

# GREENBELT News Review

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## Proposed City Budget Up 11 Percent With a Two-cent Tax Rate Increase

by Thomas X. White

City Manager Michael McLaughlin presented his Fiscal Year 2008 proposed budget to the Greenbelt City Council at its March 26 regular meeting. It calls for a two-cent property tax increase, on top of a 10 percent increase in property assessments, the hiring of two additional police officers plus two cadets, higher pay for police dispatchers and adding a capital projects manager. Another factor in the budget is funding the results of the first year of collective bargaining with the Fraternal Order of Police. These results have not yet been revealed. The extra workload on city staff caused by the negotiations led to the budget document not yet being available and was one of the factors cited for the increase in the proposed budget for the police department.

This year council's review of the budget began with a worksession on Wednesday, March 28 and will continue to a projected final adoption of the budget at the first June regular meeting on Monday,

June 4. In all, there will be nine scheduled budget worksessions, two scheduled public hearings and final budget adoption, which affords a third public hearing for citizens.

### FY07

For the city's current fiscal year, McLaughlin reported lots of good news. The long-awaited skate park was completed late this winter and is being well used. The second and final phase of the Community Center window restoration project is now underway.

Crime in Greenbelt is also down for the fourth year in a row, a total decrease of 27 percent since 2002. In addition, a convenience satellite postal operation with limited hours is in operation at the Municipal Building and the city passed a revised labor code and conducted its first collective bargaining with the rank and file members of the police department.

McLaughlin noted that other accomplishments from the prior year would appear when council reviews each department's budget. On the

downside, he reported that the amount of city funds going into the available fund balance (reserves) was reduced from a proposed \$302,000 to only \$31,000. Instead, he said, this money had been needed for FY07 needs. These included \$151,000 contributed to the Capital Projects Fund; higher than anticipated overtime costs of \$150,000 (mostly attributed to the communications/dispatch personnel needs in the police department) and a drop of \$140,000 in expected red-light camera fees. McLaughlin attributed this drop to a pattern of increasing compliance by the driving public and the changeover to a new digital-laser camera system last year requiring cameras to be out of operation for a period.

In the end, with little available income available for bolstering the city's fund balance, this balance will continue to hover at a level of 6.6 percent of overall city expenditures. The city's current goal is to

See **BUDGET**, page 8

## Council Hears Development Plan For the North Core Metro Site

by James Giese

If developers Petrie-Ross Ventures succeed in their plans, the 78-acre north core of Greenbelt Station, currently called Greenbelt Station Towne Centre, will have two upscale anchor department stores of 140,000 and 220,000 square feet and another 350,000 square feet of smaller retail stores and restaurants on first and second floors alongside tree-lined avenues. These will be placed

on what is now the massive parking lot for the Greenbelt Metro Station.

Also included in the developer's plans are two hotels and 1.6 million square feet of class "A" office space in six buildings, some to be 18 stories tall. Each single floor area will occupy between 20,000 to 40,000 square feet. In addition, 1,266 residential units averaging 1,300

square feet are included in the current plans.

A six-story parking structure will replace the on-ground Metro parking lot, providing 3,100 of the 3,500 spaces Metro requires. Another 8,300 spaces will be provided for other uses.

At a plan presentation on March 27, Walt Petrie empha-

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In this architectural rendering of how Greenbelt Station Towne Centre might look, the road in the foreground veering off to the left is the merged off-ramps from the Beltway. That roadway would go over a traffic circle at the end of one of the two boulevards running at right angles through the Towne Center. The street on the right would provide direct access from the Beltway off ramps to the Metro station and its adjacent parking structure. To the left of the boulevard is one of two proposed upscale department stores to anchor the project. The design and location of these stores are subject to change as are all other concepts included in the preliminary plan. To the right of the boulevard is one of the proposed 18-story office buildings. The buildings are conceived to be of red brick and concrete siding with some uniformity in design throughout the entire project, except possibly for the department stores.

— Rendering courtesy of Petrie-Ross Ventures



PHOTO BY BARBARA HOPKINS

It's spring and Mayor Judith Davis thinks these Bradford pear trees on Hanover Parkway near Greenbriar rival the cherry blossoms on the Tidal Basin for their stunning beauty.

## Daughter Nominates Mother As an Outstanding Woman

by Andrea Miotto

I would like to propose my mother, Angela Miotto, for your series of articles on outstanding women in Greenbelt. My mother has a bachelor's degree in French and studied French for 12 years, all through Catholic school. When she graduated from Women's College of



Angela Miotto

University of North Carolina at Greensboro (now UNC-Greensboro) in 1960, she was recruited by the CIA to work in Washington, D.C.

The agency had come to her campus and conducted interviews of new graduates. She was lured to Washington by the idea of using her excellent French skills overseas as a secret agent. Then, when she got to Washington, she was placed immediately in the typing pool, much to her chagrin, because she was a woman.

Although she had absolutely no typing skills and was an expert French speaker, the agency forced her into secretarial work. When she asked to be sent overseas as an operative so as to put her education to use (this story is famous in our family) she was told, "We don't send our pretty young girls overseas."

After she married, my mother had five children in seven years

and, when I (the youngest) was two, began going back to school to get her master's degree in counseling at Bowie State College. She graduated in five years with a 4.0 average while taking care of all of us who were under the age of 14. My mother then co-

founded a nonprofit career counseling agency for displaced home-makers in 1978 in Bowie. This was one of the first organizations of its kind in the area, offering retraining and career seeking skills for divorced, deserted and widowed women who had been out of the paid workforce while taking care of children.

At the age of 45 my mother then went on to build a new career for herself as a career counselor, team leader in student services and finally director of career counseling and training at the University of Maryland University College, the adult education (or nontraditional-age) campus of UM. She was instrumental in helping the campus "re-engineer" its student services departments so that students more effectively received services such as financial aid,

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### What Goes On

Saturday, April 7

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

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Pet Adoption Day, Greenbelt Animal Shelter

Sunday, April 8

7 a.m., Ecumenical Sunrise Services, Greenbelt Park

Monday, April 9

8 p.m., Regular Council Meeting, Municipal Building

Saturday, April 14

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



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academic advising and career counseling. Her retirement in 1999 was regretted by devotees at the University of Maryland.

Since that time, she has been an enthusiastic and involved grandmother to seven grandchildren, has parented several wonderful pooches, has mentored women through the Montgomery County Life Skills Workshop (a program to help women coming out of prison or in recovery from addiction), has built a third career for herself as a part-time personal care assistant and has been a core member of the Catholic Community of Greenbelt, an alternative choice of worship communities for liberal Catholics in Greenbelt. She moved to Greenbelt in 2001.

One of her most extraordinary actions while living in Greenbelt was taking in a Cameroonian political refugee for a year, a person with whom she had only a slight acquaintance. This gentleman, a highly-educated economist, fled his homeland because he had been arrested and tortured for his political beliefs. My mother had met him through a mutual friend, hoping to polish her French with conversation.

After hearing his plight (he had nowhere to live while his immigration procedures dragged on), she did not hesitate to offer her spare room as a refuge. She also convinced her worship community to support this gentleman's efforts to stay in the U.S. The refugee, thankfully, was given political asylum and was later able to bring his family to this country.

My mother's dreams of travel in Europe, Australia and Mexico in the last 10 years brought her life to full circle and back to her dreams of travel as a college student.

In closing, my mother is an extraordinary role model for any woman – in fact, for any person hoping to follow their dreams and grow in self-confidence, self-awareness, self-giving and spiri-

tuity. She is a wonderful role model as a caring and supportive parent, wife and grandparent; a loyal and creative employee; a caring and contributing member of her civic and worship community; and a loving pet owner. She shows that a person can overcome sexism and rigid gender expectations to pursue education and build a career making use of her in-dwelling gifts and talents. She has reinvented herself several times, each time making her life more beautiful, giving, genuine and creative.

## City Considers Legal Challenge of ICC

by James Giese

At the end of a worksession on a presentation of the plan for the Towne Centre of Greenbelt Station on March 27, the Greenbelt City Council met briefly with City Solicitor Robert Manzi to discuss the lawsuit filed by the Audubon Society challenging the approval by state authorities of the Intercounty Connector. Mayor Davis asked if it was possible for the city to become involved as an amicus curiae (friend of the court). Manzi replied that the time to do so was short.

Councilmember Ed Putens said he would like Manzi to explore the possibility of the city filing a suit. Councilmember Leta Mach agreed, noting that it might be too late or too costly to do so. The remaining members agreed that Manzi should look into the matter.

He thought that he might be able to have an answer in a week.

## Celtic Concert Tuning Up for Arts Center

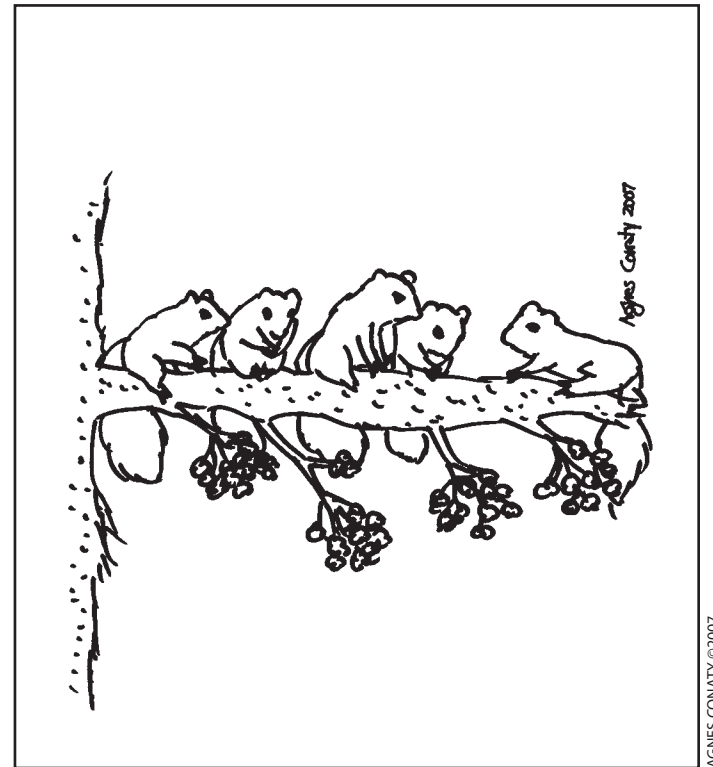
The Greenbelt Arts Center will present the annual Celtic Concert on Saturday, April 14 at 8 p.m. The Homespun Ceilidh Band will provide the music of Scotland and Ireland and other Celtic countries. The Greenbelt Arts Center is located at 123 Centerway in Roosevelt Center, in the lower level below the Co-op Supermarket.

"Ceilidh" (pronounced Kay-lee) is a Celtic word meaning "visit." The Homespun Ceilidh Band is a nine-piece "Celtic big dance band" with toe-tapping, jump and dance jigs, reels and hornpipes as well as lyrical airs and even the occasional Irish polka. The repertory includes tunes from Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Isle of Man, Brittany and, by extension, Cape Breton/Nova Scotia and Quebec. The band has two fiddles – John Ward and Becky Ross; a hammered dulcimer – Bill Mitchell; a bouzouki and flute – Mike Stoddard; a cittern – Jim Stimson; a guitar – Glenn Arthur; a viola da gamba and recorder – Felicia Eberling; drums and vocals – Trix Whitehall; and drums and Irish step-dancing – Jennifer Lubell.

The band was formed in 1993 to play at the Greenbelt Arts Center for a special concert. They enjoyed it so much, they stayed together since then. They are well known in the area and have played at nearly all of the local Scottish festivals. More information on this group can be found at [www.homespunceilidh.com](http://www.homespunceilidh.com).

There is a fee. Reservations may be made by calling 301-441-8770, voice mailbox #4.

## Grin Belt



"I did not realize how eco-radical he was until he gave me a carbon offset for my birthday gift."

## GHI Meetings for the Upcoming Weeks

**Sunday, April 8, noon to 3 p.m.**, Easter Day Cleanup, sponsored by the Woodlands Committee

**Monday, April 9, 7 p.m.**, Greener Greenbelt Initiative Charette Planning Working Group

**Tuesday, April 10, 8:30 a.m.**, Ad Hoc Yardline Committee meeting

**7 p.m.**, Sustainable Design and Practices Committee meeting

**Wednesday, April 11, 7:30 p.m.**, Companion Animal Committee meeting

**Thursday, April 12, 7:30 p.m.**, Board of Directors meeting

**Saturday, April 14, 9 a.m. to noon**, Woodlands Trail Cleanup, sponsored by the Woodlands Committee

**Monday, April 16, 6:30 p.m.**, Communications Committee meeting

**6:30 p.m.**, Nominations and Elections Committee meeting

All meetings will take place in the GHI Administration Building. Committee and board meetings are open meetings; members are encouraged to attend.



Our sympathy to Zelda Orr and family on the death of her husband, longtime Greenbelter, Drummond Orr.

Welcome to Stephen Parks, the new Aquatic and Fitness Center supervisor who began work March 19.

Congratulations to CARES Crisis Intervention Counselor Brian Livelsberger and his wife Gulya on the birth of their son Sayian Anthony, born March 25, 2007. Sayian weighed in at 6 pounds, 7 ounces. Gulya, Brian and Sayian are all doing well.

Congratulations to the Artful Afternoon program on winning the Maryland Municipal League's annual Award for Excellence competition.

## Are You Looking For Your Letter?

If you don't see it, it could be because you didn't sign it and didn't give us a telephone number where we could reach you.

All letters should be signed and the letter writer's name, address and telephone number should be typed or clearly printed.

## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE WEEK OF APR. 6

### Namesake (PG-13)

No passes or coupons accepted.

Friday

\*4:45, 7:30, 9:55

Saturday

\*2:15, \*4:45, 7:30, 9:55

Sunday

\*2:15, \*4:45, 7:30

Monday – Thursday

\*5, 7:30

\*These shows at \$6.00

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## PRELIMINARY AGENDA

MEETING OF

GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, April 12, 2007

GHI BOARD ROOM

7:30 PM

### Key Agenda Items:

- Yard Line Certification: 61 Ridge Road
- Membership Criteria – Review of Ratios
- Proposed Rules Change §VII.B.7 – Access to Fenced Yards of End Homes
- Proposed Rules Change §X.F.4 – Acceptable Roofing Materials for Additions
- Establish Legislative Committee
- Bylaws Change
- Review "Action Items" from Governance Planning
- Review Board Task List
- Code of Ethics
- Annual Meeting Agenda
- 2007 Spring Concrete Contract – 2nd Reading
- 2007 Slate Roof Contract – 2nd Reading
- Copy Machine Purchase – 2nd Reading

Regular Board Meetings are Open to Members

For more information, visit our website - [www.ghi.coop](http://www.ghi.coop)

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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.



**At the Library**

Wednesday, April 11, 6:30 p.m., Bookids Book Discussion. A librarian will lead a discussion of Lois Lowry's "Anastasia Absolutely."

**Storytimes**

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

Wednesday, April 11, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver; limit 15 children.

Thursday, April 12, 10:30 a.m., Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5; limit 20 children.

**Greenbriar Elects Board of Directors**

Greenbriar Phase III had its annual meeting on March 20. Results of the elections at that meeting are: President Anne Weldon, Vice President Angeline Butler, Secretary Frances Kemper, Treasurer Jacqueline Hair and Director Clarence Gillis.

At the Greenbriar Community Association March 27 annual meeting, the following officers were elected: President Barbara Smith, Vice President Angeline Butler, Secretary Jeanette Gordy, Treasurer Therese Benedik and Director, a Glen Oaks Representative.

Board meetings are held at the community building monthly for each association. Owners and residents are encouraged to attend. Greenbriar Phases I and II meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.; Greenbriar Phase III meets the second Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m.; the Greenbriar Community Association Board meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m.

**Community Events**

**GMA Schedule**

The Greenbelt Moving Ahead Program will not be held on the following dates: April 7 and 14 for School Spring Break and April 28 for Celebration of Spring. GMA will meet on April 21 and resume on May 5.

**Golden Age Club**

by Bunny Fitzgerald  
Spring has sprung and everyone is out enjoying the beautiful flowers and trees in Greenbelt. Come out to the Golden Age Club meetings and enjoy seeing neighbors and friends.

The "Seasoned Players" will be at the meeting on April 11 and on April 18 we will be at the Hilton Garden Hotel for our 50th Anniversary celebration. Reservations must be made by April 11.

Other activities are being planned for future meetings. See you at the Community Center on Wednesdays.

**Park Needs Trail Walkers**

Enjoy the outdoors? Want to enjoy a trail walk with a chance to help Greenbelt Park? Help is needed in the newly-formed Greenbelt Park Trail volunteer program. People will be able to volunteer according to their own schedule. Orientation is a requirement and is scheduled for Sunday, April 15 at 1 p.m. RSVP at 301-344-3944.

**Explore County Senior Services**

On Friday, April 13 Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation by County Senior Information and Assistance Program Specialist Joy Sharps. Sharps will give an overview of programs offered by the Area Agency on Aging for Prince George's County and will be prepared to address specific needs.

The Senior Information and Assistance Program provides people with information to make informed choices, referrals to appropriate agencies and help in obtaining services and benefits.

Sharps serves as a voice for the agency and aims to be a voice for seniors.

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, Room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

**Greenbelt Computer Club Meets Thurs.**

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, April 12 at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 202 (Theater Rehearsal Room) from 7 to 8:30 p.m. All are welcome.

**Herring to Be Moved To Beaverdam Creek**

On April 14 thousands of Americans will gather across the country at meaningful places to call for action on climate change. In Greenbelt, two activities are planned to observe the call for action.

One will be a River Herring Transplantation from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group will meet behind the Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission offices at 6600 Kenilworth Avenue to collect herring from Northeast Branch. They will then release the herring in Beaverdam Creek near the intersection of Beaverdam Road and the B-W Parkway. Due to permitting restraints, space is limited to 30 people should sign up early. Contact Kate Levendosky at 202-962-3374 or klevendosky@mwkog.org to RSVP. This is a way to learn about fish native to the Northeast Branch of the Anacostia River.

For those not wanting to transplant herring or who sign up too late, the second Greenbelt activity of the April 14 call for action on climate change will be a walk around Greenbelt Lake. No restrictions and no reservations are necessary. The purpose of the walk is to enjoy the local environment and learn about its wildlife and plant life. The group will meet at 10 a.m. at the entrance of Buddy Attick Park. Those who cannot make that time are urged to walk around the lake and enjoy it on their own.

**Sculpting Class At Community Center**

This spring the Greenbelt Community Center will offer a new art class, "Sculpting the Head," taught by Annapolis-based artist Kris Sweedler.

Skilled in woodworking, metal-casting, sculpture, ceramics, painting and piano reconstruction, Sweedler has exhibited her art in local galleries and has worked professionally from her home studio. For the past couple of years she has led workshops at the Greenbelt Community Center in the popular, brilliantly-colored craft medium of polymer clay. In this new class, she will teach students to sculpt with plastiline - a wax-based, non-hardening clay. Students will create a single bust, one-half life size. They will also study the artistic anatomy of the head, explore sculpting techniques like using calipers to take measurements, examine a variety of busts and discuss various styles in historical context. Sweedler's class is suitable for all skill levels, novices and experienced artists alike. No art training is necessary.

The class will meet Monday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. and will run for six weeks from April 16 through May 21. The course fee includes plastiline and all materials.

Enroll at the Community Center or visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts) to download a registration form and view a full listing of spring art classes. For more information call 240-542-2060.

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**The Greenbelt Arts Center presents:**  
**WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION**  
April 27 - May 19, 2007  
Directed by Richard Atha-Nichols

This classic courtroom drama tells the story of Sir Wilfred, a master criminal barrister who takes on the case of Leonard Vole, a man arrested for the murder of a wealthy spinster. Vole's only alibi witness is his wife, the calm and coldly calculating Romaine Vole. When she agrees to be a witness for the prosecution, it leaves Sir Wilfred little to go on. Will he prove Vole's innocence or will he go to the gallows? This is Agatha Christie at her best, with more twists and turns than a British country lane.

Show dates are Friday and Saturday evenings, April 27-May 19, 2007 at 8 p.m. with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. on May 6 & 13. All performances will be held at the Greenbelt Arts Center, 123 Centerway in Greenbelt. Tickets are \$12.50 regular admission, \$10 for students and seniors. Call (301) 441-8770 or visit the website at [www.greenbeltartscenter.org](http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org).

Greenbelt Arts Center

**AUDITIONS**  
**"OLIVER!"**  
The Greenbelt Arts Center  
Sunday, April 29, 5 p.m.  
Monday, April 30, 7:30 p.m.  
Directed by Roman S. Gusso

**Seeking:**  
**12 youths, ages 10-17**  
**20 men and women, ages 18-70**

Prepare an up-tempo song and bring sheet music; a piano accompanist will be provided. There will be cold readings from the script and improvisation.  
Show Dates: August 3 - August 25, 2007  
Based on the book by Charles Dickens, this Tony award-winning musical brings to life all the passion and excitement of the Dickens era!  
For more info, contact Roman S. Gusso at (301) 490-4468 or [ptbarnum420@hotmail.com](mailto:ptbarnum420@hotmail.com) or visit the website at [www.greenbeltartscenter.org](http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org).

**Auction '07**  
to benefit  
**Greenbelt Nursery School**  
**Saturday April 21**  
1:30-4:30 pm in the Gym  
at Greenbelt Community Center

Sporting event tickets, theater tickets, symphony tickets, electronic items, dinner for 4 at Chevy's, children's toys and clothes, gift baskets, haircuts, museum & movie passes, and more!

*Live entertainment \*\*\* Refreshments will be sold*  
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**Week of April 6**  
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Hills Have Eyes 2, R (!)  
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Blades of Glory, PG-13 (!)  
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Pride, PG (!)  
5, 7:20  
300, R (!)  
7:10, 10:10  
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, PG (!)  
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Meet the Robinsons, PG (!)  
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Grindhouse, R (!)  
12, 4:45, 8:30  
The Reaping, R (!)  
12, 2:40, 5:10, 7:20, 10  
Are We Done Yet, PG  
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Firehouse Dog  
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Are We Done Yet, PG  
12:20, 2:40, 5, 7:30  
Firehouse Dog  
12, 2:30, 5, 7:30



# Obituaries

## Drummond Orr

Drummond Orr, 79, of Greenhill Road died on March 28, 2007, at Laurel Regional Hospital.

He was born in Lonaconing, Md., in October 1927. He graduated from Frostburg State University. In 1954, he moved to Greenbelt.

Mr. Orr retired in 1990 after teaching physical education at Greenbelt Junior High School for 37 years. Among the players on the boy's basketball teams he coached was future Maryland star Len Bias. The gymnasium at the school (now Greenbelt Middle School) has officially been named the Drummond "Scottie" Orr Gymnasium in his honor.

Mr. Orr was an active member of Laurel South Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

He is survived by Zelda, his wife of 57 years, daughter Valerie A. Henderson and son Douglas Gary Orr. A son, Michael B. Orr, died in 1985.

Funeral services were held at the Ashton Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses on March 31 and at Eichhorn-McKenzie Funeral Home in Lonaconing on April 1. Interment was in Laurel Hill Cemetery, Moscow Mills, Md.



PHOTO BY MARY MOIEN

The Greenbelt Museum organized a game craft activity at the Artful Afternoon program that took place last Sunday. Tables were overflowing with kids and parents. Here from left to right are Clementine Rose Morisette, Madison Davis and Liam McConlogue.

## Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

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Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community



April 8, 10 a.m.

**Easter Sunday Service, a service for all ages**

by Barbara W. and Jaco B. ten Hove, co-ministers  
with Bruce Baker, worship assoc., and Carla Miller, director of Religious Exploration  
- Barbara W. and Jaco B. ten Hove, co-ministers

## St. George's Episcopal Church

7010 Glenn Dale Road  
(Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)

**Come and Celebrate Easter!**

April 7 The Great Vigil of Easter 8:30 pm  
April 8 Easter Sunday 8 & 10 am

St. George's is a welcoming and inclusive parish  
Saturday evening and Sunday 10 am interpreted for the deaf

## GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

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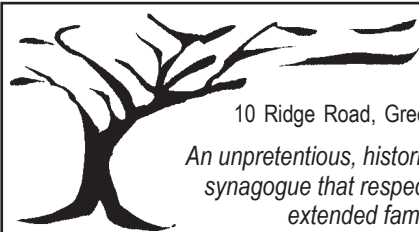


Dr. Mark Johnson, Pastor

Sundays:  
Traditional Service 8:30 am  
Sunday School 9:45 am  
Contemporary Service 11:00 am

Weds. Worship: 7:00 pm  
(Adult Bible Study/Prayer & Children's Ministry)

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- The Holy Quran 2:155-157

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40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

[www.greenbeltumc.org](http://www.greenbeltumc.org) 301-474-9410

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Prayer Meeting Sun. 9:45 am

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

Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

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

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd

## Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Hillside & Crescent Roads

Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings

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

Sunday Worship

10:15 a.m.

Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

"A church of the open mind, the warm heart,  
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## Bible Study & Worship

9:30 "Good Morning!!" Coffee and Snacks  
10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship

Greenbelt Youth Center  
99 Centerway (Behind the Community Center)

April 8 Sermon: An Intense Week

Pastor Lou Redd  
301-474-4499 410-340-8242 (cell)

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## Violinist to Perform At Methodist Church

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, 40 Ridge Road, invites the community to the 11 a.m. Easter Sunday service.

A guest violinist, Greg Pinney, will play during the service. He is first violinist with the Covington String Quartet and a member of the Air Force String Quartet. A Greenbelter, he is also a professor at Gettysburg College.

## Easter Sunrise Service Planned

An ecumenical Easter Sunrise service will be held on Sunday, April 8 at 7 a.m. at Buddy Attick Park. The rain location will be at Greenbelt Baptist Church.

Bring a lawn chair or blanket.

## Baha'i Faith

"Lay aside all self-purposes, and know for a certainty that all men are the servants of one God Who will bind them together in love and agreement."

- Abdu'l-Bahá

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



Catholic Community of Greenbelt  
MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building

**There's a grave in every major religion.**

**only one is empty!**

Jesus says,  
"I am the resurrection and the life!" John 11:25  
"Because I live, you also will live." John 14:19

Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
6905 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt

April 8 - Special Easter Service 9:30 a.m.  
Children's Egg Hunt following.



# Greenbelt as Tree City Takes Care of Its Own

by Barbara Hopkins

Trees and fields in Greenbelt's public spaces have a chance to become healthier now that the Greenbelt City Council at its meeting on March 26 has approved the purchase of a deep tine aerator. Assistant Director of Public Works Bill Phelan says the equipment will make the city's field and tree maintenance program easier and more efficient. The city council unanimously approved a resolution to negotiate purchase of the aerator from Finch Services, Inc. of Westminster at a cost of \$15,500.

In recent years the city has contracted for the aeration of Braden Field to improve drainage and turf. This action has cost the city between \$3,000 and \$4,000 a year.

In addition, public works staff have pursued a time-consuming effort to slow the decline of some of Greenbelt's mature trees by deep aeration to reduce soil compaction and introduction of nutrients and oxygen to the roots.

In a memo requesting the aerator, Phelan said removal of a large, mature tree can cost \$1,000 or more; he cited soil compaction as the city's biggest factor leading to tree decline. Vertical mulching and soil injection, he said, have shown encouraging effects on trees where such practices have been applied.

The heavy-duty soil reliever to be purchased will pull cores 10 to 12 inches deep and allow for expansion of the aeration work to additional ballfields and trees. Phelan said it would be unlikely that all fields and trees could be done on a yearly basis but he felt a three-year rotation program would be feasible.

The aerator will be purchased in the Replacement Fund, which will be reimbursed with funds currently budgeted for annual aeration. The cost would be completely covered in five years. Staff agenda notes estimate the expected life span of the aerator at 15 years.



# City Information

## GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL

April 9, 2007 - 8:00 p.m.

### Regular Meeting

#### COMMUNICATIONS

##### Presentations

- Arbor Day – Proclamation
- National Public Safety Telecommunications Week – Proclamation
- Maryland Chiefs Challenge – Proclamation
- Municipal Government Month – Proclamation
- 50th Anniversary – Council of Governments – Proclamation

**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

- Arts Advisory Board, Report #07-001 (Contribution/Recognition Group Applications)

#### LEGISLATION

- A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase, Installation, and Maintenance Services of a Surveillance Camera System for Roosevelt Center with the Avrio Group of Easton, Maryland, at a Cost of \$38,062 (1st Reading)
- A Resolution to Approve a Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Greenbelt and Fraternal Order of Police Lodge, No. 32 (1st Reading)

#### OTHER BUSINESS

- Selection of Audit Services for FY 2007

##### \* Reappointments to Advisory Groups

#### MEETINGS

\* Items on the Consent Agenda, indicated by an asterisk, will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.

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

#### VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.

Vacancies exist on the:  
Arts Advisory Board  
Youth Advisory Committee

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

#### Greenbelt Municipal/ Public Access Channel 71

**MUNICIPAL ACCESS:**  
**301-474-8000: Monday, April 9th at 8pm: City Council Meeting (live)**  
**Tuesday & Thursday, April 10 & 12: 10am & 6pm** "Ask the Expert-Pain Management"  
**7:00pm:** "ACE Reading Club-Springhill Lake"  
**7:30pm** Replay of Council Meeting 4/9/07

**PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE):**  
**301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, April 11 & 13: 7:00pm** "The Effects of Gamma Rays on Man-In-the-Moon Marigolds"  
**8:30pm** "Jazz Jam"

#### MARYLAND TAX RETURN

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

Greenbelt CARES Youth & Family Services Bureau  
**SPRING 10 WEEK GED COURSE BEGINS THURSDAY, APRIL 19TH**

**Registration: Tuesday, April 17th beginning promptly at 10:30am!!!**

No one will be accepted into the class after this date.  
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Info: Judy Hering at 301-345-6660, ext. 2016, or E-mail [jhering@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:jhering@greenbeltmd.gov).

ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO SHOW PROOF OF RESIDENCY (i.e. driver's license, current lease, phone or electric bill)

Greenbelt Recreation Department



## ANNUAL EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 7th  
10:00 AM  
BUDDY ATTICK PARK

Children ages 18 months

through 6th grade

Bring your basket and help the Bunny find the eggs he and his helpers have hidden.

Rain date will be Monday, April 9 at Buddy Attick Park. Please call the weather hotline at 301-474-5525.

Greenbelt Animal Shelter

## PET ADOPTION DAY

Saturday, April 7th  
10am-2pm

Greenbelt Animal Shelter

550-A Crescent Rd. (Behind Police Station)

COME OUT AND VISIT ALL OF THE ADORABLE ANIMALS THAT ARE READY FOR YOU TO TAKE THEM HOME!

ALSO, BRING ALL THOSE DONATIONS THAT YOU HAVE BEEN MEANING TO MAKE.  
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for more information and to sign up for this free, voluntary service.



Greenbelt Arts Center Presents  
Annual Celtic Concert


## The Homespun Ceilidh Band

Saturday, April 14 at 8pm

\$ 12 general admission  
\$ 10 students & senior citizens

Greenbelt Arts Center

123 Centerway (lower level of The Co-op Supermarket)  
Reservations: 301-441-8770 x4  
[www.greenbeltartscenter.org](http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org)



### Egg Hunt and Open House at Greenbelt Post 136

Are you a member of The American Legion? If you served during a wartime era, we extend to you an opportunity to become a member of this growing organization. The American Legion is an organization of veterans serving other veterans, their families and the communities they live in. We are the voice of the veteran in Washington, D.C., fighting for the benefits and rights of all those who served our Country in the Armed Forces. Greenbelt Post #136 would be pleased to have you as a member of this growing, community-based Veterans' Organization.

If you are interested in becoming a member or would like more information please visit our Post at 6900 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 telephone 301-345-0136. Contact Kathie Linkenhoker at 301-474-1776 or [klinkenhoker@verizon.net](mailto:klinkenhoker@verizon.net) for more information.

**On Saturday, April 7 there will be an egg hunt at 1:00 p.m. and free hot dogs between noon and 3:00 p.m.**



# 48 Greenbelt Participants Aid Successful Cleanups

by Cindy Murray, Recycling Coordinator

On Saturday, March 31 a record number of 48 Greenbelt volunteers participated in the area-wide 19th Annual Potomac Watershed Clean-Up. The City of Greenbelt hosted two cleanup sites, one at Greenbelt Lake and the other at the Springhill Lake Stream.

Volunteers included members of the Greenbelt City Council, Greenbelt Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee, Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board, Eleanor Roosevelt High School National Honor Society, Friends of Still Creek, GLAD, the Committee to Save the Green Belt and Boy Scout Troop 298. The volunteers removed a total of 1,240 lbs. of trash and 35 lbs. of recyclables from these locations.

Another cleanup site in Greenbelt was hosted by the Friends of Still Creek. This group concentrated on a portion of Still Creek adjacent to the Greenbelt East Recycling Center. Approximately 900 lbs. of trash was removed from this area.

In my official capacity I am so pleased at the number of people that came out to help this year. Their enthusiasm and support has made this one of our most successful cleanups to date.

Throughout the Potomac Watershed, over 3,000 volunteers removed 103 tons of trash, 915 tires and 92,700 recyclable beverage containers at over 141 cleanup sites in Maryland, D.C., Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia.



Above, the entire stream cleanup crew, including (on the far right) Mayor Judith Davis and Councilmember Konrad Herling. At right, members of Eleanor Roosevelt High School National Honor Society at Stream Cleanup. At left, volunteer Jim Holohan (right) with Aaron Solomon (left). Councilmember Rodney Roberts is in the background. - photos by Cindy Murray



Friends of Still Creek also participated in the clean-up activities. - photo by Lutz Rastaetter



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- Noticeable cavities or old dental work
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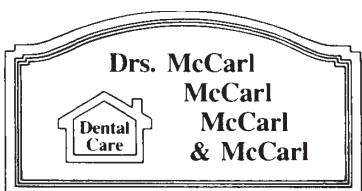
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## Police Blotter

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

### Arson

March 25, 10:48 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road, unknown person(s) used unknown means to set a car on fire, resulting in minor damage.

### Burglary

March 23, 3:18 p.m., 7900 block of Mandan Road, unknown person(s) used unknown means to enter a residence, removing a television set, a home theater system, a personal computer and jewelry.

### Drug Arrests

March 24, 5:20 p.m., 7300 block Morrison Dr., a 21-year-old man and an 18-year-old woman, both residing in the center city were arrested after police received a complaint of persons smoking marijuana and located the pair. The man was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and the woman with possession of alcoholic beverage under the legal age of 21. Both were released on citation pending trial.

March 28, 9:18 p.m., area of Mandan Road and Ora Glen Dr., a 26-year-old Brae Brook resident was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia after an officer observed the man in a suspicious occupied vehicle near a playground and found in the vehicle paraphernalia commonly used to smoke marijuana. He was released on citation pending trial.

### Auto Theft Arrests

March 25, 400 block Ridge Road, three juveniles from Palmer Park were arrested for auto theft and theft and unauthorized use after officers responded to a report of a possible vehicle theft. A suspicious occupied vehicle was observed and when the officer attempted to stop the vehicle, it fled the scene. It was followed and the vehicle struck another vehicle at Edmonston

Road and Sunnyside Ave., left the roadway and collided with a tree in the woods. The driver attempted to flee but was apprehended nearby. He was also charged with driving without a license, failure to remain on the scene of an accident and fleeing and eluding. The vehicle, a 2001 Dodge Stratus, was determined to have been stolen from the 400 block of Ridge Road. All three youths were released to parents pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

March 28, 7900 block of Mandan Road, a 28-year-old Washingtonian was arrested and charged with theft after an officer observed a suspicious occupied vehicle and determined that its tags were reported stolen. The man was released on citation pending trial.

March 30, 20 Court Southway, a 36-year-old Lanham man was arrested and charged with theft after an officer observed a suspicious occupied vehicle and determined that its tags had been reported stolen. The man was released on citation pending trial.

### Vehicle Crimes

March 23, a 1994 Honda Accord 4-door stolen from the 6400 block of Capitol Drive was recovered prior to it being reported stolen when it was involved in an accident in the 7500 block of Greenbelt Road and the driver fled on foot.

March 28, 6 Court Crescent Road, a 1997 Dodge Caravan reported stolen from the Greenbelt Youth Center on February 17 was recovered without any arrests.

Theft, attempted theft and vandalism to vehicles took place in the 6100 block of Breezewood Ct., 7700 block of Hanover Pkwy., 7200 block Mandan Road and 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace.

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

### Police Focus on Seat Belt Safety

by MPO Scott Kaiser,  
Greenbelt Police

The Greenbelt Police Department will be one of the many police agencies in Prince George's County participating in the 2007 Maryland Chiefs Challenge. The Chiefs Challenge is a two-month campaign running through June 3 focusing on increasing seat belt/safety seat usage in the state. In Prince George's County close to 32 percent of fatally injured drivers were unrestrained. Focusing on increased seat belt/safety seat usage, law enforcement officials are hoping to drastically reduce these numbers.

Educational seminars will also be conducted, child safety seats will be checked, schools will be visited and surveys will be completed. Public safety ads will be released often. The intent is not punishment by issuing tickets but to make motorists think twice about not buckling up, hopefully preventing injury or saving lives.

### Lost Tribe Speakers At Potluck April 13

On Friday, April 13 at 6 p.m. there will be a potluck dinner at Mishkan Torah followed by services with a speaker from the B'nei Menashe, a group believing themselves the descendants of the tribe of Menashe – one of the 10 lost tribes of Israel.

After thousands of years of exile they have rediscovered their roots and are returning to Judaism by formally converting to Judaism and seeking to make aliyah (to live in Israel).

Dairy/Pareve contributions for the potluck are welcome but no kitchen facilities will be available for use. For more information call 301-474-4223.

### Choral Concert Friday, April 13

The UM Men's and Women's Choruses will perform a free concert of music by composers from North and South America on Friday, April 13 at 8 p.m. in Dekelebaum Concert Hall.

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rebuild the fund to 10 percent.

Also in current year FY07 assessments for property values were higher by \$60,000. The city received its first payment (\$60,000) from the developers of the Greenbelt Station project; a second payment of \$180,000 will be due in FY08. Except for the increased expenditures over budget noted above, other FY07 expenditures were right on target.

### FY08 Expectations

The proposed FY08 budget totals \$23.5 million, a 10.7 percent increase over FY07 projected expenditures. Funding such an increase relies mostly on property valuations increasing 13.6 percent. Residential properties (detached, condo and co-op) have increased 10 percent. Commercial property valuations (rental apartments, retail and office) increased 16 percent. McLaughlin proposes a two cent increase in the city's tax rate to fund the budget.

Using as a theme "Public Safety, Public Safety, Public Safety," McLaughlin advised council that the bulk of the budget increase will go to Public Safety with the department budget increasing 14 percent (\$1.2 million). Two new officers will be added as part of the Greenbelt Station development agreement. The Department also plans to re-institute the Police Cadet Program with two new cadets, noting that the program accounts for six of the current officers.

To address excessive overtime experience in FY07, the budget proposes upgrading the Communication Specialist position in order to improve recruitment and retention for what is a very critical and stressful position. As noted earlier, the increase also helps fund the city's first ever Collective Bargaining Agreement.

The manager also cautioned council that the city's force is "graying," that a large number of experienced officers will retire in the next 10 years and that from both a regional and national perspective recruitment and retention are becoming more difficult.

### Other Departments

Other departments for which McLaughlin proposes increases include General Government, up 5 percent, and Planning and Community Development, up 14 percent. A new position in that department will be funded by the higher license fees enacted last year, however.

The Public Works Department is up only 2 percent. On the other hand, the proposed budget for Greenbelt CARES and the Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program are down 2.5 percent on the expectation that no Livable Communities grant will be available next year from the county, which is currently funding a volunteer coordinator.

For the GAIL program, McLaughlin said a proposal to fund a case manager to assist with the increasingly popular program could not be funded in his proposed budget. Nevertheless, he felt the idea had merit and would greatly assist the GAIL program overall. The city's recreation program is up 1.7 percent with some savings coming from the retirement of long-tenured

employees.

### Look to Future

McLaughlin announced that his FY08 budget includes funding for what has been called a "visioning" project for Greenbelt. Earlier councils had engaged in focused visioning and strategic planning but, in recent times, because of lack of time, interest and resources, only infrequent updates and follow-through had been possible on council and city goals. He also advised council that his proposed budget allows for a 3 percent cost of living allowance (COLA) for city employees and that he is also recommending that the city fund the additional employer cost for the improved State Retirement Plan in the amount of \$120,000.

McLaughlin apologized for being late with the printed version of the budget. As always, he gave special thanks to key staff who have been assisting him in its development, calling out Jeff Williams, David Moran and Anne Marie Belton on the budget team and Beverly Palau for her assistance in the presentation and the budget document itself.

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**NOTICES**

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**REAL ESTATE – SALE**

FOR SALE – 3K Eastway – 2 bedroom block, remodeled kitchen with new appliances, screened in porch, ceiling fans, washer/dryer, range hood, dishwasher, freshly painted with new carpet. Contact Kathie Linkenhoker, 301-474-4161, ext. 146.

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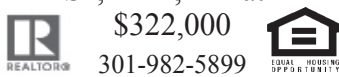
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## METRO SITE continued from page 1

sized to the Greenbelt City Council that at the moment the plan is just a piece of paper and is subject to change. The only thing fairly certain is the Metro parking structure, which is close to being signed off on, he felt. The anchor tenants will have a great deal to say on the location of their buildings and on their design. The plan contemplates their siting at separate ends of the project, one near the Metro station, the other beside the Beltway.

Petrie said the demographics to support upscale retail were "out of sight," meaning that the population to be served by the projected retail is more than able to support high-end stores. The most significant concern for retailers, he felt, was potential traffic congestion on the Beltway and other roads. He indicated that the developers were in discussion with major retailers and was optimistic that the city would get the kind of upscale stores that it and the county are seeking.

### Amenities

Petrie and his associates emphasized the many amenities of the project. A pedestrian bridge over Indian Creek will be built to connect a main avenue of the project to Springhill Lake at the intersection of Breezewood and Springhill Drives. Another pedestrian/bicycle access trail leads to the south core development of residences, where another pedestrian connection to Springhill Lake is planned. Within the project 3.2 miles of pedestrian/bicycle trails are proposed.

Besides the existing Metro rail and bus service to the Towne Centre, additional transit service within Greenbelt Station and possibly to Springhill Lake and Beltway Plaza are contemplated.

The number of roads to access the property will be increased to support the higher density development.

Two additional ramps are to be constructed from Beltway/I-95 to provide access from and to the east/south area in addition to the existing access ramps to and from the west/north. The connector road, expected to be under construction this summer, will intersect Greenbelt Road near the bridge over the rail lines. From there it will extend northward through the south core tract and along the western edge of the Towne Centre as a boulevard and end at a traffic circle with Metro Drive, the existing access road from Springhill Lake, as well as the off-ramps from the Beltway.

A boulevard in the shape of a J in the street plan will run from that traffic circle through the center of the Towne Center to a plaza before the Metro station entrance, where it will curve southeastward to end at an intersection with the south core connector road. The Metro parking garage will be positioned along this road.

At right angles to the J-road will be another boulevard running from the south core road to the northwest corner of the property at the crossing of the Beltway over the tracks, where a new on-ramp for east-bound Beltway traffic will be constructed. This road will have traffic circles at either end and with the J-road intersection in the heart of the new development. One department store is proposed at that intersection.

Some 3.4 acres are called open space by the developers. Of that,

one acre will be a plaza in front of the Metro station. Another 0.85 acres will be a triangular park, proposed as a dog park, at the southernmost point of the north core.

Another area, called a café plaza, is intended for café goers to use to eat and drink out doors, much as is being done currently at Roosevelt Center. A recreation plaza will have a basketball court. There will be another pair of plazas at the traffic circle at which Beltway and Springhill Lake traffic will enter the Towne Centre.

### City Concerns

Mayor Judith Davis and other councilmembers raised a list of concerns previously expressed about this development by city officials. Building heights and the recent balloon demonstration to show the impact of such construction were discussed.

Petrie said it was necessary to build taller buildings than originally thought because soil studies found the site unsuitable for underground construction. All buildings must be placed on pilings.

Davis was concerned about Metro parking and the fact that the city had been excluded from the discussions. Celia Craze, the city's planning and development coordinator, also expressed concern that the city had not been involved.

Davis was concerned about how the building would look but Petrie assured her it would not look like a typical parking structure. He agreed to have the city participate in a meeting with Metro before final closure on the parking structure design.

Davis raised questions about recreational facilities and where the kids will play. Petrie said this was not intended to be a family community. Fitness type facilities and recreational facilities would be developed at the hotels, he speculated, in addition to the outdoor recreation court and the hiker/biker trails.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts was concerned with wetland mitigation and the failure of some current mitigation efforts. A consultant was already being used, it was noted. Petrie proclaimed that "we are going to solve this problem to the state's and city's satisfaction."

Councilmember Edward Putens was concerned about security. Petrie said the owners would have their own security force and would integrate its work with the Greenbelt Police Department. The developers have also entered an agreement to provide the city \$720,000 for six additional police officers.

Councilmember Leta Mach said that a big issue with the city was the need for additional school facilities. Petrie was unaware of this issue but commented on their belief that this project would be a low generator of additional children to the community.

Councilmember Konrad Herling was concerned with overall transportation. He noted he was working toward organizing a charrette to deal with this issue.

Council raised the subject of including affordable housing in the project. Again, Petrie said that issue was new to him; now that it had been raised, he said, he would give some thought to it.

Mach objected to the spelling of Towne Centre. She noted that Greenbelt already has a town center, Roosevelt Center. Petrie said that was the sort of comments he

wanted to hear. If something was bothering someone, he wanted to know.

Davis questioned why so much office space was proposed when the rental market for office space is so poor. Petrie said that the amount could change but noted it was needed to offset other uses and to keep the number of daily trip generations within set limits. He also said Greenbelt Station would be a bull's eye for offices because it was one of the few Metro stops where persons could go either to Baltimore or Washington.

Craze noted that the county-approved conceptual site plan had a higher floor space limit for office buildings than was in the city's agreement with the developers. She looked to the city's agreement being enforceable.

City Attorney Robert Manzi noted, however, that the agreement could be modified if both parties were in agreement. Petrie again advocated that the established trip generation limit should be the controlling factor, not square footage. Davis emphasized that the project should be designed for mixed use, viable both during the daytime and night. There was general agreement on this point.

Herling wished Greenbelt to become a center for environmental technology. Davis said the development must be a place to show public art.

### More to Come

Winding up the meeting, Davis told Petrie, "We heard your presentation and you have heard ours. But I don't want you to leave with the belief that we are in agreement. There will be future meetings for that."

Petrie said that his company has a good track record of dealing with municipalities, such as Laurel and Forestville. Some of their other ongoing projects were mentioned, including shopping centers at Laurel, Glen Burnie and Largo Commons and mixed-use developments at Annapolis Towne Centre at Parole, Woodmore Towne Centre at Glenarden and Savage Towne Centre. Since the company was formed in 2000 by the former executives of "the nation's leading developers and retailers," the company claims the acquisition, redevelopment and development of over three million square feet of retail space with another three million in process.

## Greenbelt Fire Dept. Has a Busy Year

by James Giese

Last year was the busiest year in recent memory for fire and rescue calls according to the website for the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. ([www.engine35.com](http://www.engine35.com)). The increase of 151 total calls was more than four percent greater than for 2005. In 2006 there were 71 more calls to which the fire engines responded and 80 more calls to which the rescue squad responded. The website notes that while engine calls fluctuate somewhat from year to year, there has been a steady increase in calls for ambulance services.

Engine calls in 2003, the first year listed on the website, were 1,629 compared to 1,896 in 2006. Ambulance calls were 1,531 in 2003 and 1,896 in 2006. Total calls were 3,151 in 2003; 3,117 in 2004; 3,403 in 2005; and 3,554 in 2006.

## GHI Companion Animal Project, City Budget Receive Awards

by Barbara Hopkins

Two new awards are gracing different areas within Greenbelt, it was announced at the meeting of the Greenbelt City Council on March 26.

### GHI Award

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) bestowed its Community Partnership Award on the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) Companion Animal Committee. The award was given at COG's third annual Animal Services Awards on March 2.

GHI's committee chair Kris White was present at the council meeting to talk about the award. She said it is unusual for a group to be nominated and win the first time out.

White said GHI's rules are unusual in that animals are not allowed to be tethered or chained within GHI nor are they permitted to be at large in a yard when no resident is at home. Not many communities throughout the country have such rules, she said, adding that GHI may become a model for other communities of its type. White said studies have shown chained dogs have psychological and physiological damage. They tend to become more aggressive because they cannot get away from perceived danger.

The Companion Animal Committee has been successful in their efforts to get small animal oxygen masks for the Greenbelt Fire Department and is still working to equip the six other fire departments that respond to calls in Greenbelt.

She also described the red scarf program that the committee is trying to introduce in Greenbelt. In this program dogs or

other animals that may respond in a less than friendly way when approached by strangers wear a red scarf to say, "Do not approach without permission."

### Budget Award

City Manager Michael McLaughlin has accepted the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for the city's Fiscal Year 2007 budget.

The award is given in recognition of a budget document that is of highest quality as a policy document, operations guide, financial plan and communications device in meeting the needs of decision makers and citizens. In the council meeting agenda comments, the award is called the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting.

GFOA, founded in 1906, is "dedicated to sound management of government finance resources," according to the organization's web site.

## Free UM Concert

The School of Music's symphonic band will feature graduate student conductors, members of the UM Symphony Orchestra and violinist Jun Young Park, runner-up of the 2006 UMSO Concerto Competition, at a concert on Tuesday, April 10 at 8 p.m.

This free program includes Handel's "Royal Fireworks Music," Berg's Violin Concerto, Wagner's "Siegfried Idyll" and Brahms's Serenade No. 2 in A Major. It will be held in Dekelbourn Concert Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.



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Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc.  
125 CRESCENT ROAD, GREENBELT, MARYLAND 20770

April 2007

Dear Citizens and Business Owners of Greenbelt:

It is that time again to ask for your generous donations to help support the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc., in our **Annual General Fund Drive for 2007**. We will be starting our fund drive in late April or early May. We truly appreciate your generous contributions during the previous fund drives.

You will receive your donation package in the mail during the month of April or early May. You may choose to either mail your donation back to us or bring it to the station and hand it to one of our volunteers. We are located at: 125 Crescent Rd. Greenbelt, MD. If you should misplace your donation package, you can still mail us your contribution. Please note the new mailing address for the station: Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Dept., 125 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD 20770.

As in the past, I would like to **emphasize strongly** that you **do not accept any solicitations over the telephone** from persons identifying themselves as members or representatives of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. **For this Annual General Fund Drive during the months of April/May, we only ask for donations through the mail.**

We have received some questions from concerned citizens as to some of our other scheduled fundraisers. During the month of December we conduct what we call our annual boot drive. At various intersections throughout the city we station our members so that they are able to collect donations in fire boots.

May I encourage you to come and enjoy a day of bingo at the station on Sundays and Fridays or at the Elks Lodge #1778 on Kenilworth Ave. in Riverdale, Md., on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. We offer food and drink at no cost to you and all of our bingos are now **SMOKE-FREE**.

Again, I would like to thank you for your very important past and continued support during our **General Fund Drive**.

Regards,

D. Christopher Fleshman, President  
Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc.