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Student ACE winners pose for a group photo: back row from left, Brian Madison; Senator Paul Pinsky; Jihad Ashkar, Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS); Michelle Firmin, legislative scholarship winner; Delegate Anne Healey; Rosalind Johnson, School Board; Donna Hathaway Beck, School Board; Councilmember Ed Putens; Mayor Judith Davis; Councilmembers Leta Mach, Rodney Roberts and Konrad Herling. Front row from left, Delegate Tawanna Gaines; Leslie Primack, ERHS; Brianna McClendon, Greenbelt Elementary; Dixianelle Canales and Ian Hayes, Springhill Lake Elementary; Emilia Pedersoli and Stephen Cox, St. Hugh's; Nina Villa (hidden), Greenbelt Middle; Paul Abadejos, Magnolia Elementary; Delegate Justin Ross; Iniubong Eno, Greenbelt Elementary. Not pictured are Den'na Jackson, Magnolia Elementary; and Mohammad Walid, Greenbelt Middle.

## ACE and Council Recognize Local Students as Role Models

by Robin Everly

The regular May 14 city council meeting began with a full house and festive mood due to the scheduled presentation of the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) 13th Annual Student Awards program. Many proud parents and friends as well as State Senator Paul Pinsky; Delegates Anne Healey, Tawanna Gaines and Justin Ross; School Board Members Rosalind Johnson and Donna Hathaway Beck; and Brian Madison from County Councilmember Ingrid Turner's office were on hand to honor the

award recipients. City Councilmember Leta Mach serves as the city's liaison to this committee.

The purpose of the ACE Student Awards is to recognize students who serve as role models in their schools. They make a positive contribution to the community, are socially conscious, and 'exemplify the spirit of Greenbelt.'

The 2007 ACE Student Awards recipients are Iniubong Eno and Brianna McClendon (Greenbelt Elementary School), Ian Hayes and Dixianelle Canales (Springhill

Lake Elementary School), Paul Abadejos and Den'na Jackson (Magnolia Elementary School), Stephen Cox and Emilia Pedersoli (St. Hugh's School), Mohammad Walid and Nina Villa (Greenbelt Middle School) and Jihad Ashkar and Leslie Primack (Eleanor Roosevelt High School). In addition, Roosevelt graduating senior Michelle Firmin received a Maryland State Legislative Scholarship presented by Healey.

ACE committee member Dr.

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## Final Budget Vote Due June 4 Total Amount Stays the Same

by James Giese

At a May 16 Greenbelt City Council worksession known as the Final Budget Review, council tentatively reached final decisions on the city's budget for the next fiscal year. It left intact the total budget amount of \$23,516,500 and City Manager Michael McLaughlin's proposed property tax rate increase of two cents for each \$100 of assessed valuation. Council made changes to the budget of less than 0.4 percent or \$92,600 adding a little here and cutting an equal amount there.

Barring new information that could change councilmembers' minds, or a citizen uprising not yet visible, the decisions made at this final budget worksession are expected to be implemented in

the final adoption of the budget on June 4, following a second public hearing on Tuesday, May 29. Those residents unhappy with, or in support of, the revised proposed budget will have another opportunity to express their views at the hearings.

Before going over its list of budget changes and reaching their decisions, yes or no, council listened to the few citizens who turned out urging either budget additions or cuts. With the exception of Councilmember Rodney Roberts, council was more receptive to the pleas of those seeking added funds, responding to these requests either in whole or in part, than to the pleas of those seeking tax rate reductions, all of whose proposals failed.

Joan Falcão, supported by husband Robert Fireovid, were the only citizens present seeking budget reductions. Falcão reiterated her list of suggestions for cutting the budget made at the April 23 public hearing. She urged council not to raise the real estate tax rate, noting that taxes will automatically go up 10 percent due to increased assessments.

The retirees she has talked to, she said, are aghast that the tax rate would be increased on top of the assessment increase. Many felt, she said, that the city should not take all of the 10 percent assessment increase. She noted that Berwyn Heights does not plan to raise its tax rate and that

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## Sports and Recreation Groups Seek City Help

by Thomas X. White

As part of its review of the city manager's proposed Fiscal Year 2008 budget, the Greenbelt City Council held a worksession on Wednesday, May 9 with representatives of the 10 Greenbelt organizations requesting city funds to support their activities during the next fiscal year. Generally, City Manager Michael McLaughlin includes the amount of funds that council has approved for organizations for the current year in his proposed budget, leaving council to review and determine the actual amount for FY08 appropriations for each organization.

All members of council were in attendance except Councilmember Leta Mach who was away on travel. Also attending were McLaughlin and Greg Var-

da, Recreation Center supervisor.

The amount proposed by the manager this year for the contribution account totaled \$76,500, reflecting \$72,500 in actual contributions made for Fiscal Year 2007 plus \$4,000 for one organization (Greenbelt Double Dutch) that made no request last year.

For another organization (Greenbelt Golden Age Club), their request, since Fiscal Year 2006, has been included as part of the Therapeutic Recreation account for city funding of senior trips organized by that department during the year. The requested amount of \$6,100 is included in the FY08 proposed budget. If that were counted as part of the contribution group funds, the total

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## GHI Members Hold Meeting and Election

by Barbara Likowski

More than 200 members of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) attended the housing cooperative's annual membership meeting on Thursday, May 17 in the Community Center gym. On the agenda were a bylaws change, a member petition, a speaker giving an update on the Greener Greenbelt Initiative (GGI) and a larger-than-usual number of members running for seats on the GHI Board of Directors.

### Elections

Nine GHI members ran for six available seats on the board. The top five vote-getters are elected to two-year terms. The sixth highest vote getter serves for one year. Three of the nine candidates were incumbents - Sylvia Lewis and Sheila Alpers, who are veteran board members and Suzette Agans who was appointed to fill an unexpected vacancy

last year. Other board candidates were Chuck Hess, Edward Hickey, Ed James, Kristen Kemp, Errol Mazursky and Luisa Robles. Running for the three-member Audit Committee were incumbents Dianne Wilkerson, Marat Moore and Michael Iacangelo and challenger James Grant. All told a little about themselves and what they thought they could do for GHI.

(For the winners of the GHI election, which concluded after voting on Friday, May 18 see box on page 11.)

Two incumbents from the Nominations and Elections Committee, Deborah Cooley and Elizabeth Wellborn, chose to run again. Nominations for three new committee members were taken from the floor, Andrew

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### What Goes On

#### Saturday, May 26

9 a.m. to noon, Annual Plant Sale in the Backyard of the Public Works Department near the Greenhouse

#### Monday, May 28

City and GHI Offices Closed for Memorial Day Observance

10 a.m., Memorial Day Ceremonies at the Veterans' Memorial in Roosevelt Center

#### Tuesday, May 29

8 p.m., Regular Council Meeting - 2nd Public Hearing on the Budget/Constant Yield Tax Rate, Municipal Building (Live on Channel 71)

#### Wednesday, May 30

7:30 p.m., Council Worksession with PGC Economic Development Corp. (Stakeholder), Community Center

7:30 p.m., Senior Citizen Advisory Committee, Community Center, Room 111 (Senior Lounge)

#### Friday, June 1 to Sunday, June 3

Greenbelt Day Weekend (Skatepark Dedication Saturday at 4 p.m.) See ad on page 16.

#### Sunday, June 3

1 to 5 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center



**Editorial****It's Your Paper. Celebrate It!**

The News Review will be holding an open house on Greenbelt Day weekend to reveal the secrets of how the nation's longest-running cooperative newspaper has kept publishing every week for nearly 70 years without missing a deadline. Join us on Sunday, June 3 from 1 to 4 p.m. in our office in the Community Center. See how the paper is put together and learn how you can get involved if you're interested.

**Newspaper Office Closed on Monday**

The News Review office will be closed on Monday, May 28 in observance of Memorial Day. To meet the publication schedule, all ads, copy and photos for the May 31 issue will need to be submitted on Tuesday, May 29 or earlier if possible.

**Letters to the Editor****"Lady" Home Safely**

My precious Lady is home safely. Thank you so much for all your calls and concern.

A special thanks to the wonderful woman of 57 Ridge for the call that brought my beloved cat into my arms.

Greenbelters are the very best!  
Margery A. Rich

**Former GHI Member Denied Appeal**

An open note to those whom I persist in believing to be my fellow cooperators.

Obviously, I want to thank those members who voted for the motion reinstating my membership in GHI, which motion lost decidedly. Even more so, I want to thank those, nearly twice as many, who voted in opposition to the motion calling the question. Any organization is only strengthened by its willingness to engage in a lengthy discussion of any matter of controversy.

Presumably all the members of the board of directors and presumably independent of the views of the board, each of the members of the Audit Committee would agree with fellow cooperator and President Sylvia Lewis that the matter is now closed.

I disagree.

William Orleans

**Two Cents Too Much**

I am shocked and distressed by the city's proposed two cent increase in the real estate tax rate. Even without a rate increase, soaring assessments guarantee my real estate tax bill will increase 10 percent per year, for at least the next three years. And the past bill was already sticker shock. At budget workshops I attended, only Councilmember Rodney Roberts appeared to sympathize with the homeowner's angst and to appreciate the significance of raising the tax rate at this point in time.

I understand the two cent increase is blamed on the costs of collective bargaining with the city's police officers. I don't buy that. We have enough money to pay our officers competitive salaries without ratcheting up the tax rate. According to my reading of page 13 of the draft 2008 budget, the city's Undesignated and Unreserved General Fund Balance has well over a million dollars, waiting for a rainy day. I urge the Council to consider using these funds. Next year's 10 percent increase in real estate revenues will make up the difference.

Cost cutting is another way to avoid increasing the tax rate. During my 34 years of employment in the federal government, many creative approaches were used to match expenses to a reduced budget. One of the most common approaches for a small budget decrease, say two percent,

was to require all departments to trim their proposed new budgets by that percent. This approach is also used in Fortune 500 companies. Program managers are better equipped than top level decision makers to know where to make these small cuts.

Often, budgets are slightly padded to begin with, as a hedge against uncertainty. The current method of adding up all the budget requests and then expecting councilmembers to micro-manage small amounts is a political quagmire. The city council should simply advise staff that there will be "no tax rate increase" and leave it to them to work out the details in the budget. Last year, a tax rate increase was requested by the city manager but denied by the city council. We did not fall apart and did not have to dip into the reserves either.

Joan Falcão

**A Desire for Change**

The recent Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) elections had these lessons for me: First, there are barely 230 people in GHI who know what a co-op is (229 of about 1,600 potential voters voted). Second, those 229 people gave the board a mixed grade while giving the audit committee an unmixed thumbs up. Lastly, to those of us who served long ago, relax, the Co-op is in good, if sparse, hands, it's enjoying new blood.

Audit Committee incumbent Marat Moore was one of the big winners, with 181 votes, closely followed by incumbent Dianne Wilkerson at 178. The third incumbent, Michael Iacangelo, received 129 votes, with challenger James Grant out with 97 votes.

While Sylvia Lewis and her leadership of the board was the biggest winner of the day with 198 votes, her coat-tails weren't enough to keep board challengers Luisa Robles and Edward Hickey from inserting themselves between incumbent board members Suzette Agans and Sheila Alpers. Rubles was the second highest board vote getter, at 155 and Hickey, fourth. Agans deserves kudos for moving into third place after a short time of service.

This very deliberate ranking by the few voters who took the time to vote should send a fairly strong message about the members' desires for change to the board – especially to Alpers, an incumbent who placed fifth, with 139 votes.

At 131 votes, board challenger Errol Mazursky sent a strong message also about a desire for change to two board challengers from the past, Ed James and Chuck Hess, both of whom had served in many GHI positions in past decades, including Hess serving as board treasurer. James received 114 votes and Hess 111.

James and Hess did however

beat out Kristen Kemp, a board challenger, who received only 80 votes. My guess is that Kemp, for whom I voted, lost primarily because of not having her biography in the News Review. I voted for her based on a great statement she wrote online.

Donald Comis

**Omission**

The editors of the News Review deliberately omitted a few lines from my letter last week concerning the visit of the Queen of England. Perhaps they considered them too controversial but they should remember that Greenbelters have always enjoyed controversy starting with the first paper in 1937 known as the Co-operator, that encouraged citizens to express personal opinions. Also, I did not personally see any County Police cars though they may have been beyond K-Mart.

Margaret D. Zanin

**Editor's Note:** Sometimes letters are edited for brevity or civility. Controversy would not affect what gets published, as many letterwriters on both sides of heated issues could attest. We are not free, however, to publish factually incorrect or libelous statements and choose to omit personal attacks, insults and socially unacceptable commentary that is out of place in a community paper.

**Correction**

In last week's Co-op Supermarket ad, a typographical error was made in the date for Memorial Day. To ensure there is no confusion, please note that the Co-op will be open on Monday, May 28 from 10 to 6 p.m. The News Review regrets the error.

**OLD GREENBELT THEATRE WEEK OF May 25****Waitress (PG-13)**

No coupons or passes accepted Fri. – Sun.

**Friday**  
\*5:00, 7:30, 9:45

**Saturday**  
\*2:45, \*5:00, 7:30, 9:45

**Sunday**  
\*2:45, \*5:00, 7:30

**Monday**  
\*2:45, \*5:00, 7:30

**Tuesday – Thursday**  
\*5:00, 7:30

\*These shows at \$6.00

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**Grin Belt**

"I am not a great singer but I have a huge fan base. I could win an election quite easily."

**On Screen****Deep Dish**

Keri Russell (best known as TV's Felicity) stars as Jenna, an unhappily-married woman who pours her frustrations and hopes into the pies she bakes and serves at the local diner. "Waitress" is written and directed by Adrienne Shelley, who also appears in the film as Dawn, one of two co-workers Jenna confides in. Andy Griffith fans will enjoy his portrayal of Old Joe, the girls' boss.

The story idea grew out of the fears Shelley experienced when she became pregnant. She ultimately described the movie as a love letter to her daughter. Shelley died tragically [murdered in her NYC home by a construction worker] before the film's opening as an official selection at Sundance.

Rated PG-13 for sexual themes, "Waitress" runs 107 minutes.

– Cathy Jones

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

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



# Community Events

## Greenbelt Park Hosts National Trails Day

Greenbelt Park celebrates National Trails Day (an annual celebration aimed at raising awareness and appreciation of trails) on Saturday, June 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Help repair trails, remove invasive plants or enjoy a "Leave No Trace" program for children. There will be giveaways including water bottles, T-shirts, kites and water. Trails repair registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

All participants for trails repair should pre-register through REI at 301-982-9681. Invasive plant removal begins at 11 a.m. To RSVP for invasive plant removal call 301-344-3944. Visit the park website at <http://www.nps.gov/gree/>. Meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area near the entrance of the park.

National Trails Day is coordinated nationally by the American Hiking Society, a national non-profit group.

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

## At the Library

### Storytimes

Tuesday, May 29, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver; limit 15 babies.

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

Thursday, May 31, 10:30 a.m., Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5; limit 20 children.

## Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club and its active seniors have been on two very entertaining trips recently. Since we don't have a travel committee, members have pitched in to help.

Many thanks to Lydia Goldstein for planning the trip to Sight & Sound to see "In the Beginning." It was presented on a huge stage with spectacular sets, beautiful voices and lots of live animals – a truly inspiring show.

Karen Haseley took us on a fun trip to the Allenberry Theater for the musical mystery "Clue" and lots of delicious food. I'm sure everyone enjoyed those famous sticky buns!

On May 30 we'll play board games, as we always do on the fifth Wednesday of the month.

Come to meetings and check up on activities and trips to be held in the future. Suggestions for speakers and activities are always welcomed.

## Calming Revisions In Windsor Green

As a result of a discussion with Planning Director Celia Craze, the Windsor Green Board of Directors has agreed to the following revisions to the traffic calming program: installation of raised intersections at Morrison Drive and Ora Glen Drive and at Mathew Street and Ora Glen Drive.

Craze reports that if possible the city will also install a small island on Ora Glen Drive between Mathew Street and Morrison Drive.

## GHI Notes

**Monday, May 28**, Offices closed for observance of Memorial Day

**Tuesday, May 29**, 8:30 p.m., Yardline Committee meeting

**Tuesday, June 5**, 7 p.m., Member & Community Relations Committee meeting

7 p.m., Greener Greenbelt Initiative Steering Working Group

**Saturday, June 9**, 1 to 3 p.m., Landscaping for Wildlife, sponsored by the Woodlands Committee

**Sunday, June 10**, noon to 4 p.m., House & Garden Tour, sponsored by the Member & Community Relations Committee

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.

## Film Clip Features City's Skatepark

Representatives from the American Physical Society and the American Institute of Physics recently shot footage of skate boarders at the Greenbelt Skatepark to demonstrate the laws of physics related to skate boarding. The film crew had some top notch skaters from the area, including a Greenbelter, to assist them with the project.

The intent is to develop a one- to three-minute film clip on skate boarding that will be included with a number of other film shorts which demonstrate a variety of physical laws.

Once the film is produced, it will be distributed to cable companies around the country with a potential viewing audience of approximately 60 million people. The film crew agreed to share the raw footage from their Greenbelt shoot with the city offices so that a short film can be created by city staff for local use.



## GAC Offers Comedy Don't Drink Water

The next Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) presentation will be the wacky comedy "Don't Drink the Water" by Woody Allen, directed by Keith Brown. Somewhere behind the early 1960s cold-war iron curtain, the Hollander family's European vacation is interrupted when their plane is forced to land. On leaving the plane, they take pictures, only to be wrongly accused of spying. Chased by soldiers, they take refuge in the American Embassy, unfortunately under the protection of the ambassador's diplomatically incompetent son.

Show dates are Friday and Saturday evenings from June 8 through 30 at 8 p.m. with Sunday matinees on June 17 and 24 at 2 p.m. All performances will be held at the Greenbelt Arts Center at 123 Centerway, below the Co-op. There is a fee, with reduced prices for students and seniors.

For more information or to reserve tickets call 301-441-8770, visit the website at [www.greenbeltartscenter.org](http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org) or email [info@greenbeltartscenter.org](mailto:info@greenbeltartscenter.org).

## Miss Greenbelt Info Sessions to Be Held

The 2007 Miss Greenbelt Pageant will host several information sessions for girls interested in being contestants. The sessions will be held at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road and are scheduled on two Saturdays, June 2 and 9 from 9 a.m. to noon and two Sundays, June 3 and 10 from noon to 2 p.m. Participation in the information sessions is by appointment only.

The pageant, which will be held over Labor Day weekend September 1 through 4, is part of the City of Greenbelt's Labor Day Festival. The competition is divided into three age categories: Little, age 7 to 10; Junior, 11 to 13; and Miss, 14 to 19. A \$1,000 cash scholarship is awarded to Miss Greenbelt and smaller cash scholarships are awarded in the two younger categories.

Contestants must be female who live, work or attend school in Greenbelt. Residents of Beltsville, Berwyn Heights, Bowie, College Park, Crofton, Glenn Dale, Lanham, Laurel and Seabrook are also eligible to compete in the pageant.

For more information or to make a reservation for an information session, send email to [Natasha@missgreenbelt.com](mailto:Natasha@missgreenbelt.com) or call 301-352-8665 or 410-248-0540. (Email is preferred.) Visit [www.missgreenbelt.com](http://www.missgreenbelt.com) for more information on the pageant.

## SHL Special Summer Registration Open

The 2006-2007 school year ends on June 14 for students.

Registration for the Special Education Extended School Year Summer Program, to be held at Springhill Lake Elementary School from July 2 through 26, is now open. Registration for this summer academic and enrichment program closes on June 25.

For information call 301-431-5675 or visit the web at [www.pgcps.org](http://www.pgcps.org).

## Café Art Auction Last Call for Art

The drop off date for artists for the New Deal Café Art Auction is May 29 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the back room of the New Deal Café. The auction will be on June 3 from 7 to 9 p.m. Arrive early to enjoy dinner. Dessert is on FONDCA. For questions or to participate, email Kristin Stenson at [newdealcafeart@yahoo.com](mailto:newdealcafeart@yahoo.com).

## Park Program Features Beavers

Come discover the world of beavers with a park ranger through the Reading Ranger Program of Greenbelt Park. Read about beavers and be able to touch a stuffed beaver after the program. Meet at the Greenbelt Park ranger station near the campground on Sunday, May 27 and Monday, May 28. The program will begin at 10 a.m.

The entrance to Greenbelt Park is located at 6565 Greenbelt Road between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. RSVP at 301-344-3944. The park website is [www.nps.gov/gree/](http://www.nps.gov/gree/).

## Greenbelt Baseball

### Major League Standings as of Tuesday, May 22, 2007

| American League | W-L | National League | W-L  |
|-----------------|-----|-----------------|------|
| Orioles         | 8-2 | Indians         | 10-1 |
| Giants          | 7-4 | Cardinals       | 8-3  |
| Tigers          | 2-6 | Yankees         | 3-6  |
| Athletics       | 1-8 | Cubs            | 1-10 |

### Major League Schedule

| Date           | Time       | Games                 |
|----------------|------------|-----------------------|
| Mon., May 28   | 6:00 p.m.  | Memorial Day          |
| Tues., May 29  | 6:00 p.m.  | Giants vs. Yankees    |
| Wed., May 30   | 6:00 p.m.  | Cardinals vs. Tigers  |
| Thurs., May 31 | 6:00 p.m.  | Indians vs. Athletics |
| Fri., June 1   | 6:00 p.m.  | Yankees vs. Cubs      |
| Fri., June 1   | 6:00 p.m.* | Tigers vs. Orioles    |
| Fri., June 1   | After      | Parents & Coaches     |
| Sat., June 2   | 10:00 a.m. | AL practice           |
| Sat., June 2   | 1:00 p.m.  | NL practice           |
| Sun., June 3   | 1:00 p.m.  | All-Star Game         |

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

## Legion Memorial Day Activities

Greenbelt American Legion Post No. 136, American Legion Auxiliary Unit #136 and Sons of the American Legion Squadron #136 will host their annual Memorial Day Ceremonies on Monday, May 28 beginning at 10 a.m. at the Veteran's Memorial in Roosevelt Center. The community is invited to attend. The program will also feature a guest speaker.



A buffet luncheon will be served at the Post Home following completion of the ceremonies. In case of inclement weather, the ceremonies and program will be held at the Post Home at 6900 Greenbelt Road at 10 a.m.

## New Musicians Needed by Band

The Greenbelt Concert Band has openings for musicians in all sections (except saxophones). Most needed currently are Bb clarinets and trombones.

Anyone who knows a musician who may be interested in joining the Greenbelt Concert Band is asked to contact the band by visiting the website at [www.greenbeltconcertband.org](http://www.greenbeltconcertband.org) or calling 301-552-1444.

## Garden Plots Still Available

The Greenbelt Garden Club has a few garden plots left. Anyone who is interested should call Harold Grapes at 301-441-4628.



### FREE Pizza Night

May 31, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> graders  
Greenbelt Youth Center

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

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

## Anti-Tax Increase Petition Progressing

A group of citizens is protesting a tax rate increase being proposed by the City of Greenbelt. There have been 125 signatures collected on a petition asking council to hold the current tax rate and to focus more on cost control. For more information contact Joan Falcão at [jmfalcao@verizon.net](mailto:jmfalcao@verizon.net) or 301-982-0257.

## Academy Stadium Theatres

Beltway Plaza Mall  
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 25

FRI. – SAT.

Spiderman 3, PG-13  
12, 3:15, 4, 6:45, 7:15, 10

Shrek 3, PG (!)

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Bug, R (!)

12:30, 3, 5:15, 7:40, 10:15  
Pirates of the Caribbean –  
At World's End, PG-13 (!)

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28 Weeks Later, R

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At World's End, PG-13 (!)

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28 Weeks Later, R

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MON. – THUR.

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Shrek 3, PG (!)

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Bug, R (!)

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Pirates of the Caribbean –  
At World's End, PG-13 (!)

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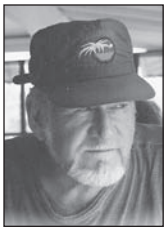
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# Obituaries

## Jerry Jenkins, Sr.

Jerry Jenkins Sr., 75, of The Villages, Fla., died Sunday, May 20, 2007. Son of the late Homer (Jerry) and Helen Frances Jenkins, Jerry was born in Baltimore on September 28, 1931 and grew up in Ocean City.



His life was filled with sports. A graduate of Ocean City High School in 1949, he lettered in basketball, soccer and baseball and was an undefeated boxer for the University of Maryland and the Navy.

Mr. Jenkins was a US Navy veteran of the Korean War. He retired as an electronics engineer from the Naval Sea Systems Command, Submarine Sonar Division, Dept. of Defense, Washington, D.C. He was a leader in combining multiple sonar systems data to produce a single integrated sonar input for submarine combat systems.

Mr. Jenkins moved to Greenbelt to raise his family in 1958 and was an original Greenbelt Lakewood homeowner. Active in Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club, "Papa J" was the father of five and mentor to many. For over two decades of leading Greenbelt's youth, he could often be found at Greenbelt's Youth Center and sports fields, playing, teaching and fostering the true sportsmanship and joy of sports that continue today in those young men and women and their children.

Survivors include his wife Julie; children Jerry Jr., John, Julie, Jane and Jay, 12 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and one on the way.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hospice of Marion County, Inc., PO Box 4860, Ocala, FL 34478-4860.

### Memorial Service

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, May 31 at 3 p.m. at St. Hugh's Church, 135 Crescent Road. Interment will take place at Fairview Cemetery, Culpeper, Va., on Friday, June 1. Condolences via email may be sent to [moreinfo@cloreenglish.com](mailto:moreinfo@cloreenglish.com).



## Baha'i Faith

"Be worthy of the trust of thy neighbor, and look upon him with a bright and friendly face."  
— Bahá'u'lláh

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



**Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS**

Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building

## Joyce Abell Bench Dedication May 28

On Memorial Day, Monday, May 28 at 1 p.m., GHI and the Abell family will dedicate a bench in honor of Joyce Abell. Abell was vice president of the housing cooperative when she died last year. She had been active for many years in leadership roles in GHI, the New Deal Café and many other organizations in Greenbelt. The bench is located in the playground at 2 Court Gardenway near the Roosevelt Center underpass. All Joyce's friends and colleagues are invited to come share their memories of this remarkable woman.

## Parkdale Reunion For Class of '77

The 30th reunion for Parkdale's 1977 graduating class will be held on September 29 from 6 p.m. to midnight at Carrol's Creek Café on the waterfront in Annapolis. For more information and tickets visit the reunion website at <http://www.Parkdale1977.myevent.com>.

## Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi  
Phone: 301-937-3666 [www.pbuuc.org](http://www.pbuuc.org)



Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community



May 27, 10 a.m.

"The Wheel of Life, 2007"

by Barbara ten Hove, co-minister with Pat Tompkins, worship associate  
(Zoe Mulford returns from England for a musical visit.)  
— Barbara W. and Jaco B. ten Hove, co-ministers

## ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
301-474-4322



### Mass Schedule:

Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

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

7010 Glenn Dale Road  
(Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)  
301-262-3285 | [rector@stgeo.org](mailto:rector@stgeo.org) | [www.stgeo.org](http://www.stgeo.org)

**Sundays:** 8:00 am Simple, quiet Mass  
9:00 am Christian education for all ages  
10:00 am Sung Mass with organ and folk music, ASL interpreted  
1:30 pm Signed Mass (last Sunday of each month only)  
**Wednesdays:** 7:00 pm Simple, quiet Mass

An inclusive congregation!



## STOP, LOOK and LISTEN

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*

This is the guidance sent forth to mankind by God through the last Prophet, Muhammad (peace be upon him). For more information about Islam, call 301-982-9463 or e-mail [info@searchislam.org](mailto:info@searchislam.org) or visit the website at [www.islamguide.com](http://www.islamguide.com).



Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of former Greenbelter Jerry Jenkins, Sr. Our condolences to his family.

Congratulations to Dr. Heather Norden on completion of her doctorate in clinical psychology. The "hooding" ceremony took place at George Washington University on May 18. Heather, a lifelong Greenbelter, is the daughter of Beth and Butch Norden of Greenhill Road and sister of John who is studying at Alfred University. Heather graduated from ERHS in 1999, Smith College in 2003 with a double major in psychology and sociology and is currently completing her internship in Miami. She will begin a post-doctoral fellowship in Springfield, Va., in September.



Happy Birthday to Irene Hensel, who will celebrate her 75th birthday on June 1. Irene is now at Sunrise of Silver Spring.

Send us news of your family's accomplishments, births, deaths, relocations, etc., to share with your neighbors.

## Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

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

Rev. Dr. Paul C. Kim, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 am Worship Service 11:00 am  
Prayer Meeting Sun. 9:45 am

Handicapped Accessible Come As You Are!



## Greenbelt Baptist Church

101 Greenhill Road  
Greenbelt, MD 20770 – (301) 474-4212  
[www.greenbeltbaptist.org](http://www.greenbeltbaptist.org)

Sunday 8:30 am Traditional Service  
Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School  
Sunday 11:00 am Contemporary Service  
Wednesday 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

"Helping People Connect with Christ and His Family Through Loving Service"

## HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

6905 Greenbelt Road • 301-345-5111

Sunday 8 am Worship Service  
9:15 am Sunday School/Bible Study  
10:30 am Worship Service



Fax 301-220-0694 • E-mail [myholycross@verizon.net](mailto:myholycross@verizon.net)

## Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

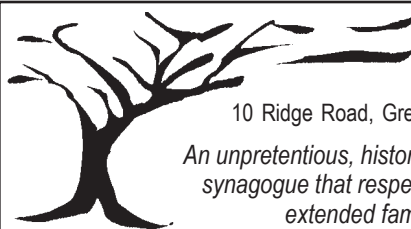


Hillside & Crescent Roads  
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings

[www.greenbelt.com/gccucc/](http://www.greenbelt.com/gccucc/)  
Sunday Worship  
10:15 a.m.

Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

"A church of the open mind, the warm heart,  
the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."



## Congregation Mishkan Torah

10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 301-474-4223

An unpretentious, historic, welcoming, liberal, egalitarian  
synagogue that respects tradition and becomes your  
extended family in the 21st century.

Shabbat services: Friday evening at 8:00 PM, except 1st Friday of the month, i.e. family service at 7:30 PM. Saturday morning services at 9:30 AM. Educational programs for children K-12 and for adults. Combined innovative full family educational program for parents and children. Conversion classes. Concert choir. Social Action program. Opportunity for leadership development. Moderate, flexible dues. High holiday seating for visitors. Sisterhood. Men's Club. Other Social Activities. Interfaith families are welcome.

Historic synagogue dually affiliated with United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation



## Bible Study & Worship

9:30 "Good Morning!!" Coffee and Snacks  
10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship  
Greenbelt Youth Center  
99 Centerway (Behind the Community Center)

May 27 Sermon: *Betrayed By His Brothers*

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

...living life together



### Local Artists Exhibit At U.S. Courthouse

The work of three local photographers is on display in an exhibit at the U.S. District Courthouse through June 25. The exhibit is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

#### Artists

Linda Siadys, Diane Tuckman and Judith Kornett are three of the area's seriously committed artists. Kornett and Siadys are Greenbelt residents and Tuckman lives close by. Their photographic talents are in evidence in the show currently hanging at the courthouse. In the exhibit, titled "Coup D'Eclat," Siadys, Tuckman and Kornett capture images reflective of their varied personal histories and life experiences. The similarities and differences among the three women are both striking and cohesive.

Diane Tuckman has traveled widely. Her images depict everything from the peaceful atmosphere of an Eastern Temple to the arid stone dwellings of the American Southwest. She catches gentle moments involving pets, children and lily pads floating in an aquatic garden. Her eye for light and composition shows in each of her works. Known primarily as a fiber artist specializing in silk painting, she presents many subjects in the photographs included in this show.

Linda Siadys is a photographer already recognized for her strength as a nature photographer. She is equally adept at catching the magic of an early morning fog over a marsh, the high contrast of a seed pod hanging from a tree branch or the powerful steps of a Clydesdale horse trotting beside its handler. Powerful among her images are those she caught ringside at boxing matches. Admitting that she could happily devote herself to both the drama of the fights themselves and the people who compete in them, she presents the viewer with a sympathetic but realistic representation of a world many have never experienced.

Judith Kornett is an artist who for most of her adult life has thought of herself not as a photographer but as a printmaker. After leaving printmaking because of concerns about health hazards she began using colored pencil and graphite to express creativity. Photography became a source for subject and background information in her work. In the last several years she has come to view her photographs as artistic expressions in themselves.

Her images reflect her experiences as a traveler to Europe and much of the United States. Unlike Tuckman and Siadys, she does not print her images literally as taken but injects her own artistic sense through manipulation and correction.

### Community Meetings On Cafritz Property

Community workshops are planned for the coming weeks to discuss the development of the Cafritz property in Riverdale Park. The first two meetings will be held on June 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on June 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Riverdale Elementary School. These meetings are designed to give community members an opportunity to share ideas about the potential development. Jamie Lipton Cafritz, property director, and Matt Bell, principal architect will present the plans and answer questions.

For more information call Jeremy Silkowitz, 202-783-5500.

### Hoyer Bull Roast Held on June 8

Friends and supporters of Majority Leader Steny H. Hoyer (MD-5) will gather for his 27th Annual Bull Roast fundraiser on Friday, June 8 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Newton White Mansion in Mitchellville. The event draws more than 700 guests each year.

Hoyer was elected by his colleagues in January to serve as Majority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives, becoming the first Marylander in history to hold such a prestigious

leadership position in the House. On June 4 Congressman Hoyer will become the longest-serving Member of the House of Representatives in Maryland history.

There is a fee with a price reduction for seniors and students. The bull roast includes an all-you-can-eat country barbeque and ice cream sundaes.

Tickets can be purchased online at <http://www.hoyerforcongress.com> or call 301-856-0240 for further ticket information.

### Smart Energy Summer Ideas

Try this tip to save money and help the planet keep its cool: defrost your freezer. The frost and ice that builds up in your freezer over time does more than make it hard to get to your ice cream – it also causes your freezer to work harder to maintain a cold temperature. By routinely defrosting the freezer, you can keep your ice cream cold and the planet cool.

– Sierra Club

### Museum Holds Kite-Making Workshop

The College Park Aviation Museum will host a Kite-making Workshop on Saturday, June 2 from noon to 4 p.m. Experts from "Wings Over Washington" will provide instruction to build the perfect kite. Ideal for ages 6 and up. There will be regular museum admission plus a fee for each kite made.



# City Information

## GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL

May 29, 2007

### Regular Meeting & Public Hearings- 8:00 p.m.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

##### Presentations

- Memorial Day Poppy Presentation - Unit 136, American Legion Auxiliary
- Lions Club – Contribution to Recreation Department
- Centennial of Rachel Carson's Birth – Proclamation
- Being Present in the Moment - Greenbelt Om

##### Public Hearings

- Proposed FY 2008 Budget
- Constant Yield Tax Rate
- Forest Preserve – Revision to Forest Preserve Article and Approval of Maintenance and Management Guidelines

**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

#### 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 the Forest Preserve Article (2nd Reading, Adoption)

A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of Services for Roof Repairs at the Youth Center with ProCoat Applications of Davidsonville, Maryland, at a Cost of \$15,630 (1st Reading)

#### OTHER BUSINESS

- Forest Preserve Maintenance and Management Guidelines
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding Proposal
- \*Hilton Garden Inn – Woodland Conservation Easement
- \*Adoption of Board of Appeals Variance Resolution #06-003-V
- \* Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by \* will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.]

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

## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Monday, May 28th, in observance of Memorial Day.

The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating.

### REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of May 28th

Monday Route – Collected Tuesday

Tuesday Route – Collected Wednesday

Wednesday Route – Collected Thursday

Thursday Route – Collected Friday

There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, June 1st.

## Meetings for May 29-June 1

**Tuesday, May 29, 8:00pm, Regular City Council Meeting/Public Hearings, at Municipal Building (live on Channel 71).**

**Wednesday, May 30, 7:30pm, City Council Work Session w/PGC Economic Development Corp. (stakeholder) at Community Center.**

**Wednesday, May 30, 7:30pm, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee at Greenbelt Community Center, Room 111 (senior lounge). Info 301-397-2208**

*This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call the number listed above, or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or [kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov).*

## YOUTH SPRINT BIATHLON

Saturday, June 2 at 9:00am

Race day registration begins at 8am

Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center

Ages 8-15 years old

Race will begin with a 50 meter swim at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center outdoor pool. After swim, participants will run one time around Greenbelt Lake (3K). All participants will receive a medal. Awards will be given to top finishers in each age group

\$10 pre-registration; \$20 day of event

Info: 301-397-2200

A GREENBELT DAY WEEKEND EVENT

## DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

Saturday, June 2nd from 6-9pm

Greenbelt Community Center

**Tickets are now on sale! Enjoy this special evening with your daughter. Includes: Dinner, Dancing, Contests, Door Prizes, 5x7 photo. Dress formal. Grades K-6th. Call 301-397-2200 for more info or visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)**  
Sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department

## VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.

Vacancies exist on the:

Arts Advisory Board

Senior Citizens Advisory Board

Youth Advisory Committee

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

## GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER

101 Centerway

Summer memberships now on sale!

Visit the GAFC or call 301-397-2204

Summer Session I- Adult Classes Only

Session Dates: June 11 – July 6

Passholders and Residents register: May 28 and 29

Open Registration: May 30 until classes are filled

Class listings are posted in the Summer Recreation

Brochure posted at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)

## 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



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Gaithersburg has not done so in decades.

She and others have been circulating petitions urging council not to raise taxes. She submitted some of these at the meeting. She urged council to put the issue of raising taxes on the ballot. Greenbelt doesn't need Cadillac quality for every service, she felt.

Mayor Judith Davis responded that she has had citizens call her irate about Falcão's charges that Greenbelters do not get value for their services. "If we give Greenbelters Berwyn Heights services," she said, "we would have an uproar."

### Cuts Proposed

Nevertheless, Davis reviewed each suggestion made at the public hearing. In response to a proposed hiring freeze and using volunteers instead, McLaughlin noted the city's already extensive use of volunteers. To the suggestion that part-time workers be hired in place of full-time classified, McLaughlin noted that last year the city employed 280 part-time persons as compared to 170 full-time.

Councilmember Ed Putens was totally against the ideas for budget cuts. Councilmember Leta Mach thought the city could look at an employee's job at the time of retirement. Councilmember Konrad Herling felt that most city departments were already understaffed.

Roberts took exception. He said the city needs to start "holding the line." New people should be hired only if there is more revenue to support them. He is not for a hiring freeze because he feels there are some necessary job additions such as adding more police because of anticipated new development.

However, he too is faced with his expenses going up faster than he can raise fees for his services as an independent contractor, Roberts said. He understands where a lot of people are coming from. "It bothers me that taxes are going up so much faster than [residents'] income," he said.

To the proposal not to give gifts to volunteers for their services, Mach commented that the expense was minuscule compared to the value of services the city receives. Falcão, who is an advisory board member, said she would feel more comfortable if she could bring a dish to a recognition dinner rather than having the city provide it. It would also give her a chance to bring specialty food to satisfy dietary needs.

To reduce employee benefits and pensions, McLaughlin noted that these costs are reviewed regularly to assure maximum cost benefit and that this year the city's health insurance costs would not be going up.

Since fire service is provided by the county and the Greenbelt volunteer department is under that jurisdiction, the city is not obligated to contribute to the department's fire equipment fund and it was proposed not to do so. Davis noted, however, that in return, the department does not charge ambulance fees to city residents.

To the suggestion that the county should provide more of the services done by the city, Putens said the county needed to get its act together first. Davis noted that city residents get a tax differential that results in a

lower county tax rate within the city. Falcão, however, said that the differential was nowhere near what it should be.

### Cut Connection?

Falcão noted that there were five ways of getting transportation service in Greenbelt and suggested cutting out the city service, the Greenbelt Connection. She questioned why the city should buy a van with 10 seats and employ one and a half persons when a disabled person can get a ride in something smaller, such as a taxi. Davis responded that the county actually buys the city van. John Henry Jones of the audience also commented that a van is useful for those who have difficulty getting in and out of automobiles.

To the proposal that the city rely on county police service as is the case in other municipalities, Putens responded that the county has big problems and that he didn't want them here. Mach noted that Eleanor Roosevelt High School chose to keep utilizing the Greenbelt School Resource Officers when it could avail itself of county police.

There was no council comment on the proposal to cut back on decorative planting and snow plowing other than Putens' notation that the city grows its own plants in its greenhouse. Earlier, however, in commenting on a Falcão statement that Montgomery County offered better services, Leonie Penney said that when it snowed, she could still drive around in Greenbelt, while that was not the case in Montgomery County.

In response to the proposal to redistribute the duties of a departing employee among other employees, Davis commented that city employees already do wear "multiple hats."

To the suggestion to increase taxes on multiple family dwellings, McLaughlin said he was not aware that the city would have the authority to impose such a two-tier tax, but that it could be looked into. He did note that apartments also pay a licensing and inspection fee.

Lastly, Falcão told council that it ought to implement budget cuts the way the federal government does: order a reduction of X percent across the board. Davis responded that council doesn't do it that way, noting how it spends numerous meetings going through the budget in detail. Roberts, however, felt that council needed to give its staff general directions on the budget.

"We can't expect our citizens to propose the cuts. We have a professional staff to do that," he said. "I think that staff has been getting the message for many years that it's okay to raise the budget," he added.

Falcão thanked council for going over her list even though she did not agree with the decisions made.

### Pay Raise

Germaine Timmermans spoke briefly in support of her previously made proposal to raise the salaries of the mayor and council, noting the many long hours worked and the low pay that had not been changed for 18 years. Although she did not stay to hear the council discussion, she would have been pleased if she had.

Council decided to amend the budget to provide an additional \$15,200 to double council salaries. Currently the mayor's

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| PROPOSED FY 2008 REVENUES                | 23,516,500 |
| Total Revenues                           | 23,516,500 |
| PROPOSED FY 2008 EXPENDITURES            | 23,516,500 |
| Hire Capital Projects Manager in January | -35,000    |
| Hire GAIL Case Manager in January        | 28,000     |
| Eliminate 1 Police Cadet                 | -34,000    |
| Eliminate 1 Police Car                   | -23,600    |
| Contribution Group Increase              | 9,700      |
| Increase Meals on Wheels Contribution    | 400        |
| Council Pay Increase                     | 15,200     |
| Reserve Appropriation                    | 39,300     |
| Total Expenditures                       | 23,516,500 |
| DIFFERENCE (Revenues – Expenditures)     | 0          |

salary is \$6,000 and each councilmember's is \$5,000. The change would require the adoption by council of a charter amendment (which can be petitioned to referendum) and the increases would not become effective until after the November city election when the new council enters office.

Davis noted that councilmembers had to pay their own expenses when they went to local area meetings and were frequently asked to make contributions to worthy causes because of their positions. Putens said he calculated that the proposed increase would raise his pay from 17 cents an hour to 34 cents. Herling noted that the proposed increase would not be as much as the rise in the cost of living during the past 18 years.

Roberts, however, felt the matter should be put before the citizens for a vote. "I don't want to vote to give myself a pay increase," he said. The others objected that he would not be doing so as the increase would only apply to the next elected council, not to the current one.

Roberts noted the infrequency of defeat of incumbent councilmembers, with Richard Pilski having been the last [in 1985]. Falcão supported putting the question on the ballot with a cost-of-living increase provided.

### Other Changes

In one of its few unanimous actions, council agreed to raise the budget by \$28,000 to fund for half a year a case manager for Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL). The new employee could be hired in January. Several citizens spoke in favor of adding the position for a full year: Leonie Penney, Dr. Leo Walder, Elaine and John Henry Jones and Sylvia Lewis, president of Greenbelt Homes, Inc.

GAIL supporters apparently felt that half a loaf was better than none, however, and expressed their satisfaction with the proposed addition.

To provide for the council pay increase, the case manager and other budget increases, Davis proposed a short list of budget cuts. She suggested that the capital projects manager, a new position proposed to be added for a full year, be changed to a half-year addition, a \$35,000 budget cut.

Roberts felt the position should be cut completely, saying that the city has done pretty well without the person. McLaughlin disagreed. He noted that it takes too long for the city to get its projects accomplished and that the capital improvements to be undertaken in conjunction with the development

of Greenbelt Station would add significantly to the work load.

McLaughlin continued that the city could get \$400,000 in fees this year for that project, which would be placed in the Capital Projects Fund.

When Putens suggested contracting for the work, McLaughlin said it could be done, but that there is enough work to justify a full-time city employee and that the contractual cost would be much greater. Falcão suggested hiring temporary employees, but Davis objected because such employees were not treated as well as others, which is a problem for her.

### Police Cuts

In the Police Department, Davis proposed not employing one of the two proposed police cadets, for a savings of \$34,000, and not replacing one of the cars proposed for replacement. Chief James Craze had sought the two positions to have qualified and trained employees waiting in the wings to replace long-term officers as they take expected retirement.

Captain Thomas Kemp reminded council that the information they had on car mileage was current and that it would still be many months before the new cars actually arrived. In the meantime, the department could lose some of its vehicles in accidents. However, the mayor's proposals were eventually approved.

Lewis asked council why it agreed to let police officers take cars home to farther away points. Davis said the policy was part of a three-year contract and could not be renegotiated.

At the worksession in which council met with groups seeking city financial support, requests were received for \$9,700 over the amount budgeted. Council unanimously agreed to add these extra funds. Another \$400 was also added without dissent as a contribution to Meals on Wheels.

These changes left an excess of cuts of \$39,300, far too little to implement a tax cut. (A one cent tax levy is estimated to yield \$175,700). Davis proposed adding these funds to the city's undesignated reserves. She thought council might consider using it to provide for tax aid to those in need on fixed incomes. This was approved.

### Not Approved

A few other changes were suggested but not approved. Herling had proposed employing a marketing director at a cost of \$52,500 to \$55,000 a year. If not for a full year, he would settle for a half year, he said. To raise this

## ACE AWARDS

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Jeff Morissette announced the awardees. He asked each student to come to the front of the room, read a short paragraph on their accomplishments, then introduced their families. Each student was greeted by a receiving line made up of the city councilmembers and the invited government participants.

Additional awards and proclamations were announced for some students as they were greeted. Johnson presented Brianna McClendon with an award from the offices of the county executive and superintendent of schools. Likewise, Ian Hayes received an official citation from the Maryland General Assembly presented by Pinsky and Madison presented a proclamation from the Prince George's County Council to Dixianne Canales.

The highlight of the ceremony was the speeches given by the three high school students. Each spoke about how they appreciated having the opportunity to receive an education that challenged and encouraged them; one they considered superior in many ways. Leslie Primack, Jihad Ashkar and Michelle Firmin are all involved in the Greenbelt community and each achieved an academic GPA over 4.0. Along with her other numerous accomplishments, Primack scored 1,560 out of the possible 1,600 on her SAT, placing her in the top one third of one percent of all test takers.

This portion of the city council meeting ended with everyone gathering for a group photograph and the positive feelings created by honoring such young high achievers remained throughout the rest of the meeting.

amount, he suggested reducing the number of tennis courts to be resurfaced from four to two. Herling argued that such a person could bring added revenues to Greenbelt that would more than offset the salary expense.

Putens said he was becoming more interested in this proposed position but would like to see a more detailed proposal first. McLaughlin told council that the per tennis court cost for resurfacing two courts at a time would be greater than for doing four at a time because a contractor would have set-up expenses for each time work was done.

Davis initially proposed adding \$1,200 to provide the Shred-It paper shredder four times a year for citizens to use. McLaughlin said that the cost, now being mostly born by the Greenbelt Credit Union, was \$300 an hour, not a time, and that each use would be \$1,200. The mayor then withdrew her proposal, believing the cost was too much for the city to spend.

Roberts proposed eliminating the park ranger program. The part-time rangers are paid \$8 an hour. They are budgeted to work a combined total of 1,600 hours. Roberts felt they lacked visibility. He failed to get support from the others.

**Celebrate  
Greenbelt Day!**  
See activities list in  
City ad on page 16.



## Greenbelt Students In Festival Parade

by Pat Hand

Twenty-seven students from Greenbelt Elementary School's 5th and 6th grade chorus, under the direction of Music Teacher Dara Case, were invited to march in the National Cherry Blossom Parade as members of the Youth Choir. The students in the choir are from metropolitan-area schools and range in age from 7 to 18. The combined choir practiced together only once, on the day before the parade, to learn the choreography they performed. The students, wearing rainbow-colored sweatshirts, danced and sang a medley of "Over The Rainbow," "I Believe I Can Fly" and "If You're Happy and You Know It."

Several of the students were able to meet with the Grand Marshals Mickey and Minnie and Ace Young from American Idol. All posed for pictures with the students.



Members of the Youth Choir pose on the Mall with the Capitol Building in the background.



The Choir takes their position in the National Cherry Blossom Parade.



The day was filled with sightseeing opportunities. We would love to give these very happy choral singers credit, but we do not know their names. Do you recognize any of these Greenbelters?



PHOTO BY CINDY MURRAY

Residents were able to watch as their personal papers were shredded in the Shred-It truck last Saturday. Over 7,000 lbs. of papers were shredded during the event which was sponsored by the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union and the City of Greenbelt.

## Community Events

### City Notes

Recreation staff assisted physicists and film makers filming skaters at the Greenbelt Skate Park.

CARES received two awards from the Prince George's County Department of Social Services at their first Provider Appreciation Breakfast. The first award was for Outstanding Service and the second was for Outstanding Program Reporting and Statistics.

### Applications Sought for Cassels Award

The Greenbelt Consumer Co-operative is looking for the next winner of the Jim Cassels Community Service Award. This award takes the form of a \$1,000 grant that will be given to a local group, cooperative or organization for projects or activities that contribute to the community at large or a Greenbelt-based organization in particular. The grant is awarded on the basis of an application and subsequent consideration by a panel comprised of members of the Co-op. Last year this award was given to the Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group.

Greenbelt Consumer Co-operative announced the creation of this award in recognition of Jim Cassels' many years of service to the Greenbelt community. Whether helping local groups, mentoring new cooperatives, guiding the formation and realization of senior housing or getting up at the crack of dawn to deliver newspapers in Green Ridge House, he has been tireless in making Greenbelt a better place to live.

Applications are available in the Greenbelt Co-op office for a group interested in applying for this award for 2007 or anyone wishing to nominate a group for this recognition. Applications must be returned to the Co-op office by June 15, 2007. Supporting statements or recommendations should be included and will be considered.

For more information call Tom Moran at 301-345-1429.

### New Deal Café Hosts Blues Festival June 8

by Richard McMullin, Music Director

The evening of June 8 will usher in another weekend of blue notes and sorrowful stories ringing through the New Deal Café. "Automatic Slim," an acoustic duo and veterans of and legends in the Baltimore Blues scene, will start the engine running on Greenbelt's fourth annual Blues Festival. The festival runs from Friday evening until almost midnight on Saturday and will feature eight of the area's most interesting blues acts.

Saturday afternoon, June 9 at 1 p.m., rootsy authentic solo guitarist Curtis Blue will dig out old stories of love's troubles and life's hard times and spread them like a tattered cloth on Roosevelt Center. At 2 p.m., the Road House Crew, a four-piece rockin' blues group will set a faster pace. At 3 p.m., the tone turns traditional with wailing, growling and crying guitar and soulful vocals of the "Paulverizers." Greenbelt's own front man and harp-bender Waverly Milor comes on stage

with his award-winning urban blues/rock group, "The Acme Blues Company," at 4 p.m. A favorite from the last three Blues Festivals, Clarence "bluesman" Turner brings back his five-piece band playing traditional southern and DC blues. They will get rolling at around 5:15 p.m. "Blues on Board" will finish off the day with high energy rockin' blues to raise the gathered audience to their feet as the sun starts to drop to the treeline and the sky turns a deeper blue.

The event concludes with D.C.'s down home acoustic blues group the legendary "Shackbreakers" (members of the Archie Edwards barbershop) performing late into the night on the Café's west stage. The songs will be drawn from the first half of the 20th century and remind listeners where the blues really come from.

After all the struggles and troubles of the past year, the café could use a little more of these good old blues.

## We are looking for a few good people.

Are you someone who likes to talk with people and can take down accurate information at the same time?

**The News Review needs an ad desk person on Monday and Tuesday afternoons and Tuesday evenings.**

Our ad desk staff help businesses and individuals prepare ads for publication in the weekly newspaper. This might include design ideas for the layout, calculating the size and cost of the ads, collecting payments and then detailing the information for use by other volunteers. This is a volunteer position working with a great group of people and doing a valued job in your community.

Call Mary Lou at 301-441-2662 or Eileen at 301-513-0482.



# Greenway Center Concerns Review with Management

by Brian St. George

On Monday, May 21 city council held a stakeholders meeting with the representatives of Combined Properties, the managers of Greenway Center.

It was a generally congenial meeting. Jennifer Nettles, vice president of Asset Management for Combined Properties, said "Some sales decreased – but it's typical for summer – and some increased." If she was unhappy with sales or shoppers, that prospective did not come out at the meeting. One must assume that Greenbelters and other patrons of Greenway Center are partaking of the bounty provided by Safeway and Advance Auto Parts and the many other shops and restaurants. City Manager Michael McLaughlin said that the first Starbucks in Prince George's County is in Greenway Center.

Mayor Judith Davis asked about crime, focusing on this issue frequently during the meeting.

The representatives of Combined Properties said they were happy with "David" (Lt. David Buerger) of the Greenbelt Police Department. Nettles did mention that "unfortunately a gentleman was shot" to which her colleague acknowledged there was a murder. Davis noted that it was a drive-by-shooting.

Next Davis wanted to know about shoplifting, recalling a problem at an earlier time, and was informed that it wasn't a significant issue today.

The discussion then led to what seemed to be on everyone's mind and that was the speed bumps and repaving of the 30-year-old facility's parking lot, a major project scheduled for this year. Councilmember Rodney Roberts wanted to know about curb cuts for handicapped access and Nettles confirmed they had put them in.

Davis then moved on to a discussion of the bench in front of Safeway so seniors would have a place to sit while waiting for the Greenbelt bus or another ride. A bench, removed during renovation, has not been replaced. The representatives were quick to point out that they had no authority over major vendors like Safeway but they would mention it to Safeway. They offered to put a bench several yards down from Safeway but this did not seem to be what council wanted.

## Transportation

Discussion turned to public transportation into and out of the Center, with Davis reminding the representatives of Combined Properties that the previous property manager had promised to work together to improve pedestrian access to the Center. The city would put up a new bus shelter and Combined Properties would put in a stairway or ramp down the steep hill from the bus stop on Greenbelt Road. Nettles, who is fairly new, seemed to be okay with that arrangement and said it could probably be tied in with the current parking lot renovation.

When Councilmember Konrad Herling suggested that Combined Properties might defray a portion of the cost of the Greenbelt Connection, the public service bus provided by the city to bring shoppers to the Center, there was a major pause. Nettles said, "We need to learn more about that." Herling wanted to add more times for the Greenbelt Connection to

go to Greenway but the rest of council seemed to think there were ample trips scheduled. Davis suggested a Greenway Center 'jitney,' which Nettles refrained from commenting on.

## Capital Improvements

Finally, Councilmember Edward Putens brought up the obvious: Greenway Center is more like an Asphalt Center. There are a few shrubs meagerly placed throughout the facility and several of the plant containers are empty. Nettles explained to Putens that they have a five-year capital budget of \$100,000 and that a large part of that was going toward repaving the parking lot and some roofing repairs this year.

## Landscaping

Putens reminded Nettles that since part of the original agreement was that the property management is responsible for maintaining the landscaping, waiting until next year is not good enough. Nettles mentioned that they are changing landscapers and have a meeting scheduled with their new landscaper May 22. She did not have a copy of the landscape plans agreed to by both parties as part of the planning process when Greenway was built. The city expects to provide a copy to Greenway.

Councilmember Leta Mach suggested that a kiosk directing shoppers over to Roosevelt Center to take in the historical ambiance might benefit Greenbelt.

Davis asked about "snipe signs" advertising cheap mortgages and other services and why they were not being taken down, Nettles said they would look into it.

When asked if they have a janitor service, Heather Howard, the property manager, said they have one that comes by in the evening. This didn't seem to impress Putens, who commented on the considerable amounts of trash collecting in the corners of the parking lot. On one trip to the Center one of the plant containers was smoldering from some combustible ash.

Davis then asked about security cameras and Nettles said they do not typically put them in their centers and they were very happy with the Greenbelt police, who seem to have a significant presence in Greenway Center. She said the police had not suggested a need for cameras but she would talk with them.

Putens seemed warm to the idea of installing video cameras.

That led to a discussion of the frequent occurrence of accidents at the primary entrance to the Center on Greenbelt Road. Apparently accidents of some type occur there daily. Nettles suggested they would do a traffic study and share it with council.

Herling suggested the parking lot is a dangerous place to walk but the rest of council seemed to think that was the nature of parking lots.

Putens again reminded the representatives about their responsibility to landscape the facility, to which Nettles nodded her head in agreement, saying that they will meet with their new contractor. Davis suggested Nettles contact Bill Phelan, Greenbelt's assistant director of Public Works, if they needed ideas about the types of plants likely to be successful in the Center. Nettles, busily taking notes, again nodded her head.

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would then be \$82,600.

For FY08, three organizations are requesting additional funds. The Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club has requested \$5,000 more; the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC), \$4,500 more; and the Friends of the New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA), \$200 more. If council were to accede to these additional requests, the total for contributions would amount to \$92,300.

Not included in this total is city matching funds that would be included in the Capital Project Fund account that would support the proposed observatory planned for construction adjacent to the Northway (Wolfe) Fields in cooperation with the Greenbelt Astronomical Society, a recognition group.

Although the funds provided to the contribution groups is small compared to the total city budget, council has traditionally used the budget worksession process as an opportunity to assess the needs, structure and fiscal viability of the requesting organizations to assure that the requested funds are used appropriately.

## Ten Groups

For this worksession, the 10 organizations were scheduled individually for 15 minute sessions with council to go over their specific requests. For contribution groups, council's focus is generally on the percentage of Greenbelt residents served by the organization, the use of and level of organizational fund raising done on their own and the proposed uses for the requested funds. Much of the information is contained in reports prepared in advance by the organizations and submitted to the Recreation Department for review.

In addition, the contribution groups' requests are evaluated separately either by the city Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) or the Arts Advisory Board (AAB) as part of the review process. The recommendations of these advisory boards on the specific requests are then forwarded to council for their review.

For this year's cycle, a total of 27 groups submitted applications for city review this year. Ten were for Contribution Group status, including the Friends of the New Deal Café Arts, the Aquatic Boosters, Greenbelt Arts Center, Babe Ruth Baseball, Greenbelt Baseball (Cal Ripkin League), Boys and Girls Club, Concert Band, Golden Age Club, Senior Softball and the Youth Double Dutch League. These groups were scheduled for the council worksession.

Seventeen groups submitted applications for what is called (city) recognition status. Such groups do not need city funding but, if recognized, are able to use city meeting room facilities for their organizational meetings without paying a fee. Of the 27 groups, PRAB evaluated 21 and AAB evaluated six.

Nine recognition groups failed to submit their re-applications for this year's cycle and three new groups applied for recognition status for the first time: Friends of the Roosevelt Center (FORC), Greenbelt Climate Action Network (GCAN) and the Old Greenbelt Neighborhood Watch.

With a few minor reservations, all applications reviewed by PRAB were accepted as submitted. Likewise, the AAB, using a

rating system based on a 1 (poor) to 5 (excellent) scale, rated the three contribution groups it evaluated in the good to very good range. AAB also accepted the three applications for recognition status that they reviewed.

## Council Concerns

Council used their interview time with the 10 contribution groups to address some identified concerns or to suggest improvements in the various groups' activities or organization. Barbara Simon, representing FONDCA, was asked if there would be any effect on FONDCA if the New Deal Café were to close.

Simon assured council that the FONDCA scope extends beyond the New Deal to the promotion of arts activities for the Roosevelt Center as a whole. She noted FONDCA's support of the International Cultural Festival that premiered last year, as well as support of the Green Man Festival and other Roosevelt Center events aimed at increasing public activity in the Center.

She also responded to council that the \$200 increase being requested this year is primarily to provide better fees to the performing artists engaged for FONDCA-sponsored events. Councilmembers suggested improved levels of publicity for sponsored events.

David Taylor Nielsen and Khan Tham, representing the Greenbelt Aquatic Boosters, expressed appreciation for the financial support the swim team receives from the city and noted that the group is beginning planning for its 50th anniversary next year.

Andrew (Sandy) Irving, representing GAC, advised council of the ongoing issues associated with the lease and the building problems being experienced with their space. Irving noted that it appears that the lease situation is clearer now that the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative is the master lease holder.

However, lease discussions are just beginning and there will be issues regarding the lease payment (a likely increase) and the continuing moisture problems within the space that need to be corrected. GAC is requesting an increase in the support it receives from the city this year and Irving noted that the increase is needed to cover costs for maintaining the same level of productions for the coming year. Separately, GAC

is raising funds for lighting improvements and improvements to the sound system.

Councilmembers raised concern about the growing level of support and that requested funds were increasingly for supporting operations. GAC and council agreed that they should try to do a better job of finding supporting grants for their productions. Following up on the Aquatic Boosters anniversary discussion, Councilmember Konrad Herling searched his memory bank and advised council that GAC was organized in December 1979 and is approaching 30 years of service to the community and especially to Roosevelt Center.

Members of council were glad to see representatives of the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club in attendance and expressed appreciation for the group's effort to work with the Recreation Department and PRAB to improve its organizational structure. The representatives were glad that the issues were being worked on.

The Boys and Girls Club is requesting an additional \$5,000 this year, making their request a total of \$20,000. Council expressed some concern with the request and wondered what the additional funds would be used for, especially considering the feeling that the group has been experiencing a decreasing participation rate for their sports programs.

The representatives noted they were looking to add some additional sports, including wrestling, tennis and possibly filling a baseball gap at the age 12-14 level.

For all of the sports-related groups, Mayor Judith Davis read a question prepared in advance by Mach, who was not able to attend the meeting. The question related to the efforts being taken by the respective sports organizations to address the lack of civility and lapses in good sportsman-like behavior among the athletes, coaches, parents and spectators.

All representatives of the athletic organizations responded pretty much the same, i.e., that their organizations generally have a low- to zero-level tolerance for poor sportsmanship behavior. Several noted that good sportsmanship was part of the culture for their organizations. Breaches of behavior would be dealt with quickly by the coaches or the league managers, they said, and could result in expulsion from the game or, if serious enough, from the team.





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## Police Blotter

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

### Robberies

May 10, 11:30 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive. A food delivery person was walking back to his vehicle when he was approached by a man who displayed a handgun and announced a robbery. After obtaining money and the victim's cell phone, the suspect fled the scene on foot in an unknown direction. The suspect is described as a black male, 20 to 25 years of age, 5'11" with a medium build and black hair.

May 13, 8:35 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. Attempted strong-arm robbery. A man walking in the rear parking lot of Beltway Plaza was approached by another man who demanded money from the victim. The victim refused and the suspect then punched him in the mouth. The victim was able to flee the area and contact police. The victim suffered a minor cut to his lip. The suspect is described as a black male, 18 to 21 years of age, 6'2", 200 pounds, wearing a white T-shirt.

May 15, 4:11 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. Strong-arm robbery arrest. A 14-year-old Greenbelt youth was arrested for strong-arm robbery and assault after she allegedly punched another youth during a verbal altercation and took her cell phone. The youth was located and released to her parents pending action by the juvenile justice system.

### Theft

May 12, 5:16 p.m., 6000 block Cherrywood Court. Theft. A witness observed a subject remove copper pipe from the laundry room of an apartment building, then flee the scene by vehicle. The suspect is described as a black male, 20 to 25 years of age, 5'11" with a thin build, black hair and a medium complexion, wearing an oversized white T-shirt and baggy blue jean shorts. The suspect vehicle is described as a charcoal colored late model Chrysler 300.

### Vandalism

May 14 and 16, apartment windows were broken with rocks in the 100 block Springhill Drive, and two locations in the 6100 block of Breezewood Court.

### Burglaries

May 13, 6100 block Springhill Terrace. Burglary. A video game

player, a laptop computer, DVDs and money were taken.

May 14, 6:35 p.m. 6900 block Hanover Parkway. A nonresident man was arrested and charged with first degree burglary, fourth degree burglary, malicious destruction, attempted theft of auto and theft. Officers responded to a report of a burglary in progress. The victim advised that the suspect, a relative of hers, was inside the victim's residence and wanted to use the victim's car. The victim refused, at which time the suspect took the victim's purse containing the car keys and fled the residence. The suspect attempted to steal the victim's vehicle but could not due to there being an anti-theft device on the steering wheel. The suspect went back to the victim's residence and attempted to force open the front door. When he was unable to open the front door, he used a brick to break out the rear glass patio door and re-entered the residence in an attempt to get a key to unlock the anti-theft device. The suspect was arrested on the scene and was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

### Stolen Vehicles

May 11, 7400 block Greenway Center Drive. A grey 2000 Nissan Maxima 4-door, Maryland tags MAH096.

May 12, 7700 block Hanover Parkway. A 1996 Dodge Caravan, later recovered in Baltimore. No arrests.

May 14, 6100 block Springhill Terrace. A purple 1998 Dodge Neon 2-door, Maryland tags 7BLP39.

May 14, 9100 block Edmonston Court. A red 1994 Lincoln Mark VIII 2-door, Maryland tags 8CJE12.

7700 block Hanover Parkway. A red 1996 Dodge Caravan, Maryland tags 750M439.

Vandalism to, thefts from and attempted theft from vehicles were reported in the following locations:

7800 block Good Luck Road, 8300 block Canning Terrace, 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, 7600 block Mandan Road, 9300 block Edmonston Road, 9100 block Springhill Lane.

## Giant to Restrict Cold Remedy Sales

Giant Food has announced its retail pharmacies voluntarily placed an age restriction of 18 years or older on the purchase of dextromethorphan products effective May 20. The company is taking this action in response to a trend of abuse of these products by young people.

The FDA has identified products containing dextromethorphan, a synthetically-produced ingredient found in many over-the-counter cough and cold remedies, as being an easy target of abuse by teens. According to research conducted by Partnership for a Drug-Free America, one in 10 teenagers or 2.4 million young people have intentionally abused cough medicine to get high. Abuse of products containing dextromethorphan can cause death and other serious adverse health issues such as brain damage, seizure, loss of consciousness and irregular heart beat.

"While over-the-counter products containing dextromethorphan are perfectly safe when ingested at recommended dosage levels, there's a growing trend among many young people toward abusing these products," said John Fegan, senior vice president of pharmacy operations. "This decision was based on the need to balance the expectations of our customers who use these safe, highly effective medicines legitimately with the need to address a growing abuse crisis involving teens."

## BARC Field Day Next Saturday

Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) will hold its 11th Annual Public Field Day on Saturday, June 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Take a hayride, explore farm machines and equipment, visit small farm animal exhibits and more. This free, fun-filled day for young and old features many interactive scientific exhibits, some focusing on the Chesapeake Bay. Light refreshments and picnic lunches will be available at a nominal fee.

The field day will be held rain or shine. BARC is located at 10300 Baltimore Avenue. For more information visit the website at <http://ars.usda.gov/ba/field-day> or call 301-504-9595.

## Farmers' Market Directory Offered

The Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) has completed the 2007 directory of farmers' markets in the state, which is now available on request by visiting [www.mda.state.md.us](http://www.mda.state.md.us), calling 410-841-5770 or writing MDA at 50 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21401.

MDA says nearly half of the farmers' markets in Maryland are now open, selling early season produce like kale, salad greens, spinach, asparagus, hanging flower baskets and bedding plants, even eggs, meats and cheese.

The directory lists locations and hours for each market - this year there are 77, at least one in every county and in Baltimore city. Sixty-nine of the markets participate in the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program which provides qualified senior citizens and Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program participants with checks they can use at farmers' markets to purchase fresh fruits, vegetables and cut herbs.

## Savvy Environmentalist

# Hang Laundry Out to Dry Instead of Using Dryer

by Joe Gareri and Holly Wheeler

This past winter the primary topic of conversation was skyrocketing electric bills. With the summer cooling season just around the corner, everyone is thinking about how to reduce those energy bills. This may be the perfect time for the humble clothesline to make a comeback. Drying clothes on a line uses no electricity or gas, produces zero emissions, extends the life of clothing by reducing wear and tear and prolongs the life of the dryer. The cost to convert to line drying is minimal but the savings can be substantial.

As the second biggest energy user in one's home, after the refrigerator, switching to line drying instead of using an electric dryer can save between \$85 and \$150 a year on electric bills. Gas dryers have essentially the same efficiency as electric dryers but may be cheaper to operate than electric dryers depending on utility rates. Project Laundry List, a not-for-profit advocacy group, estimates that six to 10 percent of residential energy use goes toward the clothes dryer. With rising energy bills, switching to line drying is a cost-free alternative after purchasing some rope and clothespin.

### When Necessary

If a dryer must be used, the U.S. Department of Energy recommends using the cool-down feature on the dryer to save energy. This uses the residual heat of the dryer to finish drying clothes. Also, use the moisture sensor on the dryer rather than a timer to avoid over-drying, which according to a Department of Energy report may double energy savings. Over-drying is not only wasteful of energy, it is harmful to clothing.

The lint that collects inside the dryer is produced by clothes rubbing together and the fabric breaking down through heat and

friction. For this reason, many clothing manufacturers recommend line drying for delicate materials. High heat also damages fabrics, causes shrinking and significantly reduces the life of garments.

Line drying is not without its critics however. Probably the biggest complaint about line drying compared to a dryer is that towels and jeans become stiff. There are two ways to avoid this. One is by placing clothes in the dryer for a few minutes before hanging them out. The air and heat fluffs the fibers making the clothes feel softer. Another way to make line-dried clothes softer, which does not involve using the dryer, is to add 1/2 cup white vinegar to the rinse cycle. According to the Vinegar Institute, "The acid in vinegar is too mild to harm fabrics but strong enough to dissolve the alkalis in soaps and detergents."

### Winter Drying

In the mid-Atlantic climate, it is possible to hang out laundry year-round. As long as there is some sun and a breeze, the clothes will dry just fine even if the temperatures are below freezing.

Nevertheless, hanging clothes outdoors in the winter can be tough on the fingers. An alternative is to use a wooden drying rack and hang clothes indoors. One gets the same savings while continuing to dry clothes without polluting the environment. Drying laundry indoors also adds much-needed moisture to the home in the winter. Of course, the racks can be moved outdoors on nice days.

For more tips and suggestions about hanging out laundry, visit Project Laundry List at [www.laundrylist.org](http://www.laundrylist.org). As always, the group is eager to hear suggestions. They may be reached at [savvyenvironmentalist@gmail.com](mailto:savvyenvironmentalist@gmail.com).

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.

## Md. Science Center Has Summer Hours

The Maryland Science Center will increase its hours of operation for the summer beginning Friday, May 25. It will be open Sunday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. There is a fee.

Extended hours will give visitors additional time to explore the Maryland Science Center's many hands-on exhibits and activities, including the new national touring exhibition

"Animal Grossology," which will be on display from May 26 through September 3 and the new IMAX film "Dinosaurs Alive! 3D," which screens daily through Labor Day.

The Maryland Science Center is located at 601 Light Street at Baltimore's Inner Harbor. For information and tickets, visit [www.maryland-sciencecenter.org](http://www.maryland-sciencecenter.org) or call the 24-hour information line at 410-685-5225, TDD: 410-962-0223.

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Nitz, Robin Everly and Marjorie Gray. All five were elected by acclamation to one-year terms.

### Bylaw Change

The board recently became aware that voting hours had been reduced for the last several years because of low voter turnout. The shorter hours were in conflict with the bylaws, which required polls to be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. A change was proposed to the bylaws to have the polls open the day after the meeting from 7 to 10 a.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. and the change was approved by a two thirds vote by a show of cards.

### Member Petition

The membership was asked to consider and act on a petition, duly signed by 10 members and received by the board secretary in accordance with the bylaw provisions, that a former member be reinstated to membership in the co-op following termination for financial default. An eviction had followed. The Audit Committee had received a member request to investigate whether GHI had applied its delinquency policy fairly in its handling of this matter. The committee distributed a report to the attendees at the annual meeting showing that the policy had been fairly applied. The member petition also had a provision that GHI provide the former member with a unit of similar value. The membership voted to turn down this appeal and to leave the termination intact.

### Greener Greenbelt

President Sylvia Lewis in-

roduced Carl Elefante of the Potomac Valley Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) who gave an update on developments since last year in the Greener Greenbelt Initiative (GGI), a working partnership between GHI and AIA.

The AIA has launched the Blueprint of America program in celebration of its 150th birthday. The Potomac Valley Chapter of AIA selected Greenbelt to work with as part of this program.

The AIA is collaborating with GHI's Green Ribbon Task Force to ensure that GHI and the center city continue to serve as a model for liveable communities by the time Greenbelt reaches its 100th birthday in 2037.

Events are being planned to examine challenges for GHI and the city which will encourage dialogue among residents, business owners, civic leaders and design professionals. A three-day charette, an intense and lively event focused on envisioning the city's future, will be held at Greenbelt Elementary School September 28 to 30.

At the charette, Elefante said his colleagues in architecture, engineering and design will help GHI prepare a long-term strategic plan to enhance the affordability, livability, sustainability and design quality of the city.

On July 17, Elefante and Jim Cohen, a planner and GHI member who chairs the Green Ribbon Task Force, will speak at the Community Center at a lecture sponsored by the Greenbelt Museum. An August 5 Artful Af-

ternoon program for adults and children will also focus on building a Greener Greenbelt. From August 31 to September 3 there will be related activities as part of the Labor Day Festival.

To learn the concerns of GHI members, a survey was distributed to gather ideas about the city's future. Members were asked to return the completed survey to GHI by June 1. GHI's Green Ribbon Task Force will publicly discuss many of the issues raised by the survey at the charette in September.

### Displays

Members were invited to look at various displays which were situated on both sides of the room. These were mostly information about various committees. One of the most popular displays was by the Woodlands Committee, which gave free native plants to members. Many were shade plants.

### Door Prizes

A variety of door prizes were handed out. Neil Williamson won \$250 off a month's co-op fee. Other prizes were smaller amounts off the GHI monthly fee and certificates for use at the Greenbelt Co-op and the New Deal Café.

An announcement was made of the dedication of a memorial bench for former board member Joyce Abell on May 28 at 1 p.m. in the playground at 2 Court Gardenway.

The meeting was recessed until the next day, Friday, when voting continued. Voting also took place after the meeting.

## GHI Candidates on 2007 Election Ballot

### For Board of Directors

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| *Sylvia Lewis   | 198 |
| *Luisa Robles   | 155 |
| *Suzette Agans  | 148 |
| *Edward Hickey  | 140 |
| *Sheila Alpers  | 139 |
| *Errol Mazursky | 131 |
| Ed James        | 114 |
| Chuck Hess      | 111 |
| Kristen Kemp    | 80  |

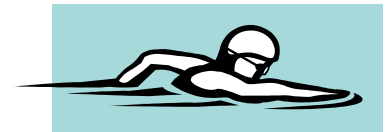
### For Audit Committee

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| *Marat Moore       | 181 |
| *Dianne Wilkerson  | 176 |
| *Michael Iacangelo | 129 |
| James Grant        | 97  |

\* Denotes the winners

229 votes were cast

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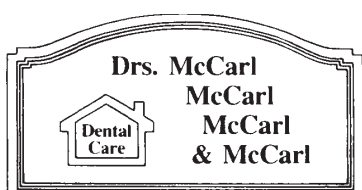
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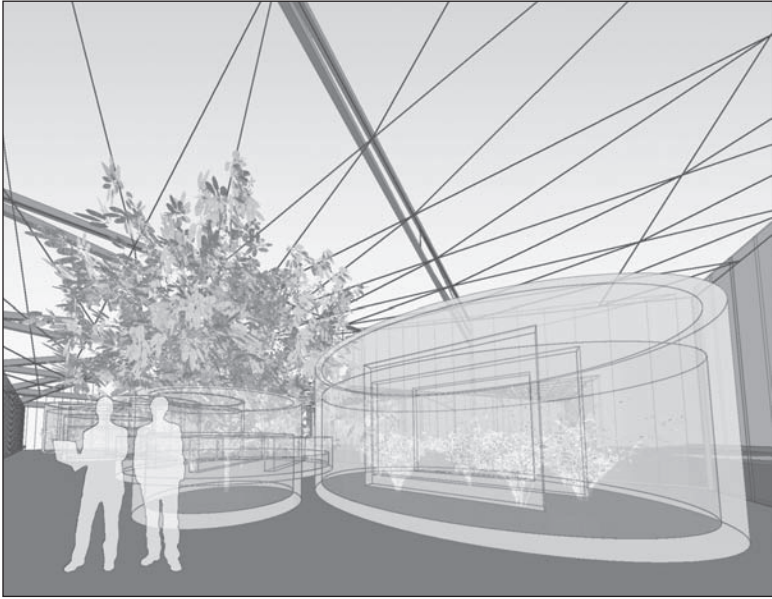
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A design submitted by a contestant in the Greening of Greenbelt sustainable design competition.

## June 3 Artful Afternoon – City's 70th Birthday Party

The next Artful Afternoon will be a celebration of Greenbelt's 70th anniversary on Sunday, June 3 from 1 to 5 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center. Included will be a letterboxing workshop, Emerging Green Builders' talk and exhibition, Greenbelt Day readings and concert, Greenbelt Museum tours, potter's wheel mini class and artists' open studio.

Greenbelt Day celebrates the founding of the town that inspired the best-selling "Greenbelt Is Great" T-shirt. A green community since before green was the fashion, Greenbelt takes pride in looking to the past with gratitude and to the future with hope.

From 1 to 3 p.m. there will be a letterboxing workshop with Arts Intern Alex Butcher. Participants will create original art stamps and books, then follow clues to discover letter boxes and local history around the city. Find all the boxes and enter to win a prize.

At 2 p.m. learn what Greenbelt might look like in 1,000 years with the "Greenbelt 3007" Emerging Green Builder's Talk. Hear from the "Greening of Greenbelt" sustainable design competition winners. The exhibition features visionary architectural designs created by the members of the National Capital Region Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council. This exhibit showcases the work of emerging architects participating in the chapter's 2007 "Greening of Greenbelt" design competition emphasizing the ideals of a livable, affordable and sustainable community over the next 1,000 years.

At 3 p.m. Greenbelt Day

readings will be offered by the Greenbelt Writers' Group and the Greenbelt Concert Band will perform.

One popular feature of the Greenbelt Community Center is the ceramics studios where classes are held for children and adults of all skill levels. Never tried the potter's wheel? Here's a chance! Participate in a free mini class for ages 10 to adult with instructor Gina Denn. Classes will begin every half hour between 3 and 5 p.m. Seating is limited; participants can sign up anytime after 1 p.m. to reserve a slot.

Each month an afternoon of Open Studios gives art fans of all ages the opportunity to talk to the artists-in-residence as they demonstrate their work on the third floor from 1 to 5 p.m. See whimsical sculpture displays scattered throughout the center that were created by community members at previous events.

Tours of the historic 1930s home operated by the Greenbelt Museum at 10-B Crescent Road are held from 1 to 5 p.m.

Artful Afternoons, a free program suitable for all ages and an award-winning program of the city, are held the first Sunday of every month from 1 to 5 p.m. with hands-on art projects, performances, open studios and more. Artful Afternoon programs are sponsored by the City of Greenbelt with support from the Maryland State Arts Council, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, the Prince George's Arts Council and the P.G. Super Circle.

For information visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov/ARTS](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/ARTS) or call Barbara Davis at 240-542-2062.

## UM Libraries Offer Henson Exhibit

An exhibition, "Jim Henson: Performing Artist," will be on display at campus libraries through June 30. Explore the career and innovations of University of Maryland alumnus Jim Henson through a gallery exhibition including behind-the-scenes photography; sketches; handwritten production notes for new puppeteers joining the Henson Company; and six Muppets, including Scred, who appeared during the first season of "Saturday Night Live," Mokey from "Fraggle Rock," Marvin Suggs and Mildred from "The Muppet Show" and two early characters, Javas 1 and 2. In addition, explore more than 70 digital videos

spanning 35 years of Henson's groundbreaking work in television and film as part of the newly digitized Jim Henson Works Collection, made possible by Jane Henson and with permission from the Jim Henson Company, Sesame Workshop and Muppets Holding Company, LLC. These full-length videos are available for viewing at public computer stations in the Michelle Smith Performing Arts Library, as well as other libraries on the UM campus.

Access to the libraries is free; hours are Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday noon to 5 p.m., Sunday 1 to 10 p.m.

## Youth Choir Spring Concert on May 29

The College Park Youth Choir will present its Spring Community Concert at Berwyn Presbyterian Church, 6301 Greenbelt Road on Tuesday, May 29 at 8 p.m. This free concert is open to the public – feel spirits soar while catching the enthusiasm of more than 30 youngsters ages 5 to 11 lifting their voices together. The group will perform a selection of Celtic tunes under the direction of Greenbelter Christopher Fominaya.

The Youth Choir is a program of the College Park Arts Exchange. For more information email [info@cpae.org](mailto:info@cpae.org) or call 301-927-3013.

## U.S. Botanic Garden Hosts Butterfly Tour

On Wednesday, May 30 from 1 to 2 p.m. the U.S. Botanic Garden will offer a late spring butterfly tour. The event will feature a lecture by USBG gardener Margaret Atwell. Spring is here and the perennials are finally pushing their way out of the soil. Flutter through the butterfly garden with Atwell as she shares tips on which plants people should grow for caterpillars, butterflies and other pollinators. General maintenance tips will also be offered. This tour will take place on the National Garden Lawn Terrace. It is free; pre-registration is preferred and may be made by calling 202-225-1116.

## Marietta Hosts Roman Days

Marietta House Museum will host its annual Roman Days event on Saturday, June 2 and Sunday, June 3 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is a fee; free for ages 3 and under. No pets.

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We're happy that you're moving to a great new home, but the gang at Realty 1 will miss you in Greenbelt! We wish you well and hope that things go great for you and your family. Have a wonderful time!

**GHI Townhome - 2BR with Vinyl Siding**

Newly remodeled kitchen with modern appliances. Refinished hardwood floors and ceramic tiling in kitchen, bath & entryway. Value! \$174,900

**Remodeled Home on 1/4 Acre**

Stone fireplace, large deck, completely remodeled kitchen with modern appliances, garage and more! 3 bedrooms & 2 full baths. \$399,900

**Lots of Windows**

This 3 bedroom townhome has extra windows along the back wall for more light. Modern kitchen, new carpet and fresh paint. \$194,900 U.C.

**Three Bedroom Townhome**

Walking distance to Roosevelt Center. Remodeled home with fresh paint and opened kitchen. \$5,000 carpet allowance at settlement. \$194,500

**GHI Townhome**

This 2-bedroom townhome has refinished hardwood flooring and an opened stairway. Close to protected woodlands. Nice! \$185,000

**South Lawn**

This 3 bedroom rambler has been recently renovated and is priced right! \$0 down & \$0 closing for qualified buyers. Call for details \$289,900

**Snowden Oaks**

Rambler in Laurel with large family room addition. Den can be used as a 4th bedroom. \$0 down & \$0 closing for qualified buyers. \$369,900

**Brick Townhome**

Hardwood flooring upstairs; new carpet and vinyl flooring on the main level. Freshly painted. Walking distance to Roosevelt Center. \$250,000

**Sutland**

Single Family Home near the DC line. Sunroom, 4 bedrooms and 2 baths. Large yard with shade trees. Great condition! \$325,000 SOLD

**Greenbriar**

This is the best-priced 2 bedroom townhome on the market! Lots of improvements - priced thousands below the competition! \$189,900

**Frame Townhome on Corner Lot**

This 2 bedroom townhome has a large yard with rail fencing and storage shed. Wide floorplan with remodeled kitchen & bath. Value! \$179,900



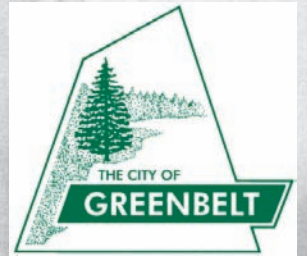
# GREENBELT DAY WEEKEND

CELEBRATING  
OUR 70TH  
YEAR  

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1937 - 2007

FRIDAY, JUNE 1  
THROUGH  
SUNDAY, JUNE 3



## SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS

### Friday, June 1

#### Greenbelt Baseball

- 6:00pm **Machine Pitch Game**  
Braden Field #3
- 6:00pm **Yankees vs. Cubs**  
Major League, McDonald Field
- 6:00pm **Tigers vs. Orioles**  
Major League, Braden Field #2
- 8:00pm **Parents vs. Coaches**  
Braden Field #2

### Saturday, June 2

- 9:00am **Youth Sprint Biathlon**  
Youth Center
- 1:00-3:00pm **Not For Seniors Only: The Importance of Saving and Keeping Money**  
Community Center
- 4:00-6:00pm **Skatepark Dedication**  
Join the Mayor and City Council for their 70th Anniversary remarks and to celebrate the completion of the newest park facility in Greenbelt.
- 6:00-9:00pm **Daddy Daughter Dance**  
Girls K-8th grade. Community Center

### Throughout the Weekend:

Enjoy additional Greenbelt amenities including our pools, parks, theaters, eateries and more!

### Sunday, June 3

- 2:00pm **Greenbelt Baseball All-Star Game**  
McDonald Field

Plus...

#### *An Artful Afternoon* at the Community Center

1:00pm - 3:00pm **Letterboxing Workshop**  
Create original art stamps and books. Follow the clues to discover letter boxes – and local history – around the city. Find all the boxes and enter to win a prize.

1:00pm - 5:00pm **Studio Open House**  
Meet the Community Center's Artists in Residence. Most artists have work available for purchase.

1:00pm - 5:00pm **Greenbelt Museum**  
Historic House Tours. 10-B Crescent Road. The Museum's restored home provides an introduction to Greenbelt history and a glimpse of home life for ordinary Americans of modest means during the Great Depression and World War II.

2:00pm **Greenbelt 3007 – Emerging Green Builders' Talk and Exhibit**  
What might Greenbelt look like in 1,000 years? See visionary architectural designs, and hear from the "Greening of Greenbelt" sustainable design competition winners. Community Center.

3:00pm **Greenbelt Concert Band performance**  
with readings by the **Greenbelt Writers Group**

3:00pm - 5:00pm **Try the potter's wheel!**  
Free mini intro classes every half hour.  
Ages 10-adult. Limited seating.