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Proud parents, teachers, ACE members and public officials all crowd into the picture with the ACE Student Award winners at the May 8 ceremony.

PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

City Council to Consider List Of Changes to 2007 Budget

by Thomas X. White

The Greenbelt City Council will be completing its review of the city manager's proposed Fiscal Year 2007 budget over the next three weeks, with plans to adopt an approved FY07 budget for city operations at council's regular meeting on June 5. By that time council will have conducted 10 scheduled worksessions and two public hearings to receive detailed information by staff on the proposed budget and its effect on all city departments and to hear citizen feedback on proposed expenditures and tax impacts for the proposed budget plan.

For the first time in several years, the city manager has proposed no increase in the city's property tax rates to fund the new budget, but that may change, based on council's review and on various update items that have been assiduously tabulated by staff during the nearly two-month review period.

The council budget review process that has developed over the years is an informal system of keeping track of selected items that arise during the budget review sessions that would have either a negative or positive impact on the manager's proposed budget. The city manager and his staff maintain a list of these potential changes and provide council with periodic updates as the budget review proceeds.

Items that make it into these updates are based upon new revenue information that staff learns after budget preparation, expenditure additions or deletions coming out of worksessions and policy options arising during the review that may have budget impacts.

In prior years an item was placed on the list when a majority of council agreed to consider the item. However, it now appears that one member of council can place an item on the list. While any item can be placed on

the list no decision will be made until all listed items are discussed and considered at the final budget worksession (May 17 for this year's cycle).

This informal system has worked effectively to defer ad hoc changes on the fly during the budget review cycle but, at the same time, it has turned the "final budget worksession" into something of a bazaar, with a hodgepodge of items and issues of varying impact put into "play" as council approaches the final stages of review of the proposed budget. One measure of the importance of this final budget worksession is a tradition to provide snack food for attendees.

This year is no exception and heading into the May 17 final worksession, the city manager has provided FY07 Budget Update #3, as the framework for council's deliberations and decision-making that evening prior to final adoption of the budget.

Revenues

Update #3 offers a net of \$100,800 as a possible addition to FY07 revenues. It includes changes staff determined after preparing the budget. The changes impact both the current year operations and the proposed budget. For example, \$45,000 represents a reinstatement of a special grant of Highway User Revenue (HUR) funds that the city will receive this fiscal year. A re-estimation of other expected HUR funds to be received this year provides an additional \$35,000.

However, Fiscal Year 2006 revenue is reduced by a \$5,000 commitment to improve the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad parking lot. In FY07 \$25,800 is added by a better estimate for HUR funds (from \$710,000 to \$735,800) expected to be received next year. The \$100,800 improvement in revenue for the

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ACE Honors Outstanding Students

by Mary Moien

There is always a standing-room only crowd at the city council meeting when the ACE Student Awards are made. This year's ceremony on May 8 was no exception. Parents, brothers and sisters, grandparents, teachers and even a principal or two filled the council chambers to the rafters.

The ACE Student Awards were inaugurated in 1996, making this the 11th annual ceremony. The awards recognize Greenbelt youth who honor its traditions of citizenship, maturity and academic achievement. These students were nominated by their teachers and principals.

Selections from the nominations of each student are summarized below.

Elementary

Joshua Ntoko is a 6th grader at Greenbelt Elementary School. Josh has a gentle spirit. He is kind and thoughtful to both adults and children of all ages, and he moves easily among di-

verse groups of his peers. He really shines when given the opportunity to engage in hands-on projects and experiments.

Erin Weeks is a responsible, dedicated 6th grader at Greenbelt Elementary School. She participates in the honors chorus, is the anchor on the morning news team and was elected by her classmates to represent them on the school's Greenbelt Advisory Board. After school she helps teachers hang art on the walls, grade papers and straighten classrooms.

Owen Brown, a 5th grader at Springhill Lake Elementary School, is both a model student and a leader. He has earned either distinguished honors or honor roll every quarter. His leadership qualities are evident in his willingness to lend a hand within the classroom and the community and his calm manner serves as a guide for fellow classmates.

Melissa Benjamin is an amazing 5th grade student at Springhill Lake Elementary School and a natural leader. Her love of reading and good organizational

skills make her an excellent role model and group leader. She demonstrates a sincere interest in her peers and their successes. She has a genuinely caring personality that makes her a good friend to all.

Eric Dorsey, Jr., is a very sensitive and caring 6th grade student at Magnolia Elementary School. He initiated the school safety poster contest. He is a member of the school patrol, for which he executes his duties with pride. His dependability, kindness and caring nature endear him to staff and students alike.

Chantel Jones is a very dependable 6th grader at Magnolia Elementary School. Her fine attitude and spirit of cooperation are reflected in her excellent work. She is recognized by staff and students alike as being fair and knowing how to defuse situations that may occur. She has great concern for others and a willingness to give of herself without being asked.

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SHL Recreation and Education Dominates City Council Meeting

by A. Neil Deo

Discussion of the application for redevelopment of Springhill Lake was left to the end of the May 8 Greenbelt City Council meeting. Council had set aside time at the beginning of the meeting to recognize outstanding students at Greenbelt schools but education and recreation were major themes all night long. Discussion of these topics hindered talk on redevelopment plans by AIMCO (Apartment Investment Management Company) for Springhill Lake.

If the city supports AIMCO's application, it is likely to do so with reservations and conditions. This is perhaps why the few Greenbelters who sacrificed sleep for Monday night's late meeting had no public comments other than to respond to Mayor Judith Davis' urgings for input with "You [Council] are doing a

great job!"

Greenbelt has received a referral from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission for the Preliminary Plan of Subdivision for Springhill Lake. According to subdivision regulations, the Prince George's County Planning Board must act on the preliminary plan by June 8. It was to be reviewed by the city's Advisory Planning Board on May 17 and is scheduled for review and action by the council on May 22.

When the SHL application comes before the county planning board later this month, the city may not make a positive recommendation. This was the tenor of comments from at least four of five councilmembers during the discussions that began at 9:50 p.m. and ended at midnight.

Two issues that will have an

ongoing impact long after the current players depart the scene are education and recreation. AIMCO proposes to tear down the SHL Elementary School but pay only \$20 million toward a new site and construction of a new building. Councilmembers estimated the projected costs of replacing that school to be thrice what AIMCO is offering. There is no guarantee either that alternative land, some 10 to 15 acres, can be located.

The other issue is the city's concern for perceived inadequate recreation facilities. It was contended that such facilities directly impact on the quality of life at SHL and in Greenbelt as a whole, because crime is seen to be connected with high-density developments and a low quality

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Post Office to Move

The Greenbelt Post Office will move to its new facility on Ora Glen Drive over the Memorial Day weekend. The old post office in Roosevelt Center will be closed permanently at the end of business hours on Saturday, May 27. Postal officials say they will be open for business in the new building Tuesday morning, May 30.

What Goes On

Monday, May 22

8 p.m., Regular City Council Meeting and Public Hearing on the Budget, Municipal Building

Thursday, May 25

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

Letters to the Editor

Greenbelt Values

The fireworks came out last Monday night at the council meeting when the preliminary plan of subdivision (PPS) for Springhill Lake was presented. In a surprisingly candid exchange, in the face of AIMCO's* obstinate, even flagrant disregard for the community's wishes, council articulated Greenbelt values: a suburban community with elementary schools our kids can walk to, ballfields to promote fitness, shared community recreation facilities and home ownership.

AIMCO doesn't appear to share these values.

In the PPS, the site of the current Springhill Lake Elementary School is still under water – to create a storm water pond.

AIMCO is doubling the housing density of Springhill Lake, already one of the largest rental complexes on the East Coast. They proposed impressive signature residential towers, with rental units only. The for-sale housing units required by Greenbelt will be accomplished by subdivision and selling the lots to another developer who builds townhouses and multi-family units.

AIMCO's "rich recreational package" features a privately owned and operated club house for members only. The three ballfields promised earlier were tossed, because they took up too much land and would generate noise and parking. According to AIMCO's representative, attorney André Gingles, a competitive ballfield does not match the community they are trying to build.

Since the future of Springhill Lake Elementary School is in the hands of the Prince George's County School Board, Mayor Davis stressed the need for them to listen to the community and have a backbone. I, in turn, exhort our elected representatives to remember the Greenbelt values they articulated and to hold fast in the face of AIMCO's pressure to get approval in the next two weeks: "Remember the ballfields! Three of them."

Joan Falcão

*AIMCO is the owner/redeveloper of Springhill Lake Apartments in Greenbelt.



Our sympathy to Bill and Beth Novick on the death of Bill's brother Phillip Kumar Novick, who died in Key West on May 10, 2006.

Congratulations:

– to Nirvan Sengupta of Lakecrest Drive, captain of the Science Bowl team at science magnet Kenmoor Middle School in Landover. Nirvan's team won the state level Science Bowl championship and will compete at the nationals in Denver next month. The team was recognized by a county council proclamation on Tuesday. Nirvan has been accepted to the Science and Technology program at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) starting in fall 2006.

– to the following Greenbelters who have been inducted into the spring 2005 National Honor Roll with an average of B or better: Ayedee Manneh, Parkdale High School; Afus O. Ofosu, ERHS; Madupe Ojesanmi, ERHS; Dibesh Shrestha, ERHS; and Anthony Williamson, Kettering Middle School.

– to Jonathan Lee Garber, Jr., Leonie Penney's eldest grandson. Jonathan, of Leesburg, Va., will be recognized as an Eagle Scout at a Court of Honor on May 28. He is the son of Olga Penney Garber and Jonathan Garber. His Eagle project consisted of designing and building a dock and fish attractor at Franklin Park in Purcellville, Va. Jonathan is a member of Boy Scout Troop 711, has earned 25 merit badges and has held positions as patrol leader, instructor and scribe.

– to Eleanor Roosevelt High School which won on "It's Academic" last week, beating out Richard Montgomery and Bowie High Schools.

Ed Birner is at home recovering from head injuries after a fall. Cards would be welcome but not visits at this time.

Share your achievements and news of challenges with your neighbors right here.

THANKS

With the announcement of this year's award of the David Craig Memorial Scholarship to Eric Soderholm also comes the sincere thanks from those of us who review applications and dispense the funds.

For all the reasons spelled out in the article about the award we are extremely pleased to have Eric Soderholm represent the David Craig Memorial Scholarship Fund (DCMSF).

Thanks to Eric and all his classmates for applying for the scholarship. We wish to thank all past and present donors for their generous support of this endeavor.

We also extend an invitation to future donors/contributors who wish to join us in the cause and offer tuition assistance for ERHS students. Tax exempt donations can be sent to the David Craig Memorial Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 761, Greenbelt, MD 20768-0761.

Thanks to all and congratulations to Eric!

Doug Mangum,
DCMSF
President,
Class of '79

Mamas and Papas Meet on Wednesdays

The Greenbelt Mamas and Papas meet every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Babies, pre-schoolers and their parents are invited to play group, where the kids play and the adults swap parenting tips, tricks and support. The group meets at the playground opposite the Greenbelt library. Every second Wednesday of the month is a potluck lunch. For more information call Tina Clarke at 301-474-9522 or send an email to tina_clarke@comcast.net.

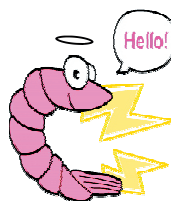


NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

SPRING GUTTER CLEANING PROGRAM

Metro Gutter, Inc. will begin the 2006 Spring Gutter Cleaning on **Monday, May 22** weather permitting. The process will take approximately one month to complete. During that time, workers may appear at your building, at doors and windows. Please close your shades to preserve privacy.

Please contact Kenny Grimes at 301-474-4161, ext. 129 or Peter Joseph at 301-474-4161, ext. 141, if you have any questions or comments.



HOLY SHRIMP! II

St. Hugh's Shrimp Feast

27 May 2006

6:30–10:00 p.m.

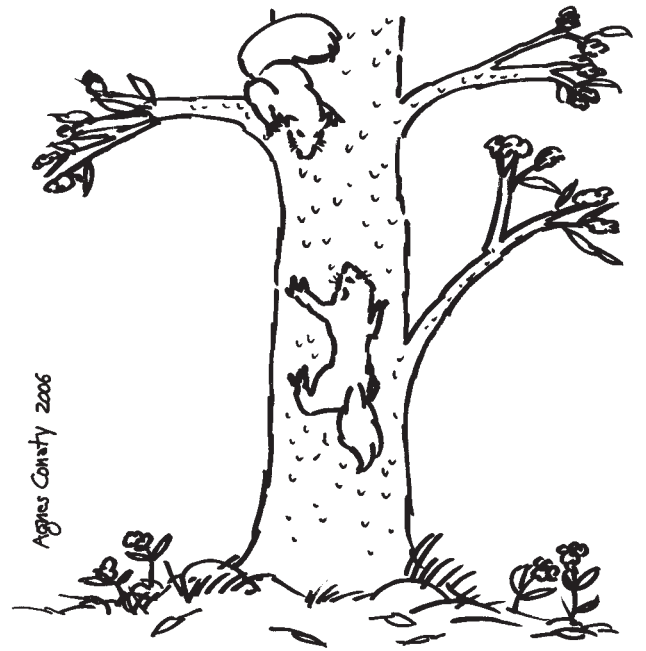
(Food served until 9:00 p.m.)

Steamed Shrimp, Cole Slaw, Hot Dogs, Salads,
Cake Wheel, 50-50, Corn on the Cob,
Beer and Wine - \$1.50 each

Adult — \$20.00 each
7–13 years old — \$10.00 each
Children (up to 6 free!)

For Tickets Contact:
Chuck Hatcher 301-474-0638
or
Silke Pope 301-345-9240

Grin Belt



"The weatherman says it's an upper level low but I think it's the rain dance you did last week."

On Screen

"Water" – House of Widows

Opening Friday, May 19 at Old Greenbelt Theatre, "Water" – set in India in 1938 – takes on the weight of widowhood when law and custom decreed a widow be sequestered for life with others whose husbands have died.

Writer-director Deepa Mehta has Chuyia (gifted Sarala), widowed soon after an arranged marriage at 7 to a man she never met, sent to an ashram home with 14 occupants. The forward-looking youngster is befriended by Kalyani (Lisa Ray), older, independent and snared in outside ventures – including a liaison with a young follower of Ghandi. Vivid in its portrayal of the widows' plight, "Water" avoids editorializing and infuses lively changes of pace to keep the film moving on its own terms. PG-13, 117 minutes. In Hindi, with subtitles.

– Eli Flam

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DEADLINES: Letters, articles and ads—10 p.m. Tuesday. Materials for publication may be mailed to address above, deposited in our box in the Co-op grocery store (by 7 p.m. Tuesday) or brought to our office in the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, during office hours. Mail subscriptions—\$35/year.

Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

There is an urgent need

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OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF May 19

WATER (PG13)

Friday
*5:00, 7:30, 9:50

Saturday
*2:30, *5:00, 7:30, 9:50

Sunday
*2:30, *5:00, 7:30

Monday – Thursday
*5:00, 7:30

*These shows at \$5.00

301-474-9744 • 301-474-9745
129 Centerway
www.pgtheatres.com

Community Events

Nursery School Holds Carnival and Auction

Greenbelt Nursery School will hold a kiddie carnival and silent auction on Saturday, May 20 from noon to 4 p.m. The event will take place on the front lawn of the Community Center. The rain date is Sunday, May 21.

Carnival games include a moon bounce and face painting. There is a fee for admission to children's games (see ad on this page). Children's entertainers Rick and Audrey will provide music. Silent auction items include a seven-course dinner for 10 at Marrakesh, a beach vacation rental at Rehoboth and a 20" flat screen television.

Greenbelt Nursery School is a nonprofit parent cooperative in its 65th year of operation. The school is certified by NAEYC's National Academy of Early Childhood Programs. The proceeds of this fundraiser enable the school to offer quality pre-school education to families in Greenbelt and nearby communities. For more information visit the school's website at www.greenbelt.com/gnsk.

For more information about the carnival and silent auction call Amy at 301-474-6989.

Still Creek Discovery Walk Is on Sunday

The National Park Service is holding a Still Creek watershed discovery walk led by a park ranger on Sunday, May 21 at 1 p.m. The walk will begin in the Sweetgum Picnic Area of Greenbelt Park. Walkers should wear sturdy, comfortable footwear. The walk will be on natural-surfaced foot trails, with some difficult footing possible but the pace will be relaxed and there will be numerous stops to allow learning about the creek.

Encounters with ticks and poison ivy are possible this time of year, so participants should wear long-sleeved shirts and pants to ensure they are well protected. The entrance to Greenbelt Park is located between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore Washington Parkway at 6565 Greenbelt Road. To RSVP or for more information call the park at 301-344-3944 or visit the park web page at www.nps.gov/gree.

GHI Notes

Upcoming meetings and events:

Friday, May 19, 7-9 a.m. and 5-7 p.m. – Voting for Board and Audit Committee seats, GHI

Thursday, May 25, 7:30 p.m. – Board of Directors meeting, Board Room

Saturday, June 3, 11 a.m. – Pre-purchase Orientation, GHI

Sunday, June 4, 12:30 to 4 p.m. – Home & Garden Tour, GHI

At the Library

Tuesday, May 23, 10:30 a.m. – Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, May 24, 10:30 a.m. – Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 20 children.

Thursday, May 25, 10:30 a.m. – Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years, limit 20 children.

Explore Stereo Photographs

The next Explorations Unlimited meeting on Friday, May 26 at 1 p.m. will host a presentation by Dan Schlapbach on stereo photographs.

Stereographs are made of two separate images, each from a slightly different perspective, that are printed side-by-side to create the illusion of a three-dimensional image. Schlapbach will discuss the history of stereo photographs and hands-on experiences.

Participants will first look at some examples from the history of stereo photography and then they will produce their own stereographs using digital cameras. Those who have digital cameras are asked to bring them and learn how to "slide" the camera to create stereocards.

Schlapbach is an associate professor of Fine Arts and the director of the Photography Program at Loyola College in Baltimore. He has exhibited his works in galleries and competitions, has taught workshops and given lectures and presentations on photography. He will open his exhibit "A Stereoscopic Journey through the Land of UZ," at the Greenbelt Community Center Gallery on Saturday, May 27.

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.

Planning Meeting For Film Festival

People interested in helping plan a new International Cultural Arts Festival in Greenbelt are asked to come to an organizational meeting for the festival committee on Tuesday, May 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Councilmember Konrad Herling.

The International Cultural Arts Festival is proposed for late October to coincide with the Utopia Film Festival which will feature a wide choice of international films. The rich diversity and many talents of Greenbelt's citizens should also be featured at the Arts Center, the Community Center and other venues.

Imagine learning to dance the Latin "Salsa" at the Community Center, see sculpture and listen to music from Brazil, taste the best of Swedish pastries at Chef Lou's or experience Celtic music at the New Deal Café and sample an eclectic menu of foods from Nigeria, the Caribbean and other nationalities.

Participants might take in a play by a local East Indian playwright at the Greenbelt Arts Center or listen to interpretations of Lebanese author Kahlil Gibran at the Greenbelt library.

Greenbelters Jose Morales, Ramon Calla, Bob and Dea Zugby, as well as New Deal Café program producer Richard McMullin have contributed their ideas to this concept and people willing to help are invited to bring their ideas and join in. Call 301-345-9369 for more information and directions to the meeting.

Greenbelt Baseball

Major League Schedule

Date	Time	Games
Mon., May 22	6:00 p.m.	Cardinals vs. Indians
Tues., May 23	6:00 p.m.	Orioles vs. Athletics
Wed., May 24	6:00 p.m.	Rain Make up
Thur., May 25	6:00 p.m.	Indians vs. Athletics
Fri., May 26	6:00 p.m.	Giants vs. Cardinals
Fri., May 26	6:00 p.m.*	Cubs vs. Lions
Fri., May 26	After	Tigers vs. Orioles
Sat., May 27	10:00 a.m.	Rain Make up
Sat., May 20	1:00 p.m.	Rain Make up

Major League Standings as of Tuesday 5/16/06

American League	W-L	National League	W-L
Orioles	10 - 1	Indians	8 - 1
Athletics	5 - 4	Cubs	5 - 4
Giants	4 - 6	Lions	3 - 8
Tigers	2 - 4	Cardinals	1 - 10

All games are played at McDonald Field unless noted.

*These games will be played at Braden #2.

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

Support Maryland Sen. Paul Pinsky's Re-election this fall.

Come to a fundraiser on Tuesday, May 23, 6:30-9 p.m. at the home of the Jordans, 17 Lakeside Drive
Light Refreshments
Paid advertisement

SPRINGTIME BAZAAR

Saturday, May 20 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
20 Vendors
Carnival Games
Lunch, Baked Goods, Car Wash.
Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church
40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

Greenbelt Elementary School PTA presents the

Annual Spring Fair A Fantastic, Fun-Filled, Friends and Family Fiesta

- Food • Games • Crafts •
- Scholastic Book Fair •
- Rummage Sale •
- Silent Auction • Cake Walk •

May 20, 2006
10am-2pm

Greenbelt Elementary School



FREE Pizza Night

May 25, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
6th -12th graders
Greenbelt Youth Center

Free Pizza and Games!!!
Drop in & join the fun.

SOUL'D OUT Youth Group
More info call John or Jody
(301) 574-2488

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

Enjoy Swimming?!

The Greenbelt Swim Team Needs You!

Come join us . . . Make new friends . . .

Improve your strokes and endurance . . . Learn to fly, butterfly that is!

The Greenbelt Swim Team's 2006 Summer season runs from May 30 to July 29.

Walk-in registration will be held on May 23 and 24, 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm at the Aquatic Center. Fees are \$35 per swimmer until May 30. Registrations received after May 30 will cost \$40 per swimmer. There is a \$50 Volunteer fee per family which will be returned if earned by helping out with the many tasks the team has. Meets are held 8 AM to Noon each Saturday from June 17 to July 15, with the Divisional meet on July 22 and All-Stars on July 24. There are other meets with dates to be determined: B-meets, the New Carrollton Relays and the Knights of Columbus Mini-meet.

Swimmers practice May 30 – June 8 in the afternoons and June 13 – July 28 in the mornings. MANDATORY PARENT MEETING and swim suit fitting June 6 at 5:00 p.m. at GAFC.

Information and applications can be found at www.greenbelt.com/swimteam or at the GMST bulletin board in the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center, 101 Centerway in Old Greenbelt.

For any questions call Deborah Taylor at 301-345-2485 or DeborahTay@aol.com or Leslie Hilliard at 301-474-7504.

Obituaries

Phillip Novick

Phillip Kumar Novick died on Wednesday, May 10, 2006, in Key West, Fla. Mr. Novick was born September 5, 1958, in Greenbelt. He lived in Greenbelt until 17 years ago when he moved to Key West.

Mr. Novick was the son of John and Gita Novick and is survived by two brothers, John and William; sister-in-law Beth; and nephews Jacob and Benjamin.

He will be remembered fondly by his many friends in both Greenbelt and Key West for his kind heart, his quick wit and his tall tales.



Grief Support Group Offered by Hospice

Hospice of the Chesapeake's Spiritual and Bereavement Care Center is offering a six-week bereavement support group for widows and widowers. This support group is designed for those who are grieving the loss of a spouse or life partner. The group will meet every Tuesday from June 6 through July 18, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Hospice of the Chesapeake, 8724 Jericho City Drive in Landover. The registration deadline is Friday, June 2.

There is a registration fee except for families whose loved one was cared for by Hospice of the Chesapeake. To register call 301-499-4500.

Fellowship with us at Living Word Embassy Springhill Lake Recreational Center, Cherrywood Lane, Greenbelt
Time 10:00 AM Every Sunday
 www.anointedwords.org;
 livingwordf@msn.com; 301-352-3657

St. John's Episcopal Church will sell bread to benefit "Bread for the World" at Beltsville Community Center 3900 Sellman Road Sunday, May 21 noon to 5 p.m. Questions, call 301-937-4292



Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Sundays 10 A.M. Municipal Building

Baha'i Faith

"The bond or oneness of humanity cannot be effectively established save through the power of the Holy Spirit, for the world of humanity is a composite body, and the Holy Spirit is the animating principle of its life."

— Abdu'l-Baha'

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

Church Bakes Bread For Beltsville Day

For the past several years, St. John's Episcopal Church of Beltsville has participated in Beltsville Day with a unique charitable fundraiser. To raise money for "Bread for the World," an international relief agency, St. John's members bake and sell loaves of bread at Beltsville Day. All proceeds go toward the charity.

St. John's participates in this outreach as part of their mission to alleviate hunger everywhere. This is in fulfillment of St. John's mission statement, which calls the church to be "a beacon of Christ's love, offering hospitality and sustenance to all on their spiritual way."

This year, St. John's booth can be found at the Beltsville Community Center, 3900 Sellman Road, Beltsville, on Sunday, May 21 from noon to 5 p.m.

Clean Up May 20 At Greenbelt Park

Come help Greenbelt Park and the National Park Service by cleaning up the campground and painting picnic tables. Meet at the Ranger Station near the campground on Saturday, May 20 at 10 a.m. The raindate is Sunday, May 21.

Greenbelt Park's entrance is located between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway at 6565 Greenbelt Road.

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

Panel Discusses Religious Right

A panel of local liberal religious public figures will address the topic of "Responding to the Religious Right" on Sunday, May 21 from 2 to 4 p.m., at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church in Adelphi.

The panel of four speakers will be moderated by Paint Branch Minister Jaco B. ten Hove, who sees this as an opportunity to hear from lay people with firsthand experience encountering forces from a religious spectrum that tends to tilt right these days.

These four leaders have stories and insights to offer, according to ten Hove: Bruce Baker, independent public policy consultant, raised as a Mormon "intellectual," now a Unitarian Universalist; Rob Boston, 18 years on the staff of Americans United for the Separation of Church and State, currently assistant director of communications; Abby Crowley, member of the Prince George's Board of Education and director of professional development for Catholic Community Services; and Doyle Niemann, assistant state's attorney and member of the Maryland House of Delegates, District 47.

The panelists will speak in turn, then interact with each other and take questions during the afternoon event. Refreshments will be served and the public is invited.

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church is located at 3215 Powder Mill Road in Adelphi (on the east side, a half mile south of Cherry Hill Road). Website: www.pbuuc.org. Phone: 301-936-3666.

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Astronomical Society Star Party Saturday

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party on Saturday, May 20 at Northway Field. Members of the society will begin setting up to view the moon and other celestial objects at approximately 8:15 p.m.

In the event of rain or hopelessly cloudy skies the event will be cancelled without further notice. Information about other events can be found on the society website at <http://www.greenbeltastro.org/events.shtml>.

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www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410

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05/12	Dreamer (Dakota Fanning-Kurt Russell)
05/19	It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World
05/26	Angels in the Outfield
06/02	Beauty & the Beast
06/09	Because of Winn Dixie
06/16	The Great Race
06/23	The Iron Giant
06/30	Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

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Capitol Grounds Tour Offered

Join Matthew Evans, senior landscape architect of the U.S. Botanic Garden, for a personal walking tour to see some of the notable trees and gardens surrounding the Capitol on Friday, May 26 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Tour is canceled if it rains. This event is free; pre-registration required by calling 202-225-8333.



AUDITIONS

for **Death and the Maiden**
by Ariel Dorfman
May 22 & 23
7:30pm

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Week of May 19

FRI. & SAT.

The Da Vinci Code (!) PG13
1, 2, 4:10, 5:10, 7:15, 8:15, 10:30
Over the Hedge (!) PG
1:10, 2:15, 3:05, 4:45, 5, 7:10, 7:45, 9:30, 10:15
See No Evil (!) R
1:20, 3:30, 5:45, 8, 10:45
Poseidon (!) PG13
1:30, 5, 7:50, 10:10
Goal! The Dream Begins PG
1:25, 7:30
Mission Impossible III (!) PG13
1:15, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20
Akeelah and the Bee PG
4:30, 10:10

SUNDAY

The Da Vinci Code (!) PG13
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Over the Hedge (!) PG
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Goal! The Dream Begins PG
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Mission Impossible III (!) PG13
1:15, 4:20, 7:20
Akeelah and the Bee PG
4:30

MON. - THURS.

The Da Vinci Code (!) PG13
4:10, 5:10, 7:15, 8
Over the Hedge (!) PG
4:45, 5, 7:10, 7:45
See No Evil (!) R
5:45, 8:10
Poseidon (!) PG13
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City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL

Municipal Building
May 22, 2006 - 8:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting and
Public Hearing on the Budget

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

- Memorial Day Poppy Presentation - Unit 136, American Legion Auxiliary
- Honorary Animal Control Officer - Elaina Perry
- Tree City U.S.A. Award
- Public Works Week - Proclamation
- Life Saving Award - John Wojcik

Public Hearing

Proposed FY 2007 Budget

Proposed Real Property Tax Increase (Constant Yield Tax)

Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

* Committee Reports (Items on the Consent Agenda marked by * will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)

Advisory Planning Board, Report #06-05 (Springhill Lake PPS)

Park & Recreation Advisory Board, Report #06-6 (Contribution/Recognition Group Applications)

LEGISLATION

OTHER BUSINESS

- Presentation on FY 2005 Financial Report
- Selection of Audit Services for FY 2006
- Greenbelt Station - Covenants with Pulte Homes
- Springhill Lake Preliminary Plan of Subdivision
- Program Open Space FY 2007 Annual Plan
- Proposed Pawn Shop in College Park

MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES
Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.

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Park and Recreation Advisory Board

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SUMMER CONCERT
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TUESDAY, MAY 23

2:00pm

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CHANNEL 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Monday, May 22 at 8:00pm: City Council Meeting/Public Hearing on Budget (live), **Tuesday & Thursday, May 23 & 25: 10am & 6pm** "Ask the Expert - Controlling Cholesterol and Healthy Cooking for One" **7:00pm** ACE Literary Showcase, **8:30pm** Replay of City Council Meeting.

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, May 24 & 26 7:00pm "G-Mix DVD" **7:30pm** Peace & Justice Coalition "Caucus: Mayors for Peace," **8:30pm** "Lady Windmere's Fan"

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OFFICIAL NOTICE

The Greenbelt City Council has scheduled a PUBLIC HEARING Monday, May 22, 2006, 8:00 p.m. CONCERNING THE PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007 FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND EACH OF THE OTHER FUNDS OF THE CITY.

GENERAL FUND BUDGET FY 2006-2007

REVENUES	
Taxes	\$16,759,300
Licenses & Permits	895,600
Revenue from Other Agencies	963,300
Service Charges for Current Services	1,845,100
Fines & Forfeitures	695,500
Miscellaneous Revenues.....	317,600

TOTAL REVENUES \$21,476,400

Appropriation of Fund Balance0

EXPENDITURES	
General Government	\$1,948,600
Planning and Community Development.....	883,300
Public Safety.....	8,356,400
Public Works.....	2,741,600
Social Services.....	586,700
Recreation and Parks.....	4,542,100
Miscellaneous.....	143,300
Non-Departmental.....	565,900
Fund Transfers.....	1,464,700

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$21,232,600

PROPOSED EXPENDITURE BUDGETS FOR OTHER FUNDS

Building Capital Reserve Fund	\$151,400
Cemetery Fund	0
Debt Service Fund.....	928,200
Replacement Fund	399,000
Special Projects Fund	90,000

TOTAL OTHER FUNDS \$1,568,600

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS

Capital Projects Fund.....	\$1,477,300
2001 Bond Fund.....	1,500,000
Community Development Block Grant Fund.....	100,000

TOTAL CAPITAL FUNDS \$3,077,300

ENTERPRISE FUNDS

Green Ridge House	\$1,159,100
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The Public Hearing will be held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD. This is the second of two Public Hearings on the budget. The first was held on Monday, April 24, 2006. Public attendance and participation are encouraged. All citizens of Greenbelt will have a reasonable opportunity to provide written and oral comments and to ask questions concerning the entire budget. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10 a.m. on the meeting day. Deaf persons are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail the City Clerk at kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov. Copies of the proposed budget may be examined at the City Offices, 25 Crescent Rd., or at the Greenbelt Library, 11 Crescent Rd., during normal business hours. The budget is also posted on the City Web site at http://www.greenbeltmd.gov. For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

Kathleen Gallagher, City Clerk

The Public Hearing will be cablecast live on Channel 71.

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of recreational opportunities and facilities.

Terri Hruby, assistant director of Planning, outlined the schedule for the planning review processes in the days and weeks ahead. A critical date is May 25 when the county planning board will consider AIMCO's preliminary redevelopment plan. Another is June 8, when that board must take action on AIMCO's application for redevelopment of Springhill Lake Apartments. Therefore council needs to arrive at a unified response to AIMCO's plan by May 22.

Hruby said council was updated in February about SHL/AIMCO's positions "but a number of issues," she said, "have evolved since then."

The "evolution" of positions between the developer and city staff became a matter of some heat and light in the middle of Hruby's presentation. Councilmember Rodney M. Roberts expressed "disgust" at the manner in which AIMCO has tried to get the most from Greenbelt by giving the least. He put it down to "greed" and "wiggling" out of its responsibilities for recreation, schools, landscaping costs and especially not providing three ballfields for the SHL redevelopment.

The mayor and other councilmembers went part of the way with this sentiment but rejected any insinuation that staff might have "negotiated away" positions already taken by council relating to AIMCO's upholding the "Greenbelt quality of life" standards that had previously been the subject of a council decision at the time of Conceptual Site Plan review.

Environmental Issues

Environmental issues pose yet another stumbling block between AIMCO and the city.

Approximately 21 variance requests have been made by AIMCO. This total is somewhat misleading, according to Hruby, because about half of them are really restoration issues related to "currently disturbed" areas. When dealing with these sensitive land area "improvements," any action is considered an "environmental impact." Thus 7.9 acres are involved in restoration, she said, and 2.2 acres will be impacted by AIMCO's SHL redevelopment.

Hruby explained that there are a "myriad of different environmental issues" but the majority involve stream buffers and flood plain impacts and do not reach the levels of degradation in previously impacted areas. A number of these new actions will benefit the environment, said Hruby. The negative impacts are related to AIMCO's location of three high-density towers (ranging from 12 to 18 stories) in the Edmonston Road area of SHL.

The mayor commented it was useful that staff is working with the environmental consultants ESA (Environmental Systems Analysis).

Councilmember Konrad Herling anticipated having many more questions a week or so from now. "What occurs if we do not have a recommendation by . . . May 25?" he asked, noting how much research councilmembers may need to do and how long they may have to wait for maps and related material from staff. Hruby answered that the county review cannot be extended.

Davis explained that council does not have to submit a positive

recommendation. In response, Hruby declared, "Staff will have a recommendation, with conditions, next Monday."

Roberts and Hruby discussed the confusing definitions of "Green" and "Open" spaces and whether AIMCO's counting in both these categories would enhance the overall environment in Greenbelt. AIMCO's estimates include the medians in lots and on roadways. Roberts noted that such medians usually infuse pollutants and chemicals during maintenance.

Davis added that these environmental questions remain a matter of concern in discussions with AIMCO. Hruby noted that staff is working with their consultants and the developers to "reduce the environmental impacts" but conceded there will be negative environmental consequences from the SHL redevelopment.

These pertain in particular to access (roads, crossings, etc.) for the new buildings being designed, especially the three towers that AIMCO plans for the Edmonston Road section.

Recreation Issues

Under "Recreation" AIMCO proposes to make many positive contributions but without acquiescing to the provision of three ballfields at SHL. The conceptual site plan included a specific condition requiring ballfields, Roberts reminded those at the meeting. He asked why would "we negotiate this away." Springhill Lake is a "failing community" in part because there are no ballfields there, he explained. "This is ridiculous" - to pack residents like "sardines" into SHL "and require them to travel outside for recreation."

Hruby said the developer has proposed a recreation package that is "basically rich" in amenities but "there are no ballfields in it." She added, "Staff wanted recreation provisions that would benefit SHL residents and Greenbelt as a whole," and she listed contributions of monetary benefits and facilities to be provided by AIMCO. AIMCO proposes \$1.8 million for the upgrading of existing city facilities - possibly implementation of the Northway master plan and the long-desired restrooms at "Buddy" Attick Park. In addition, AIMCO is proposing a new, larger SHL Recreation Center to cost \$3.8 million. These expenditures would benefit the general public. On the private side, AIMCO plans a clubhouse and other amenities specifically for SHL residents

that would include an outdoor pool, tennis and basketball courts, pocket parks with playgrounds, stream valley trails and a playing/event field.

Herling's questions about the physical size of AIMCO's alternative of pocket parks at SHL to compensate for the lack of ballfields brought an answer that ballfields are usually three acres each. The conceptual site plan may have anticipated AIMCO's setting aside a total of nine acres but this condition may be open to different interpretations. Herling returned to this point later when he said four one-acre pocket parks were even less than two ballfields.

City Manager Michael McLaughlin strongly voiced his opinion that staff is working with the developer and being mindful of council's position; indeed the city had considered allowing AIMCO greater density at SHL in exchange for three ballfields. "But staff cannot make the developer kowtow to council's position," McLaughlin explained.

Councilmember Edward Putens reminded everyone that he had been quicker than most to allow a trade-off in favor of some increased density if Greenbelt got more open spaces at SHL in the bargain. As if regretting this, he said of AIMCO, "Roberts is right . . . and I support what McLaughlin" and staff are trying to achieve.

Putens also accused AIMCO of "greed." He focused in the direction of where AIMCO attorney Andre Gingles and other AIMCO representatives were seated and declared: "You've gone too far [and] I cannot support this [application]."

The mayor seemed to concur with Putens. The city had supported higher density from the start so as to preserve open space but the applicant now proposes to go well beyond the 12 stories - to some 20 stories - and people on the beltway "would be smacked in the face" with AIMCO's towers, added Davis. She too was "disgusted" with the positions and responses of AIMCO.

Gingles finally spoke for AIMCO, his client. He suggested its proposals are essentially the same as those in the conceptual site plan. He "was wary" of responding to the "various characterizations," comments and concerns until staff makes its recommendations but he did want to say he trusted that AIMCO will meet its responsibilities at the different

stages of the development, per the findings, conditions and permit application processes. Condition 34 allows AIMCO to pay \$20 million up front directly to Greenbelt schools or pay the higher surcharge fees (\$40 to \$60 million over time) into the General Fund of Prince George's County. "We believe it's better if we know the money goes into Greenbelt and rebuild the schools in that area," Gingles said.

Gingles then asserted there are no ballfields "designated" in the conceptual site plan but that he and his client accept this as an important issue. The proposed recreational mini-package works well for SHL and the larger Greenbelt West community, he said. Regarding the new SHL, he thought AIMCO's plans "suited the population" who were expected to live there. Gingles expressed a willingness to continue working with staff and reiterated it is not AIMCO's intent to increase density beyond that of the conceptual plan.

Roberts asked staff if the conceptual plan approved by the county had maintained the condition requiring three ballfields at SHL. The rejoinder from Gingles was that he had referred only to the "drawings" in the conceptual plan. Hruby read from the plan conditions "to prevent confusion." It specifies "mandatory dedication" to include, at a minimum, a 20,000 square foot recreational center, a competition-size gymnasium and three competition-size ballfields. The option of substituting monetary contributions for fields would depend on the city.

Educational needs within the developed tier (Greenbelt Schools are part of this tier) is less exacting on the developer. All the developer needs to do is pay the

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 or 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 22 through Friday, May 26 include:

Monday - Vegetable soup with crackers, bar-be-que beef on a bun, cole slaw, warm baked beans, lemon parfait.

Tuesday - Older American's Month Celebration. All sites closed.

Wednesday - Grape juice, baked chicken with gravy, mashed potatoes, bean medley, cherry turnover.

Thursday - Orange-pineapple juice, Texas tuna on multi-grain roll, sliced beets with onions, field greens salad with chick peas, coconut cake.

Friday - Navy bean soup with crackers, sliced roast beef with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, sliced pears.

surcharge for the number of units being developed. Raymond Petersen, chair of the city's Advisory Committee on Education (ACE), said that Councilmember Leta Mach had "summarized the issues very well," concerning the combination elementary-middle school for Greenbelt West. Separating grades K-3 and grades 4-7, she had stated, would require two principals. Petersen was pleased the city is "forceful for education" and added ACE is very concerned about "capacity" in the schools.

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Police Blotter

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Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robberies

May 10, 9:49 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, the victims reported that they were doing contract work in a vacant apartment when two men entered the residence through an open sliding glass door. One of them was armed with a knife and announced a robbery. After obtaining money from the victims, the men fled the scene on foot. The suspects are described as two black males, both 18 to 20 years of age, 5'8" to 5'10" with black bandanas over their faces. Both were wearing black, long-sleeved T-shirts; one also was wearing black pants.

May 10, 5:39 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane, a man reported that he was about to enter an apartment building when he was approached by a man armed with a knife. The man demanded money and began to search the victim's pockets. After obtaining money, he fled the scene on foot. The suspect is described as a black male in his twenties, tall with a thin build, wearing dark clothing.

May 10, 7:39 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, a man reported that he was riding a bicycle to a residence when he was approached by three men, one armed with a knife. The man was pushed off his bike and one of the suspects went through his pockets looking for money. Finding no money, all three fled the scene on foot. There is no definitive description of the suspects.

May 10, 7:50 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. A man reported that he was in his apartment when a man entered the residence by way of the unlocked front door. He displayed a knife and demanded the resident's wallet. A struggle ensued, at which time the suspect displayed a handgun. He then took the resident's wallet and pushed his wife to the floor as he fled the residence. The suspect is described as a black male, wearing a blue shirt, black pants and a black bandana.

Theft

May 8, 2:27 p.m., 6038 Greenbelt Road, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with



PHOTO BY JIM DAVIS

Members of the Specialized Services Team from the Prince George's County Sheriff's Office, Greenbelt Police and the Volunteer Fire Department, worked together to apprehend a resident of Laurel Hill who had barricaded himself in his home.

Barricade Incident Ends Peacefully

On Monday, May 15 the county sheriff attempted to take a 56-year-old resident of Laurel Hill Road into custody on an order issued for an emergency psychiatric examination, leading to a brief stand-off with officials, according to Cpl. Mario Ellis, Community Affairs officer for the Prince George's County Sheriff's Office.

The upset resident had barricaded himself in the home, threat-

ened to burn it down and refused to come out. After an hour, with help from the Greenbelt police and fire departments, the sheriff was able to gain entry into the house, where they found the man hiding in a closet with a sword.

The incident ended peacefully with no injuries and the patient was transported to Prince George's General Hospital for observation.

uttering, forgery, attempted uttering and two counts of theft. A resident man was arrested and charged with five counts of forgery, attempted theft, theft and possession of a forged document. Police responded to a report of the nonresident attempting to pass an altered money order at the drive-through line at the Bank of America. The passenger in the vehicle was found to be in possession of several altered money orders. Both were arrested and released to the Department of Corrections for hearings before a district court commissioner.

Burglary

May 7, 10:34 a.m., 22 Crescent Road, a nonresident man of no fixed address was arrested and charged with fourth-degree burglary, false statement and malicious destruction. Police responded to a report of a person sleeping in a vacant apartment.

He was located and gave a false name to officers. A computer check using the suspect's true name revealed that he had an open arrest warrant. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner and for service of the warrant.

Vehicle Crimes

Two stolen vehicles were recovered, one by Greenbelt police with no arrest made and one by an outside department with two arrests made.

Vandalism to, theft from and attempted theft of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7500 block Mandan Road, 8000 block Mandan Road, Crescent and Parkway, 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive, 6200 block Springhill Court and Beltway Plaza (two incidents).

Tornado Safety

Safety Tips are brought to you by the Greenbelt Public Safety Advisory Committee

When a tornado strikes knowing what to do and doing it can save your life.

Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. Protect your head.

In homes and small buildings, go to the basement or an interior room on the lowest level – a closet or a windowless hallway. In high rises, go to interior rooms or hallways. Closets work well as they have no windows in most cases.

If you are in your vehicle, get out and go to a nearby building. If no shelter is nearby, lie flat in a nearby ditch or ravine and cover your head.

Listen for and adhere to any watches or warnings for your area. Tornado Watch: tornadoes are possible due to weather conditions. Tornado Warning: a tornado has been seen, take shelter immediately if in the warning area.

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Expenditures pending discussion:

Update #3 has identified the following list of expenditure items.

1. Savings from Police Officer Retirement (\$40,000)
2. Maryland Municipal League Main Street Conference \$1,000
3. Community Visioning Process \$5,000
4. Speed Sentry Units/Traffic Counters (2) \$7,000
5. Community Emergency Response Training Trailer/Supplies \$9,600
6. Natural Gas Fuel Pump (CNG) Maintenance \$15,000
7. Pay Increase for Part Time Recreation Department Employees \$52,000
8. Changes in Proposed Amounts for City Contribution Groups (\$1,600)
9. Meals on Wheels Contribution \$600
10. Greenbelt Theater Lease Changes \$26,000
11. City-operated Post Office retail outlet \$15,000

Net Total for Increased Expenditures: \$ 89,600

Three additional items on the expenditure list did not have projected costs. These items were listed as:

12. Office Space for Planning and Community Development
13. Additional Set Aside to GVFD&RS for Fire Equipment Purchases
14. Allocation of Additional Funds to Capital Reserve and Replacement Funds

FY07 budget is slightly less than one cent on the tax rate.

Additional Capital Projects

A total of \$116,000 for four additional projects that could be considered for inclusion in the FY07 proposed Capital Projects were listed. These include two emergency call boxes, upgrades for security cameras in Roosevelt Center, additional street resurfacing funds for Plateau Place and work on drainage problems at locations in Greenbelt East. Action on these capital items may not have an immediate effect on the FY07 operating budget since they could be funded by other sources of revenue or not necessarily scheduled for FY07.

Other Issues

The Manager's Update #3 also lists several issues for consideration by council with no cost estimates. The first item is the expected 2-cent reduction in the state property tax rate. This would not affect the city's FY07 budget but would lessen the overall tax burden on Greenbelt homeowners and

other property owners.

Another issue dealt with the expected increase in inspection fees because of new developments taking place in Greenbelt West (Metroland and SHL redevelopment). Council will likely evaluate the current city fees for permits and inspections to assure that the city is adequately compensated for those functions and that they are not being subsidized by other property owners. Also included in this category are several items having to do with city policies for employee benefits and salaries. These include a proposed prescription drug benefit for retired city employees, a proposed change in the approach for determining salary increases and performance pay, overtime practices and regulations and whether the city should consider joining an enhanced state pension plan.

Although the manager's update did not provide estimates, it is likely that the discussion at the May 17 worksession will require more financial data.

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Special NARFE Meeting This Sat.

The Northern Prince George's County Chapter of the National Active & Retired Federal Employees association invites all federal workers to a special meeting and seminar on Saturday, May 20 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The meeting will take place at the St. Nicholas Church Hall, 8603 Contee Road, Laurel.

Refreshments will be served and three prominent speakers are scheduled.

For reservations call Bob Haas at 301-937-7987.

Portrait Gallery Seeks Volunteers

In preparation for reopening on July 1 the National Portrait Gallery is seeking docents to lead general tours of both the permanent collections and special exhibitions. No prior training is required to enter the program.

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When it opens on July 1 the National Portrait Gallery, part of the Smithsonian Institution, will be housed in the Donald W. Reynolds Center for American Art and Portraiture at 8th and F Streets N.W.

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Colleen McAndrew is an 8th grader at St. Hugh's School. She exemplifies consistent Christian behavior and has a positive attitude toward others. She is a recognized leader in the classroom. Colleen's admirable behavior in class and participation in both required and volunteer services earn her this honor.

Ryan Nguyen is a diligent 8th grade student at St. Hugh's School, a friend to all and a helpful young man in the classroom. He is consistently watching out for the welfare of others and often alerts his teachers when he notices another child in need of a little extra attention. Ryan is a conscientious, hard working student.

Middle School

Hung Tran is an 8th grader at Greenbelt Middle School who has proven to be an exceptional student since he relocated to Greenbelt last year due to Hurricane Katrina. He consistently earned a 4.0 grade point average, won the Prince George's County Middle School spelling bee and is a member of the National Junior Honor Society.

Sierra Simpkins is an exemplary 8th grade student at Greenbelt Middle School. She has dedicated herself to the highest degree of achievement in her honors classes. She is a mature and model student and her teachers are confident that she has a bright high school career ahead of her.

High School

Shalay Ward is a senior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. She is the captain and a four-year

member of the Varsity Cheerleading squad. Shalay serves the community through the National Honor Society and the homeless shelter S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat). She is the business manager of the school yearbook a member of "Who's Who Among High School Students" and of Metropolitan Scholars.

Raheem Shobowale is a senior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. He is an excellent student, has received the US Achievement Academy Honor, the National Science Merit Award, Lifetime and Hard Worker Award at Rutgers University Basketball Team Camp. Raheem is Sergeant at Arms for the Student Government Association. He is a wonderful example of someone who cares deeply for his school and his community.

Both Eleanor Roosevelt High School awardees received a \$750 scholarship from ACE.

Healy Scholarship

Oliver Ventura, a senior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, is the recipient of the Delegate Anne Healy Scholarship given to a graduating senior who is a resident of Greenbelt and who will be attending a Maryland college. Oliver is an exemplary student and the unanimous choice of the school guidance counselors, for whom he was their Spanish translator. He is a member of the International Student Organization and will be attending Towson State University.

A number of elected officials participated in the ACE awards ceremony including State Senator Paul Pinsky and State Delegates Anne Healey, Tawanna Gaines

Youth Orchestra Concert at ERHS

On Sunday, May 21 at 5 p.m. the College Park Youth Orchestra will hold a free concert at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Directed by Kenneth Whitley, the group had its first rehearsals in January and is now inviting the community, friends and family to its first concert.

Whitley led the D.C. Youth Orchestra for nine years and helped found and became director of the Mount Royal Symphonic Orchestra, a nonprofit organization that offered musical instruction to children who would not otherwise have the opportunity to learn. He now oversees the Middle School Music Program and directs two vocal ensembles at Bryn Mawr School in Baltimore.

Patuxent Refuge Displays Youth Art

Winning entries in the Maryland Federal Junior Duck Stamp Competition will be on display at the Patuxent Research Refuge's National Wildlife Visitor Center during the month of May.

For more information about the Refuge or Visitor Center, visit <http://patuxent.fws.gov> or call 301-497-5760.

and Justin Ross. School Board Member Jose Morales and County Councilmember Doug Peters also attended. Peters has annually donated \$2,000 to the ACE scholarship fund and Healey has awarded a House of Delegates scholarship.

Look for the ACE awardees to be marching in the Greenbelt Labor Day parade.

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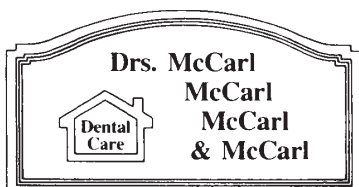


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Museum Lecture Focuses On the Mills Penny Scale

by Jill St. John, Curator

The next Greenbelt Museum lecture will be "Which Weight? Scales and Body Image during the Early 20th Century." The presentation will be offered Tuesday, May 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center Multi-purpose room, 201.



The lecture is free and will be given by Megan Searing Young.

This illustrated lecture will focus on a specific penny scale, the Mills New Modern, first produced in 1931. By examining both the scale itself and placing it in the context of advertising of the era it becomes clear that the Mills New Modern has much more information to offer than simply a weight reading in pounds and ounces. Young will explore the intersection of early twentieth century socioeconomic themes such as mass production and industrial design, the growth of

both the advertising and the health and beauty industries and the climate of intense concern on the part of American consumers with appearance, health and weight.

Young holds a master's degree in the history of decorative arts from the Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum and Parsons School of Design program and a bachelor's in art history and women's studies from Johns Hopkins University. She specializes in early twentieth century design, social history and material culture. Part of her personal collection is included in the Museum's current exhibit, "Living the Healthy Life," on display in the Greenbelt Community Center.

Contact the Museum Office at 301-507-6582 or museum@greenbeltmd.gov for additional information.

Lecture Features Art Deco Buildings of the Jazz Era

by Virginia Beauchamp

Those living in Greenbelt in 1983 when the Prince George's County Board of Education decided to raze then-Center School to build a new up-to-date replacement on the same site learned at that time something new to them about the history of architecture. That took place when Richard Striner, president of Washington's Art Deco Society, went into action to save the old building, which he described as one of the 10 best examples in the nation of the art deco architectural style.

The school was already listed on the National Historic Register as part of the original New Deal town. To demolish the school was "unthinkable," Striner said.

Later the school board proposed modernizing the building, perhaps preserving only its façade. By a slight majority, however, Greenbelt citizens voted to turn it into a community center and build a new school on the old North End School site.

Memories of those old battles in Greenbelt surfaced for some members of the audience at the Tuesday, April 18 lecture by Linda Lyons of the Art Deco Society in the very building over which those battles had raged. Not that anyone mentioned them.

Instead Lyons presented a decorous and comprehensive slide show of the many examples of art deco buildings in the Washington metropolitan area.

This was a style, she explained, that in many ways reflected the jazz era of the 1920s, a period between the two World Wars.

She cited the Adams Building of the Library of Congress, and later the Folger Shakespeare Library, as outstanding examples of the style in horizontal design. The Chrysler Building in New York represented the vertical dimension of the style.

Among other examples well known to members of the audience were the Greyhound Bus Station on New York Avenue in

the District of Columbia, also saved through the arduous efforts of Striner's group; the Hecht Company warehouse, also on New York Avenue; and the former Sears store on Wisconsin Avenue.

The Silver Theater in Silver Spring was already partially dismantled – at least its art deco sign on the façade was gone – when Striner went into action to try to preserve the structure. It is now thriving in the redevelopment of the shopping area of Silver Spring as a special venue for showing films of historic interest.

Another theater of the style is the 800-seat Uptown Theater on Connecticut Avenue in Washington. The District of Columbia armory and National Airport's main terminal building are other examples. So is the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda.

Distinguishing all these buildings are enhancements of artistic design, such as the bas reliefs on the Greenbelt Community Center façade or those on the Folger Shakespeare Library. Other examples may be murals or decorative panels over doorways or under the eaves.

Asian Film, Lecture At Montpelier May 21

In celebration of Asian Pacific Heritage Month, "Geisha, An Artist's Journey," a film and lecture by Shizumi Shigeto Manale will be held at Montpelier Arts Center, in the Main Gallery located at 9650 Muirkirk Road, Laurel, on Sunday, May 21 from 2 to 4 p.m. A reception will be held immediately following the lecture. Shizumi presents this complex world from her own unique vantage point as a contemporary dancer and Japanese woman.

Reservations are required and a donation is suggested. For reservations and more information call 301-953-1993, TTY 301-490-2329.

Pinsky Fundraiser Planned for May 23

Stuart and Elizabeth Jordan are hosting a fundraiser for District 22 Maryland Democratic Senator Paul Pinsky to help ensure his re-election to the senate in the fall. Pinsky played a major role in successfully passing the Healthy Air Bill in Annapolis this year.

The fundraiser will be held in the Jordans' Greenbelt home at 17 Lakeside Drive on Tuesday, May 23 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. All supporters of Senator Pinsky are invited.

City Gets Emergency 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 acquisition of these satellite phones is an important component of Greenbelt's ability to communicate during emergency situations.

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." He further expressed that while "the city hopes that it will never have to use the satellite phones and feels the catastrophic scenarios that would make them necessary are unlikely, the satellite phone system is an important addition to our program."

City to Receive Video Equipment

The City of Greenbelt will be receiving approximately \$50,000 worth of new videoconferencing equipment as part of the National Capital Region interoperability program. It is designed to link Emergency Operations Centers so that government officials could communicate via videoconference during a regional emergency. This program is administered by the Council of Government (COG) and is funded with federal homeland security grant monies.

It has been determined that the Council Room is the best location for this equipment. COG hopes to implement this program by the end of the year.

Artists' Co-op Holds Open House May 21

The artists of Passageways Studios will hold their annual spring open studios on Sunday, May 21 from 2 to 5 p.m. The studios are located at 6001 66th Avenue, East Pines Center, Riverdale.

Passageways is a working artists' cooperative whose members are drawn from Prince George's, Howard and Montgomery counties. Artwork including printmaking, painting, sculpture, tapestry and mixed media will be exhibited with most work for sale. The public is invited to meet the artists in their studios. Light refreshments will be served.

Citizens Offer Feedback On Public Safety Concerns

by Jim Lara

Having improved observation cameras and creating speed bumps along neighborhood roads were some of the topics brought up for discussion at the Greenbelt Safety Committee Forum on Tuesday, May 2 at the Community Center. The meeting, open to the public, allowed citizens to voice their concerns to the Greenbelt Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC).

Committee officer Mary Crawford invited people in the audience to discuss possible hazards that should be taken into the record and presented to the city council. One issue was to have cameras set up at Roosevelt Center. Some are already stationed there, it was noted, but these do not rotate to view entire sections around the Center.

One resident suggested having call boxes, which are common in some university campuses, where one can pick up the phone and be connected to the police in the event of an emergency. These measures are beneficial, the committee responded, but would take extra time and money to install the equipment. The issue will be presented to council and updated at the next forum meeting.

Speeding

Another topic raised was constant speeding by Metro bus drivers along Ridge Road where there are crosswalks and stop signs. Some residents say that the signs are not really deterring drivers from going 45 mph when they should be driving at the 25 mph limit. Residents said the bus drivers are sacrificing others' safety so they can stay on their schedule.

One idea was to have speed bumps built along the road or signs reminding Metro drivers that they have to follow the speed limit.

Towing Legislation

Other concerns mentioned were to have a change in the towing legislation policy, where tow truck drivers would have to accept credit cards as payment and not just cash; banning repeat offenders from the Roosevelt Center for public intoxication and disorderly conduct and having flyers ready to be handed around the community about recent crimes that have occurred.

Crawford then turned over the floor to Bill Holland of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Those not familiar with the group were informed that people with the program deal with handling people during times of disaster. "We're not police or fire rescue but have helped those in need during Hurricanes Katrina and Isabel," Holland said. The group will work with emergency services personnel in providing assistance to victims in addition to crowd control and evacuation.

CERT members go through 20 hours of training to have the necessary skills in preparing for and responding to emergencies. All are volunteers who will help the community year-round with neighborhood exercises, community emergency plans, workplace safety and fire safety education. Anyone interested in getting involved can reach Holland at 301-345-0231.

PSAC is an advisory group working with the Greenbelt City Council on issues of public safety. They advise and make recommendations on issues concerning safety of the surrounding neighborhoods. They hold forums on the first Tuesday of each month to get feedback from residents about their concerns. For more information about PSAC, call the City of Greenbelt at 301-474-8000. Residents can also address the committee by calling 301-345-7203.

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

MEETING OF THE

GDC AND GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, May 25, 2006

GHI BOARD ROOM, 7:30 PM

GDC Meeting Agenda Item:

- 2006 Exterior Painting Contract – 1st Reading

Key Agenda Items:

- Certification of Election
- Board Reorganization & Election of Officers
- Designation of GDC Stockholders
- Set Summer Meeting Schedule & New Board Training
- 2006 Addition Roof Replacement Contract – 2nd Reading
- Unpermitted 6' Vinyl Shed in Serviceside Yard, 1B Southway
- Proposed Picket Fence 10J Southway
- Proposed Serviceside Garden Window, 2K Eastway

Regular board meetings are open to members.