Dems Night at the Bay Sox, Friday, June 23.

For more information call President Pat Unger at 301-474-1052.

## Help Clean Up Greenbelt Park

Come help Greenbelt Park in the Great American Clean up. Projects for the day include cleaning up the campground and painting picnic tables.

Meet at the Ranger Station near the campground on Saturday, May 13 at 10 a.m.

Greenbelt Park is located at 6565 Greenbelt Road.

To RSVP or for more information call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944 or visit the web page at <http://www.nps.gov/gree/>.

## Kiddie Carnival and Silent Auction to benefit Greenbelt Nursery School

Saturday, May 20, 12 noon to 4pm  
Greenbelt Community Center  
rain date May 21

moonbounce, face painting, live kids' music with Rick and Audrey

Children's admission to games \$5  
fabulous items like a 7-course dinner for ten at Marrakesh; beach vacation rental at Rehoboth; 20" flat screen TV

For info call Amy at 301-474-6989 or GNS at 301-474-5570

## Beltway Plaza Mall

## FREE Mother's Day Movie NARNIA

Kids - Treat your Mom as good as she's treated you. Bring her to Beltway Plaza Mall's Academy 8 Theatres on May 14 at 4 p.m. and you and your Mom will see Narnia for FREE



## BELTWAY PLAZA

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Target, Value City, Burlington Coat Factory, Giant Food, Marshall's, Academy 8 Theatres, Jeepers, Gold's Gym, Jo-Ann Fabrics, CVS

# Our Neighbors

Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of Greenbelt pioneer Doloris McWilliams, who died while traveling from Florida to the Greenbelt High School reunion.

Her sister Mary Jane Brocius, also a pioneer, who was traveling with her, was injured but is expected to recover. We send her our sympathy and get well wishes.

**Congratulations:**

– to Ed Murray, son of Joe and Alice Murray of Ridge Road, who was recently appointed to the Financial Markets Law Committee of the Bank of England. Murray, who lives with his wife Andrea and daughter Maggie in London is a partner in the international law firm of Allen and Overy. He is the first person from his 75-year-old firm to be so honored. The Financial Committee identifies and addresses issues of legal uncertainty in the framework of the wholesale financial markets. It also acts as a bridge to the judiciary to help the U.K. court remain up to date with developments in financial markets practice.

– to local NASA Goddard hurricane research pioneer Dr. Joanne Simpson, who has worked in meteorology for 56 years. Simpson, the first woman to receive a Ph.D. in meteorology, has made many significant discoveries, led research projects and influenced generations of scientists. She has been elected to become a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Simpson, a D.C. resident, is now semi-retired although she still works at Goddard.

– to Greenbelt's Congressman Steny Hoyer, who received the second award in as many months for his commitment to people with disabilities. Hoyer, who on receiving the Easter Seals Greater Washington-Baltimore 2006 Advocacy Award, in addition to criticizing the lack of adequate federal resources for programs of

importance to people with disabilities, commented "There is clearly still much work that remains to be done. I remain steadfast in my commitment to enforcing the ADA and expanding opportunities wherever possible."

Kudos and thanks to Greenbelt Squadron 136 Sons of the American Legion, who have raised money to help veterans at the Charlotte Hall Veterans home. After learning the home needed new television sets to replace old ones in vets' rooms, members raised \$1,100 and have purchased 15 televisions. The sets will be presented Monday, May 15 at 3 p.m. by Squadron 136's Commander Tommy Bryant to the director of Charlotte Hall, in a ceremony that will include Bob Johnson from Maryland's Office of Veterans Affairs and S A L District Commander Buddy Mastin.

## Death of Classmate Saddens Reunion

by Kathleen McFarland

There was a gasp, then a hush as Greenbelt High's Reunion Chairman Gloria Drake announced that Doloris McWilliams Fitzpatrick had been killed while driving from her home in Tavares, Fla., to attend the reunion. Many of her Greenbelt friends had already heard the sad news but some of the 200 attendees at the May 6 reunion were learning about it for the first time.

The accident happened Tuesday, May 2 near Jacksonville, Fla., shortly after Doloris and her younger sister, Mary Jane Brocius, had embarked on the trip. Mary Jane's husband, Robert Brocius, had died only a week earlier, on April 25 and she had been persuaded to attend her first reunion with classmates from

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Journalism Club, from 1947 yearbook: Doloris McWilliams is seated behind typewriter on the left. Mary Jane McWilliams is standing at the right, her friend Shirley Morrison (Clute) behind her.

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the class of '51 and to later take a short vacation with Doloris in Ocean City. Mary Jane was injured in the accident but is expected to recover. Initial investigations seem to show that Doloris, who was driving, suffered a heart attack or stroke, which led her to lose control of the car.

The McWilliams sisters were "pioneer" Greenbelters, daughters of John and Cass McWilliams, original residents of 3-D Eastway. Doloris, 76, was a graduate of Greenbelt High School's class of 1947 and the University of Maryland. She was a leader of her class's regular get-togethers and was a '47 representative for the all-class reunions. Even after she and her husband Bill Fitzpatrick moved to Florida from Silver Spring seven or eight years ago, Doloris kept the class list current by computer and stayed in contact with classmates by email.

She came to last year's reunion alone; her husband had died a few months earlier. Some of her high school friends at-

tended his burial ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.

She is survived by her only child William Scott Fitzpatrick of Randolph, N.J., and by her sister Mary Jane also of Tavares and Mary Jane's three children. Funeral services are being held in Florida with burial at Arlington at a later date.



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- **Monday, May 15, 7:30pm, Council Budget Work Session re: Green Ridge House Budget**, Green Ridge House.
  - **Tuesday, May 16, 7:30pm, Advisory Committee on Trees**, Community Center. All interested persons are welcome to attend. Info: 301-474-8004
  - **Wednesday, May 17th, 7:30pm, Council Final Budget Work Session re: Final Review**, Community Center
  - **Wednesday, May 17th, 7:30pm, Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board**, Greenbelt Community Center, Senior Classroom, Room 114. AGENDA: I. Call to Order, II. Approval of Agenda, III. Approval of Minutes, IV. Preliminary Plan of Subdivision - Springhill Lake, V. Greenbelt Ambulatory Care Center, VI. Adjourn  
Info: 301-345-5417
- This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call the number listed above or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or [kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov).*

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**Mission Impossible III (!) PG13**  
1, 2, 4, 5, 7:20, 7:50, 10, 10:25

**An American Haunting (!) PG13**  
1:10, 3:25, 5:40, 8:10, 10:35

**Akeelah and the Bee (!) PG**  
1, 4:30, 7:30, 10:10  
**RV (!) PG**  
1:20, 4:50, 7:35, 10:15

**Silent Hill R**  
4:45, 10:25

**Scary Movie 4 PG13**  
1:45, 7:40

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**Scary Movie 4 PG13**  
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# GHI Annual Meeting & Elections

## Biographies of Candidates

The following members of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) have consented to run for election to the Board of Directors and the Nominations Committee. The elections will be held at the recess of the GHI Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 18 and continuing on Friday, May 19. Biographies are written by the candidates.

### Board of Directors – (4) 2-Yr. Terms, (1) 1-Yr. Term (Vote for five)

#### Donald R. Hudson 3F Ridge Road

I am completing my first term serving on the Board of Directors. I have served on the Yard Line Committee, the Marketing Committee and the SDP Committee and have been Board Liaison to the Architecture and Environment Committee.

I have available time and energy for continuing to serve the GHI community.

I enjoy working with the other Board members, committee members and GHI staff. I love living in Old Greenbelt and hope to participate in the long-term growth of our community.

#### Suzette Agans 2A Hillside Road

Suzette Agans, an active gardener, moved to the local area ten years ago from upstate New York and has been a GHI member for two years. She quickly shared her talents with the community by joining the Woodlands Committee and now serves as co-chair. Suzette is also a founding member of the very productive Sustainable Design and Practices Committee.

Suzette earned a Master's degree at American University in International Development (MA) and served in the Peace Corps. In her work life, she has excelled in customer service, marketing and promotion. In her current position with USDA, Suzette promotes sustainability in highly distressed rural communities in the Northwest. Sharing of her expertise is right on target with the GHI vision. She is excited about participating in the cooperative's 100th Anniversary "Greener Greenbelt" initiative. Take advantage of this opportunity to add Suzette Agans to the ranks of the GHI Board of Directors.

#### Dorothy Lauber 9M Ridge Road

At about this time 44 years ago, my husband discovered Greenbelt. I was still back in Oklahoma and when he told me he was about to purchase a home for us in a town that had been a social experiment and a New Deal project, I was quite surprised. We had no savings as Bob had been in school for most of our marriage and we had been living frugally on the GI bill and my earnings as a secretary. However, we came up with the 10 percent down payment our \$5,000 home required, and when I arrived and saw Greenbelt, I understood why he had thought this planned green town was where we belonged.

The 44 years we have spent in Greenbelt have been full, interest-

ing and rewarding. Most people who know me know how I feel about serving one's community. I have been fortunate in being able to do that for most of the time we have been here. Within five years, we had a son and daughter and we have been volunteering ever since. For me, this began with the co-op nursery school, and while there, I joined the News Review staff and the Labor Day Festival Committee. Next I became a Camp Fire Girl leader, homeroom mother and teacher's assistant. I spent 20 years working for the City of Greenbelt as secretary to the city manager and as city clerk. When I retired, I ran for the GHI Board where I have served for 10 years and am its most senior member. I also serve on the Finance, Yard Line and Marketing Committees.

I have greatly prized the privilege of living and participating in the life of Greenbelt. I love it here – walking, bird watching, volksmarching, gardening, knowing the people and enjoying our home. I like serving on the city's Board of Elections, being a docent and tour guide for the Greenbelt Museum and volunteering on Fridays at the Audubon Naturalist Society. I cannot imagine what life would have been like for us elsewhere, but I do know it would not have been as rich and fulfilling as life has been for us in Greenbelt.

#### Diana McFadden 71E Ridge Road

I grew up near Glen Echo, Maryland. My mother was an editor and my father a Foreign Service Officer. Together they cultivated in me a love of learning and consideration for others. I earned a Political Science degree at Elmira College and have traveled in the UK and Europe. Sustainability and community have been lifetime passions and I have visited a variety of communities in addition to reading extensively about them.

I joined GHI in 2002, drawn by the woods, the opportunities, a strong sense of community and proximity to Metro for my commute to work. I served on the Audit Committee last year – an experience that has helped to prepare me for service on the Board.

GHI has thrived with its combination of history and ability to evolve – as demonstrated by our guidelines, which allow enlargement of our small homes but set a clear limit of double the original size, preserving our green space and layout for future generations. I would protect and uphold these guidelines and their fair application. I support sus-

tainable development and design, and effective solutions to run-off, erosion and pollution. I have a rain barrel in the first order and plan to develop a rain garden as well. As a fellow member expressed so eloquently, "What really matters is how we live on our land."

#### Patricia Novinski 8E Laurel Hill Road

I'm back! Last year I gained enough votes to fill half a seat. My aspiration this year is to win an entire seat on the GHI Board.

I continue as a retired social worker with five years residence on Laurel Hill. My attendance at the A&E committee and my volunteer lawn work with GIVES has continued. I remain the recipient of support and regard from my endearing neighbors.

I agree with the Board's focus on identifying the things that attract us to GHI and that unite us in our concerns. This was a helpful exercise following the February walk around. I found the same theme beautifully encapsulated at the GBLT summer meeting with the slogan "You can't spell Greenbelt without GBLT."

I take issue with the Board's concern over an unspecified harm that accrues from the expression of opinions that differ from their consensus view.

I appreciate your support in considering my candidacy.

#### David Morse 46D Ridge Road

Education: B.A., U. Md., political philosophy. Occupation: Free-lance writer-editor. (Occasionally play with Greenbelt's Irish band.)

Fifteen years ago, my wife and I fell in love with GHI at first sight. Being preoccupied with rearing two children and other responsibilities (including two years with the News Review), my involvement in GHI matters was slight until about a year ago, when I started attending Board and committee meetings regularly.

One galvanizing issue was the matter of additions. A & E proposed sudden, sweeping changes in GHI's time-tested guidelines. Though the proposal was detailed and obviously the product of much work, I believe it imposed hardships on members without demonstrating the gravity and urgency of the problems it claimed to solve.

We have difficult choices to make to preserve our historic legacy, our green spaces and our unique cooperative. If we speak, listen, and think carefully and respectfully, we can do so cooperatively.

#### Susan J. Ready 30C Ridge Road

I first became a member of the cooperative in 1969, living in a frame home for 22 years, a block home for the past 14.

I hold two bachelors degrees (one in elementary education, one in business and management) and have completed extensive graduate work in early childhood education and adult psychology). I work for a non-profit corporation that deals in issues of the first three years of life.

I am a past GHI Board member, having served from 1997-2004. After a brief respite, I am currently involved with the co-op through work on three committees.

I love our cooperative and the rest of "Old Greenbelt" and have never visited any other place that can match the sense of community I have found here. I am excited by the current Board's decision to begin now to envision how we want our cooperative to be in 2037 for its 100th birthday.

#### George Moore 3A Crescent Road

How long lived in GHI: 1945-69 with my parents; 1969-72 with my wife and one daughter; 2002-present

Education: I have BS degree in Engineering

Family: I have been married to my wife Cheryl for the last 40 years and have three grown daughters.

Why I came to GHI: I grew up in Greenbelt and when I retired I wanted to come back to Greenbelt.

Occupation: Retired Electrical Engineer from the U.S. Department of Defense.

Committees I have served on: None with GHI but have served as Vice President of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and I am serving on their Board of Trustees at this time.

Experiences: I was in the U.S. Air Force 1965-69 serving one year in Vietnam (1968-69).

I worked over 30 years in the federal government and over half of that time was a supervisor.

I served the last two (2) years on the GHI Board of Directors.

I would like to serve another 2-year term on the GHI Board to continue the concept of an active, safe and supporting community, making Greenbelt a place to raise our families and continue to live in our later years. At this time in my life I feel I have time to devote to my community.

### Audit Committee 1 Yr. Term (Vote for three)

#### Dianne Wilkerson 60-F Crescent Road

I have been living in GHI since 1979. After retiring a few years ago, I began attending board meetings and became a regular member of the audience. In 2004, I was elected to a position on the Audit Committee. On behalf of the members, I have attended and observed many meetings and workshops and have strived to understand the financial picture of GHI. I have been very interested in the operation of the Cooperative and hope to be able to continue working on the Audit Committee.

#### Marat Moore 19-E Hillside Road

My husband and I moved to Greenbelt in 2001 after living for 10 years in a cooperative in DC, where I served on committees and he on the board. The DC cooperative was financially unstable; the owner-occupancy rate was low and financing difficult. We liked GHI's financial strength and organizational stability and we love Greenbelt's quality of life: the good neighbors, the paths, the diverse community. Here I've been involved with the News Review, simplicity groups and last year's intense discussions on yard line issues, since our court was part of the pilot project.

I am a managing editor for a large nonprofit, covering health care and education. I've also been a labor organizer and authored a book on coal mining women. I'd like to contribute to GHI and care about member education, financial stability and issues having particular impact on frame-unit owners: yard lines, additions and stewardship of woodlands.

#### Michael Iacangelo 9M Laurel Hill Road

Candidate's Background – GHI member since 2002. Age 57.

Wife – Anne Pogorelskin grew up in GHI housing.

Current employer – United States Mint.

Relevant Experience – Contract and Supply Management, Negotiations, Project Management, Internal Control and Review, Automated business systems requirements development and support, Advocating for the special education and health needs of my children, Held several managerial and supervisory positions.

Education and Certifications – Montgomery College and Maryland University; Masters Certificate in Project Management, Certified Purchasing Manager.

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**Nominations & Elections – 1 Yr. Term (Vote for five)**

**Elizabeth Wellborn**  
53G Ridge Road

I have served on the N&E Committee for several years and find the job interesting. I wish to continue.

**Alan Turnbull**  
45H Ridge Road

I have served on the N&E Committee for two years and enjoy this opportunity to bring new faces into leadership positions for GHI. My family has made GHI home for over 15 years and I've served on several committees as well as the Board and Audit committee.

**Deborah Cooley**  
1F Plateau Place

Lived in GHI for 13 years, raised in Greenbelt. MBA in Accounting from Southeastern University. Work as Accountant for US Senate Disbursing Office. Served on N&E Committee for 3 years, also serve on Companion Animal Committee.

**Roger Brown**  
9B Research Road

Roger Brown is married and has lived in Greenbelt for many years. He is retired from the Prince George's County Memorial Library System. He has served on the N&E Committee for several years and is a member of the Member and Community Relations Committee. He enjoys living in GHI and being involved with GHI decision making.

**Eight Candidates to Vie for GHI Board Positions**

by Mary Moien

There will be a true election for the board of directors at the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) Annual Meeting next Thursday. As the paper went to press, eight members will be vying for five positions. Those seeking office include current board members Don Hudson, Dorothy Lauber and George Moore. In addition, Suzette Agans, Diane McFadden, David Morse, Patricia Novinski and Susan J. Ready, a past board member, will seek office. The top four vote-getters will be appointed to two-year terms. The next highest will be appointed to a one-year term, taking the seat of Chuck Hess who resigned to take a job abroad.

At the present time there are three candidates for the Audit Committee – Michael Iacangelo, Marat Moore and Dianne Wilkerson. Voting will also take place for the Nominations and Elections Committee. Biographies will be found in this week's paper for all those who submitted information.

**Meeting Details**

The annual meeting will be held Thursday May 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center. Voting for the Nominations and Elections Committee takes place during the meeting. Voting for board and audit committee members takes place after the meeting on Thursday and during the recess of the meeting on Friday. Voting Friday will be at GHI offices on Hamilton Place from 7 to 9 a.m. and from 5 to 7

p.m. Note that these hours are shorter than the hours announced in the recent issue of GHI's Communicator.

**Absentee Ballot**

It is too late to apply for a proxy card for the meeting. However, there is still time to obtain an absentee ballot. Anyone who is not able to vote next week, can apply for an absentee ballot at GHI offices from 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 15 through noon Wednesday May 17. A member must provide a reason for needing the absentee ballot. Ballots must be completed and returned to GHI by 3:30 p.m. Wednesday.

**Presentation**

There will be a presentation at the meeting by Carl Elefante, an architect and member of the Potomac Valley chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA). He will address members about a new initiative called "greening of Greenbelt" that is being considered by the board.


There will be a presentation on the Greenbelt Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Several committees will have displays, including a rain barrel program, informational handouts and plant give-aways. There will be door prizes from the Co-op, the

New Deal Café and certificates toward GHI monthly charges. One lucky winner will receive a rain barrel plus installation.

**History Lecture At Montpelier**

The next in Montpelier Mansion's free history lecture series will be a lecture by Howard County archaeologist Lee Preston about the excavation of Longwood House on Wednesday, May 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Reservations are not required. For more information call 301-953-1376 or TTY 301-699-2544.



**GHI MEMBERS!!**

**GHI Board of Directors, Audit (Board Oversight) and Nominations and Elections Committee Elections**


**Candidates Night will be held May 15th at City Hall 7:30-8:30**

**Hear what the candidates have to say. This is your chance to ask the candidates questions**

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# Greenbelt's Annual Pet Expo

## A Know-how Event for Dog Lovers

by Jim Lara

On a sunny Saturday, May 6 dog lovers in Greenbelt got the chance to learn about their favorite breeds and watch activities performed by the animals at the annual Pet Expo at the Community Center. Inside the gymnasium were informational booths where people could learn about various breeds. Outside on the front lawn, they could watch professionally trained dogs participate in a variety of physical activities.

Kris White represented the Companion Animal Committee, a co-op under Greenbelt Homes Inc. (GHI). Her table had flyers with summer tips on responsible pet ownership. While people could pet the three greyhounds she had on display, White passed out red scarfs as part of a safety program.

A scarf was made available specifically for any dog that behaves in an unpredictable manner. Anyone approaching a dog wearing a scarf should do so with caution.

Beagle Rescue, Education and Welfare (BREW), a northern Virginia group that operates on the east coast from New York down to Florida, set up an exhibit. According to Linda Craze, this is the second time the group has come to the expo. Her table had items like T-shirts and little cell phone bags with animal prints for sale. She said that most of the questions dealt with a beagle's traits and about the process to adopt a beagle.

"One thing I'll tell prospective beagle owners is that they eat a lot and it's easy for them to gain weight from over feeding," said Craze.

Outside people were treated to exer-

cises by the 4 Dog Night Flyball team on the front lawn. Dogs were seen running around obstacles like cones and jumping over bars to the delight of the crowd. Kids were also allowed to compete with the dogs in relay races from one end of the lawn to the other.

Flyball is a relay sport for dogs that started in California in the late 1970s. Today it has become so popular that professional flyball associations exist in the United States, Germany, Australia and South Africa.

The 4 Dog Night team, formed in 2002, is based in Columbia, with 14 members and 14 dogs. Kim Fedor, a captain on the team, thinks that this physical activity is beneficial for a dog's lifestyle.

"It always depends how active your dog is but if he enjoys going out playing Frisbee then an outlet like this would be a great way to release that energy," Fedor said.

The expo, in its fifth year, has been great for all animal lovers to get information on their particular pet, according to city animal control officer Susie Hall. "If people are looking for a certain breed, this gives them a chance to approach a group that specializes in that type of dog," said Hall.

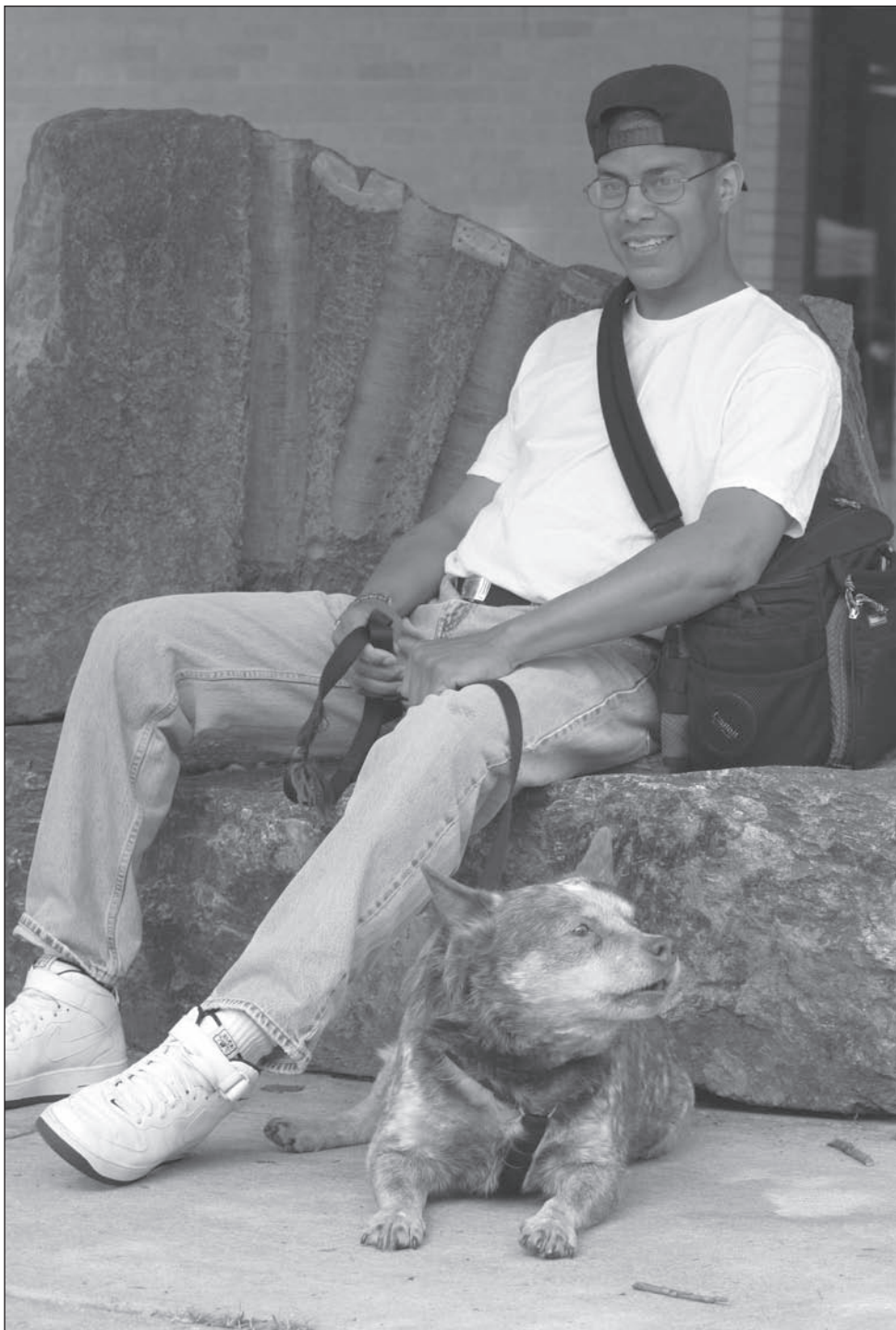
She also said that it's been informative for anyone thinking of owning a pet that they meet people with experience to answer their questions about caring for and training a dog. Kids not only enjoyed petting all the animals but were treated to face painting, music, balloons and the moon bounce outside the center.



Flyball dog in action.



Katie, age 7, races against her 4-legged competitor.



Ronald Chubbs, Jr., and his 10-year-old Australian cattle dog Rusty take a rest.



Erin and Sallie Barch await the caricaturist, Mike Hasson, with their dogs Harley and Selby.

Photos by Linda Siadys



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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.

## Robberies

May 2, 12:56 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, a man reported that he was walking into an apartment building when he was pushed against a wall by two men who went through his pockets, taking money from his wallet and then fled the scene on foot. The victim was driven to the hospital to be checked over. The suspects are described as two black males, 25 to 30 years of age with brown eyes, both wearing black long-sleeved shirts and dark pants. One was 6' with a thin build, black hair in a short bush and a dark complexion; the other was 5'8" with a medium build and black hair in braids.

May 3, 9:37 p.m., 6000 Springhill Drive, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with robbery, assault, resisting arrest and obstruction. A man reported that he and another person were walking in a courtyard area when three men approached and asked if they wanted to buy drugs. They refused at which time the men blocked their passage while the one man was being searched and money removed from his wallet, the second person fled the scene on foot.

Later, as the victim was being interviewed by police, his companion returned and advised police that one of the suspects was with a group of people in the 9200 block of Springhill Lane. The group was stopped and the suspect attempted to flee the area on foot. He was apprehended after a foot chase and was positively identified by the victim as one of the men who robbed him. He was arrested, handcuffed and again attempted to flee on foot.

He was again apprehended after a short foot chase. The suspect was transported the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner. The other suspects are described as two black males, 28 to 30 years of age, 5'11", wearing black shirts and blue jeans.

May 4, 9:27 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, a man reported that he was walking to a residence to make a pizza delivery when he was approached by two young men and a woman who demanded the pizza he was carrying. One man grabbed the victim in a chokehold and implied that he had a gun. He punched the victim several times and took the pizza. All three suspects fled the scene on foot toward the 5900 block of Cherrywood Lane. The delivery person refused treatment for minor injuries suffered during the robbery. Two suspects were described as black males, 15 to 20 years of age with brown eyes; one was 6'4" and bald; the other was 6'2" with black hair. The third suspect was a female, 5'8" with a dark complexion.

May 4, 9:50 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, a man reported that he and a friend were walking from the Shell FoodMart to a residence when they were approached by two men. One of the

men threatened the victim and announced a robbery. After getting money from the victim, both men fled on foot. The suspects were described as a black male, wearing a black shirt and a black male with hair in dreadlocks, wearing a white shirt.

May 4, 10:10 p.m., 6100 Breezewood Drive. A food delivery person reported that he was walking to a residence to make a delivery when he was approached by two men. One of the men implied that he had a handgun and demanded the pizza he was carrying. After obtaining the pizza both men fled on foot. The suspects were described as two black males both 15 to 21 years of age with brown eyes. One was 5'10", 150 pounds with black hair, wearing a black T-shirt, a black baseball cap and blue jeans; the other was 6'1", 210 pounds with black hair in shoulder-length dreadlocks, wearing a white T-shirt and black pants.

## Sex Offense

April 19, in reference to a sex offense reported March 30 in the 7500 block of Greenway Center Drive, an arrest warrant has been obtained charging a nonresident man with a fourth-degree sex offense.

## Theft

April 28, 8:05 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Drive, unknown person(s) removed a 38-caliber handgun from a residence.

April 29, 5700 block Cherrywood Lane, a resident man was arrested and charged with theft; another resident man was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia. Police observed a suspicious occupied vehicle; a computer check revealed that the tags on the vehicle had been reported stolen. A passenger in the vehicle was found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana. Both were released on citation pending trial.

## Unattended Child

May 3, 9:59 a.m., 5900 block Springhill Drive, a resident woman was arrested and charged with leaving a child unattended. Police responded to a report of a small child left alone in an apartment and located a one-year-old alone in the residence. The woman was arrested when she returned home and was released on citation pending trial.

## Disorderly Conduct

April 25, 11:02 p.m., T.G.I.Friday's Restaurant, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. Police responded to a report of a man causing a disturbance inside the restaurant, yelling and swearing at restaurant employees. He was released on citation pending trial.

April 29, 12:30 a.m., T.G.I.Friday's Restaurant, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. A manager reported that the man in the restaurant had failed to pay an earlier tab. When police approached him to talk about the

unpaid bill, he began shouting at the officer. He was arrested and released on citation pending trial.

## Burglaries

April 21, 9:13 a.m., 200 block Lakeside Drive, unknown person(s) used unknown means to break into a storage area in an apartment building. Copper piping was taken.

May 1, in reference to a burglary reported April 18 in the 6200 block of Springhill Drive, a resident youth was arrested for burglary and malicious destruction. The youth was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

May 2, 1:49 a.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace, unknown person(s) entered a residence by forcing open a sliding glass door. DVDs and a tuba case were taken.

May 2, 3:43 p.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace, unknown person(s) entered a residence by forcing open a rear window. Four video game players, video games and DVDs were taken.

## Vehicle Crimes

Five vehicles were reported as stolen: a 1999 Jeep Cherokee from the 9000 block Breezewood Drive; a 2005 Ford Freestyle van from the 6200 block Springhill Court; a green 1999 Subaru Outback station wagon, Maryland tags UNC0006 from Beltway Plaza; a 1993 Toyota Camry 4-door from the 6000 block Springhill Drive; and a green 1995 Ford Victoria 4-door, Maryland tags AO192230 from the 8100 block Lakecrest Drive.

Nine stolen vehicles were recovered, four by Greenbelt police with no arrests and five by outside departments with an adult arrest made in one recovery. One rear tag, Maryland 4BGK46 was not recovered and is still out as stolen.

Vandalism to and theft from vehicles in the following areas: 6100 block Breezewood Drive, 9100 block Edmonston Road, 6000 block Springhill Drive, 9100 block Springhill Lane, 6300 block Ivy Lane, Greenway Center and 8000 block Mandan Road.

## NAMI Workshop Combats Stigma

On Saturday, May 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Prince George's County chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill presents the May workshop, "Stigma . . . in our work, in our lives."

What is stigma? What is its impact on mental health consumers and providers? How does it affect the way services are provided and received? In this interactive three hour workshop, these issues will be examined. A plan to combat stigma on both an individual and group level will be formulated.

This free workshop will be facilitated by members of the Anti-Stigma Project formed in 1993 by the Maryland Mental Hygiene Administration in collaboration with On Our Own of Maryland, Inc. This event will take place at the Hanco Building at Beckett Field, 8511 Legation Road, New Carrollton.

For more information call 301-577-6026.



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On behalf of the Greenbelt Police Department, new Officer Johnnie Guy, MPO Mark Sagen and Captain Thomas Kemp accept the proclamation for Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week from the Greenbelt City Council on April 24.

## Police Honored Next Week

May 15 has been designated by Congress and President Bush as Peace Officers Memorial Day and National Police Week will be celebrated May 15 through 21. Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis read a proclamation in honor of this at the meeting of the Greenbelt City Council on Monday, April 24. Present to accept the framed proclamation from Davis were police Captain Thomas Kemp, MPO Mark Sagen and the latest addition to the force, Officer Johnnie Guy.

During this week citizens are reminded to honor members of Greenbelt police force, show ap-

preciation and respect by observing the laws, support the police in their daily tasks and to remember those who have been lost in the line of duty. Since 1792 throughout the country 17,547 officers have died in the line of duty and their names have been inscribed on the Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. This year the names of 466 fallen officers will be added to the memorial wall. Greenbelters will particularly remember Prince George's County Police Sergeant Steven Gaughan, a Greenbelt resident who fell in the line of duty on June 21, 2005.

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### Electric Rate Jump Information Offered

In response to the dramatic increases in Maryland electricity rates which are scheduled to begin in June and July of this year, Maryland Attorney General J. Joseph Curran, Jr., is providing answers to Maryland consumers' questions. Consumers may find information about the rate increases and the optional rate plans for PEPCO at [www.oag.state.md.us](http://www.oag.state.md.us).

Consumers in most of Maryland are facing tough choices regarding their electric bills. They must choose between paying the full rate increases immediately or paying them later through an optional rate plan offered by PEPCO. The information provided on the website explains the rate plans, offers examples of how each of the plans works and addresses some of the more confusing elements of these rate plans.

Consumers who do not have access to the internet can call 410-576-6550 and leave their name, address and the name of their electric company. The Attorney General's Office will mail the appropriate information to them.

Greenbelt businesses are asked to share their news on the Business Page.

# Greenbelt's Business

## New Educational Systems Credit Union Comes to Town

The Educational Systems Federal Credit Union has opened a new member service center in Maryland Trade Center. The credit union, which began operation 50 years ago in the Prince George's County Teachers Association's kitchen, celebrated the April 25 grand opening of its new Greenbelt location in Suite 140 at 7500 Greenway Center Drive.

"This is a very exciting time for us," said Ronit Monzon, credit union president and CEO.

"We've been ensconced in the Bladensburg community for so many years it almost felt like leaving home. But because we've grown exponentially, we had to seek out other areas that would support and better serve our members. This move was a welcomed change."

The new Member Service Center has an ATM and provides other services to the credit union members. It is also conducting a grand opening promotion to give away

\$50 dollar bills in place of a few twenties.

In addition to the new service center the credit union corporate headquarters has relocated to Maryland Trade Center I. Educational Systems FCU serves the education community and has now expanded membership to include students attending Prince George's and Charles County Public Schools, along with those students' immediate family members.



Mayor Judith Davis assists in cutting the ribbon for the new service center of the Educational Systems Federal Credit Union located in Maryland Trade Center I.

### Giant and O's Fight Childhood Cancer

Enlisting the enormous personal commitment of its customers to fight childhood cancer, Giant Food is kicking off its second annual "Triple Winner Game," a program designed to raise \$1.5 million for the Children's Cancer Foundation which is dedicated to fighting childhood cancer and searching for a cure. Working in cooperation with the Baltimore Orioles, the effort seeks to add to the \$1 million raised by Giant associates, customers and suppliers in last year's program.

The Triple Winner Game is a scratch card promotion in which every ticket is an instant winner of either a free product, gift card or cash prize up to \$10,000. The program, which runs through July 8, allows customers who make a \$1 donation in any Giant store to receive a Triple Winner Game ticket.

Continuing their support and commitment to the program, the Baltimore Orioles are partnering with Giant to promote Triple Winner at home games to the hundreds of thousands of fans who visit Oriole Park this summer.

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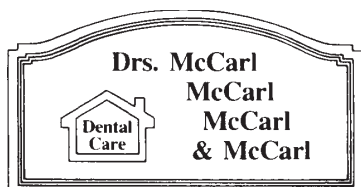


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Davis noted that County Councilmember Douglas Peters has been supporting the department's and the city's efforts to obtain a new fire station. However, Peters is expected to run for the state senate, Davis said. She expressed hope that his successor will be equally responsive.

### Police

The bulk of the public safety budget, \$8.144 million, is accounted for by the police department. Spending in this account is basically flat, up just one-half percent from last year's approved budget. McLaughlin does not propose to increase the number of officers, although one more Master Patrol Officer (and one less officer) is funded in FY07. He also proposes to purchase eight replacement vehicles.

### Crime Down

Chief James Craze had a good news/bad news crime report. The good news was that overall crime was down in the city last year and over the last five years. The bad news is that crimes against persons in 2005 (murders, rapes, robbery and assault) were up 40 percent over 2004. Craze said that the city is trying to combat this increase by using tactical operations targeted at specific areas where crime has spiked. Such operations are based upon what is happening at the time, not aimed at a single area of the city.

The city's closure rate has dropped to 10 percent (from previous years' closure rates in the 20s) of all crimes investigated by Greenbelt officers. Craze attributed the low closure rate to several factors, including an increase in the amount of crime among strangers, unwillingness by some victims to become involved in the criminal justice system or suspects who are being prosecuted in other jurisdictions. Greenbelt's 10 percent closure rate is between the seven percent county clearance rate and the state's 22 percent.

### Auto Thefts

When asked what had led to the significant drop in auto thefts (down 31 percent since 2004), Craze quipped, "Good police work," then explained that while that accounts for some of the drop, so too does increasing use of anti-theft devices. Incredibly, he noted that most cars stolen have the keys in the ignition. Contrary to public opinion, he said, just one car was stolen from the Metro lot during 2005.

The department and the Public Safety Advisory Committee have trained 21 citizens for the Citizens Emergency Response Team. William Holland, on behalf of the team, presented their request for approximately \$10,000 for a used utility trailer and equipment such as two-way radios, two portable generators, lighting equipment, first aid supplies and various tools and supplies.

Craze noted some challenges facing the department. Roughly 40 percent of the force, including many of the command staff, is eligible for retirement within five years. Earlier in the meeting, Craze mentioned that this likely was the last budget round for Captain Michael Craddock.

While the city's total benefits package for the police is competitive with other jurisdictions, its starting pay is not. McLaughlin has written a memorandum to council suggesting that the city consider converting its contribution to employees' deferred

compensation into salary. The city may also want to reintroduce the cadet program or work with the Boy Scouts to offer a Police Explorer program.

### Another Option

Another option that Craze suggested the city consider for the future is to convert some officer positions to civilian positions, such as the various administrative positions, the accreditation manager, the evidence technician and the public information officer. If council converted these positions to civilian positions without reducing the authorized number of officers in the force, more officers would be able to be on the street.

Council added a police cadet to its wish list of expenditures to consider adding to McLaughlin's proposed budget. Davis, noting the growth of this list and anticipating some difficult decisions, suggested that McLaughlin order plenty of pizza for the final budget worksession.

One option Craze would like to explore is developing a computer-aided dispatch operation. The city has been working with other jurisdictions toward a Law Enforcement Regional Communication and Data Center but progress has been slow and uncertain. Craze told council it would be folly to continue with the current paper-based method while waiting for the center to get off the ground.

By working with the contractor providing technical oversight for the regional center, Greenbelt could develop a compatible system. Craze estimated the cost at \$250,000 to \$300,000. McLaughlin noted that the city was not ready to go and that he did not expect to be proposing that expenditure in FY07.

### Mobile Computers

The city would like to upgrade its mobile computers. The original units are not rugged, according to Craze, and maintenance costs have been unexpectedly high. The city will consider more durable units now available.

The city is nearing its goal, Craze hopes, of becoming accredited. Sergeant Carl Schinner, looking at his watch, said they were 138 hours from their session with the mock assessors. Schinner said that the four mock assessors' job is to "tell us our baby is ugly," or less colorfully, to look over the city's proofs of how it meets the accreditation standards and tell it what it needs to improve. In August the real assessors will arrive. There will be a panel review and a public hearing, after which Craze will receive a final report. The final decision as to whether the city has earned accreditation will not be made until the November Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies Conference in Reno, Nev.

### Unknown

One big unknown in the department is the impact of collective bargaining, which voters approved in the last election. Craze expected that preparing for and conducting the negotiations would increase the time required for the preparation of next year's budget. Although the worksession did not end until close to 11 p.m., council adjourned to an executive session that McLaughlin told the News Review was to discuss collective bargaining.

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Windsor Green, Greenbrook Village and Belle Point, although those communities all use curbside collection, unlike Greenbelt, where trash is picked up from residents' yards. The department also intends to finish a study of whether to assess a separate fee for collection of bulk trash.

### Recycling

Councilmembers praised the department for its success in increasing the city's recycling rate to over 50 percent, based upon preliminary estimates. McLaughlin noted with some pride that, other than Greenbelt, there "isn't anyone close" to meeting the goal of recycling 50 percent of refuse. He said that Montgomery County gave up even trying to reach that goal about two years ago.

Mayor Judith Davis asked why, even with the rate increase, McLaughlin was projecting an increase in the gap between refuse costs and revenues. The FY06 budget estimated this gap at \$72,400, the updated FY06 estimated gap is \$89,300 and the FY07 budget shows a shortfall of \$102,000.

McLaughlin noted that the budget includes costs more appropriately covered by all city taxpayers rather than just city refuse customers. Among these are part of the cost of the recycling and refuse supervisor, who also has some general administrative responsibilities.

Additionally, the city does not charge itself for refuse collection, despite being one of its own best customers. He said that he and the staff use their best judgment in balancing what costs should be covered by fees vs. general city revenues.

### Street Paving

The department also proposes that Megan Lane from Kara Court to Mathew Court, Hanover Parkway from Hanover Drive to Ora Glen Drive and the east side of Hanover Parkway from Megan Lane to Springshire Court be resurfaced during FY07. In Greenbelt West the city's Community Development Block Grant funds will be used for pedestrian safety and crosswalk improvements on Cherrywood Lane at Metro Access Drive. As a result, the total square footage of street resurfacing will

## School Board Meets

The Prince George's County Board of Education meeting will be held on Thursday, May 18, 7:05 p.m. in the Sasscer Administration Building, 14201 School Lane, Upper Marlboro. The Board of Education meeting is open to the public. Public participation is encouraged. Interested persons may speak for two minutes by registering with the Board Office by 4 p.m. the day of the meeting by calling 301-952-6308. For more information call Cheryl Landis at 301-952-6308.

## Bd. of Ed. Planning Group Meets

The Board of Education of Prince George's County's Master Plan Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, May 15 at 6 p.m. in the Sasscer Administration Building, Board Executive Meeting Room, 14201 School Lane, Upper Marlboro. The Master Plan Committee focuses on the school system's Quality Schools Program Strategic Plan (QSPSP). Stakeholders in attendance are allowed to participate. For more information call Amber Wilson at 301-952-6239.

decrease to 10,000, down from 20,000 in FY06 and 36,000 in FY05. McLaughlin has increased the amount budgeted for contractors by \$25,000 to meet costs for the services needed to mow city rights of way and open areas. McLaughlin suggested council may want to add Plateau Place to the list of roads to resurface if the city gets an additional \$45,000 in Highway User funding that now looks likely.

### Playgrounds

The city is progressing with work under playground agreements negotiated with various homeowners associations. Under these agreements, the city has assumed responsibility for maintaining six playgrounds in Windsor Green and one in Greenwood Village. Currently, the department crew is also working on the playground at Frankfort Drive, which will have equipment for both 2- to 5-year-olds and 5- to 12-year-olds. Other playgrounds will likely focus on the older age group. Davis noted that the city is not determining the equipment choices. Decisions on equipping playgrounds are made by the communities involved.

Bill Phelan, assistant director of public works, noted that the rubber material now used for the playgrounds (instead of wood chips) costs "a good bit more" but does not need as frequent replenishment. He noted that from a distance the rubber material looks like miniature mulch.

As requested by Greenbriar, the city plans to remove the Greenbriar playground.

Another departmental effort is to preserve old trees. Staff are testing several approaches to preservation and keeping records of results as a guide to future efforts.

### City Bus

The Greenbelt Connection also continues to be a popular service, although fees collected do not cover its costs. The number of riders increased from 5,234 in FY05 to an estimated 5,800 in the current fiscal year. The staff expect that ridership will stay at current levels for the upcoming year.

Riders are charged \$1.75, with a discounted fee of \$1.00 for seniors and the physically challenged. These fares contribute approximately 10 percent of the \$61,800 cost of providing this service. McLaughlin does not propose any change in bus fees.

Davis asked staff to consider ways to provide service to the new post office when the Roosevelt Center post office is closed.

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hopeful nevertheless that the roundabout would be completed before the July 2007 date projected by the city planning staff.

Should the county not approve the financing, she said, the state will not approve the Beltway interchange and the whole Metro development will be jeopardized. The roundabout, however, will still be needed and the city would have to find funds to provide it. In that event, there would be a savings to the city, however, in having access to the developer's design.

The most current estimate on the cost of the roundabout, which will be borne by the developer if the entire project moves forward, is about \$900,000, considerably more than originally estimated by the city. Craze said this will be the largest roundabout in the city so far. The one at Hunting Ridge Condominiums cost roughly \$200,000 because of grading; the Schrom Hills Park roundabout cost about \$25,000.

Councilmembers had concerns about pedestrian safety in the roundabout, especially the location of pedestrian crosswalks, which the design showed on the west side of the intersection on Cherrywood Lane. Mayor Judith Davis considered these not well located for people using Metro from offices located on the opposite side of the intersection.

Dorr explained that the design of the roundabout is expected to slow traffic flow to about 15 miles per hour and he thought the planned signage warning drivers of pedestrian presence would provide walkers and bikers with safe passage. He agreed to consider the suggestion of raised areas at crosswalks, which councilmembers thought would do a better job of slowing vehicles than signs and flashing lights.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts at first said he would vote against the design because it is tied to funding from taxpayers. He thought the developer should bear a larger burden for the project, since in Roberts' view the investment would be profitable in the end.

Once Craze clarified that council was being asked only to approve the design, not the financing, Roberts acquiesced and a motion to approve the design, with consideration to suggested improvements for pedestrian safety, was passed unanimously.

## Publick Playhouse

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tion technology.

The city's information technology (IT) director resigned his position during FY06 creating an opportunity to restructure the department. Instead of filling the now vacant position, the city engaged a consultant in the field to counsel staff and provide assistance for the most technical IT projects in the city government. Consulting in this area will continue in the new year, increasing the professional services budget in the account by \$40,000.

The budget also adds two new positions for a systems engineer and an automation analyst level and eliminates a half time non-classified automation technician position. The net result is the addition of half an employee for finance and administrative services.

### Miscellaneous

Council next reviewed the proposed Miscellaneous section of the budget including funding levels for the Greenbelt Museum, the Greenbelt Connection, grants and contributions, various miscellaneous accounts funding unanticipated expenses (so-called non-departmental account) and an account for inter-fund transfers for various reserve accounts. These include the building capital reserve fund, the capital projects fund, the debt service fund and the replacement fund.

In the non-departmental account category, the city manager noted that credits of \$66,900 and \$33,400 are expected to be received from the Local Government Insurance Trust for FY06 and FY07 respectively. This is a return of reserve funds no longer required for coverage discontinued by this organization which was established to provide self-insurance protection to Maryland local governments.

City Manager Michael McLaughlin also noted that the telephone equipment item in the account continues a phased contribution (\$46,300 for FY07) for costs of the city's new telephone system. He noted that FY07 is the fourth year of the program, which may be continued beyond the four years for additional upgrades or new systems for the Police Department.

### Museum

The Greenbelt Museum, which opened in 1987, is cooperatively run by the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM) and the city. It is staffed by a full-time curator/director of historical programs, a city employee.

For FY07, a volunteer education coordinator position paid for by FOGM will be established. The proposed position was made possible through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

For the Museum section of the proposed budget, council heard reports from Jill St. John, museum curator and Stephen Oetken, chair of FOGM. Their reports mostly covered several successful grant proposals, including funding for the museum collection and for design of museum office space. A grant from the Maryland Council for the Humanities and the Institute of Museum and Library Services will fund the production of a new introduction video for museum visitors and a grant from the Maryland Historical Trust will support a costume/textile exhibit. The very successful Challenge Grant of the National Endowment for the Humanities required

FOGM to raise \$100,000 by July 31, to be matched dollar for dollar by the Endowment.

At the time of the budget worksession, St. John and Oetken reported that \$99,218 had been raised, with only \$782 left to achieve the goal. The money raised by FOGM and matching funds from the Endowment will be used to create a FOGM endowment fund.

### Other Funds

The last item for the evening was review of the Other Funds section of the budget. In this area, McLaughlin highlighted one project being funded in the building capital reserve fund, namely the Chevron Energy Performance Project. This project includes replacement of certain light fixtures and boilers; installation of a computerized energy management system in most city facilities; replacement of the two Pool Pak and two locker room heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) units at the Aquatic & Fitness Center and other energy efficiency upgrades. Pool Paks help with special dehumidification in an indoor swimming pool.

The budget estimates the project will result in annual energy savings of \$65,000 but it will have an annual cost of \$106,500 over the next 15 years, resulting in a net annual cost to the city of \$41,000 in the first year. City staff notes that the Pool Pak and HVAC units are expensive and were likely to be financed over a period of time.

They expect that in future years, as the value of the energy savings increases due to inflation, the net annual cost will decrease slightly. Over the life of the project, the net projected cost to the city is approximately \$550,000. From the city manager's perspective the project would provide a financing mechanism for the needed Pool Pak and HVAC replacements.

Although there was little discussion at this worksession on other reserve funds such as the Replacement Reserve and the Capital Projects Fund, Mayor Judith Davis and Councilmember Konrad Herling noted their concern over the ever-diminishing levels of these funds. Both said they would like to see more allocated to these funds.

## SHA Sells Spring Wildflower Posters

Wildflower Posters are available for purchase to help support the "Keep Maryland Beautiful" initiative of the Maryland State Highway Administration. The 18" x 24" poster was designed by Anne Arundel County artist Anne-Marie Esson to focus attention on the state's anti-littering campaign.

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To learn more about the Wildflower Program or to purchase a poster, log onto SHA's website at [www.marylandroads.com](http://www.marylandroads.com) and click on the Wildflowers icon.

## Recommended Lawn Care

The University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service recommends having soil tested every two to four years. Test results provide homeowners with complete information on the appropriate type of fertilizer to apply to the specific soil and turf variety, as well as the proper application rate and schedule. It also includes important advice regarding soil pH and potential need for lime application. Soil sample tests kits can be obtained from the Home and Garden Information Center and a listing of testing labs can be found on their website.

### Grasscycling

Grasscycling benefits both the lawn and the environment. If lawns are mowed on a regular basis, grass clippings quickly decompose providing free fertilizer for the lawn. It is a misconception that grass recycling contributes to a thatch buildup or spreads lawn disease. Thatch is an accumulation of partly decomposed grass roots and stems that develops below the actively growing turf. Grass clippings are largely composed of water and decompose rapidly.

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Mow grass with sharp blades when the lawn is dry. When mowing after a rainy period, large clumps of grass can be raked and removed. Mow on a regular basis, removing no more than one-third of the leaf blade at each cutting. During the spring it may be necessary to mow twice a week.

Mulching mowers hasten the decomposition process but are not necessary. Check availability of mulching "kits" which can be purchased for some models of lawnmowers and check the lawnmower manual for information on mulching. Finally, avoid the overuse of fertilizer and be sure application is properly timed (i.e., when grass is actively growing). For more information, visit [www.hgic.umd.edu](http://www.hgic.umd.edu).

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## VOTE

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## Aching Activists and Allies Align Against Arthritis

by Jean Mattie

All ages of walkers gathered at the track at Eleanor Roosevelt High School to participate in the Third Annual Arthritis Walk of Prince George's County. The arthritis awareness event and fun-walk was one of three walks held on Saturday, May 6 in the metro area to celebrate National Arthritis Month. This nationwide event hosts programs to educate the public about the effects of arthritis and to raise vital monies to provide outreach, support programs and fund research for a cure(s) for the over 100 types of arthritis.

The event was well attended, despite the multiple offerings of other events in the area. The estimated attendance was over 130 including walkers, volunteers and sponsors. The pre-event fundraising totaled over \$12,000 prior to the Greenbelt walk's official start time. Additional money totaling \$3,000 was turned in by walkers who will continue to collect donations through June 14.

Anyone wishing to make a

donation can still do so by credit card online at [www.arthritis.org](http://www.arthritis.org) (designate P.G. Co.) or calling 202-537-6800, ext. 3016 to reach the Metropolitan Chapter Office of the Arthritis Foundation for information about the WALK programs or other information. The Prince George's County WALK Committee at 301-355-7689, is seeking committee members and volunteers for the 2007 walk, which they hope to keep in the Greenbelt area.

The newest WALK committee member was recognized as the Greenbelt site's honoree. Greenbelt resident 16-year-old Ashley Umbel is an ERHS Junior, a ROTC candidate and a Girls' Varsity Lacrosse team member. Diagnosed in January with two forms of Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis, she has been unable to attend classes or activities. She volunteered with her mother Kelly in April to join the program. She added an extra spark at the walk and encouraged others to join her team in raising over \$3,000.



Denise Lattimore from Greenbelt Bally's Fitness Center led the crowd in warm-up exercises.



From left to right, Kimberly Harmon, PA-C, Dr. Jonathan Adelson, Louie of the Bowie Baysox, Dr. Yevgeniy Sheyn and Dr. Donald Thomas, Jr. were all on hand. These rheumatologists practice in Greenbelt with offices on Hanover Parkway.



Ashley Umbel (junior at ERHS) was recently diagnosed with Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis. She is unable to attend classes due to her disease. Umbel is shown with her mom Kelly Fischer and Steve Smith, national volunteer chairman of the Arthritis Foundation.

## Route 201 and I-495 Interchange Project

Prince George's County and the State Highway Administration are partnering to implement a project titled "Kenilworth Avenue at I-495 Environmental Restoration, Low Impact Development and Urban Retrofit Project." This project is part of the county's Livable Communities Initiative project and is scheduled for construction this spring. The project area consists of Route 201 between Crescent Road and Westchester Park Drive, including the I-495 interchange ramps.

The following components are included: installation of stamped, colored concrete crosswalks at Route 201 and Crescent Road; extensive plantings within the existing Route 201 medians (most extensive planting to occur between Crescent Road and I-495 interchange) and, consistent with low impact development, integrated management practices to improve water quality of road runoff; and installation of seven bio-retention areas within the green areas associated with the I-495 ramps to assist with the treatment of road runoff.

Also included are installation of some curb and gutter and filter swales within the existing center medians; and two new monument/gateway signs to be located in the Route 201 median, one in the vicinity of the entrance ramp to the outer loop of the beltway and the other just north of the entrance ramp to the inner loop of the beltway. The signs are to be concrete with a brick veneer, along with a pre-cast concrete keystone sign panel with the following text: "A Livable Community, Prince George's County." The face of the sign is 5'6" high x 7' long, installed on 8'2" high brick veneer pillars.

## Greenbelt Deploys Satellite Phones

The City of Greenbelt has obtained two satellite phones as part of its Emergency Preparedness program through the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI). UASI is a federally funded grant program.

The two satellite phones are now available to city officials in the event that all landline and cellular phone systems fail, as was the case during Hurricane Katrina. One phone will be installed in a fixed location, while the other will have mobile capabilities. "Emergency preparedness is all about planning and readiness," stated David Moran, assistant city manager. "The purchase and activation of these phones would have normally cost the city around \$25,000. The UASI program has allowed smaller municipalities to improve their readiness for possible emergency situations."

## Four Cities Receive Joint Grant Award

The City of Greenbelt, City of College Park, City of New Carrollton and the Town of Berwyn Heights have been awarded a joint Livable Communities Initiative (LCI) municipal grant in the amount of \$100,000 for Fiscal Year 2006 to purchase a street sweeper and grants to Greenbelt in the amount of \$17,420 for "Strengthening Families" and \$14,850 for "Greenbelt CARES" projects. The amount of the grant represents the maximum funding available under a formula devised by Prince George's County's LCI grant evaluation panel.



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Two sisters at Greenbelt Lake.

## UM Photography Students Catch Views of Greenbelt

by Megan Huey

Two undergraduate photography classes from the University of Maryland have taken to the streets, neighborhoods and small businesses of Greenbelt to interpret, examine and explore the community. Members of the classes, taught by Barbara Tyroler, have spent the last semester photographing this New Deal-era town and its various elements for their final exhibit.

The students, ranging from freshmen to seniors, have dealt with subjects that encompass more than some might imagine. "I think it's really great that we're shooting in Greenbelt instead of somewhere obviously artistic like D.C. Greenbelt is so small and uncovered in comparison," says freshman Janelle Zara. "I like the small town vibe and diversity and lack of pretense. It's real people living and working and breathing."

Greenbelt was established as a federal venture in housing and an experiment in both the physical and social planning that preceded its construction. The students have followed this example by examining the physical and social aspects of the community and interpreting them for today's audience.

### Students' Views

The assignment has even touched those who know the community well. Greenbelt native and student Kim Ottinger says, "I think that taking photographs of this area forces me to see things through a child's eyes and also through a new adult perspective." It is these various perspectives that the students hope to convey through their photographs.

The photographs depict everything from children of the community to its elderly residents and everything in between. During several mornings, students ventured out to Buddy Attick Park to see the sun rise over the lake and

to talk to joggers, fishermen and children playing in the park.

The classes often met at the New Deal Café to discuss lighting techniques, ways to approach a subject – and to just have a cup of coffee and talk.

"I think there is a lot out there that people don't know or can't see about these small, tightly-knit communities," says Ottinger. "I believe as college students we are getting the opportunity to see the theory we learn in the classroom put to work."

This exhibit will highlight their efforts in over 40 black and white and digital color photographs of the community. And hopefully Greenbelt will benefit as well. "I hope this exhibit gives Greenbelt the opportunity to see what a wonderful resource the university truly is," says Tyroler. "We hope that through this exhibit the citizens of the community will see the strengths and beauty that Greenbelt has to offer. We hope it will give them a sense of pride." Tyroler herself is a Greenbelt resident.

### The Show

"Greenbelt Impressions" will be on exhibit from May 19 through September 11. The public is invited to attend an opening reception with the artists on May 19 from 3 to 5 p.m. This exhibition, sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department, will be mounted in the first floor hallways of the Greenbelt Community Center.

The students' photos will temporarily take the place of the Center's popular historic photographs of Greenbelt, which will be removed for remounting.

The Community Center is located at 15 Crescent Road. For more information call Nicole DeWald, Greenbelt Recreation Department arts supervisor at 240-542-2057 or Megan Huey, participating student and project coordinator at 301-502-2641.



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Musician at rest. at the New Deal Café.