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## More Officers and Higher Pay Increases Public Safety Budget

by Diane Oberg

The city's Public Safety budget, the largest in the city, is getting larger. City Manager Michael McLaughlin proposes to increase the budget by 16 percent for Fiscal Year 2008, which starts July 1, raising it from the current 39.9 percent of total city expenditures to 41.9 percent. Under McLaughlin's proposal, two new officers and two cadets would be added to the payroll, officers would receive the seven percent raise established through collective bargaining and dispatchers would be reclassified to a higher grade.

The two new officers, however, will be funded by Greenbelt Metropark LLC for this year but the city will pick up the cost in future years. On April 28, council met with representatives of the Police Department and the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad to discuss their budgets.

Under the collective bargaining agreement, in addition to the pay

raise, more officers living away from Greenbelt will be eligible to take their patrol cars home (estimated cost \$50,000) and be paid for more accumulated leave (\$34,700). The budget also provides for nine new police cars (one for a new officer and others as replacement vehicles) and a computer-aided dispatch system.

Two large expenditures are not funded in the budget. One is a new National Capital Region Interoperable Radio communications system. The other is an upgrade to the mobile data computers in officers' patrol cars.

Sergeant Marty Parker described the communication system to council, estimating the projected cost to the city at \$653,400. Parker noted that Prince George's County is picking up all research, development and infrastructure costs. None of the city's equipment, including officers' radios and the system consoles, are compatible with the new system.

Since all municipal police

forces in the state will be facing the need to upgrade, Parker suggested that assistance from the state legislature would be helpful. The switch over to the new system is scheduled to occur over 12 months (July 2008 through June 2009). Mayor Judith Davis noted that if the state does not come up with some funds, "This is a big chunk of change."

Sergeant David Buerger discussed the Mobile Data Computer issues. After praising the work of the IT staff under city Treasurer Jeff Williams, Buerger told council that the laptops currently used by officers are in bad shape. He said he would like to replace all the laptops, which are being used more and more to check vehicle tags, to communicate with other officers and to tap into databases such as the Nationwide Crime Information Center and the state and sheriff's databases.

All patrol staff have mobile data computers, as do a few other officers. Buerger would like to replace the machines with toughened units built for the kind of wear and tear police machines are subject to. He said that no funds were budgeted for computer replacement this year.

Williams noted that \$10,000 to

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## Small Budget Increase Funds Rec. Programs

by Thomas X. White

The Greenbelt City Council continued its review of the city manager's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2008 with the sixth budget work session on Monday, April 30 devoted to the activities, accomplishments and plans for the city's Recreation Department. Considering this broad range of programs, the proposed increase of 2 percent in the department's budget is only nominal.

The proposed expenditures by the department for FY08 are projected to be \$4,669,100, \$79,300 more than was budgeted in Fiscal Year 2007 and only \$45,100 more than the department's expected actual expenditures. When that nominal increase is spread among the various programs, the actual increases for individual recreation programs are either quite small or in some cases actually less than was expended in the current fiscal year.

For example, the Aquatic and Fitness Center will be operating next year for about \$56,000 less than this year. Some of this decrease is due to the recent retirement of a long-tenured employee. The Community Center is also projected to operate with about \$21,000 less than was budgeted last year. Most other programs, such as the recreation centers (three), therapeutic recreation, leisure and fitness and special events all have very small increases.

### Largest Increase

The program area of the Rec-

reation budget garnering the largest increase in funds over last year is the Parks budget, increasing by \$83,000. Greenbelt Kids and the Arts programs follow, each increasing about \$14,000. The Recreation Department will not add new positions for FY08.

With such a varied program, Recreation Director Hank Irving was joined at the worksession with several of the department's program supervisors to address any questions raised by council. Joe McNeal, the assistant director for Operations, has responsibility for the Community Center, the three recreation centers, parks and the Aquatic and Fitness Center.

Julie McHale, assistant director for Programs, has responsibility for therapeutic recreation, Greenbelt Kids, leisure and fitness, arts and special events.

Covering in their respective areas of expertise were Di Quynn-Reno, supervisor for the Community Center; Nicole DeWald, arts supervisor; Karen Haseley, therapeutic supervisor; Greg Varda, recreation coordinator; and Stephen Parks, the new supervisor for the Aquatic and Fitness Center.

All members of council were in attendance as well as City Manager Michael McLaughlin, Assistant City Manager David Moran and Jeff Williams, city treasurer. Members of the public attending were Sheldon Goldberg,

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PHOTO BY MIAN CHIN

Goddard Administrator Michael Griffin escorts the queen on a tour that included a stop at the Visitors Center where she planted a tree in commemoration of Earth Day.

## Greenbelters Get a Glimpse Of the Queen Visiting NASA

by Lynne Tucker

Greenbelt is no stranger to presidents and movie stars but early in the week the city added a new honor. Queen Elizabeth II and her husband Prince Phillip visited the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center on Tuesday, May 8 as part of their American tour commemorating the 400th anniversary of the Jamestown settlement. The overall theme of the royal tour was to honor the exploration of new frontiers, beginning with the pioneers at Jamestown and continuing with the explorers of the 21st century, the scientists and astronauts of NASA.

Goddard is a fitting stop on this journey of exploration as home to the largest collection of scientists and engineers in the United States dedicated to examination of the planet and its solar system. The queen's visit, which is historic as the first ever to the Goddard facility by a foreign head of state, also celebrates the cooperation between the United States and the United Kingdom on space exploration. NASA and the British National Space Center recently signed a joint agreement to collaborate on future exploration of the moon and beyond.

The queen's first stop during her visit to Goddard was Mission Control, where she had the opportunity to speak with the

astronauts currently in residence aboard the International Space Station. The queen also attended an auditorium presentation with NASA employees, where she received a commemorative montage of photographs taken by the Hubble Telescope from House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer and Senator Barbara Mikulski. The queen's final stop was to plant a tree at the Goddard Visitor's Center in honor of Earth Day.

Her Majesty's visit to Goddard was very popular with the local Greenbelters, though few were lucky enough to receive an invitation. One such lucky person was Greenbelt's mayor, Judith Davis, who acted as "the eyes and ears for everyone in Greenbelt" that wanted to attend the ceremony. "It was a thrilling experience," she said. "The queen's visit focused some well deserved attention on Goddard but it also focused some very positive attention on Greenbelt." Larry Hull, longtime Greenbelt and NASA employee, watched as the queen's motorcade arrived at the Visitor's Center. He snapped a few pictures as she greeted children from the Goddard Child Development Center.

Other Greenbelters, not to be deterred by the lack of public

See **QUEEN**, page 16



PHOTO BY CLAUDIA KROGEL

The queen greets NASA employees gathered along the walks between buildings during her tour.

## City Celebrates Spring At Annual SHL Event

by Jim Lara

On Saturday, April 28 the Greenbelt Recreation Department put together the annual Celebration of Spring, which was held at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Children were treated to a variety of activities such as music workshops, face painting, dance clinics, a moonbounce and a live band outside the recreation center. In addition hot dogs and sodas were served by the recreation staff.

Julie McHale, assistant program director for the Recreation Department, oversees all special events happening around Greenbelt. "This is the seventh year at Springhill Lake and everybody who came today had a great time," she said. Credit was given to Recreation Supervisor Greg Varda, who organized the celebration and put the activities together.

Brian Butler, recreation coordinator at the center, brought his children to enjoy the festivities. He also helped Varda in deciding what games and activities children could participate in. "With what's going on in the world, this type of atmosphere is a good distraction to put smiles on these children's faces," said Butler.

The one exercise that seemed to draw a crowd was the Zansa music workshop, which was new this year. The workshop introduced kids to the Zansa, which is

another name for a lamellaphone. This instrument can create music with strips of metal. Demonstrators showed how the instrument worked and the children were given an opportunity to create their own. Each child had a wooden soundboard along with the metal strips that act as keys. Besides constructing their instruments, they could decorate them with markers and colored pencils.

Ikeme Demessae, an instructor at the workshop, was pleased at how the kids were such quick learners. "It was fun to teach them a little bit about African culture and expose them to a new world of music," said Demessae. He has done workshops previously in Rhode Island, this was his first appearance in the Greenbelt area. He praised the recreation staff and said he would like to come back next year.

According to one visitor, the day went off as well as possible. Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis stopped by and was impressed with how the recreation and arts department handled the spring event. "Despite the dreary weather today, it's good to see people bring their kids and watch them enjoy themselves," said Davis.

Other seasonal celebrations will be the Labor Day Festival in Old Greenbelt and the Fall Fest in October at Schrom Hills Park in Greenbelt East.

## Aquatic Center Supervisor Enjoys His New Job Here

by Brian St. George

Greenbelt's new Aquatic & Fitness Center Supervisor Steve Parks has a top-notch professional background in Recreation and Aquatic Services. An energetic quipster, he "hasn't stopped moving since he started," he says, on March 26. Parks takes over from George Rogala, who held the position for 31 years.

"George did a great job" Parks said. Parks was employed by the University of Maryland Recreation Services as Aquatic Manager and Lifeguard Coordinator from 1999 till 2007. While at Maryland he interacted with many international caliber swimmers and enjoyed the mix of running various programs as well as the Aquatics.

Prior to working at the University of Maryland, Parks had worked at several Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) facilities in various roles. In this work he developed contacts that may prove beneficial to Greenbelt.

Parks graduated from Gannon University in Erie, Pa., with a BS in physical education and recreation management and an MS in health services administration. He played soccer at Gannon U. for three years and his team twice went to the Final Four. He also was assistant coach for the women's soccer team during his graduate studies.

According to Parks, even though "Greenbelt's facilities are older than (the University of)

Maryland's, the upkeep has been great and working with Shirley and Cheryl has been great" (Shirley Winter and Cheryl Conrad, aquatics coordinators). Parks wants to continue the high level of maintenance and service and work on some of the aesthetics of the facilities. He would like to see more Greenbelters coming down, "to see the place and enjoy the aquatics" and that "the whole recreation department works as one."

When I mentioned I had been thinking of joining for some time now, he replied that "Curves [for women only] is probably off the list." Parks, along with his colleague Julie McHale, assistant director of programs, is interested in finding out what programs Greenbelt wants in a recreation center. He invites any ideas to be sent in an email.

Parks lives in Upper Marlboro with his wife of 11 years, Janet, a licensed clinical counselor and their two children, Jonathan (8 years old) and Kaitlin (5 years old).



Steve Parks

## Letters

### A Trip to Jasper's

Fifty-eight residents were treated to lunch at Jasper's by the Green Ridge House Residents' Association on Tuesday last week. Deciding on the choice of five entrees and desserts was the topic of conversation in the library for several days. Everyone enjoyed the outing and the food was great – for sure, no one left hungry!

A big "thank you" to our Social Director Theresa Slone for such a fabulous time. She is so well organized that the wait staff knew who ordered what entree and what dessert and everyone was served in an orderly and timely manner. The Association is planning more trips for the residents during the coming months – a trip to Fredericksburg to the dinner theater, a lunch cruise, etc.

We at Green Ridge House also would like to thank the City of Greenbelt for our beautiful grounds. The tulips, jonquils, cherry trees and magnolias are a sight to see. When one had spent its time another came to life. And to our neighbors, your yards too are beautiful and we want to thank you for making our walks so enjoyable. The small white and purple woods violets, the buttercups and dandelions on the hill going to Roosevelt Center are a delight. It is so nice just to sit on the benches and enjoy them growing in their natural habitat. One day they were missing, the lawn mower had mowed them down. That was sad. Then two days later they had popped up again just as beautiful!

Greenbelt is green, colorful and beautiful!

Helena Moore,  
for the residents of  
Green Ridge House

### P.G. Student Support Group Meets

The Prince George's County School Board's Student Support and Family Services Committee meeting will be held on Monday, May 14 at 7 p.m. in the Sasser Administration Building, Board Executive Meeting Room, 14201 School Lane, Upper Marlboro. The Student Support and Family Services Committee provides a forum to discuss issues not focused on the classroom but those which play a role in the success of students. The meeting is open to the public; however, there will be no public participation.

### OLD GREENBELT THEATRE WEEK OF May 11

#### Avenue Montaigne (PG-13)

No coupons or passes accepted Fri. – Sun.

Friday  
\*5:10, 7:30, 9:40

Saturday  
\*2:45, \*5:10, 7:30, 9:40

Sunday  
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Monday – Thursday  
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### Grin Belt



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"That must be the queen over there in the charming hat. You picked a good tree for this one."

### On Screen

## New Film Offers Paris Visit

Director Danièle Thompson (La Bûche) wrote the script for Avenue Montaigne with her son Christopher. The bitersweet comedy revolves around an actress, a pianist and a patron of the arts, the café they drink in and the waitress who serves them. The street named in the film's title is home to the famous Théâtre des Champs Elysées, as well as the café where the characters meet.

Filmed on location in Paris, not far from the tunnel where Princess Diana's fatal car accident occurred, Avenue Montaigne shows us people who have what they thought they wanted, seen through the eyes of one who wants what they have. This movie is rated PG-13 for strong language and mild sexual themes, runs 100 minutes and is in French with English subtitles.

– Cathy Jones

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

# Community Events

## At the Library

### Adults

Wednesday, May 16, 7 p.m., Book Discussion. A librarian leads a discussion of Nick Hornby's "A Long Way Down." Also titles will be selected for 2007-2008.

### Storytimes

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

Wednesday, May 16, 10:30 and 11 a.m. Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver; limit 15 children.

Thursday, May 17, 10:30 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5; limit 20 children.

## Free ERHS Concerts

The final two concerts of the year are coming up at Eleanor Roosevelt High School – the public is invited to both. Both feature Greenbelt musicians.

The All Orchestra Concert will be offered on Friday, May 11 at 7:30 p.m. The All Bands Concert is on Wednesday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m.

## All Bands Concert On Wednesday

The end-of-the-year All Bands Concert at Eleanor Roosevelt High School will be held on Wednesday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to this free concert for people of all ages, especially band members.

There will be a song in the dark and a song from a famous movie that is very recognizable. In another song, a percussionist is banned from playing with the band because of a silly mistake. In the same song there are recognizable tunes from a horse race and "Charge" from a baseball game. There is a trio portion with two piccolos playing a duet accompanied by the brass buzzing on only their mouthpieces. The audience is promised lots of exciting additions to each song.

## Trail Help Needed At Greenbelt Park

Enjoy the outdoors? Want to enjoy a trail walk with a chance to help the local National Park? Help is needed in the newly formed Greenbelt Park trail volunteer program.

For more information call Ranger Martin at 301-344-3944.

## ERHS DI Team Makes Global Competition

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School Destination Imagination (DI) team, the "ERHS RowDI Raiders Cardiology Team," will compete at the DI Global Competition at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville from May 22 to May 26.

The team's structure, constructed only of playing cards and glue, held 780 pounds without crushing at the recent state competition at Towson State University. The team members – Eric Bowers, Daniel Dobrosielski, Dina Goldberg-Strassler, Gerard Marcus, David Phelps, Brittany Truske and Megan Weeks – will compete against other secondary level teams from countries around the world.

Their accomplishment will be recognized by the Prince George's County School Board at a meeting today.

## GHI Notes

Notices of the Annual Meeting were mailed on May 1, 2007.

**Saturday, May 12, 7 to 9 a.m.**, Bird walk sponsored by the Woodlands Committee (Northway Fields)

**Monday, May 14, 7 p.m.**, GGI Charette/Baseline and Benchmark Meeting

**Wednesday, May 16, 7 p.m.**, Woodlands Committee meeting

**Thursday, May 17, 7:30 p.m.**, GHI Annual Membership Meeting (Greenbelt Community Center)

**Friday, May 18, 8:30 a.m.**, Yardlines Committee meeting

**Saturday, May 19, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**, Member & Community Relations Yard Sale (on Hamilton Place)

**Monday, May 21, 7:15 p.m.**, Pre-purchase orientation

**Tuesday, May 22, 7 p.m.**, GGI Communications/Stakeholders and Outreach Working Group

Unless otherwise noted, all events will take place in the GHI Administration Building. Committee and board meetings are open meetings; members are encouraged to attend.

GHI Annual Meeting and Election on May 17 and 18, Community Center. See biographies on page 7 for details.

## Wine Tasting to Be Nursery Fundraiser

The Greenbelt Nursery School will hold a fundraising Evening of Wine Tasting on Sunday, May 20 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the New Deal Café with between 10 and 15 wines and light food. The Café is located at 113 Centerway in Roosevelt Center.

The evening's wines will be presented by three local experts: Greg Green, wine collector and former owner of Central Liquors, Washington, D.C.; Robert Perti, chef, former restaurant owner, retail and wholesale wine business professional (and a well known Washington-area Italian wine expert); and Doug Humphrey, wine collector and school parent.

The three are founding members of the "Wine Pigs" tasting club. These friendly experts will introduce patrons to a selection of highly rated wines at a variety of prices. This is an adult-oriented evening but pre-mobile babies are welcome.

Greenbelt Nursery School is a nonprofit parent cooperative in its 65th year of operation, making it one of Greenbelt's oldest cooperatives. The school is certified by the Maryland State Department of Education and accredited by NAEYC's National Academy of Early Childhood Programs. The proceeds of this fundraiser enable the school to offer quality preschool education to families in Greenbelt and surrounding communities. For more information visit the school website at [www.greenbelt.com/gnsk](http://www.greenbelt.com/gnsk).

There is a fee (see ad on page 8). Tickets may be purchased at the school office. For further information call Lisa Losito at 301-346-6060 or email [lisa@joss.com](mailto:lisa@joss.com).

## Shred-it Truck Returns to Center

A Shred-it Day will be held on Saturday, May 19 from 8 a.m. to noon in the parking lot between the New Deal Café and the medical offices. The extended service is provided with assistance of the city by Greenbelt Federal Credit Union for its members and the community. Bring papers to shred in paper bags or boxes, five bags or boxes maximum; no binders or business papers will be shredded.

## Police to Be Featured On "Ask the Expert"

Officer George Mathews of the Greenbelt police will address the subject of "Crime Prevention for Seniors" on the next "Ask the Expert" program, which will be held on Wednesday, May 16 at 1 p.m. at Green Ridge House.

This lecture will focus on scam prevention, identity theft, personal safety and more. The city's GAIL office urges every senior who can to attend this important program. The lecture will be taped for later broadcast on Channel 71 during the month of June.

Green Ridge House is at 22 Ridge Road. Those planning to attend who do not live at Green Ridge House are asked to RSVP to Valarie Wright by calling 240-542-2031.

## Boxwood to Hold Meeting May 24

The Boxwood Civic Association annual meeting will be held on Thursday, May 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room of the police station. Agenda items include the forest preserve, property taxes, Greenbelt West development and other neighborhood concerns. Elections for president and secretary will be held. Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

## Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club is off to a great start on the next active 50 years.

The May birthday potluck lunch is on May 16 and Jim Bates, a new member, will speak on May 23. "Vote Smart" is his subject, a very timely topic for this election year.

There are still some openings on the trip to Allenberry Theater on May 17 to see the musical "Clue." Allenberry is a lovely setting with room to stroll and look at the lake. The food is always good and the shows are presented in a separate theater. Stop in the office at the Community Center to sign up.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jerriann King, Ellie Rimar and Neal Ewen's families in the losses of their loved ones.

For many more community events see page 8.

## Academy Stadium Theatres

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Center Court  
301-220-1155

All shows starting before 6 p.m.

Are ONLY \$5.00

R = ID Required

(!) = No pass, No Discount Ticket

### Week of May 11

FRI. – SAT.

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Next, PG-13

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Week Later, R (!)

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Spiderman 3, PG-13 (!)

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The Salon, PG-13 (!)

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Disturbia, PG-13

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Are We Done Yet? PG-13

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## Greenbriar Community Yard Sale

Saturday May 19, 9am - 2pm, Rain or Shine!  
Over 20 vendors and light refreshments on sale.  
7600 Hanover Parkway  
301-441-1096

## THE 3RD GREEN MAN FESTIVAL IN GREENBELT

MAY 12-13, 2007

Roosevelt Center

10am-7pm

Music for Mother Earth, art, handmade crafts, wands, Green Man masks, fairy gardens, over 35 vendors and eco-friendly groups and more. Environmental Film Fest and breakfast for Early Birds 8:30-12 noon and Afternoon Tea/Movie 3-5pm

"The Art of Healing the Chesapeake Bay Watershed" benefit fundraiser/art auction for CHEARS at the New Deal Cafe April 29-May 27 contact: [joan@chears.org](mailto:joan@chears.org) 301-891-1128 x 2

[greenbeltgreenmanfestival.org](http://greenbeltgreenmanfestival.org)  
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## 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 2007 Summer season runs from May 29 to July 28.

Walk-in registration will be held on May 22 and 23, 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm at the Aquatic Center. Fees are \$35 per swimmer until May 29. Registrations received after May 29 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 16 to July 14, with the Divisional meet on July 21 and All-Stars on July 28. 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 29 – June 14 in the afternoons and June 18 – July 20 in the mornings. MANDATORY PARENT MEETING and Swim Suit Fitting May 30 at 5:00 pm at the Youth Center.

Information and applications can be found at [www.greenbelt.com/swimteam](http://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 Joan Dunham, 301-474-4722.



PHOTO BY SAMANTHA FITSCHEN

Dance students taking a break at the Greenbelt Dance Studio are, from left to right, Maia Tooley, Phoebe McFarb, Olivia Guerrieri, Sara Guerrieri, Jazmin Kienas, Olivia Atlee-Louden and Nathalie Hamlin.

## Spring Fling Dance Recital Is on Saturday, May 19

Greenbelt's Recreation Department will present its first Spring Fling dance recital next Saturday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center gym.

"The Spring Fling" is a story about what happens when a young girl makes a spring-time wish. Attendees will enjoy an evening of ballet jazz and music theater dance, performed by Greenbelt dance students ages 6 to 14. The dance performance, an all-ages show directed by dance instructor Samantha Fitschen, is approximately an hour.

Recital performers are Ariana Aleem, Mariana Aravequia, Natalia Aravequia, Clara Beckert, Maria Beckert, Drew Brewster-Geisz, Nia Brown, Jasmine Depaz, Elizabeth Gardner, Jane Gauger, Alison Graham, Elta Goldstein, Olivia Guerrieri, Sara Guerrieri, Deja Jackson, Melissa Johnson, Salena Johnson, Amelia Kendall, Jade Kienas, Taylor Koebler, Alexis McCann, Phoebe McFarb, Genesis Monteiro, Clementine Morrisette, Cyenna Nelson, Sara Nelson, Sarah Nichols, Geetika

### Our Neighbors

Leslie and Mike McLaughlin are proud to announce that son Matthew is graduating on May 11 with a bachelor of fine arts from the Ringling School of Art and Design in Sarasota, Fla.

Send us news about your family's accomplishments to share with your neighbors.

### Baha'i Faith

"Ye are the fruits of one tree, and the leaves of one branch. Deal ye one with another with the utmost love and harmony, with friendliness and fellowship."

— Bahá'u'lláh

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Greenbelt, MD 20770  
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www.bahai.org www.us.bahai.org



**Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS**

Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building

## Dedication Recital For Grand Piano

On Saturday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m., pianist Gabriel Ruiz-Bernal will appear in recital at Berwyn Presbyterian Church offering a dedication concert for the church's new Boston grand piano.

Ruiz-Bernal, music director for Berwyn Presbyterian, will perform works by Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, Rachmaninoff and Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue." Admission is free but a free-will offering to benefit the church concert series will be accepted.

Berwyn Presbyterian Church is located at 6301 Greenbelt Road.

## Cantaré on Sunday In College Park

On Sunday, May 13 at 3 p.m., the College Park Arts Exchange will present Cantaré in the College Park City Hall Council Chambers at 4500 Knox Road.

The music of Cantaré communicates the rich fusion that results when diverse traditions come together. Patricia Vergara of Brazil and Cecilia Esquivel of Argentina will introduce audiences to beautiful songs and rhythms of Latin America in an interactive performance. Reservations are requested by emailing info@cpae.org or calling 301-927-3013 as space is limited.

**Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church**  
40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt  
www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410  
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www.greenbelt.com/gccucc/  
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10:15 a.m.  
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**STOP**

As we see the flowers bloom and trees turn green, it reminds us of the one who created the serene nature in perfect harmony. It is our job now to keep this harmony in our dealings as well, as the Creator reminds us: "The sun and the moon follow courses (exactly) computed; and the herbs and the trees bow in adoration. And the skies He (God) has raised high, and He has set up the balance (of justice), in order that you may not transgress due balance. So establish weight with justice and fall not short in the balance!" — *The Holy Qur'an, 55:5-10*

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No R.E. today.  
— Barbara W. and Jacob B. ten Hove, co-ministers

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Sunday 11:00 am Contemporary Service  
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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

**St. George's Episcopal/Anglican Church**  
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(Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)  
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Sundays: 8:00 am Simple, quiet Mass  
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**May 13 Sermon: The Life of Joseph**

Pastor Lou Redd  
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**VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**  
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 Vacancies exist on the:  
 Arts Advisory Board  
 Senior Citizens Advisory Board  
 Youth Advisory Committee  
 For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

**GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL**  
**May 14, 2007**  
**Reception for ACE Students – 7:30 p.m.**  
**Regular Meeting/ACE Student Awards – 8:00 p.m.**  
**COMMUNICATIONS**  
**Presentations**  
 -Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) Student Awards  
 -Recognition of Principal Katherine Curl, Greenbelt Elementary School  
 -Recognition of ERHS Girls Track Team  
 -Public Works Week – Proclamation  
 -Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day - Proclamation  
 -Legislative Wrap-Up – 22nd District Delegation  
**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**  
 -Advisory Planning Board, Report #07-01 (Greenhill/Hillside Roads Outfall Stabilization and Stream Restoration Project)  
 -Park & Recreation Advisory Board, Report #07-1 (Contribution Groups)  
**LEGISLATION**  
 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 12, “Parks and Recreation,” of the Greenbelt City Code for the Purpose of Establishing a Forest Preserve Advisory Board and of Updating and Clarifying the Forest Preserve Article (1st Reading)  
**OTHER BUSINESS**  
 -Forest Preserve Management & Maintenance Plan  
 -Easement Agreement Between the City and the Maryland Historical Trust on the Mother & Child Statue  
 \*-Advisory Group Resignation and Appointments  
 \* 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 to reach the City Clerk.

**SHRED-IT**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 19TH**  
 8:00 a.m. – noon  
 Bring your personal papers to the Shred-It truck located in the Municipal Parking lot behind the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, 112 Centerway, to have them shredded FREE. No business or commercial material will be accepted! Shredding your personal papers is one of the best ways to protect yourself against identity theft. Sponsored by Greenbelt Federal Credit Union and the City of Greenbelt

**ASK the EXPERT**  
**CABLE SHOW**  
**Wednesday, May 16, 2007**  
**1:00 pm**  
**Green Ridge House**  
**22 Ridge Road**  
**Community Room**  
 Officer George Mathews of the Greenbelt Police Department will talk about Crime Prevention for Seniors. This lecture will focus on scam prevention, identity theft, personal safety and much more. Every senior should attend. Please RSVP to Valarie Wright -240-542-2031 if you will be attending and are not a resident of Green Ridge House.

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(must show doctor's certificate)	
ALL OTHERS	\$1.75
Children up to 6 years of age accompanied by an adult	Free

**HOURS OF OPERATION**  
 MONDAY – FRIDAY 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM  
 SUNDAY 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM

**ANNUAL PLANT SALE**  
**Saturday, May 26,**  
**9:00 AM to 12 noon**  
**in the back yard of the**  
**Public Works**  
**Department near the**  
**greenhouse.**  
**555 Crescent Road**  
**Info: 301-474-8004**

**DONATION DROP-OFF**  
 American Rescue Workers  
 Saturday, May 12th from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
 Parking lot between the City Office and the Community Center  
 For further information contact the City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8303.

**Meetings for May 14-18**  
**Monday, May 14, 7:00pm, Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee (REAC), Community Center. Info 301-474-8004**  
**Monday, May 14, 7:30pm, Reception for ACE Students, Municipal Building.**  
**Monday, May 14, 8:00pm, Regular City Council Meeting/ACE Student Awards/Legislative Update, Municipal Building (live on Channel 71).**  
**Wednesday, May 16, 8:00pm, City Council Budget Work Session -Final Budget Review, at Community Center.**  
*This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call the number listed above, or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov.*

Greenbelt Recreation Department's Greenbelt Dance Studio presents  
**The First Annual Greenbelt Spring Dance Recital**  
**Saturday, May 19th at 7:30pm**  
**Greenbelt Community Center Auditorium**  
 The Spring Fling culminating the Greenbelt Dance Studio's inaugural year under the direction of Samantha Fitschen. Come see the enchanting story of a young girl who makes a springtime wish, performed by more than thirty young dancers enrolled in the Greenbelt Dance Studio's 2006-07 program. This family-friendly, for-all-ages show lasts about one hour.  
 Tickets: \$5 general admission; children 5 and under admitted free. Tickets on sale now at the Community Center business office, Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm, or call to charge tickets at 301.397.2208.  
 For more information about the Greenbelt Dance Studio, go to [www.greenbeltmd.gov/dance](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/dance).

**For City Information visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov/](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/)**  
**Now available: On-Line Registration for Greenbelt Recreation Programs through Greenbelt RecLink!**

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**Rabies and Micro-Chipping Clinics**  
**Big Bad Woof**

**Saturday, May 12, 2007**  
**10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**  
**Greenbelt Community Center**  
**15 Crescent Road**

For more information contact  
 Planning & Community Development  
 301-345-5417

**The Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) Program Has Open Enrollment for the The Brown Bag Food Program**  
 Applications are now being accepted. This food program will offer seniors on a fixed income the ability to supplement their existing food budget through the distribution of nutritious non perishable food items and toiletries. Participants will receive one bag of supplemental food each month. Additionally, each client will receive a newsletter with information on nutrition and health. The deadline for all applications and payments is Monday, May 21, 2007. If you would like to receive an application and learn more about the Brown Bag Program please call Christal Parker Batey at 301-474-8000, ext. 2012.

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\$40,000 in grant funds is available but that amount will replace only six or seven machines.

Chief James Craze again plugged the proposal to reinstate the cadet program. He noted that 40 percent of the city's officers are eligible to retire within five years. Hiring young people as cadets, he said, gives the city a chance to look at the individuals and to mold them into what the city wants in its officers. It also gives the cadets a chance to get to know the city and its force.

Craze noted that several past cadets later became city police officers. Davis polled council and found that no one had concerns about adding two officers and two cadets this year.

### Crime Statistics

Craze told council that reported crime in Greenbelt has fallen 27 percent over the past five years. However, crimes against persons have risen 15 percent over that time, driven by armed robberies, which increased 49 percent. More than half the city's crime occurred in Greenbelt West (Springhill Lake, Beltway Plaza, Capital Office Park and the Greenbelt Metro property).

One factor for this increase, Craze said, is that the area has a large Hispanic population, many of whom are reluctant to use banks. And "the bad guys know it," he said.

The police have had several citizen meetings in Springhill Lake to familiarize residents with the officers. The force has four or five Spanish-speaking officers.

Thefts of cars have declined 43 percent over five years, Craze said. Calls for service have dropped eight percent since 2005 but are still high, he said.

The city's clearance rate for crimes in 2006 was 13 percent. Although that is up by three percent over 2005, Craze acknowledged that it is still low, in part due to a reluctance on the part of some crime victims to cooperate with police.

The city's red light cameras resulted in fewer tickets than were projected this year, in part due to cameras being out of service during upgrades and in part due to increased compliance by drivers. The city's costs for this program may increase, Craze noted, since Montgomery County has dropped out of the Howard Country program in which the city participates, leaving fewer jurisdictions to share the fixed costs. One of Craze's management objectives for 2008 is to conduct a comprehensive review of the program.

Now that the police force has gained accreditation, it cannot rest on its laurels. Craze noted that he's been told that it is harder to maintain than to obtain accreditation. The city will have to meet some 60 to 70 new standards when its accreditation expires.

In response to a question from Davis, McLaughlin said the city is still trying to work out the installation of video cameras in patrol cars. While he said the staff would prefer to roll out the upgraded mobile data computers first, council had directed him first to install video cameras (one per patrol squad) and he is working to accomplish that.

One potentially controversial item is what to do with officers' existing weapons when new ones are purchased this year. The current budget sets aside \$6,000 in

the replacement fund for handgun replacement. Since the police department prefers to replace all handguns at the same time, he proposes to take that \$6,000 plus \$6,000 from 2008's replacement fund plus the \$20,000 budgeted but not used for police radios to fund a total force replacement.

McLaughlin said there were two options – to allow officers to buy their old weapons or to destroy them.

Sgt. Parker noted that 15 years ago, officers were allowed to purchase the weapons but the last time new weapons were purchased the old weapons were destroyed.

McLaughlin will bring up the issue to council for a decision in about a month or so, he said. However, three of the councilmembers present expressed a preference for destroying the replaced weapons.

### Fire Department

McLaughlin proposed setting aside \$57,000 to assist with the replacement of fire and rescue equipment. In the 2007 budget, council had boosted the contribution to \$76,000 from the \$55,000 set aside in 2006. McLaughlin proposed dropping back to the earlier level.

Representatives of the Greenbelt Fire Department and Rescue Squad met with council to discuss their needs. Chief Brian Rudy said the next piece of apparatus to be replaced is the 1999 pumper, scheduled for replacement in 2009. The projected cost is \$450,000, with approximately \$90,000 to be recouped by selling the 1999 truck, leaving a net cost of \$360,000. McLaughlin said that in 2009, the fire and rescue reserve will have a balance of \$191,000.

Rudy said the Department has dropped its goal of purchasing its own ambulance in recognition that it does not have sufficient funds to purchase both the pumper and an ambulance. He said the county will continue to provide the ambulance.

While the department made roughly a \$200,000 profit from bingo in 2005, in 2006 the profit dropped almost 50 percent due to decreased attendance, according to former President Jay Remenick.

Rudy noted that the department has been approached by Verizon, which wants to place a cell tower on firehouse property. McLaughlin noted that the property is owned by the city and Davis said that council has a policy against allowing cell towers on city property.

### Montpelier Lecture Is on Early Lighting

The last of Montpelier's Spring History Lecture series will be held on Wednesday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m. with a free lecture focusing on lighting in early Maryland.

Cathy Pringle of the Rush Light Club and London Town Public House will speak on early lighting in America. This program will be a relaxed, enlightening finish to Montpelier's seasonal history talks and will be followed by light refreshments.

Montpelier Mansion is at 9650 Muirkirk Road in Laurel (Muirkirk Road at Route 197). More information is available by calling 301-953-1376, TTY 301-699-2544 or visiting [www.ppparks.com](http://www.ppparks.com).

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member of the Advisory Planning Board, and Clement Lau, for the Greenbelt Swim Team.

### Visual Montage

Reflecting the great variety in services and programs offered by the City's Recreation Department, Irving used a visual "montage" of the people and facilities delivering recreational services to the citizens of Greenbelt intended to provide "the spirit and feeling for the Department's programs" in the 10 budget accounts he is responsible for. Irving also noted the Department's traditional reliance on volunteers in delivery of its programs. He estimated the dollar value of such volunteer support at nearly \$1,000,000. Irving also noted a recent donation to the Department by the Greenbelt Lions Club to support training for the Aquatic & Fitness Center's lifeguards.

Although council enjoyed the video highlights, they nonetheless went arduously through the nearly 11 pages of FY07 Accomplishments and the Issues and Services for FY08. This was their annual opportunity to ask a question on a particular program (the Quarterly Brochure), take special notice of a successful effort (working with PRAB and the Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club on organizational improvements), wonder about progress on the e-marketing and online registration initiatives and express appreciation for the restoration work being done on the original Community Center classroom doors.

Not exactly related to any particular budget account, councilmembers wondered why there were padded chairs in the Community Center Multipurpose Room but when they held work-sessions in classrooms on the first level, they had to sit on "hard metal chairs."

### Skateboard

With the recent opening of the new skateboard facility between the Community Center and the Youth Center, council was interested in how the facility has been operating. Staff noted there have been relatively few injuries thus far and that helmets are available if needed for anyone using the park.

Since park users are required to register with the Recreation Department in order to use the facility, staff has registered about 280 users since the park opened this spring. Eighty registrants are Greenbelt residents. When members of Council commented on

the nonresident use, staff noted that many have been one-time users, skateboarders from practically everywhere who wish to try out the new facility and are not likely to be repeat users.

Mayor Judith Davis noted she is still seeing hard core skateboarders using parking lots and steps leading to Roosevelt Center. Apparently most park users do not attempt the deep bowl yet but some are trying it out and gaining experience with it. Its use should increase, they predict.

As council proceeded through the 10 accounts comprising the Recreation Department budget, similar questions about operations were raised but by the end of the evening no modifications to the budget were suggested.

### Miscellaneous

When asked the status of the shed at Braden Field, staff responded that pre-cast concrete was being evaluated for that structure. Lau wondered about better starting platforms for competition meets at the Aquatics Center and staff offered to look into the problem.

Davis noted that the Greenbelt New Year celebration this year seemed to be more staff-driven and less volunteer organized than in previous years. Staff responded that actually there were more volunteers this year since community groups and organizations had been invited to host various programs throughout the Community Center.

Some members of council commented that their concerns about a better marketing effort for the Department's programs apparently were being addressed by the variety of programs offered in new areas and by new ways of doing business. The

counter side of that issue for some members of council is a concern regarding nonresident participation in the most popular recreation programs.

Staff assured council that the management of those programs allowed for advance sign-up for residents, the marketing is primarily directed to residents and there is a lower cost for sign-up for Greenbelt residents. Julie McHale also advised council that, for some programs, the nonresident use could make the difference in whether the program offering would be possible.

### Playhouse Presents Grandmother Project

On Sunday, May 20 at 3 p.m., the Prince George's Publick Playhouse will host a special performance of VT Dance Company's Grandmother Project, selected as Outstanding New Work at the 2006 DC Metro DC Dance Awards. This piece involving 27 performers was staged by VT Dance's artistic director Vincent E. Thomas. There is a fee.

The Grandmother Project shares the stories of grandmothers from America, South Africa, India, China and Jamaica through dance, video, song and spoken word. Around the world grandmothers are the heart of every family, holding them together with love, hymns, blankets, recipes, lessons and memories. Thomas went on a personal exploration to learn about the grandmother he never knew and in the process he grew to appreciate the important role grandmothers play in every family and how similar they are around the globe.

For information call 301-277-1710, TTY 301-277-3012.

### Ed Hickey for GHI Board of Directors

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- Associate Professor at PGCC

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# Candidates for GHI Election May 17-18, 2007

The following GHI members had formally indicated their agreement to serve if elected to the Board of Directors, and supplied the following biographical sketches for publication in the News Review by the Nominations and Elections Committee's deadline of May 7. There is a possibility that additional candidates will have qualified for the ballot by the final May 11 deadline for petitions (after press time) but no additional candidates can be placed on the ballot after that time.

## Board of Directors – (6) 2-Yr. Terms (Vote for six)

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

**Voting will take place upon recess of the Annual Meeting to be held at 7:30 p.m. on May 17 at the Community Center, and will continue on Friday, May 18 from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. at GHI's offices on Hamilton Place.**

### Suzette Agans 2-A Hillside Road

Suzette Agans has lived in GHI for 3-years and currently serves as an appointed member of the GHI Board of Directors, filling-in for a Director who moved. Suzette's valuable experiences with the Woodlands and the Sustainable Design and Practices Committee, is proving useful on the Green Ribbon Task Force. Employed by USDA-Rural Development, Suzette promotes sustainable community development in highly distressed communities in the rural northern part of the U.S. Suzette's experiences should prove useful as the Cooperative's members envision a Greener Greenbelt for the 100th Anniversary.

Suzette's hobbies include a passion for gardening. Her gardenside yard is in flux as she dreams big and starts small – her own philosophy on creating a cheerful garden of native plants.

Suzette was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Russia (2001-2003). Originally from upstate NY, she moved to the DC area in 1996 to pursue a career in social and economic development.

### Sheila Alpers 30-D Ridge Road

I moved to Greenbelt and the GHI cooperative in 1987. The thing that attracted me to Greenbelt was the large trees and the walking path around Greenbelt Lake. Over the years I have come to appreciate the closeness of this small community and its livability – a little jewel next to two major metropolitan areas. I have been active in GHI for many years. I think I started out

on the Member and Community Relations Committee, and went on to work on the Newsletter committee, Nominations & Elections Committee, Audit Committee and ad hoc Management and Technical Audit Committee. For the past two years I have served on the Board of Directors and for the past 9 months have served as Treasurer and chair of the Finance and Investment Committees. We had many changes to the GHI Board in the past year, and there are other changes in the works that

### Chuck Hess 8-E Research Road

A member since 1983, Chuck Hess became active in the affairs of the cooperative in 1994. He has served on the following committees: Architecture and Environment (now Architectural Review), Finance, Ad Hoc Resales, Investment and Audit

Chuck served 18 years as a member of the Board of Directors, six of those as Treasurer. He also served as Chair to the Investment Committee. Chuck has just returned to Greenbelt after working in Africa for the past year. Chuck is a C.P.A. and earned his M.S. taxation from American University.

### Edward R. Hickey 54-M Ridge Road

I have lived in GHI for over ten years. During this time, I have served on the Architecture and Environment Committee and am currently Chair of the Architecture Review Committee. In addition, I am the Vice-Chair of the Greenbelt Public Safety Advisory Committee. I have also been active in the Warm Nights program for the homeless and as a youth advisor at my congregation.

In 1998, I retired from the Montgomery County Police Department where I was the Deputy Commander of the Germantown Station. As part of my duties, I was responsible for overseeing more than 100 patrol officers. After retirement, I was awarded a Masters Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Maryland. Currently, I am an Associate Professor at PGCC.

Because of my extensive experience in public service, management, organization and conflict resolution, I believe I will be an asset to the GHI Board of Directors.

### Ed James

#### 56-D Crescent Road

Ed James has been an active and involved member of GHI since moving here in 1977. He has served as a GHI Director and Treasurer, Greenbelt Jaycees Director and Treasurer, co-founded Citizens for Greenbelt, and taught CPR.

He has been a member of the GHI Audit committee, and was both an original founder and Director of greenbelt.com.

Current activities include the Old Greenbelt Neighborhood Watch, GHI Woodlands and M&CR Committees, Greenbelt Garden Club, Greenbelt Computer Club, and the City Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee.

Ed's educational background includes degrees in Physics, Biochemistry, Zoology, and Computer Science. This is useful when dealing with the many environmental and technical issues facing GHI.

Ed's professional background includes Goddard, the IMF, Sprint, the University of Maryland, and contract work for federal agencies, such as HUD and EPA. He retired early, and spends his time with physical fitness, community activities, gardening, and Linux.

### Kristen Kemp

#### 3-H Ridge Road (no biography)

### Sylvia Lewis 2-C Gardenway

In 1968 my husband, Robert, and I moved into GHI with our young son and daughter. I became active in the cooperative after my retirement 12 years ago from the position of Executive Director, Prince George's Red Cross. My GHI activities have included: Member and Community Relations Committee (1998-2006); Audit Committee (1998-2000); Chair, Audit Committee (1999-2000); Investment Committee (2000-present); Board of Directors (2000-present); Treasurer (2000-2006); President (2006-present). For a few transitional months I have been acting chair of the Communications Committee and the Architectural Review Committee. I seek reelection to the Board so that I may continue to make constructive contributions to ensure that GHI is fiscally responsible, responsive to member concerns, plans for a sustainable future and remains a wonderful

place to call home. Born: London, England; Education: London School of Economics and Indiana University School of Social Work; became US citizen 1969.

### Errol Mazursky

#### 1-H Southway

Errol moved into GHI in July 2006 with his wife Sara. Errol quickly became involved in the GHI community by volunteering with the Greener Greenbelt Initiative, coaching Under-7 soccer and joining the Sustainable Design and Practices Committee. Errol is the national fellowship program manager at the Environmental Leadership Program, www.elpnet.org, a nonprofit organization that provides training on diversity, communications, movement building and visioning to emerging environmental leaders. Errol served in the U.S. Peace Corps as a health volunteer in The Gambia, West Africa and was a Crisis Corps Volunteer in New Orleans, LA where he contributed to the Hurricane Katrina response efforts. He holds a master's degree in public health from Tulane University. Errol is proud to be a member of GHI and looks forward to continuing to serve the community as a member of the GHI Board of Directors.

### Luisa Robles

#### 32-F Ridge Road

I have lived in GHI for 6 years. The Roosevelt center reminded me of the downtown plazas (that I so missed) of my native country. I wanted to live in a place where I could feel community.

I earned a Bachelor's degree in Biology, and a PhD in Sustainable Development. As part of my dissertation I worked in small villages asking what people wanted to ameliorate about their natural environment, and figuring methodologies that encourage people to change their behaviors toward sustainable ones.

I have served on the Woodlands committee for GHI and on the Forest Preserve Task Force for the City of Greenbelt. I am currently working for an educational game-design company. I write a monthly column on environmental issues and sustainable living, and look into environmental organizations to give donations from the proceeds of the games.

Please consider me as a candidate for the Board of Directors.

### James Grant

#### 19-C Ridge Road

James Grant's history in GHI goes back to his childhood. James' Great Grandmother, and Grandparents, Gus and Margaret Grant, lived in GHI since the 1950s and James moved here with his parents when he was just 2. After moving away James came back to visit his grandparents regularly at their home in 19 Court and for the past 3 years has been living in that same home with his own family. After a career in finance, James has found his true passion in real estate and with his wife Raylene has started the very successful Grant Real Estate Group. James' love of Greenbelt and GHI runs deep and as a member of the Audit Committee James will be able to use his financial knowledge, strong leadership skills and fundamental knowledge of how to run a business to its fullest potential to serve this great community and its members.

### Michael Iacangelo

#### 9-M Laurel Hill Road (no biography)

### Dianne Wilkerson

#### 60-F Crescent Road

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

*(Note: Biographies are written by the candidates.*

*Biographies that exceeded the 150-word limit established by the Nominations and Elections Committee were truncated by the committee prior to submission to this paper.)*

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# Community Events

## Museum Food Lecture Tuesday

The Greenbelt Museum will host a lecture by food historian Joanne Lamb Hayes on Tuesday, May 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center, Room 201.

Author of the books "Grandma's Wartime Kitchen: World War II and The Way We Cooked" and "Grandma's Wartime Baking Book: World War II" and "The Way We Baked," Hayes will talk about the creative ways women met the challenges of cooking for their families on tight budgets and within the limitations of strict rationing guidelines during World War II. Both books will be available for purchase and signing.

For details call 301-507-6582 or email [museum@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:museum@greenbeltmd.gov).

## Four Shillings Short At Green Man, Café

A San Francisco Bay area duo, Four Shillings Short, will appear in Greenbelt Sunday, May 13 as one of the groups performing at the second weekend of the Green Man Festival and will stay over on Monday, May 14 to play again from 7 to 9 p.m. at the New Deal Café.

The Celtic, folk and world music duo bring together influences of Ireland and India on an ever-increasing array of musical instruments. These include a hammered dulcimer, mandolins, Renaissance woodwinds, North Indian sitar, recorders, tin whistles, banjo, guitar, percussion and vocals.

The husband and wife duo are Aodh Og O'Tuama from Cork, Ireland, and Californian Christy Martin.

O'Tuama comes from a family of poets, writers, musicians and teachers. He studied music at University College Cork in Ireland and Stanford University in California. Martin grew up in a family of musicians and dancers and began studying the sitar at age 16 with a protégé of sitar maestro Ravi Shankar. The duo have been touring the US and Ireland since 1997. Their 2007 tour itinerary will include concerts from California to Maine.

In a single night, Four Shillings Short performs traditional Irish and Scottish songs, tunes and airs, Indian ragas, folk ballads, old-time songs, medieval and Renaissance instrumentals and a cappella numbers as well as contemporary folk and original compositions.

## Bat Walk on May 16 At Greenbelt Lake

Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek (CCRIC) will hold a bat walk on Wednesday, May 16, meeting at 7:45 p.m. at the "Buddy" Attick Lake parking lot.

Learn about the natural history of bats and observe them in flight against the evening sky. The group will also listen to their calls using an ultrasound converter. In the event of rain, the walk will be held on Thursday, May 17.

For more information call Lutz Rastaetter at 301-345-8449 or visit the CCRIC website at [www.ccric.org](http://www.ccric.org).

Share details about your organization's activities for the Community Events page.

## Café Features Recital

Izolda Trakhtenberg will host a student recital at the New Deal Café on Thursday, May 17 at 7 p.m. Come to hear solo and group performances by singing students. For more information call Trakhtenberg at 301-441-3005.

## Paint Picnic Tables

Help the Greenbelt Park campground by painting picnic tables as a group. This opportunity is great for schools, companies, civic organizations and Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops.

For more information or to schedule a day call the Greenbelt Park volunteer coordinator at 301-344-3944.

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

## Whiffleball Tourney Sought for Greenbelt

by Eli Flam

Whiffleball, anyone? Several teams are sought for a first-ever tourney at Braden Field in mid-September. Five players of whatever age or gender make up a team. Call Andrew Phelan at the Greenbelt Recreation Department (240-542-2194) by September 7.

The game is a fast-growing spinoff of baseball. Pegged for a triangular field with bases 40 feet apart, the double-elimination tourney here projects foul lines running 100 feet to a six-foot high fence. A pitcher 30 feet from home plate would arc in a baseball-sized plastic ball perforated on its upper half – dippy-doodle time!

In turn the batter – sporting a plastic bat – gets no called strikes (or balls). And a fielder can retire a runner by hitting him or her below the neck with a thrown ball.

Whiffleball spun into being in the 1960s. By now there's a national championship whose commercial sponsor reported a top prize of \$20,000 last year but most of the action is informal, in parks, backyards and tourneys like the one pitched for Braden Field.

Why play whiffleball? "Why do you breathe, why do you smile?" says an enthusiast in Utah (Hayden Seeley of Provo). And you can be competitive, he adds, if you know the basics.

Here, the emerging mantra is, "Don't waffle! Go whiffle!"

## Postal Workers Fight Hunger

The National Association of Letter Carriers conducts an annual food drive to help "stamp out hunger." The food drive is Saturday, May 12 for one day only. Customers are asked to leave non-perishable items at their mailbox for their carrier to pick up and take back to the station to be consolidated and transported to area food banks. Last year 82,000 pounds of food were collected locally; this year the goal is 100,000 pounds.

## Roosevelt Dems Meet on Friday

The public and prospective members are invited to the May meeting of the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club on Friday, May 18 at 7:30 p.m., in the Terrace Room of the Greenbriar Community Building, located at 7600 Hanover Parkway (at the corner of Hanover Parkway and Greenbelt Road).

The speakers for the evening will be the 22nd District Delegation: Senator Paul Pinsky and Delegates Anne Healey, Tawanna Gaines and Justin Ross. The 2007 session of the Maryland General Assembly will be covered in detail as it developed from January to April under new Democratic Governor Martin O'Malley.

Upcoming events include a picnic at Schrom Hills Park on Saturday, June 9 and an evening at the Baysox in conjunction with the Gov. Oden Bowie Democratic Club of Bowie, on Friday, June 29. Tickets for the combined tailgate supper and game are available for a modest fee from Treasurer Sylvia Lewis at [rev. lew@verizon.net](mailto:lew@verizon.net) or by calling President Ed Terry at 301-386-0762.

## Watershed Groups Booth at Festival

The Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group (BCWWG), jointly with the Still Creek and Indian groups will have an information booth this weekend at the Green Man Festival. Visitors to the booth can enjoy children's games or buy a raffle ticket to win fresh veggies or other items. While visiting the environmental film festival, look for the Greenbelt Watersheds booth.

## Bike to Work On Friday, May 18

Greenbelt members of the Washington Area Bicyclist Association and others will bike to work on Friday, May 18 as part of the nation's largest "Bike to Work Day." At least 6,500 bicyclists from 25 pit stops are expected to leave their cars behind and bike to work. Most will gather at Freedom Plaza for a rally where local government leaders, including D.C. Major Adrian Fenty, will address the crowd.

Alan Turnbull will lead the 12-mile convoy from Greenbelt to Freedom Plaza. Bicyclists should meet in Roosevelt Center by 7 a.m. The route will include a stop at Greenbelt Metro station and then the pit stop at the College Park City Hall. Riders can drop off at those two points. The College Park pit stop will have complimentary breakfast items, give-aways and chances for some bike-related prizes.

Register on the website <http://www.waba.org/>.

Questions may be emailed to Turnbull (email address is on website). T-shirts are available for those who register.

"Our purpose is to promote bicycling and increase awareness about the importance of reducing drive – alone commuting and improve air quality," according to Nicholas Ramfos of C06.

## Greenbelt Baseball

Major League Standings as of Tuesday, May 8, 2007

American League	W-L	National League	W-L
Giants	6-1	Indians	8-0
Orioles	4-2	Cardinals	4-2
Tigers	1-5	Yankees	2-4
Athletics	0-5	Cubs	0-6

## Major League Schedule

Date	Time	Games
Mon., May 14	6:00 p.m.	Giants vs. Indians
Tues., May 15	6:00 p.m.	Cards vs. Yankees
Wed., May 16	6:00 p.m.	Tigers vs. Orioles
Thurs., May 17	6:00 p.m.	Athletics vs. Cubs
Fri., May 18	6:00 p.m.	Yankees vs. Indians
Fri., May 18	7:00 p.m.*	Orioles vs. Giants
Sat., May 19	10:00 a.m.	Cubs vs. Cardinals
Sat., May 19	1:00 p.m.	Athletics vs. Tigers

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

## Greenbelt Nursery School Wine Tasting Sunday, May 20

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## Police Blotter

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

### Robberies

April 28, 2:03 a.m., 5700 block Cherrywood Lane. A man was standing at his vehicle pumping gas at the Shell Food-Mart when he was approached by another man who displayed a handgun and announced a robbery. After obtaining the victim's wallet, the robber fled the scene on foot and was last seen running across Breezewood Drive toward the 5800 block of Cherrywood Lane. He is described as a black male in his twenties, 5'10" with a thin build, wearing dark clothing, a hooded jacket and dark pants.

April 30, 8 p.m., 4 Court Gardenway. Attempted strong-arm robbery. The victim advised that he was walking on the footpath when he was approached by approximately six people who attempted to take his portable video game player. The victim was pushed to the ground and punched and kicked several times. The suspects fled the scene when a citizen approached. One of the suspects was described as a black male, 16 years of age, 5'6" with a medium build, brown hair, brown eyes, a light complexion and a shaved head, wearing a white T-shirt. No description was given for the other suspects. The victim did not sustain any serious injuries.

### Drug Violations/Arrests

April 27, 6:50 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Terrace. A nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia and trespass after an officer observed the suspect after receiving a report of a "panhandler" begging for money. Investigation revealed that the suspect had been banned from the complex by agents of the property. The suspect was arrested and found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to smoke crack cocaine. The suspect was released on citation pending trial.

May 1, 6:54 p.m., Centerway. Officers responded to a report of a subject possibly selling marijuana. A person matching the description was located and was found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana. A nonresident male was arrested for possession of paraphernalia and released on citation pending trial.

May 1, 10:22 p.m., Centerway. An officer observed a suspicious person looking into the open window of a vehicle. Further investigation revealed that the suspect was in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to smoke marijuana. A 21-year-old resident male was arrested for possession of paraphernalia and released on citation pending trial.

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.

### Burglaries

Three residences were entered by forcing open a bedroom window: 1) 200 block Lakeside Drive, where a laptop computer and DVD player were taken; 2) 9100 block Edmonston Road, where a cable box and a video game player were taken; and 3) 9100 block Edmonston Road, where a camera, a video camera, DVDs, CDs and money were taken.

In a fourth incident a residence in the 7500 block Mandan Road was entered by forcing open the front door. Table lamps, wall pictures, furniture and a coffee machine were taken.

### Other Crimes

May 3, 11:28 p.m., 7600 block Mandan Road. Domestic assault arrest. A resident male was arrested and charged with first and second degree assault and two counts of resisting arrest. The female victim advised that she and the man were in a verbal argument that turned into a physical altercation when the suspect started to hit and choke her. He was arrested at the scene and transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

### Vandalism

April 30, 8:06 p.m., 7700 block Ora Court. A woman advised that she observed four youths walk past the front of her house. One of the youths threw a rock at her house, breaking a window. The youths then ran from the area toward Ora Glen Drive.

### Vehicle Crimes

April 24, Beltway Plaza. A 2006 Nissan Altima 4-door, recovered May 1 by the Metropolitan Police Department. One adult arrest was made.

A 1997 Dodge Caravan, reported stolen April 25 from the 9100 block Springhill Lane, was recovered by the Prince George's County Police in the 1700 block of Brightseat Road, Landover. No arrests.

April 28, 7400 block Greenway Center Drive. A 1994 Mercury Grand Marquis 4-door, recovered April 20 by the Metropolitan Police Department. No arrests.

7600 block Mandan Road. A blue 2003 Dodge Stratus 4-door, Md. tags 9BKZ95.

Vandalism to, thefts from and attempted thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 6000 block Springhill Drive, 100 block Lakeside Drive, 6100 block Breezewood Court, 7600 (two incidents) and 7700 blocks Hanover Parkway, 100 block Westway, 6200 block Springhill Court, 8000 block Lakecrest Drive, 9000 block Breezewood Terrace and 5800 block Cherrywood Lane.

## Greenbelt Park: A Place to Camp

by Barbara Hopkins

Children are counting the days till the school term is over, gas prices are climbing "in anticipation of increased demand" and wardrobes are being transformed for warmer days ahead. Summer doesn't officially start until the summer solstice the third week of June but the traditional beginning of the relaxed days of summer occurs on the three-day Memorial Day weekend, May 26 through 28. Time to be thinking of summer vacations.

Greenbelters who seek a convenient, low-cost, no-hassle, no-traffic getaway to start the season need look no further than Greenbelt Park. According to the National Park Service reservation website, camp sites for tents or RVs are available for the Memorial Day holiday weekend. Leashed pets are welcome (if they can observe designated quiet hours from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.).

The park offers nine miles of nature trails, ranging from the one-mile Blueberry Trail to the Perimeter Trail of just over five miles. The Perimeter Trail has re-opened with a new bridge after sustaining damage from a storm last fall.

There are also picnic areas, some with playground equipment and fields for playing sports. Guided activities are sometimes offered by the rangers.

### Close to Metro

It is three miles (and on a bus route) to the Greenbelt Metro station for those who wish to go downtown. And close enough to home to take in Greenbelt's celebration of Memorial Day – or to run back for a forgotten item.

According to a camper from the Norfolk area, "there are plenty of deer" and the park is also lively with birds and squirrels. He reported the washroom facilities as adequate but the peace and quiet "can't be beat." He said the same for the fee. This same camper, here during some of the area's warmest weather last summer, said the night air cooled enough that he was comfortable sleeping in his tent.

### Peaceful

The park campground as a peaceful place was an idea echoed by a pair of campers from Quebec, Canada. Carole Caferriere had camped at places with more amenities – and more people – but she and her companion were impressed with the atmosphere and the nature at Greenbelt Park. And the ranger makes frequent patrols, she said, giving a feeling of safety. The couple used their camp as a base for exploring the sites in Washington, D.C. She said they would definitely come back.

Each camp site in Loop C (for tents only) is permitted two vehicles, three tents and a maximum of six people. Check-out time is noon. For more information on camping in Greenbelt Park, visit the website at [www.nps.gov/gree/](http://www.nps.gov/gree/). For reservations, visit [www.recreation.gov/](http://www.recreation.gov/) or call 1-877-444-6777.

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## Woman Shot, Gunman Dies

by Mary Moien

The first sign to most Greenbelt residents that something was terribly wrong last Saturday morning was the convergence of numerous police cars on Canning Terrace in Greenbelt East. Then, out came long lines of yellow police tape that kept residents in their homes for hours or out of their homes for most of the day. Residents and voyeurs gathered at the intersection of Canning Terrace and Greenbelt Road during the day to try to see what was happening.

Greenbelt Police Spokesperson MPO George Mathews reported that a woman had been shot in the arm during an altercation with her husband that morning. She escaped from the house and a neighbor helped her. She was transported to Prince George's Hospital Center. Her husband Junior Anthony Bennett, 44, then

barricaded himself in the home in the 8200 block of Canning Terrace.

Greenbelt Road remained open during this standoff. As people continued to drive along Greenbelt Road, many were startled to see police in riot gear with rifles at the ready climbing along the edge of the road or peering through wooden fencing into backyards. The roadway into the development was completely filled with police cars, fire trucks and even the armored personnel carrier owned by the Greenbelt police.

Police, including a SWAT team, played a waiting game and apparently were able to contact Bennett. However, hours passed and when police broke into the house, Bennett was found dead of an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound.



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Prince George's County Police in riot gear were stationed around the home in the 8200 block of Canning Terrace in Greenbelt East in response to a domestic disturbance.

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# Café Reviews Problems, Future Needs with Council

by Mary Moien

The Greenbelt City Council held a worksession with the board of the New Deal Café on May 2. Peter May, the new president, and David Ziegler, board member, represented the New Deal Café. The city has a vested interest in the Café because the Café rents the kitchen in the Community Center to prepare some of its food. There has been significant turnover of management and board at the Café and the financial status is precarious. In addition, the board is seeking a change to the Café's liquor license to allow alcohol service in the outdoor eating area.

### Financial Status

May described the finances of the Café as "not going well." He summarized a number of issues. The management of the Café is in a state of flux. The manager resigned and there was no bookkeeper for a number of months. A new business manager was recently hired but only stayed one week. They are in the process of trying to reconcile the books enough to file their taxes, for which they have requested an extension. Unbeknownst to many members, a line of credit had been taken out last summer and the Café had been "coasting along" on the line of credit. That has ended. The Café has \$2,500 in its checking account and the \$3,500 rent was due on the first of May. May did add that there was \$700 of credit card charges that are available.

A replacement chef hired re-

cently had just given notice and left, citing problems working with a volunteer staff, adding that she "can't save a sinking ship." There is talk of cutting back some hours, especially early breakfast hours which are not profitable. In Fall 2005, the New Deal doubled the size of the Café when it took over an adjacent space but did not have a business plan to address the need for more income to cover the expansion.

### Plans

May indicated that the board had recently sent letters to the membership calling for two emergency meetings in late April. Members are committed to keeping the New Deal open and alive. They are in a "survival mode" and working on plans to turn the financial situation around. He mentioned that \$7,000 had been stolen from the Café a few months ago and that amount could have helped them through these bad times.

This summer the Café will be a drop-off spot for a Community Supported Agriculture venture. People who have bought shares in a farm fruits and vegetables program will come to the New Deal weekly to pick up their share. They will be new potential customers. The new board is working hard to come up with ideas to increase the number of daily customers. May mentioned the success of a "cartoon pajama brunch" and hopes to find new activities. Councilmembers suggested the idea of having a cover charge, even a small one, for nights with entertainment. They commented

on people who stay for a long time watching entertainment, don't buy anything and don't vacate for paying customers.

### Liquor License

Due to the death of a board member whose name was on the liquor license, the New Deal must apply to the county liquor board to change the license. Since this application is expensive, the board was hoping to apply at the same time for a change to the license to allow them to serve beer and wine in their outdoor area. The outdoor area is part of the space they rent from the Roosevelt Center owner.

Mayor Judith Davis had an immediate negative reaction to this request. She commented that no one from the New Deal is currently enforcing who is sitting in their outdoor seats. She stated they "have had a homeless person camped out there for a year" and nothing has been done. She was against liquor for the New Deal from the start and "definitely" is against outside drinking.

Councilmember Leta Mach commented that she had been to a Roosevelt Center merchants' meeting recently and they thought a fence around the space and alcohol would be okay. There would be a stronger delineation of the Café's outdoor space than there is now. Councilmember Rodney Roberts indicated that he knew at least one merchant who was not in favor.

There was much discussion; Councilmember Ed Putens said he understands the need but is not ready to support it. He commented that the space would need

to be closely monitored so that if a patron left a bottle of beer on the table, someone in the Center could not reach over and take it. Councilmember Konrad Herling felt that a fence could become an attractive nuisance. He added that if the Café had to hire more staff to monitor the alcohol, it could negate the profits.

There were a number of additional comments from council regarding the use of alcohol to save the Café and the need to keep the tables clean and free from leftover food (which attracts homeless). However, council then agreed that they would discuss their issue at the next meeting and potentially support the application for the changed liquor license with the firm understanding that the New Deal would not start serving liquor outside without the specific future approval of council.

### Kitchen Lease

The New Deal Café rents the kitchen in the Community Center from the city. There apparently had been an incident with staff from the Café leaving the oven on at the end of the night. It was discovered by city staff. This was a really serious incident. Putens stated that if this happens again "you'll never have my support again." The city staff stated that new procedures are in place and the Café has increased its insurance.

The Café has a debt to the city for previous use of the kitchen and a lease for the current use of the facilities. Citing the financial problems, the city is approving a new lease with the Café until the

## Patuxent Celebrates Carson's Life

Wildlife expert and media celebrity Jim Fowler will be joined by wildlife friends as well as congressional and government officials in the centennial celebration of the birth of Rachel Carson - scientist, author and pioneer in the environmental movement. The public is invited to participate in a variety of events, including a 10 a.m. ceremony, followed by a day filled with activities on May 19 at the Patuxent Research Refuge's National Wildlife Visitor Center in Laurel. The celebration is sponsored by the U.S. Geological Survey, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Rachel Carson Council.

After the ceremony, families will be able to explore nature and stir a sense of wonder at programs and activities featuring live animals, hands-on activities, exploratory nature hikes, habitat tram tours and more.

There will also be an open house from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Rachel Carson Council, former home of Rachel Carson in Bethesda. For more information visit [reccouncil@aol.com](mailto:reccouncil@aol.com) or call 301-593-5707.

Displays highlighting Rachel Carson's life and past, current and future scientific research will be featured in the lobby of the National Wildlife Visitor Center from May 12 through the end of May. There will also be weekend films.

end of the year. The Café will pay the current lease amount and a small portion toward the debt owed, when feasible.

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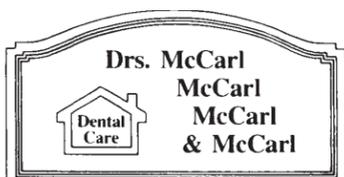


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# Committee to Plan City's Second Cultural Festival

by Konrad Herling

Just outside city hall is a sign that reads: "Welcome. We Are Building an Inclusive Community." Last year, 10 volunteers formed a committee to be part of that building process by producing Greenbelt's first International Cultural Festival that featured Celtic music, Swedish folk tales and folk music, salsa music and dance from Latin America, as well as tales and poetry of Native America. Greenbelters originally from Puerto Rico, Brazil and Cameroon joined longtime Greenbelters, a production team that reflected our city's growing diversity.

It is a goal of the committee to expand artistic and cultural offerings of dance, sculpture and literature by the many cultures which make up Greenbelt's population.

These productions were

achieved with the help of the Greenbelt Arts Center, the New Deal Café, the city's Recreation Department, Taco Bell located in College Park, La Fuente Restaurant located in Beltsville, Friends of the New Deal Café Arts and the Greenbelt Marriott (grand prize was a night's stay at the hotel).

The committee, which will apply for status as a "Recognition Committee" in the near future and for 501(c)(3) status, will meet at the New Deal Café on Saturday, May 19 at 10 a.m. The committee invites to the meeting Greenbelt artists in all arenas (music, dance, literature, theater, sculpture), writers to help publicize the activities and those who are in contact with the business community for support.

For more information call 301-345-9369.

## Museum Hosts Home Schoolers

On Wednesday, May 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the College Park Aviation Museum will hold "Home School Day." Home-schooled students of all grade levels and their parent-educators are invited to the museum for a day of learning and adventure. Pre-registration is required. There is a fee for students and for parent educators.

## School Bd. Finance Committee Meets

The Prince George's County School Board will meet on Monday, May 14 at 6 p.m. in the Sasser Administration Building, Board Executive Meeting Room. The FAB Committee is responsible for providing financial management oversight and recommending financial policies to the board. The meeting is open to the public; however, there will be no public participation.

## Planetarium Program Friday Is on Rocks

The next planetarium program at the Howard B. Owens Science Center is on space rocks and will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 11.

Titled "Little Bit of Rock," the program addresses what rocks are in space and what impact they have on earth. Attendees will explore asteroids, comets and other unusual celestial events such as meteor showers and Iridium flares. Planetarium staff will introduce participants to some of these lesser known components of the solar system. Afterward there will be a tour of the night sky.

The Howard B. Owens Science Center is at 9601 Greenbelt Road in Lanham. Doors open at 7:15 p.m. People should park in the lot of the Catherine T. Reed Elementary School. There is a small fee, with a discount for students and seniors.

For more information call 301-918-8750 during school hours.

## Employment is NAMI's May Workshop Topic

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill's (NAMI) Prince George's County Chapter will present its monthly workshop on Thursday, May 17 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Hanco Building at Beckett Field in New Carrollton. The subject is "Going to work is possible - how to get the support needed for employment." This workshop is free and open to the public.

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## Green Man Film Festival Highlights Environment

by Maggie Cahalan

This weekend, May 12 and 13, the Greenbelt Green Man Festival Environmental Film Fest will offer an exciting program of environmental films during the hours of 9 a.m. to noon and 3 to 7 p.m. As part of the Third Annual Greenbelt Green Man Festival, the Chesapeake Education Arts Research Society (CHEARS) invited several local community groups including Greenbelt – Climate Change Action Network (G-CCAN), Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group (BCWWG) and Prince George's Peace and Justice Coalition to co-sponsor and collaborate in selecting environmental films to show during the festival at Roosevelt Center.

The films selected focus on exploring the global and local impact of human behavior on the world's climate and eco-system and the challenges that current and future generations of plants, animals and humans will be facing in the years to come. Films were selected that focus on positive examples of groups and individuals working together to address these problems and turn the tide while there is still time.

### Early Bird Films

The Early Bird films, shown from 9 a.m. to noon on both Saturday and Sunday in the Old Greenbelt Theatre in Roosevelt Center, will also offer a light breakfast of muffins, bagels, juice, coffee and tea. At 9 a.m. the festival starts with the "End of Suburbia," exploring the American Way of Life and its prospects as the planet approaches a critical era as global demand for fossil fuels begins to outstrip supply.

This film is followed at 10:30 a.m. by "The Power of Community," a positive and inspiring film that shows an example of how citizens of one nation, Cuba, responded by going organic and pulling together to deal with a crisis when suddenly faced with a cut-off of oil and other supplies following the fall of the Soviet Union.

The Saturday Early Bird films conclude with "Meet Your Meat" at 11:30 a.m., a short powerful film that documents the lives and deaths of 10 billion animals raised each year in the United States for meat, milk and eggs. The leader of the Indian non-violent independence movement Mahatma Gandhi stated: "The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated." This film is a must-see for those seeking to understand how the animal-based food eaten every day in the United States is produced.

The Sunday Early Bird Films start off at 9 a.m. with the award winning local film, "We are All Smith Islanders," produced by the Chesapeake Climate Action Network (CCAN). This special film explores how global warming is affecting agriculture, wildlife, health and tourism throughout our own Chesapeake Bay and describes what can be done about it.

"The Future of Food" follows at 10 a.m. and offers an in-depth investigation into the disturbing truth behind the unlabeled, patented, genetically engineered foods that have quietly filled U.S.

grocery store shelves for the past decade. The film also explores alternatives to large-scale industrial agriculture, placing organic and sustainable agriculture as real solutions to the farm crisis today.

At 11 a.m., selected sections of "Visions of Utopia" will be shown. This recently completed film gives a history of intentional communities in the US, including some shots of early Greenbelt, and an in-depth look at seven recent communities including Earthhaven, a rural eco-village in North Carolina.

### Tea Time Films

In the late afternoons on Saturday and Sunday the free film festival resumes with Tea Time films (tea and cookies being served) in a tent on the small green across from Curves. At 3 p.m. the film "An Inconvenient Truth" will be shown for those who had missed it. This Academy Award-winning film has served as a wake-up call that cuts through myths and misconceptions to deliver the message that global climate change is real and we must act now to save the Earth.

At 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, "The Great Warming Part I" will be shown.

Filmed in eight countries on four continents, endorsed by dozens of the world's leading scientists and major environmental groups such as the National Wildlife Federation, this film was selected because it gives important examples of innovative solutions about global warming and some reasons to be hopeful that we can turn the tide if we act now. This film is another must-see film for those concerned with finding workable solutions to climate change.

The film "Who Killed the Electric Car?" will air at 3 p.m. on Sunday. This film is a murder mystery like no other and unravels the puzzling demise of a vehicle that could have saved the environment and America's dangerous addiction to oil. Part II of "The Great Warming" will be shown at 5:30 p.m. and will conclude the 2007 Green Man Environmental Film Festival.

The Green Man Festival Committee, CHEARS, BCWWG, G-CCAN and the Prince George's Peace and Justice Coalition hope that people will take advantage of this free environmental film series. Most films to be shown have extensive web sites that can be accessed by typing in the name of the films.

These sites not only give more information about the films themselves but also include information about what citizens can do to help solve problems of global climate change and other environmental stresses.

More about the film schedule, as well as other Green Man Festival events can be found at <http://greenbeltgreenmanfestival.org/>. The Green Man Festival is co-sponsored by Friends of the New Deal Café Arts and was made possible in part by support from the Prince George's Arts Council and Prince George's County. More about CHEARS work, can be found on the CHEARS website at <http://www.chears.org/>.



## Puppet Show Delights Crowd

by Jeremy Mohler

A crowd of about 100 parents and children watched Sunday, May 6 as Chinese Puppeteer Hua Hua Zhang brought her exciting and engaging puppet show to the Greenbelt Community Center.

Part of the Artful Afternoon series presented by the Greenbelt Department of Recreation on the first Sunday of each month, Zhang's performance included extravagant Chinese puppets and props strewn about the stage. As the audience watched in awe from the center of the gym in the Community Center, Zhang moved about the stage giving life to the otherwise motionless hand puppets.

"We wanted to bring her in because her act is accessible to not only children but to all age groups," said Nicole Dewald, the Greenbelt arts supervisor and one responsible for requesting Zhang to perform.

Zhang was born in Beijing, China, and by the age of 14 she was already training as a performer of the ancient Chinese form of rod puppetry. For more than 20 years she was the lead performer for the Beijing Puppet Arts Troupe and won numerous awards for her performances. A fluent speaker of English, Zhang moved to the United States in 1996 to study at the University of Connecticut.

The performance climaxed when Zhang, with a puppet resembling a dog on each hand, ran across the stage emulating the dogs interacting. Zhang describes her show as very much a sharing experience. "I plan my shows to be more intimate," she said. With percussion instruments in hand, Zhang encouraged the crowd of many children to move to the beat of the drum at one point in the show.

But not all of Zhang's performances are for such a small, interactive crowd in an intimate setting. The staff, children and parents that caught her performance at the rather large Puppet Showplace Theatre in Brookline, Mass., in 2003 were "completely mesmerized." This shows the variety and flexibility involved in Zhang's puppetry.

## Tent Caterpillars Are At Annoying Levels

One of the most visible signs of spring this year is the abundance of Eastern tent caterpillar nests. Typically there are one or two tents per tree; however, many trees this year are sporting multiple tents, causing residents to be concerned for the trees as the caterpillars eat all the leaves.

"Residents are noticing the nests and may experience an annoyingly large population of caterpillars in their yards in the next couple of weeks," said Agriculture Secretary Roger Richardson. "While the Eastern tent caterpillar does eat the early leaves of trees and shrubs, the defoliation usually does little damage to trees and rarely do trees die from an infestation."

The lack of damage is due to the timing not the severity of the defoliation.

Eastern tent caterpillars are native to North America, do little damage to the trees and their populations are eventually controlled by native predators, parasites and diseases and so there has been no statewide control program for the caterpillars.

Visit [www.mda.state.md.us/go/tent.php](http://www.mda.state.md.us/go/tent.php) for more information.

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access to NASA during the visit, gathered along Greenbelt Road at the edge of Cipriano Square. Shayna Skolnik of Ridge Road reports that the crowd of well wishers grew to approximately 30 people, including many former Britons. One spectator was decked out in British flags and was trying to teach his children how to sing "God Save the Queen," the British royal anthem. "It was a very festive atmosphere," says Skolnik.

Members of the local press

corps who were denied access to the event due to strict British security protocols and the deadline for applying already past also gathered on the corner at Cipriano Square. Those NASA employees not admitted to the auditorium presentation and other spectators, most with cameras in hand, had to be content with glimpsing the queen in a bright, wide-brimmed yellow hat and matching coat on her short walks between buildings.



PHOTO BY JUDITH DAVIS

Her Majesty stops to speak with an astronaut while Goddard Space Flight Center Administrator Michael Griffin, to her left, and Prince Phillip watch. A large crowd gathered eagerly snapping photographs of the queen as she walked between buildings on the grounds.



### CITY OF GREENBELT NOTICE OF A PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The City Council of the City of Greenbelt proposes to increase real property taxes.

1. For the tax year beginning July 1, 2007, the estimated real property assessable base will increase by 12.8%, from \$1,447,493,049 to \$1,632,994,820.
2. If the City of Greenbelt maintains the current tax rate of \$0.766 per \$100 of assessment, real property tax revenues will increase by 12.8%, resulting in \$1,420,944 of new real property tax revenues.
3. In order to fully offset the effect of increasing assessments, the real property tax rate should be reduced to \$0.679, the constant yield tax rate.
4. The City is considering not reducing its real property tax rate enough to fully offset increasing assessments. The City proposes to adopt a real property tax rate of \$0.786 per \$100 of assessment. This tax rate is 15.8% higher than the constant yield tax rate and will generate \$1,747,304 in additional property tax revenues.

A public hearing on the proposed real property tax increase will be held at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 29, 2007, in the City Council Room, Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

The hearing is open to the public, and public testimony is encouraged.

Persons with questions regarding this hearing may call 301-474-8000 for further information.