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Council Adopts Revised Budget, Tax Rate Increased 2 Cents

by James Giese

At its regular meeting on June 4 the Greenbelt City Council unanimously enacted its annual budget adoption and appropriation ordinance. The original amount of \$23,516,500 was not changed. City Manager Michael McLaughlin's proposal to increase the city property tax rate by two cents per \$100 assessed valuation was also adopted. This action followed council's amending of the proposed budget in accord with decisions it had reached at a May 16 final budget review worksession. Councilmember Rodney Roberts was the sole member to disagree with some of these budget changes. Councilmember Edward Putens was absent from the meeting on business but sent a statement read by Mayor Judith Davis supporting the amended budget.

While it took over an hour and a half to accomplish this task, much of the time was spent making and voting upon complicated technical motions to make the changes the council had previously agreed to and to distribute set-asides for employee three percent cost-of-living adjustments

and retirement benefit contributions to the various operating department accounts. The rest of the time was spent restating previously well defined positions on various issues by the councilmembers and a few members of the audience who had previously appeared before council.

Petitions

Joan Falcão, the leading advocate for eliminating the tax rate increase, submitted 33 additional petitions in support, bringing the total submitted to the council to 248, she said. "We could have gotten more," she added, "if we had passed out more flyers." Instead of going door-to-door with petition forms asking for signatures, as petition circulators often do, Falcão noted that they had delivered flyers door-to-door in some neighborhoods of the city which asked the residents to sign the petition and return it by mail or by hand to Falcão. For that reason she said she was "amazed" at the number of petitions returned to her.

While the councilmembers treated Falcão with respect and recognized the concerns of the

petitioners, the majority remained unswayed as to the perceived need to increase the tax rate. Only Roberts supported reducing the tax rate, but he failed to put forth any motions that might have resulted in a tax rate reduction and ultimately voted for the budget. He did, however, vote against some of the proposals that would increase city expenses.

Robert Fireovid told the council that circulating the petitions had given him an opportunity to talk to homeowners who are less well off than he is, mainly in Greenbelt East. He found that many had moved here because Greenbelt had been an affordable place in which to buy a home. Many, he said, are living on a thin line [between solvency and debt] and are concerned at the prospect of facing 30 percent increases in their property assessments over the next three years. He noted that 10 percent increases annually over seven years will result in a doubling of the taxes.

Charles Hagelgans supported

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GES Principal Sums Up Retiring after 39 Years

by Sandra A. Lange

With tears brimming in her gray eyes, Katherine Curl, principal of Greenbelt Elementary School (GES), is about to say goodbye to the building that she called home for 10 years and to the teachers, staff and children who have comprised her second family. Even though she announced her retirement several months ago, she can't believe she won't be here to usher in another school year in September.

When she became principal of GES 10 years ago, she had already spent 29 years in the Prince George's County School System. She was familiar, too, with Greenbelt, having taught at the former Greenbelt North End School during the mid-1970s. She arrived at GES in August 1997 with a desire to promote discipline, teamwork and academic excellence.

Teamwork

As a leader, Curl values teamwork. "We work collaboratively," she emphasizes. "Everybody watches out for everybody. It's a 'we' thing - not an 'I' thing."

She is very proud that GES has a very low teacher turnover rate and that seven of her teachers are working for national cer-



Katherine Curl

tification. Such a large number from one school is very unusual, she exclaims. Her mantra with the teachers throughout the past 10 years has been empathy, respect and problem-solving.

"I become strong through them," she says. She urges her teachers to be creative and to communicate their feelings. If there is a problem, she tells them not to wait two or three days to tell her about it. She has an open door policy with teachers

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Large Crowd in Attendance For Meeting on Budget, Trees

by Thomas X. White

A near-capacity crowd attended the Greenbelt City Council meeting on Tuesday, May 29 - drawn about equally from citizens interested in two major subjects. One group was there for the second hearing on the city's proposed Fiscal Year 2008 budget. The other contingent was there for a final public hearing on recommendations of the city's Forest Preserve Task Force to create a Forest Preserve Advisory Board and to update the Forest Preserve Article in the city code (see separate article on page 6).

In addition a public hearing was held on Maryland's Constant Yield Tax Rate, which is required whenever a municipality intends to increase its tax rate for a given fiscal year. All five members of council were on hand for the meeting that ended just after midnight.

Presentations

At the beginning of the meeting, council heard a number of presentations.

In honor of Memorial Day, which was celebrated on Monday, May 28, representatives of Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 were on hand to present their Memorial Day Poppy to members of council. The commemorative poppies are distributed by

the Legion Post in remembrance of those who have lost their lives in combat while serving in the armed forces of the United States.

Then Linda Varda, president of the Greenbelt Lions Club, joined by other club members presented a \$2,000 contribution to the city to be used for safety equipment at the city's Aquatic & Fitness Center.

Mayor Judith Davis presented a proclamation honoring the centennial of the birth of Rachel Carson. Carson, with her landmark book "Silent Spring," is credited with starting the modern environmental movement. Neal Barnett, chair of the Greenbelt Recycling & Environmental Advisory Committee, and several members of the group were presented with the proclamation.

The last presentation was unusual, yet very appropriate for the occasion. A representative of the Greenbelt OM Community Yoga, a new business located in the Roosevelt Center, was on hand to lead council and the assembled citizens in a guided meditation period to offer a few minutes of "stress reduction."

Davis, noting the several public hearings occurring later on the agenda, commented that everyone

could use a little stress reduction in anticipation of covering those topics. Elena Khazanova of Greenbelt provided a guided meditation exercise that seemingly transformed the jam-packed meeting into a state of calmness, introspection and clarity before the action started on the public hearings.

Budget Hearing

The second public hearing on the budget followed the council's final budget worksession of May 16. At that meeting council made tentative adjustments to the City Manager's proposed budget. Those minor adjustments maintained the proposed two cent increase in the city's tax rate for 2008 and provided a balanced budget with proposed FY08 expenditures totaling \$23,516,500. About 13 speakers spoke out on the proposed budget.

Leading off the testimony was Joan Falcão of Boxwood who has been circulating a citizen petition opposing the proposed tax rate increase. At the hearing, Falcão presented council with 215 signed petitions that also call on council to place more attention on controlling costs.

In her council testimony, Falcão

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Work Begins to Expand Doctors Hospital Tract

by Elaine Skolnik

Doctors Community Hospital, Inc. will be undergoing expansion in the near future. Plans for four adjoining additions to the main hospital have been processed and approved. Adjacent to the City of Greenbelt, the hospital is located in Lanham on 1.45 acres on the north side of Good Luck Road, about 100 feet east of its intersection with Hanover Parkway.

Plans for the hospital's expansion have been reviewed at the county planning director level. In her March 7, 2007 memoran-

dum to City Manager Michael McLaughlin, Terri Hruby, the city's assistant planning director, explained that unless the decision of the planning director (Fern Piret) is appealed, the case will not be heard by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) Park and Planning Board. Hruby noted that "the plan was in conformance with all Prince George's County zoning requirements."

Since the hospital is situated

See **HOSPITAL**, page 8

What Goes On

Saturday, June 9

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

10 a.m. to noon, Kids Design a Playground at South Ora Court

Sunday, June 10

12:30 to 4 p.m., GHI House and Garden Tour, Beginning at GHI Office, Hamilton Place

Monday, June 11

7 p.m., Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee Meeting, Community Center

8 p.m., City Council Worksession re: Agreement with New Deal Café, Municipal Building (Live on Channel 71)

Wednesday, June 13

7:30 p.m., Council Worksession with GHI Board (Stakeholder), GHI Board Room

Monday, June 18

8 p.m., Notice of Public Hearing - Greenbelt Forest Preserve, Municipal Building, City Council Room

Letters to the Editor

Watch Your Cats

I enjoyed Don Comis' article on coyotes in Greenbelt but I want to emphasize something he mentioned. Coyotes do eat cats, just as leopards eat dogs. It's especially important to keep your cats indoors from evening to morning or they could be badly hurt or killed, even in a fenced yard.

We live near Ridge and Crescent, up the hill from the library and within earshot of part of Lakeside. Several times this spring, around 1 to 2 a.m., we heard an unusual sound which I thought might be a fox. I found a number of animal-sounds websites on ask.com. What we heard sounded just like the fox call or (more distant) fox territory call. It did not sound like any of the coyote sounds I've found online. We haven't heard it for a couple of weeks. Probably this is a gray fox, which might look like a small coyote. We probably have both species and maybe red foxes nearby in the more open areas of the Patuxent Refuge.

An April 16 article in the Washington Post has a map of recent sightings of coyotes in Rock Creek Park and a link to a video taken by a D.C. police officer. The first half-minute of the video establishes location, then the coyote. You can clearly see the big ears and eventually the dark tail tip.

Enjoy our wildlife but keep your cats safe (and up-to-date on rabies shots).

Tina Rhea

Forest Preserved

Over the past two years it has been my privilege to serve on the Forest Preserve Task Force, whose job was to develop guidelines for protecting and preserving the last remaining forests in Greenbelt.

I'd like to congratulate council on its recent adoption of the Management and Maintenance Guidelines and legislation providing for a permanent Forest Preserve Advisory Board to continue oversight of the Greenbelt Forest Preserve. While some citizens expressed last-minute reservations about the guidelines, I want to reassure them it was the Task Force's intent to place the health of the forest and its native inhabitants first and to do whatever it takes to ensure the long-term health of the forest. We consulted with experts and I'm sure the new board will continue to do so and to suggest modifications if they are deemed necessary.

Thanks again to council for demonstrating its appreciation of the intrinsic value of our wooded places in a time when many still see trees in terms of what they can or can't do for humans. And thanks again to Paul Downs for masterminding the Forest Preserve concept in Greenbelt.

Ruth Kastner

Electrifying Rates

As a resident of Old Greenbelt, I thought it might be of interest to document the course of electricity rates for the last four years. Luckily I'm a very conservative user of electric power. Here are some statistics coming directly from my Pepco bills for those last four years.

In 2003 I used 4,100 KWH at an average cost of 4.75 cents

per KWH.

In 2004 - 3,980 KWH at 4.64 cents per KWH. In 2005 - 4,230 KWH at 10.50 cents per KWH. In 2006 - 3,880 KWH at 12.66 cents per KWH.

Electrifying, ain't it! Enjoy the summer.

Phil Brandis

Neighbors on Patrol

This message relates to public safety in Old Greenbelt. If you don't live in Old Town or if you do not have any concerns about public safety in Old Town, this isn't for you.

Still here? Good.

Most of you know I am involved with the Old Greenbelt Neighborhood Watch. I've also developed a simple idea where you all can contribute immeasurably to the welfare of our little city with no cash and no additional commitment of time and no regular requirement to attend meetings.

How often do you hear that in Greenbelt?

If you live with someone - anyone ambulatory, really - you can easily be a part of regular neighborhood watch patrols by doing pretty much nothing new. Really. Don't even need to wear an obnoxiously loud orange T-shirt (unless you want to). Don't live with someone? Buttonhole a neighbor!

There really are only three basic requirements for being part of a Neighborhood Watch patrol:

1) You must patrol with another person.
2) You must never directly confront any person, lawbreaker or not.

3) You (and your co-patroller) must attend one - and only one - 60-minute training session with the Greenbelt Police.

So . . . you and your co-habitant/co-patroller can serve as the laid-back, down-low informal eyes and ears of the police just by . . . walking (or running or biking) around town together and carrying a cell phone. Whenever. Wherever. As frequently or infrequently as you wish. Walking the dog counts, so long as there are two trained humanoids on the stroll and the four-legged critter is leashed!

The next training session by the police is on Tuesday, July 31 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Police station. (Tuition is free and it is pass/fail - I don't think anyone has ever failed.) Line up the babysitter now (if applicable) because there could be a local rush on babysitters for that one hour in July. And join the funnest group of pedestrians in town.

If you're interested call me at 301-346-6751 or email obsrvr@comcast.net for more information but mark your calendar now. Please include your phone number when you respond if I do not have it already.

Andy Carruthers

248 Sign Petition

I would like to thank the 248 residents who signed the citizen petition requesting the city council not to raise the tax rate by two cents. Although only 1,000 flyers were distributed, I can see this is an issue inspiring action. The fact that so many residents responded shows an expectation that the city would listen and would care. Although the coun-

cil as a whole was not moved to grant our request, they found some value in our raising this issue and examining the factors involved in the rapid escalation of our city real estate taxes. The bottom line is that homeowners can expect to see a 12.9 percent increase in these taxes next year, compounding to an increase of 36.6 percent over the following two years; e.g., a \$2,000 city tax bill for 2006-7 is estimated to be \$2,731 for 2009-10 [if assessments continue to increase 10 percent a year].

On an encouraging note, the city council says they are committed to giving us good value for our taxes!

Joan Falcão

Higher Taxes - Caused by Growth

The tax rate increase which the city council enacted is a symptom of deeper and more fundamental changes in Greenbelt. We are being herded into a new chapter where this once quiet suburban, even rural, community is "reformed" into a crowded, urban metropolis. Urban communities require more services and urban governments need more taxes to pay for these expanded services.

The largest portion of the city's budget (42 percent) goes toward public safety. As a community becomes more urbanized and city departments get larger, municipal employees become more specialized, tend to identify more with their respective departments and "professions" and lose touch with the communities they serve.

From a holistic perspective, more people in an urban community are apt to turn inward and focus on themselves and less likely to be open to others, to help their neighbors or to take an interest in their neighbor's safety or property. This erosion of community involvement, whether it follows from less free time or from a growing apathy toward an increasingly crowded and unpleasant world, increases the need for public services.

The second largest piece of the city's budget is for recreation (20 percent). As a community becomes urbanized, parents no longer consider it safe to send their children outside to play without supervision until dusk.

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OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF June 8

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 - Thursday

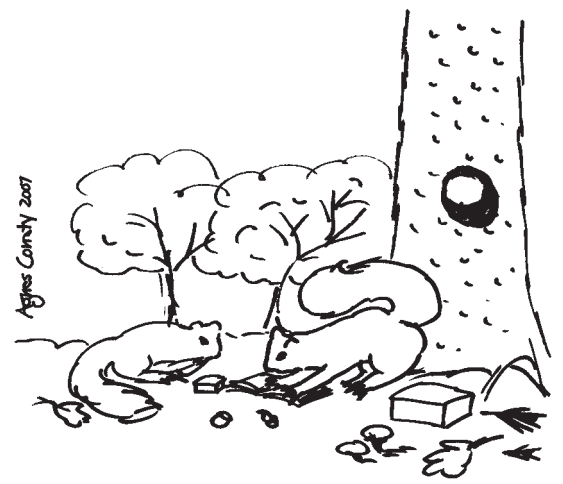
*5:00, 7:30

*These shows at \$6.00

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Grin Belt



"I'm not sure if you're supposed to print your paw in one of the city's letterboxes."

Volksmarchers Hold Birthday Walks

Fitness regimens recommend walking 10,000 steps per day. The Freestate Happy Wanderers want to help people get started at its non-competitive 5,000 steps and 10,000 steps walk event on Saturday, June 16 at Pallotti High School in Laurel.

Start anytime between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. and finish the walk by 4 p.m. A special sweet 16 birthday will be celebrated with a huge cake.

This event is free; a small fee will be charged for participants desiring credit from the American Volksmarch Association. For a free brochure and information call 410-531-3873 or 410-437-2164 before 8 p.m. or email wahassee@ix.netcom.com.

Safeway Recognized For Fundraising

The Easter Seals Greater Washington-Baltimore Region organization has recognized Safeway's Eastern Division for their Easter Seals fundraising efforts in April. Safeway's local efforts on the Easter Seal campaign raised \$443,000 last month. Safeway's commitment to Easter Seals fundraising has grown and expanded to the national level. The national campaign raised \$5.5 million dollars for Easter Seals.

Members of Safeway's Eastern Division management team and D.C. officials were in attendance on May 30 at the presentation by Easter Seals officials and children from the Easter Seals' D.C. Center.

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Outdoor and natural settings for recreation dwindle. As a result, many residents want tax dollars to go toward indoor recreation services that require expensive facilities for either their children or themselves.

The third and fourth largest items in the city's operating budget – public works (12 percent) and planning and development (4.4 percent) – are directly tied to growth. In total, over 3/4 of our city's budget is heavily influenced by the urbanization happening here.

That the city council was not satisfied with a whopping 33 percent increase in homeowners taxes over the next three years (due to increased assessments) – they want almost 37 percent – is a direct result of their unwavering encouragement of growth and urbanization. Whether we agree or disagree with the city council's support for growth, we cannot ignore the fact that this support has created a growing thirst for tax dollars as well.

Robert Fireovid

CROP Hunger Walk

Each first Sunday in May, 20 northern Prince George's groups walk for the hungry. The last half dozen years the walk has been around Lake Artemesia. We walk a symbolic walk because "they" walk. Who are they? They are the world's poor, who must walk for clean water, firewood, school, medicine, etc.

Usually each year Greenbelt Community Church has the most walkers. Of the over-300 walkers this year, 88 were from that church. Coordinator Marty Folk and Pastor Dan Hamlin led that superb effort. Coming in second and third in numbers of walkers were Hyattsville First United Methodist and Adelphi Presbyterian, so you can see the interest to help is widespread.

Since our CROP Walk be-

gan in 1981, it's estimated that \$579,000 has been raised by walkers and their sponsors. Recipients of the money are Church World Service, an international ecumenical poverty-fighting organization that is 60 years old this year and locally Help by Phone, which runs eight emergency food pantries and gets funds also in order to help Prince Georgians with emergency food.

This year a new group entered the walk and won the Golden Tennis Shoe. This group was the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club. Congratulations to Ed Terry, president and his group.

If you're interested in walking for the hungry next May 4, call Marty Folk at 301-552-9329 or Lyn Doyle at 301-441-2585.

Lyn Doyle

Art Auction Held

The New Deal Café held its first annual art auction last Sunday, June 3. The auction was a huge success. We raised \$2,293.50 during the live auction. The silent auction will be going on until Saturday, June 23. Stop by the Café to participate. The silent auction in combination with the live auction has the potential to make \$4,340. All of the money raised will go toward buying new equipment for the kitchen (a new coffee maker, coffee grinder and icemaker).

I wanted to thank everyone who helped to make this event possible. Michael Cooney, our wonderful and entertaining auctioneer; Bill Wilkerson, Mike Stark, Colette Zanin and Leslie Brothers, our wonderful volunteers; the New Deal Café staff; FONDCA; and all of the amazing artists who donated the proceeds of the sale of their work to the Café.

Thank you!

*Kristin Stenson,
Arts Coordinator
New Deal Café*

MPO Kaiser Seeking Sponsors for Walk

The Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) "Strides for Change" walk will take place this Saturday, June 9 in Baltimore. This year MPO Scott Kaiser, Greenbelt Police Department's Traffic Officer, will be participating as a walker.

Strides for Change, MADD's signature walk, is a fun, community-driven 5K walk that raises funds to save lives. Each step taken and every pledge made will

help raise funds and awareness for MADD programs and services that will help make communities safer.

Those who would like to show support as a sponsor are asked to go to www.stridesforchange.org, select "donate for a walker," select the June 9 Baltimore event, then choose a walker to sponsor. People can donate online or print applications, accepted by following directions at the website.

Community Events

GHI Notes

Saturday, June 9, 1 to 4 p.m., Landscaping for Wildlife sponsored by the Woodlands Committee

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

Monday, June 11, 7 p.m., Greener Greenbelt Initiative Charette/Baseline & Benchmark Work Group

Tuesday, June 12, 8:30 a.m., Yardline Committee meeting 7 p.m., Sustainable Design and Practices Committee meeting

Wednesday, June 13, 7 p.m., Architectural Review Committee meeting

7:30 p.m., Board of Directors meeting

Saturday, June 16, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation

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.

City Notes

Animal Control rescued four abandoned kittens, took into custody a dog surrendered by its owner, removed a deer carcass from the roadway, reunited two cats with their owner who had been evicted from an apartment, took one injured cardinal to the vet and received reports for several missing cats.

The Planning Department closely monitored conservation treatment work being done on the bas relief friezes and the Mother and Child statue.

CARES

During May a weekly average of 16 families were seen for counseling at CARES. Fifty individuals on average came on a weekly basis, among whom 21 were 18 years of age and younger. Forty-two students participated in tutoring services.

Trail Helpers Needed

The newly-formed Greenbelt Park Trail volunteer program will hold a mandatory orientation meeting on Saturday, June 9.

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

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The club enjoyed a very informative presentation by Jim Bates on May 23. His topic "Vote Smart" was about a non-partisan group that gives information on all candidates. This was of great interest in this very political time we're living in.

We wish Irene Hensel a happy birthday and hope to see her at the June potluck lunch.

Anniversaries are the theme for this year! Golden Age Club celebrated the 50th in April and Greenbelt is now celebrating the 70th. Makes us wonder where does the time go.

Go Greenbelt!

At the Library

Storytimes

Tuesday, June 12, 10:30 and 11 a.m. Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver; limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, June 13, 10:30 and 11 a.m. Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver; limit 15 children; 1:30 p.m. Bookids Book Discussion, ages 8-12. Writing Romp – Fun and Games with Words.

Teddy Bear Picnic in the Meeting Room, Thursday, June 14, 10:30 a.m.

Tutoring Continues At SHL Rec Center

The free summer tutoring program sponsored by the Recreation Department will run from June 16 through August 11. The program will be held on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. This program is for grades 1 to 12; the level of tutoring will be remedial, review and advanced. Help for SAT will be available.

Tutoring will include samples of the Maryland School Assessment Tests for reading and math for grades 3 to 8, high school algebra and data analysis. Copies of solutions for algebra will be available on June 16.

For further information call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212.

Park Offers Junior Ranger Program

The Greenbelt Park Junior Ranger program is offered to young people ages 8 to 12. The goal at Greenbelt Park is to provide a learning experience and promote appreciation and understanding of the environment. Through various activities, Junior Rangers will learn to "preserve and protect the nation's natural and cultural resources for the education and enjoyment of future generations."

The first session will be held Monday, July 10 through Wednesday, July 12; a second session will be Monday, August 6 through Wednesday, August 8.

Pick up and return an application to Greenbelt Park, 6565 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Applications are also available at the park website, www.nps.gov/gree.

Choral Society Has Singer Auditions

The Prince George's Choral Society is offering singers an opportunity to join the group. Auditions can be arranged for Monday June 11 or 18 at 7 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Greenbelt.

For more information call Dottie at 301-336-8539.

For more community events see page 7.

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 June 8

FRI. – SAT.

Spiderman 3, PG-13

12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 10

Knocked Up, R (!)

12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 10:10

Oceans 13, PG-13 (!)

12:30, 4, 7, 10:10

Hostel 2, R (!)

1, 3:30, 5:45, 8, 10:20

Shrek 3, PG (!)

12:30, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10

Surf's Up, PG (!)

12:30, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10

Mr. Brooks, R (!)

12:30, 4, 7, 10:20

Pirates of the Caribbean –

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

1, 4:30, 8:30

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GREENBELT HOMES, INC.



HOUSE AND GARDEN TOUR

This Sunday, June 10
from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Beginning at the GHI offices on Hamilton Place.

This year the south end of our community will be featured. (From the first court of Crescent Road to Gardenway)

The tour will feature houses with sustainable practices and a wide variety of architectural enhancements, remodeling and renovation projects as well as landscaped gardens. For information or to include your house on the tour, contact Joan Krob 301-474-4161.



9 June 2007

St. Hugh's Catholic Church
Grenoble Hall
135 Crescent Road

Food Served 6–9 p.m.

Entertainment and Fun Until ??

Music, Food and Fun!

ALL YOU CAN EAT!

Fried catfish, fried chicken, fried clams, steamed shrimp, hush puppies, cole slaw, and desserts.

Advanced Tickets	\$25	Beer and Wine Available (ID Required!)
Tickets At The Door	\$30	
Child 6-12 Years Old	\$15	

(Beverages Not Included)

For Advanced Tickets Contact: Chuck Hatcher at 301-474-0638
Tickets are also available after Saturday and Sunday Masses

Don't delay! Call Chuck today!

Obituaries



Lillian K. Cox

Longtime Greenbelter Lillian K. Cox, 89, of Green Ridge House, died on June 3, 2007. For the last five weeks, Mrs. Cox had been in a nursing home.

She is survived by her daughters Linda C. Gardin, Patricia L. Miller and her husband David and Deborah J. Isaacs and her husband Joseph; sister Eleanor Pinkos; grandchildren Rachel, Allison, Julianne and Olivia; several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road in Beltsville on Wednesday, June 6. Interment was in the City of Greenbelt Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Evercare Hospice and Palliative Care, 10200 Columbia Road, Columbia, MD 21046.



Our deepest sympathy to the family of Lillian Cox of Green Ridge House, who died June 3. Mrs. Cox was the mother of Debbie Isaacs, wife of former city councilmember Joseph Isaacs.

Congratulations to:

– Sarah Bates, who received a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering from Cornell University on May 27. Sarah is the daughter of Richard and Dorrie Bates of Ridge Road.

– Congressman Steny Hoyer, who has become the longest-serving Maryland member of the U.S. House of Representatives, with more than 26 years of service in the House.

Proud grandparents:

John and News Review staffer Judy Bell whose grandson Travis Lauchman graduated from the University of Maryland at College Park with a double major, receiving a B.A. in English and a B.A. in criminal justice.

News Review staffer Eve Gresser whose grandson Taylor Gresser was awarded a B.A. in English from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa.

Greenbelt in the News:

In The Washington Post's Kids Post page on Monday, June 4

Greenbelt Elementary School third graders were featured. The kids were polled on varied subjects: favorite authors, TV shows, websites, pizza toppings, etc. and serious questions answered. Favorite pizza topping? Cheese; but pepperoni, vegetables, sausage and chicken also were popular. The biggest problem in the world today? War, pollution and violence were mentioned. A nice picture of Lisa Holinsworth's 3rd grade class accompanies the article.

On the same KidsPost page, children's author Mary Downing Hahn was profiled and her new book "Deep and Dark and Dangerous" introduced. Hahn, a former children's librarian, once worked at the Greenbelt branch of the County library system.

And on Sunday, May 27 The Washington Post Magazine showed pictures of Greenbelt in its "Then & Again" feature. They contrasted the 1942 Greenbelt High School prom, held in the auditorium of Center School (now the Community Center), with Eastern High School's modern-day teenagers dancing at the Crosswinds ballroom. The same 1942 picture can be seen on page 91 of the book "Greenbelt: History of a New Town."

Musical and Cultural Opportunity Offered

Host families are needed in the College Park vicinity to house 30 accomplished young pianists coming from around the world to compete in the 26th William Kapell International Piano Competition and Festival this summer at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. One of only four prestigious international piano competitions in the United States, the Kapell takes place July 7 to 21.

Competitor hosts will receive two complimentary tickets to all Kapell events and a loaner Steinway Grand Piano from Jordan Kitt's Music for the competitor's practice. Hosts are asked to provide a private bedroom, bathroom, daily transportation to and from the Clarice Smith Center and daily breakfast. A highly rewarding experience, hosting a Kapell competitor is a way to support and associate closely with the local, national and international artistic community and an exciting and personal way to experience the Kapell.

Contact Hilary Dean, host family coordinator, at 301-405-8776 or hilary@umd.edu.

Greenbelt Baptist Church
101 Greenhill Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770 – (301) 474-4212
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"

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 | 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!

Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

Baha'i Faith

"O ye children of men!
The fundamental purpose animating the Faith of God and His Religion is to safeguard the interests and promote the unity of the human race."
– Bahá'u'lláh

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

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 Quran, 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 or visit the website at www.islamguide.com.

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church
40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
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!

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church
3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi
Phone: 301-937-3666 www.pbuuc.org

Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community

June 10, 10 a.m.
"The Glory of Music"
David Chapman, music director
with Bruce Baker and Tosha O'Neal, worship associates
Annual Spring Music Service
Choir and soloists sing "The Gloria" by Francis Poulenc
– Barbara W. and Jacob B. ten Hove, co-ministers

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
6905 Greenbelt Road • 301-345-5111

Summer Worship
Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
(Memorial Day to Labor Day Weekend)

Fax 301-220-0694 • E-mail myholycross@verizon.net

Greenbelt Community Church
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

Hope Fellowship
... living life together

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)

June 10 Sermon: Life Beyond Graduation

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

...living life together



City Information

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2008 BUDGET

for the
 GENERAL FUND
 BUILDING CAPITAL RESERVE FUND
 CEMETERY FUND
 DEBT SERVICE FUND
 REPLACEMENT FUND
 SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND
 GREEN RIDGE HOUSE FUND
 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
 2001 BOND FUND
 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND

At its regular meeting of June 4, 2007, the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, adopted the City's budget for Fiscal Year 2008, thereby approving expenditures as follows:

General Fund	\$ 23,516,500
Building Capital Reserve Fund	159,000
Cemetery Fund	0
Debt Service Fund	921,400
Replacement Fund	361,000
Special Projects Fund	183,000
Green Ridge House	1,204,800
Capital Projects Fund	1,537,100
2001 Bond Fund	2,975,920
Community Development Block Grant Fund	100,000

Copies of the adopted budget document will be available for examination no later than September 2007 at the City Offices at 25 Crescent Road, at the Greenbelt Library at 11 Crescent Road, and on the Greenbelt Citylink Web site www.greenbeltmd.gov.

Meetings for June 11-15

Monday, June 11, 7:00pm, Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee at Community Center. Info: 301-474-8004

Monday, June 11, 8:00pm, City Council Work Session re: Agreement w/New Deal Cafe at Municipal Building (live on Channel 71).

Wednesday, June 13, 7:30pm, City Council Work Session w/GHI Board (stakeholder) at GHI Board Room.

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

GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER 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 until classes are filled

SATURDAY CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Session Dates: June 23 – August 11
 Register Now! Don't wait, Classes close early!
 Class listings are available in the Summer Recreation Brochure posted at www.greenbeltmd.gov

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Instructors wanted for summer ceramics classes at the Greenbelt Community Center. Teach hand-building to students enrolled in our summer camp program. Two hours daily instruction Mon-Fri: 3:15pm-5:15pm. Plus an opportunity to teach all day on Mondays. Classes begin June 18 and run through August 10. Hiring teachers either for 2-week sessions or all 8 weeks. Help create a relaxed, supportive environment in which children explore a variety of techniques, creating pottery and sculpture. As a benefit, teachers may access our studio space for independent work. A great way to gain or enhance teaching experience! Pay rate: \$15-\$20/contact hour, dependent on education/experience. Contact Monica Mische, Arts Education Specialist, 240-542-2060; mmische@greenbeltmd.gov EOE

For City Information visit www.greenbeltmd.gov! Now available: On-Line Registration for Greenbelt Recreation Programs through Greenbelt RecLink!

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES
 Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.
 Vacancies exist on the:
 Arts Advisory Board
 Youth Advisory Committee
 For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING GREENBELT FOREST PRESERVE
 Monday, June 18, 2007 – 8 p.m.
 Municipal Building – City Council Room

The Forest Preserve Article of the City Code requires that a public hearing be held prior to the passage of any ordinance that would revise the article. At the June 4 regular meeting of the City Council, ordinances were introduced for first reading to revise the code to add four additional parcels to the Forest Preserve. The parcels are identified as: Parcel 12, Boxwood Preserve, Belle Point Preserve, and Sunrise Preserve. The ordinances are posted on the City Web site at www.greenbeltmd.gov. Copies are also available from the City Clerk. These ordinances will return on the agenda of the June 18 City Council meeting for second reading and adoption.

Public attendance and participation are encouraged. For special accommodations, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10 a.m. on the day of the meeting. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk. Questions specific to the parcels would be best addressed to the Department of Planning at 301-345-5417.

GREENBELT HOLDS ITS FIRST YOUTH BIATHLON!

On the morning of Saturday, June 2, the Greenbelt Recreation Department held its first Youth Biathlon for children age 8-15. The event was offered on Greenbelt Day Weekend to help promote the department's "Greenbelt Gets Active" initiative. The race began with a 50 meter swim at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center outdoor pool. Upon completing the swim, the children advanced to a transition area where they "suited up" for a 3K run around the Buddy Attick Park lake path. For most of the participants, this just consisted of quickly putting on their shoes and lacing them up. The lap around the lake proved to be a tough challenge for the racers after they had tired themselves with the swim. The first participant to cross the finish line was 13 year old Charlotte Francoeur. Each participant received a medal and a Youth Biathlon t-shirt. Trophies were also presented to the top finishers in each age group. Congratulations to all participants and thank you for a successful event! The following were the top finishers of the age groups represented in the race.

- 8 years old – Jonathan Parks
- 10 years old – Clara Beckert
- 11 years old – Ian Harper
- 13 years old – Charlotte Francoeur



The Recreation Department is looking to build upon the success of the event's first year and anticipates making next year's event a triathlon by adding mountain biking to the race.

Attention Kids! Design a Playground!!

Saturday, June 9 from 10am-12noon
 South Ora Court (off Ora Glen Drive)
 Windsor Green Neighborhood

Get involved

...with the community by attending a Design Day and Kick-Off for the South Ora Court Playground Project! We are asking for your children's ideas and imagination for use in the design of this playspace!

Bring your children

...to help design their dream playspace in chalk on the sidewalks surrounding the playground, while adults discuss what it will take to make this project happen.

For more information call or email:
 Bill Phelan, City of Greenbelt at (301) 474-8004
bphelan@greenbeltmd.gov

Come Join the FUN!

GREENBELT RECLINK ON-LINE REGISTRATION FOR GREENBELT

RECREATION PROGRAMS!
 The Greenbelt Recreation Department's new online registration is now available at www.greenbeltmd.gov. If you haven't received your username and password please contact the Recreation Department at 301-397-2200. Activity registration, camp payments, child care statements and receipts can all be processed from this site.

Greenbelt Municipal/ Public Access Channel 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Monday, June 11th at 8pm: City Council Work Session w/New Deal (live)
Tuesday & Thursday, June 12 & 14: 6pm "Ask the Expert-Scam Protection," **6:45pm:** "It's Municipal Government 2007" **7:30pm** "Spring Fling Recital" **8pm** Replay of City Council Work Session
PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, June 13 & 15: 7pm "The Zach Sweeny Band" **8pm** "Death and the Maiden"

DONATION DROP-OFF

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

REGISTER FOR GREENBELT ALERT

Text based emergency communications system for Greenbelt residents. Visit <http://alert.greenbeltmd.gov> for more information or to sign up for this free, voluntary service.

Council OKs Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Guidelines

by Thomas X. White

In 2003 the Greenbelt City Council adopted an ordinance establishing the City's Forest Preserve program and designating the first parcels as Forest Preserve. Generally these were the city-owned parcels in the area between the GHI-owned land along Ridge Road and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. At that time council also established a Forest Preserve Task Force charged with drafting the Maintenance and Management (M&M) Guidelines to provide the framework for administration of the Forest Preserve. They were also asked to evaluate additional parcels for inclusion in the forest preserve and to advise council on whether they should create a new standing city advisory group to assist with the ongoing oversight of lands designated as Forest Preserve.

For the past two years council has been working with the Task Force on its guidelines and other recommendations, holding work sessions and considering the final report.

At council's May 14 regular meeting Councilmember Leta Mach introduced for first reading an ordinance to amend the Greenbelt City Code to establish a Forest Preserve Advisory Board and to update the Forest Preserve Article that had been adopted in 2003. The primary reason for the public hearing was that the Forest Preserve Article includes a provision requiring a public hearing prior to adoption of any ordinance revising the article.

Although not part of the legislation, council took an action later in the meeting to approve the M&M Guidelines. As it turned out, it was the guidelines' provisions on trails that engendered the most discussion during the public hearing.

M & M Guidelines

The first speaker at the public hearing, Peter Blank of Plateau Place, raised concerns about the prohibitions on actions that "good spirited" citizens might take to maintain the informal trails in the Forest Preserve and also the prohibitions on trail marking. Similar concerns were also raised by Matt Berres of GHI, who feels that no trails is a bad idea. The reality of the situation, he said, is that people visiting the preserve will make their own trails. He thought it would be better that they be guided by informal trails that allow reduced access.

Task Force Chairperson Keith Chernikoff provided a response that "good spirited" citizens could be both an asset and a risk to the Forest Preserve. He said the Task Force has taken a minimalist approach that maintains the city's prerogative for any change in the existing informal trails. He also noted that Area D of the plan could be considered by a future committee for development of a more formal trail system. This argument was supported by Marc Siegel, a member of both the Task Force and the city's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB). He touted the concept of "experience zones," as was used in the development of the Attick Park (Lake Park) Master Plan and helped save it from inappropriate uses. Using the experience zones model, he said, appropriate uses could be pro-

vided to satisfy varying interests by citizens in their enjoyment of Greenbelt parklands.

In all, about 15 citizens provided comments at the hearing. The majority favored the Task Force recommendations and urged council to take the next steps to foster the Forest Preserve concept as an untouched, wild woodlands. They argued that we need to do more preserving of woodlands. Councilmember Rodney Roberts noted his concern about the reference in the guidelines relating to obtaining advice from "forest management" experts. He urged that the language be changed to emphasize more "forest ecology" expertise to focus on the whole forest and not just the trees. This view seemed to have the support of council.

Paul Downs used his time to provide an eloquent description of the "primitive forest" and its effect on the visitor to the woods. Downs expressed the appreciation for the Task Force's long and careful consideration of the Forest Preserve concept and the related M&M Guidelines.

Additional comments were provided on some items specific to the updated article mainly having to do with the use of consistent terminology. It was pointed out that the guidelines seemed to be referred to variously as "policy" or "plan." They commented that the language should be looked at for proper usage of the respective terms.

Impact on Gardens

Ed James expressed concern about the potential impact on the community garden plots either within or adjacent to the Forest Preserve. He was assured that the Task Force recommendations allow for necessary pruning or removal of trees that interfere with the availability of sunlight for the gardens.

The issue of the sound of gunfire echoing through the woods was raised by one speaker. It was assumed that such sounds are from federal, county and city firing ranges on or near the Goddard property but it was agreed that city staff will investigate other possible sources.

At approximately 11:10 p.m., the public hearing phase of the meeting was over and council began taking up the remainder of the business items on its agenda. The first item was the final action on the Ordinance to create the new Forest Preserve Advisory Board and the updated Forest Preserve Article. Mach introduced the ordinance for second reading and adoption. Following a brief discussion the ordinance was approved unanimously.

Similarly, the Forest Preserve M&M Guidelines were approved unanimously with a few minor suggested additions such as some baseline drawings of the garden areas.

In fairly rapid order, council disposed of the last three business items including approval of a proposed Woodland Conservation Mitigation site for the loss of woodlands at the Hilton Garden Inn on the Golden Triangle. Approximately 1.4 acres of city-owned land adjacent to the dog park and the entrance to the Hunting Ridge Condominiums will be used for off-site mitigation. Council also approved a draft letter to be sent to the county re-

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iterated the concern that council was not working hard enough to control expenditures and to look toward a more sustainable level of services. She also said there is too much reliance on the City Manager's advice.

In response to concerns about an across-the-board decrease, Falcão stated, "Citizens should be able to say that taxes should be reduced without (having) to specify just where the savings should come from."

The next two speakers supported the proposed budget and argued against any across-the-board percentage decrease in city expenditures and valued the level of services available to Greenbelt citizens. Mary Chapman of Ridge Road provided written comments to council outlining the valuable services provided by the city for seniors and youths. She also noted the increasing responsibilities associated with maintaining the historic facilities in the city and the decreasing level of support that the city receives from the state and the county.

Elizabeth Gaines of Lakeside testified that the value that residents receive from their (tax) money is exceptional in Greenbelt. She said she would not support any across-the-board cuts in the budget.

The next three speakers argued that the increase in property assessments provided ample revenue for meeting Greenbelt's obligations and opposed the two cent increase in the tax rate. Robert Fireovid of Boxwood Village enumerated four recommendations on the proposed budget: (1) Put the incremental tax-rate increase on the ballot. (2) Include substantive choices in the city's Election Questionnaire on where (tax) monies should be spent. (3) Form a city task force to review city spending and make recommendations (to council) for improving deficiencies and for making cost control a priority. (4) Net a two percent cut in the budget. Instead of a 12.5 percent increase, make it just a 10 percent increase.

Great Place

Willis Witters of Lakewood appreciated that Greenbelt was a great place and offered great services. However, he noted that there was a 22-23 percent increase in the city's tax base and that the increased revenue resulting from the increased assessments should allow the city to leave the tax rate where it is.

Martin Murray of Research Road told council of his concern that increasing taxes to fund the police is actually making us less secure by driving retired residents and those with fixed incomes out of their homes. He sees the Police Department demanding more

and possibly causing problems with other city employees.

Following the pattern, the next two speakers spoke in favor of the proposed budget. Leonie Penney of Woodland Hills told council that the unique services provided by Greenbelt for its citizens make it a model city. She attributed this status to the hard work of this council and previous councils, the staff and participation by an enormous number of volunteers.

Penney also highlighted for council the actual fiscal impact of the 10 percent increase in the assessment on her home. She calculated the increase to be \$37.79 per year, or about \$3.15 per month. She considered such an increase worth it for the services provided. "Please continue your painstaking work of evaluating the value of our services against the cost," she told council.

Marc Siegel of Lakeside said that he was not jumping for joy about the increase in the tax rate but he asserted that the impact of the new collective bargaining agreement between the city and the police department rank and file should not have been a surprise to anyone.

Kathy Legendre, who apparently was watching the proceedings from home, came to the council hearing to challenge the premise that the tax rate increase is due to the collective bargaining agreement and urged council to take the time to look at what could be cut in the budget.

Echoing that thought, Clement Lau of Lakewood urged council to keep the growth of expenditures in line with revenue. He noted that the average increase in revenue over the past 10 years is about 6.24 percent per year. "The council needs to look at controlling expenditures and building reserves," he said.

The last speaker on the budget was David Lange of Lakeside, who agreed with the arguments made by Penney and others regarding the value of the services received by citizens and the preventive aspects of the high level of services. He also cautioned about cutting at the time of new development that will be occurring in Greenbelt and the tremendous risks if the members of the city's planning department were not able to perform their jobs well.

The mayor and council also noted several mailed and emailed communications from citizens on the proposed budget. They said those comments generally supported the proposed increase in the tax rate and valued the quality and level of services delivered to Greenbelt residents. Council was to consider the proposed budget and take final action at the meeting on June 4.

Habitat for Humanity Volunteers Needed

Habitat for Humanity of Prince George's County is currently looking for volunteers to help build houses for people in need. The next house will be in Fairmount Heights. To join in this build, visit during business hours at 4529 Rhode Island Ave., Brentwood, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. or call 301-779-1912.

New Program Comes To Greenbelt Middle

Prince George's County Public Schools will offer three new middle school programs when schools reopen in the fall: Achievement Via Individual Determination (AVID), the Middle Years Program for International Baccalaureate (IB) and America's Choice. These programs will be offered in addition to existing specialty programs so that every county middle school will have a signature program designed to accelerate student achievement. These additional programs are designed to prepare students for Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate courses in high school and keep them on course for graduation.

Greenbelt Middle School is one of five schools that have begun the process of becoming Middle Years Program schools. The Middle Years Program, an expansion of the highly successful IB Diploma Program (a high school program), began in 1994. Students in the Middle Years Program study eight subject groups – humanities, mathematics, two languages, science, the arts, physical education and technology – and they view these subjects through multiple disciplines, including health and social education, community service and the environment.

Several county high schools with the IB Diploma Program allow students from the Greenbelt Middle School program to complete a six-year International Baccalaureate program.

AVID programs are aimed at students in the "academic middle" who have the desire to go to college and are willing to work hard to achieve college entrance. America's Choice is a program aimed at ramping up the skills of students struggling with reading or mathematics. AVID and America's Choice will be offered in nearby middle schools.

WSSC Scholarship For Engineering

For the second year, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) is offering a \$1,000 scholarship award for future water engineers, with the added possibility of paid summer internship experience for the selected student. Last year's scholarship was awarded to Justin Isbel of Forestville, an engineering major at Morgan State.

Facing a maturing water and wastewater engineer pool, the WSSC is especially interested in encouraging and enabling engineering students with an interest in the water and wastewater field, which will see an increase in job opportunities in future years.

To be eligible, students must attend a university or college in Maryland, reside in Prince George's or Montgomery Counties and be enrolled in an engineering degree program. The application deadline is June 30. To obtain an application, send a letter of interest by mail to Charlett Bundy, Esq., Corporate Secretary, WSSC, 14501 Sweitzer Lane, Laurel, MD 20707, email cbundy@wsscwater.com or fax to 301-206-8917.

The winner of this year's scholarship will be announced at the WSSC August meeting.

garding the reduced award for the Community Development Block (CDBG) Grant Program. The city will receive only \$78,000 this year to be used for roadway improvements in Spring Hill Lake, the only Greenbelt area eligible for CDBG funding.

The final action taken of the evening was approval of a city contribution of \$500 for the city of Greenberg, Kansas, to assist in the rebuilding of that city, which was totally wiped out by a tornado on May 4.



Wreaths were laid at Greenbelt's Veterans Memorial on Centerway by the local American Legion Post. — photo Monique Jezierski

Local Citizens Pay Homage To the Nation's Veterans

by Carol Griffith

"God bless you for caring enough to be here today" was how Kathie Linkenhoker, commander of Post 136, greeted the approximately 80 people who gathered on the morning of Monday, May 28 to honor and remember our nation's fallen servicemen and servicewomen. Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 sponsored and hosted the Memorial Day ceremony at the Veterans' Memorial, located on the stretch of green between Roosevelt Center and Crescent Road.

While attendees stood, many with their hands over their hearts, Wayne Miller sang "The Star Spangled Banner," members of the Air Force Junior ROTC presented the flag and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Sam Hoffberg, the post's chaplain, offered a prayer.

Linkenhoker welcomed attendees and introduced Mayor Judith Davis and Councilmembers Leta Mach, Edward Putens, Konrad Herling and Rodney Roberts as well as officials of the American Legion. The ceremony's special guest was Justin Ross, resident of Greenbelt and State Delegate for Maryland District 22.

In her opening remarks, Linkenhoker noted the sacrifice of those who have given their lives so ordinary citizens may continue to enjoy the things they love — "God, country and family." Americans answer the call to duty, she continued, to maintain a strong national defense, keep America safe, follow their comrades and protect America's core values of patriotism and freedom.

Davis spoke next and began by noting that the crowd was

larger compared to those of previous commemorations. After reciting some numbers of American servicemen and servicewomen lost in Iraq, she pointed out that those are not just cold statistics; for their loved ones, "every day is Memorial Day."

Silke Pope, president of the Post 136 Auxiliary; Thomas Bryant, commander of Post 136 Sons of the American Legion; and Thomas Dyson, representing the Greenbelt George H. Seal Memorial Chapter of the Disabled American Veterans, joined the Greenbelt City Council as Davis read a proclamation noting that, on this 90th anniversary of the American entry into World War I, the country must remain "vigilant and supportive, so we may enjoy peace, prosperity and freedom."

Following Miller's rendition of "God Bless America," there were short speeches by Pope, Bryant and Dyson continuing the theme of gratitude for the service and sacrifice of those who have served the country. Dyson called for all Americans to take up the moral obligation of care for all veterans and "not waver, as they who defend us never waver."

Wreaths were laid on the memorial by members of the Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion and Disabled Veterans and Councilmembers Mach, Herling, and Roberts representing the city. A gun salute followed and "Taps" was played. Concluding the ceremony was another prayer by Hoffberg. He prayed for divine wisdom and understanding for a troubled world and for protection for those currently serving our country.

Conservators Repoint Bas Reliefs' Lines

Conservators working on cleaning and reconditioning the bas reliefs across the front facade of the Community Center have discovered several failed areas within the mortar lines below the five friezes according to Terri Hruby, city assistant planning director. The friezes themselves, carved in limestone by New Deal artist Lenore Thomas, have emerged fresh from years of accumulated iron stains and paint, Hruby said.

Rather than patching the occasional failed line, city planning staff has recommended repointing the entire 32.3 linear feet to provide a uniform appearance. The conservators, Conservation Solution, Inc., will perform this additional work at \$150 a linear foot, totaling \$4,845 — a reduction from their earlier bid of \$175 a linear foot for the partial repointing.

Community Events

Local Church Holds Seafood & Jazz Fest

St. Hugh Church will be holding a Seafood and Jazz Extravaganza this Saturday evening June 9 at 6 p.m. The jazz will be provided by local jazz duo "Visions of Jazz."

"Visions of Jazz" members include Arch "AT" Thompson, originally from L.A., who is the musical director and plays flute and Richard Miller, originally from Brazil, who plays acoustic guitar. The duo, which plays contemporary, Brazilian and Latin jazz, has been playing together for three years and was featured at Blues Alley.

Fried catfish, steamed shrimp and fried clams are featured menu items. For more information about the Seafood and Jazz Festival, including discounted advance ticket sales, call Chuck Hatcher at 301-474-0638.



Geppi's Museum Trip Still Has Openings

The Greenbelt Senior Center still has openings for the trip Wednesday, June 13 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to Geppi's Entertainment Museum in Baltimore. The trip is not limited to seniors.

Geppi's Entertainment Museum offers a journey through American history with a focus on pop culture. Celebrity figures include Superman, Supergirl, Batman, Howdy Doody, Betty Boop, Little Richard and Elvis. After a boxed lunch from Hard Rock Café comes a visit to the Sports Legend Museum which showcases top athletes from many sports and championship moments.

Register at the Greenbelt Community Center or go to www.greenbeltmd.gov, click on RecLink and register online — for those who have an account with the Greenbelt Recreation Department. For further information call 301-397-2208.

Computer Club Meets Thursday

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its June monthly meeting on Thursday, June 14 at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 202 (Theater Rehearsal room) from 7 to 8:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Greenbelt CERT Has Meeting Every Month

On Saturday, June 2 Community Emergency Response Teams (CERTs) from Prince George's and Montgomery counties assembled at the Montgomery County Fire Training Academy in Rockville. The Greenbelt CERT was one of those that participated in a series of disaster-related scenarios, such as urban and rural search and rescue, triage, disaster medical assistance, fire extinguishers and radio communications.

The Greenbelt Community Emergency Response Team meets the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Police Station. New members are welcome. The initial 20 hours of FEMA-certified training and equipment are available at no cost.

Summer Folk Dance Open House June 15

Dust off those comfortable shoes; get cool, casual clothes out of the closet and come to the Greenbelt Youth Center on Friday, June 15 at 7:30 p.m. Plan for a fun evening of international folk dancing led by instructor Roland Forbes. The open party will feature dancing from many parts of the world. There are always many friendly dancers at these events and partners are not necessary. Light refreshments will be served.

Those who enjoy the open house party can register for the series of classes taught at the Youth Center through the Greenbelt Recreation Department.

Teddy Bear Picnic

On Thursday, June 14 at 10:30 a.m. there will be a Teddy Bear Picnic in the Meeting Room of the library. There will be stories, activities, refreshments and a Teddy Bear picnic. Children age 2-6 with caregiver are invited. Bring a favorite teddy bear or other stuffed animal.

Astronomical Society Holds Star Party

On Saturday, June 9 Astronomical Society members will hold a star party at Northway Field.

Members of the society will begin to set up to view the moon and other celestial objects at approximately 8:45 p.m. In the event of rain or hopelessly cloudy skies the event will be cancelled without further notice.

Bring along a telescope and society members will help aspiring sky watchers become amateur astronomers.

Details are available at www.greenbeltastro.org/events_shtml.

June 9 Is Deadline For Trail Volunteers

Saturday, June 9 is the mandatory orientation date for those who want to join the newly-formed Greenbelt Park Trail volunteer program. Call Ranger Martin at 301-344-3944.

Principal Conyers To Leave ERHS

by Mary Moien

Sylvester Conyers, principal at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS), announced to his staff on Tuesday that he will be moving to another position in the school system. This position, which must be approved by the school board, is a new position.

Conyers will become the second in command to William Ritter who is to head the newly-formed high school consortium. All of the high schools in the county will belong to the consortium. The five regional directors will continue to be responsible for elementary and middle schools.

Conyers, who has been principal at ERHS for seven years, indicated that he will not leave until a successor is named and following a transition period with the new principal.

GES Spring Concert Is Tuesday Evening

Greenbelt Elementary School (GES) will hold its annual spring concert on Tuesday, June 12 at 6:30 p.m. This year's show, written by music teacher Dara Case, is called "Heroes: Know One? Be One!" It is expected to last about one hour. There will also be an exhibition of artwork created by the after-school Art Club. Admission is free. For more information call the school at 301-513-5911.

Do you live in Greenbelt East?

The News Review is looking for story ideas, writers and photographers who live or work in Greenbelt East, to expand our coverage of that part of our city. If you have ideas to share or time to write or take pictures email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com.

Greenbelt Baseball

Major League Standings as of Tuesday, June 5, 2007

American League	W-L	National League	W-L
Orioles	12-2	Indians	12-1
Giants	9-4	Cardinals	10-4
Tigers	3-9	Yankees	4-9
Athletics	1-12	Cubs	1-12

Major League Schedule

Date	Time	Games
Sun., June 10	12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.	Machine-Pitch All-Play Major League All-Star
Mon., June 11	6:00 p.m.	Cubs vs. Giants
Tues., June 12	6:00 p.m.	Orioles vs. Yankees
Wed., June 13	6:00 p.m.	Cardinals vs. Indians
Thurs., June 14	6:00 p.m.	Athletics vs. Tigers
Fri., June 15	6:00 p.m.	Orioles vs. Giants
Fri., June 15	7:00 p.m.*	Yankees vs. Indians
Sat., June 16	10:00 a.m.	Athletics vs. Cardinals
Sat., June 16	1:00 p.m.	Tigers vs. Cubs

All games are played at McDonald Field unless noted.

* This game will be played at Braden #2.

Greenbelters Celebrated 70th Birthday with Gusto

by Mary Moien

Rain and the threat of more rain could not dampen the spirits of Greenbelters who came to the Community Center on June 3 to celebrate Greenbelt's 70th birthday. In the main hallway of the building hung the designs of the winner and runners-up of the competition of how Greenbelt might look in 3007. The winners were introduced to the town. Down the hall, an arts intern was teaching children and adults about letterboxing, an activity of searching for buried "treasure" (see separate story on page 12). Upstairs older children and adults were getting a mini lesson on the potter's wheel. Finally, in the auditorium, the Greenbelt Writers Group and the Greenbelt Concert Band entertained all. During the afternoon, the Greenbelt News Review was open for those who wanted to tour the facilities and learn more about the volunteer jobs needed to run a weekly paper.

Green Designs

Three winners of visionary architectural designs from members of the National Capital Region Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council were on display. They were designed to offer ideas for a livable, affordable, sustainable greenbelt community over the next 1,000 years.

The first place winners were present and spoke about their design; Christopher Peli of Quinn Evans Architects and Melissa Funkey of Studios Architecture. They described the geological history of this part of the country and future changes. Their design seemed to be connected to near time changes also. The designs showed roofed second floor balconies on block homes to shade sunlight from the interior while providing extra living space to

the small homes. Their design also included roof configurations for the use of solar and wind power. Water harvesting was a part of the landscaping. There was much general discussion.

Writers Group

Jackie Miller-Byrd, A. Neil Deo and Lenore Algaze, three very active members of the Greenbelt Writers Group, presented brief readings on Greenbelt, in honor of the 70th birthday. Algaze, a long-time resident, recalled growing up in Greenbelt and how much it has meant to her. Deo recalled many historical aspects of the town, including the influence of Eleanor Roosevelt. Miller-Byrd's piece was more contemporary reminding the audience of all the features and activities that abound in the city and county.

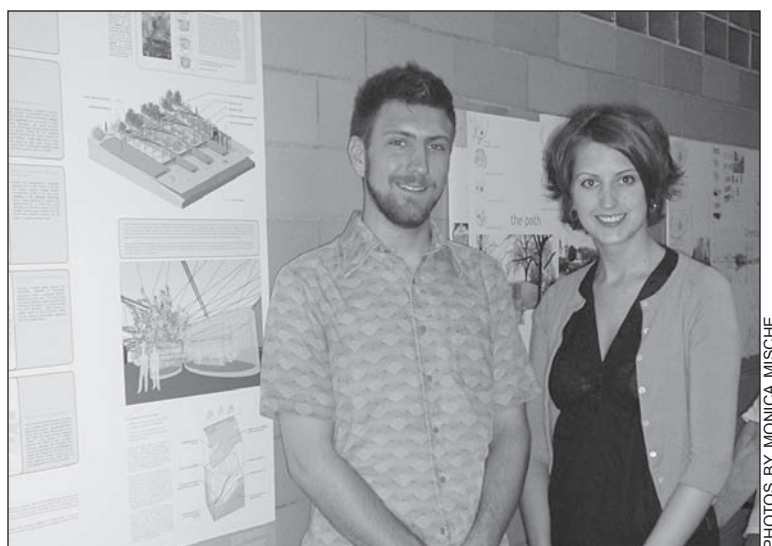
Concert Band

The Greenbelt Concert Band is always ready to put on a good show. And the city's 70th birthday was no exception. Conductor Tom Cherrix began the program with a march that has not been played in a number of years – "The Heart of Greenbelt," composed by Seymour Levine. It was a rousing rendition. Another favorite was "The Trail West, An American Folk Rhapsody" by Gene Milford. This piece incorporated parts of many folk songs of the 19th century including "Swing Low Sweet Chariot." Cherrix' rhythmic movements as he conducted the band added to the feeling of the music.

Jim Moore, assistant conductor, took the baton for one piece, "Montenido" by Jay Chattoway. He dedicated the piece to the memory of Jim Kelly, a talented musician who was a trombone player and member of the band.



Three members of the Greenbelt Writers Group (l. to r.) Jackie Miller-Byrd, A. Neil Deo and Lenore Algaze each offered a reading for the Greenbelt Day Weekend festivities.



Christopher Peli and Melissa Funkey spoke about their award-winning green designs for Greenbelt at the Artful Afternoon Emerging Green Builders talk.

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This artist's rendering was prepared by HCP Architects and depicts the expansion plans for the hospital complex. The groundbreaking for a new building and parking garage is scheduled for June 7.

adjacent to Greenbelt's border, the plan had been referred from the county to the city for comment. In response Hruby noted: "Given the nature of the proposed additions (i.e., no traffic impacts, minimal greenspace, improved parking area and circulation and conformance with zoning requirements) and the [county] level by which the revised site plan is being reviewed . . . staff recommends the city staff be authorized to transmit to the county . . ." the city's decision not to take a formal position for or against the proposed revisions.

However, the city has suggested that "green building techniques be incorporated into the proposed site improvement." M-NCPPC Planner Jimmy Jones told the News Review that green building techniques were not being considered for the additions because the existing hospital was constructed at a time when these techniques were not in use.

Hruby said, "According to the Applicant's [Doctors Hospital, Inc.] statement of justification, the proposed additional floor area will not generate additional traffic on nearby roads since no additional beds or medical office space area is being added."

Reportedly, construction of the proposed additions is expected to take place in the fall of 2007 although the site has already been cleared and bulldozers are at work leading to the beginning of construction.

The four additions, totaling

77,550 square feet, will include about 54,000 square feet to accommodate the conversion of semi-private rooms to 90 private rooms. About 6,000 square feet will be added to the emergency room and an unspecified amount of space will house the relocation of the MRI facility, currently located in a temporary trailer. The remaining space will be dedicated to general circulation and an un-

finished shell space.

Building heights will range from one to five stories consistent with those of the existing hospital.

When Doctors Hospital was constructed many decades ago, the 14.5 acre tract required rezoning from the R-80 (residential) zone to the special exception category.

Hospital Has Groundbreaking Event

Doctors Community Hospital (DCH), located in Lanham near Greenbelt, celebrated the beginning of construction on a professional office building and parking garage in its groundbreaking ceremony today, June 7.

State officials, including Lieutenant Governor Anthony Brown, Senator Ulysses Currie and Delegate Tawanna Gaines are expected to offer remarks and be joined by a number of other state and local representatives. The 64,000 square foot building will feature a regional cancer center incorporating a state-of-the-art linear accelerator as part of a comprehensive radiation therapy and oncology program. In addition there will be a new outpatient radiology center that will support a women's breast center and vascular institute. There will also be a number of physicians locating their offices in the new building.

"This is just the beginning of a major expansion program at the hospital tract according to Philip B. Down, chief executive officer of DCH.

The \$18,500,000 project is expected to be complete in the fall of 2008 and is being built by BBL Construction Services of Albany, N.Y., a national leader in the design and construction of medical office buildings. They are being assisted on the site by Gilbane Building Company and Adams Construction Management.

Doctors Community Hospital is a 200 bed not-for-profit, acute care institution that has received numerous awards over the years for its outstanding care including a repeated ranking as one of America's Best Hospitals by U.S. News and World Report.

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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.

Assault

May 25, 8:16 p.m., 100 block Westway. A woman driving in the parking lot noticed several people standing in the parking lot, blocking her path. The victim sounded her car horn in an attempt to get the suspects to move, at which time one of the group walked over to the driver's side of the victim's vehicle, shouted a profanity and punched the victim through the open window. The assailant then fled the scene. The suspect is described as a black female, 30 to 35 years of age, 5'5" to 5'8" with black hair and brown eyes, wearing a grey shirt and Capri-style pants. The victim was not injured.

Drugs

May 27, 8:42 a.m., 9200 block Springhill Lane. An 18-year-old Springhill Lake resident was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute in a school zone and possession of marijuana. After an officer responded to a report of two subjects possibly selling marijuana in the area of the Springhill Lake Shopping Center, two subjects matching the description given were located nearby in the 5800 block of Cherrywood Terrace. One of the suspects fled the area on foot. The second suspect was detained and found to be in possession of a quantity of suspected marijuana packaged as though it was for sale. The suspect was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Weapons

May 15, 3:10 p.m., 7600 block Hanover Parkway. Concealed deadly weapon arrest. A 15-year-old Greenbelt youth was arrested

after he was observed showing a handgun to another subject in the parking lot of Eleanor Roosevelt High School. When a teacher approached the suspect, he fled the scene on foot, along with the other youth. As a result of further investigation by a School Resource Officer, the suspect was identified and located at his residence. The suspect was released to his parents pending action by the Board of Education and the juvenile justice system.

Vehicle Crimes

Stolen vehicles were reported in the following locations: 9000 block Breezewood Terrace – a 2002 Plymouth Grand Voyager van recovered later that day in Edmonston; Beltway Plaza – a 2005 Dodge Ram truck recovered May 28 in Washington, D.C.; 9100 block Springhill Lane – a 1996 Plymouth Grand Voyager van, recovered the same evening in Washington, D.C.; 6000 block Springhill Drive – a dark blue 1995 Honda Accord 4-door, Maryland tags 3CMR45; 6100 block Springhill Terrace – a silver 1999 Dodge Stratus 4-door, Maryland tags 4AMV62.

5800 block Cherrywood Terrace – vandalism to auto. Unknown person(s) set a passenger car on fire.

Thefts from, vandalism to or attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following locations: 7500 block Greenbelt Road, 7800 block Mandan Road, 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, Centerway, 6200 block Breezewood Drive, 6200 block Springhill Drive (2 incidents), 9300 block Edmonston Road (3 incidents), 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive, 100 block Lastner Lane.

IRS Warns of New Email Scams Afloat

The Internal Revenue Service is alerting taxpayers to the latest versions of an email scam intended to fool people into believing they are under investigation by the agency's Criminal Investigation Division.

The email, purporting to be from IRS Criminal Investigation, falsely states that the person is under a criminal probe for submitting a false tax return to the California Franchise Tax Board. The email seeks to entice people to click on a link or open an attachment to learn more information about the complaint against them. The IRS warns people that the email link and attachment is a Trojan Horse that can take over the person's computer hard drive and allow someone to have remote access to the computer.

The IRS urged people not to click the link in the email or open the attachment.

Similar email variations suggest a customer has filed a complaint against a company and the IRS can act as an arbitrator. The latest versions appear aimed at business taxpayers as well as individual taxpayers.

The IRS does not send out unsolicited emails or ask for detailed personal and financial information. Additionally, the IRS never asks people for the PINs, passwords or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank or other financial accounts.

"Everyone should beware of these scam artists," said Kevin M. Brown, acting IRS commissioner. "Always exercise caution when you receive unsolicited emails or emails from senders you don't know."

Recipients of questionable emails claiming to come from the IRS should not open any attachments or click on any links contained in the emails. Instead, they should forward the emails to phishing@irs.gov (the instructions may be found on www.irs.gov by entering the term "phishing" in the search box). The IRS also sees other email scams that involve tricking victims into revealing private personal and financial information over the Internet – this is known as "phishing" for information.

The IRS and the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration work with the U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team (US-CERT) and various Internet service providers and international CERT teams to have the phishing sites taken offline as soon as they are reported.

Other fraudulent email scams try to entice taxpayers to click their way to a fake IRS website which asks for bank account numbers. Another widespread email tells taxpayers the IRS is holding a refund (often \$63.80) for them and seeks financial account information. Still another email claims the IRS "anti-fraud commission" is investigating their tax returns. More information is available at www.irs.gov.

Tenant from Lincoln Place Appears Before Council

by James Giese

Laura Burns of Lincoln Place apartments appeared before the Greenbelt City Council at its June 4 meeting. Now a resident of Austin, Texas, and in the Washington area to attend a conference, Burns appeared to warn the council to "be sure and know who you are dealing with," in respect to the city's dealings with AIMCO, the owners of Springhill Lake apartments. As a Lincoln Place tenant, Burns was forcibly evicted from her apartment in the Venice section of Los Angeles, Calif., by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department after being ordered to vacate her premises.

Burns noted the similarities between Greenbelt and Lincoln Place. Ralph Vaughan, Lincoln Place's architect, had previously worked on the Greenbelt and Langston Terrace projects for the Department of Agriculture Urban Resettlement Administration. Both Lincoln Place and original Greenbelt are designated historic landmarks. AIMCO proposed replacing the existing apartment buildings in Lincoln Place and in Springhill Lake with new structures. They are the flagship locations in AIMCO's revitalization efforts, she claimed.

Burns presented the council with a DVD showing the homeless situation resulting when the Sheriff's Department undertook a mass eviction of Lincoln Place tenants shortly before Christmas. The tenants erected an encampment outside Lincoln Place. Burns claimed that she was the first person to be evicted.

She told the council two lawsuits seeking declaratory relief are still before the courts relating to Lincoln Place. She expects the court to set hearing dates this summer.

She described to council the uniqueness of Vaughan's architecture at Lincoln Place – how

each building section has a different footprint resulting in many landscaped outdoor nooks and crannies and how each building entrance is of a different modern design. In four decisions, the state historic commission made its historic determination for Lincoln Place. She said that Vaughan felt that every resident should have their own distinctive dwelling no matter how modest the home was.

Burns said she no longer can afford to live in Los Angeles where there is a shortage of affordable housing. A one-bedroom apartment rents for a minimum of \$1,100 and for \$1,800 in Venice, she said. She claimed that the tenants association had sparked a renter's movement in Los Angeles.

(Note: While Lincoln Place and original Greenbelt have been designated historic, Springhill Lake has not. Lincoln Place was put under a Los Angeles rent control law which resulted in long-term tenants paying rentals well below market rates. This has created difficulty when many tenants were forced to relocate elsewhere. Springhill Lake rentals are at market rates. AIMCO offered and has relocated many Lincoln Park tenants to other AIMCO properties at market rental rates and has provided some initial rental assistance toward the payment of market rates. Some tenants rejected these offers as being insufficient or because they did not wish to leave Lincoln Place. At Springhill Lake, AIMCO has indicated it would assist Springhill Lake renters in relocating to other AIMCO properties when it receives county permits to undertake the demolition of existing buildings or to relocate them to the new apartments built to replace Springhill Lake.

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.



Greenbelt's newest police officer is David Marsh. He was sworn into office by Mayor Judith Davis at the June 4 Greenbelt City Council meeting as Chief James Craze and councilmembers looked on. Marsh comes to the department from the University of Maryland Police Department, where he had served since January 2006. He has been a city resident since 2005 and a Maryland resident his entire life. After graduating from Patuxent High School in Lusby, Marsh went on to earn a B.A. in Criminology and Criminal Justice from the University of Maryland. He is single but became engaged to be married in January.

– photo by Beverly Palau

Time to Prepare for Hurricanes

With the approach of warm weather another hurricane season is upon us.

Are you prepared?

If not, here are some precautions to better protect yourself and your family.

1. Make up an emergency supply kit – gather some basic emergency supplies and everyday needs and have them ready to go.

2. Have a plan – where will you go? Who will you call? How will you get there? There is no time to work these things out during an emergency. You must do it beforehand.

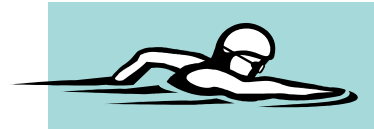
3. Stay informed – monitor the radio or TV for updates. Don't allow yourself to be surprised. Be especially alert when vacationing on the coast.

4. Be calm – you have prepared yourself, now remain patient, think before you act and follow instructions.

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A message from the Greenbelt Public Safety Committee.

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Girls Scouts' 95th

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Falcão and Fireovid, pleading that council not increase the tax rate. He told council he was willing to consider receiving less in city services because of the cuts. He wondered what the council would have done if it the city had not already benefited from a 10 percent increase in property assessments.

In responding to Falcão's assertions that other municipalities were not raising tax rates, Mayor Judith Davis countered by saying that other municipalities did not offer the services Greenbelt does. She also referred to jurisdictions which had been forced to lay off city employees, something, she said, Greenbelt would not do.

Davis once again attributed the tax rate increase to the need to fund police salary and benefit increases as a result of collective bargaining as mandated by the voters. The terms of that agreement had been earlier unanimously agreed to by the members of the council.

Resident Leonie Penney, an advocate for the funding of an additional employee for the Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program, claimed that since a majority of the tax bill was for county services and since the two-cent increase was only "two percent of one-percent" since it was levied on the basis of units of \$100 of property assessed valuation, the impact of the rate increase would be minimal. [Actually, the rate increase is a 2.6 percent increase in the property tax rate.]

Council Pay

Among the changes made to the budget was a pay increase for the next elected council, its salary to be double that of the current council. It will be the first increase in 18 years. The mayor's salary will become \$12,000 and each councilmember's \$10,000.

Davis noted that the increase proposal was first made by a citizen appearing before the council, not by any councilmember. Roberts, voting against the proposal, noted that he was not opposed to increasing council pay, but felt that it should have been decided by a vote of citizens at the upcoming election. [Past council pay increases have never been submitted to referendum and are not required to be by city charter. However, since the city charter provides for the amount of council pay the charter must be amended before the next council election to provide for the salary changes approved in the budget and any charter amendment can be petitioned to referendum.]

Roberts opposed the council agreement to add the new position of capital projects manager for the second half of the fiscal year, saying he would not have a problem with the position if the city weren't faced with such a significant tax increase. Davis noted that its action to raise apartment inspection fees last year would raise enough added funds to pay for the project manager.

ager. She, and Councilmembers Leta Mach and Konrad Herling, felt the position was needed to get city projects accomplished faster. Roberts countered that it was possible to spread costs around any way council wanted but that a tax increase was still a tax increase.

Roberts did vote against amending the police budget because it still called for employing a police cadet (instead of the two originally proposed), an addition he felt was not justified considering the city's financial circumstances. He did support, however, adding a new case manager for GAIL mid-year, a position strongly advocated by Penney and Dr. Leo Walder.

Other budget changes received the unanimous approval of all councilmembers.

Wrap-up

Wrapping up the consideration of the budget, Davis told those present that she had taken strong exception to a letter to the editor in the Greenbelt News Review (May 24 issue, written by Joan Falcão) that said only one councilmember was sensitive to the concerns of homeowners. "We are all homeowners," she said. "Councilmembers do not live in a bubble."

Davis continued that there was a lot more needed in funding in all departments that the city is doing without. There is no inexpensive solution to the problems Greenbelt faces. "We have done the best we could with the cards we have been dealt," she concluded.



PHOTO BY MARY MOIEN

The Greenbelt News Review held an open house on Greenbelt Day to entice new volunteers to join. Many Greenbelters dropped in to see the workings of the paper and to eat cookies baked by Solange Hess. Pictured from left to right are staffers Kathy Jarva, Solange Hess, Carol Griffith, Eileen Farnham (hidden), Sue Krofchik, Barbara Likowski, Marat Moore and Stacy L. Hardy.

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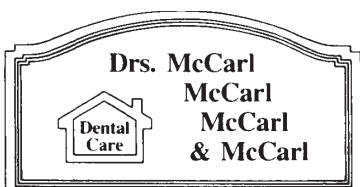
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ERHS Student Is a Top U.S. Physics Student

by Martha Heil

Kynan Rilee, a junior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS), spent the last 10 days taking exams and doing lab experiments – but not for a classroom grade. Instead, Rilee completed three levels of exams to become a member of the U.S. Physics Team, a group of 24 students who trained at the University



Kynan Rilee

National Building Museum's programs, in which he built furniture and sculptures. With the viewpoint of a budding scientist, Rilee explained, "We had to build furniture with building blocks and then we put playpen balls inside for the seat. The next time we did it, our design was better."

Rilee and fellow Physics Olympiad team members were honored June 1 at a ceremony at the American Center for Physics in College Park. Among the guests was Greenbelt's Mayor Judith Davis. She says the city places great importance on its youth, providing fun and activities but also teamwork and learning through the Youth Center and an advisory committee to the Greenbelt City Council on education.

Rilee, a resident of Lanham, is a whiz at physics because he got an early start. His mother teaches physics in ERHS' Science and Technology magnet school. Though he was too young to take an AP biology course in his freshman year, "He asked me if he could study physics," said Yau-Jong Twu, who teaches AP Physics B and C, mostly to juniors and seniors.

"So I gave him the [AP Physics B] book and some problems," she said. I didn't know what he would get – but he got a 5." That's the highest score.

He had already been exposed to physics, his mother explains, since science is a regular topic around their dinner table. They also regularly visit the nearby University of Maryland's "Physics is Fun" demonstrations.

Rilee's enrollment in ERHS' magnet school has opened his interest in engineering. He says that one of his favorite activities is building things and the engineering classes have piqued his interest in someday becoming an engineer, particularly in robotics. "I'd like to have my own company, working on building military or medical robots."

He is so interested in building and inventing that he has begun a club at his school with a \$10,000 grant to develop an engineering project and then showcase it at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology-Lemelson InvenTeam Odyssey, just a few weeks away.

Rilee also participated in the

low Physics Olympiad team members were honored June 1 at a ceremony at the American Center for Physics in College Park. Among the guests was Greenbelt's Mayor Judith Davis. She says the city places great importance on its youth, providing fun and activities but also teamwork and learning through the Youth Center and an advisory committee to the Greenbelt City Council on education.

"Greenbelt has always been there for young people," Davis said. "We have a strong feeling for every young person." Davis mentioned that the new skate park, which formally opened the day after the Physics Olympiad reception, had recently been host to a local TV news segment on the physics of skateboarding featuring Greenbelter James Riordon as its science expert.

Rilee also plays in ERHS' band and Dixieland Combo – he's adept at both piano and trombone. He really feels at home when making music – "They're like my family," he said. He's also in the Mock Trial Club – a kind of extended debate club, with not only speech-making but witness examination. Outside of school he practices judo.

"We're so proud of Roosevelt students," said Davis. "When something like this happens, we get all excited. I hope that other ERHS students can join the physics team."

That's a real possibility, Twu said. "Now that I know about the Physics Olympiad, I can encourage more students to take it. And now I know about the Biology and Chemistry Olympiads, too, and maybe we can get a process in place that encourages students to try for those teams."

Letterboxing Is Newest Fad

by Mary Moien

If you see someone wandering around town, looking under hedges and behind trees, you may be watching a letterboxer. Letterboxing is a hobby combining map-reading skills and artistic ability with "treasure hunts" in beautiful scenic places. To celebrate Greenbelt's 70th birthday, 10 letterboxes have been hidden around the city.

The object of the hunt is to find a box which has a stamp and pad inside. The person searching will bring their own homemade stamp and stamp pad. Once the box is found they will stamp a paper inside to let the person who hid the box know that it was found and when. Each letterbox also contains a stamp and the finder will stamp his own book as a reminder of boxes that were found.

Alexandra Butcher is a home-schooled student and a girl scout. She has been an art intern with the city for almost a year working on various projects. To help her qualify for a Girl Scout Silver Award, Alexandra wanted to develop her own Artful Afternoon project. She chose the letterboxing project.

Alexandra and other staff first assembled and hid letterboxes in 10 locations in the city. They then prepared directions for finding the boxes which are hidden in all segments of the city from Springhill Lake through the center of town and east to Schrom Hills Park.

Then on Artful Afternoon Alexandra helped children and adults design and carve their own stamps and paper pads for stamping and receiving stamps. The art room was crowded with both adults and children; adults were assigned to a more complicated stamp-making procedure. Many adults quickly migrated to the children's table where there was some hope of actually completing a stamp and going out to



Student Alexandra Butcher developed the letterboxing project as a Greenbelt Arts intern. She is shown (on left) helping Emma Grier and her mother Amy Grier design stamps. Below, Marcus and Quentin Moss along with grandmother Thelma Forte show off the stamps they made as they headed out of the Community Center into the rain in search of a letterbox. – Photos by Mary Moien



search for a letterbox. Greenbelt resident Thelma Forte and her grandsons were some of the first to complete their stamps. They were given a map and sent off to find a treasure.

The letterboxing project is ongoing. The boxes are still in their hidden locations. Individuals and families who want to have an outing can obtain additional information on letterboxing and maps on the city's website, <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts/>.

(You do not need your own stamp to get started, just get a map and start walking. This reporter has been a letterboxer for several years and has found boxes in D.C. along the river, at the National Academy of Sciences, in Disney World and at Walter Reed's birthplace in southern Virginia. I didn't have a stamp (until Sunday) so I just carried a pen and signed my initials and the date I found the box. It can be great fun.)

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Students Lead Community Farewell for Principal Curl

by Sandra A. Lange

On a bright and sunny Friday morning, the students at Greenbelt Elementary School (GES) gathered June 1 on the lawn behind the school to honor their retiring principal, Katherine Curl. There was hardly a murmur as one teacher after another walked up to the podium to read the accolades bestowed on their principal by a host of local, state and federal officials.

Sixth grade teacher Beth Novick read a proclamation from the Greenbelt City Council which called Curl a strong and capable leader who inspired children to learn and to be excited about education. Board of Education Representative of Region 2 Susan Holiday lauded Curl for the excellence of her 39 years in the education profession. The Prince George's County Council praised Curl for her faithful, productive service and for dedicating her life to Prince George's County. Commendations also were received from Senator Barbara Mikulski and Governor Martin O'Malley.

Children's Gifts

A group of children representing each grade level presented Curl with two gifts of letters, photos and advice for her retirement. One album was from the lower grades and one was from grades 4-6. Brian Sterling, a sixth grader, stated that Curl made school feel like a home. What he liked best about her he said, "is how funny she is while making us follow the rules." He recounted that Curl called the cafeteria 'McCurl' while urging them to use good manners during lunchtime. After the presentation, Curl hugged each child.

PTA

On behalf of the PTA, outgoing president Amy Hansen made a special presentation. She noted that the GES Green Club had worked on opening a nature trail behind the school. The trail has been dedicated to Katherine Curl and a special plaque with Curl's photograph and the photos of some of the children who worked on the project will be installed at the beginning of the trail.

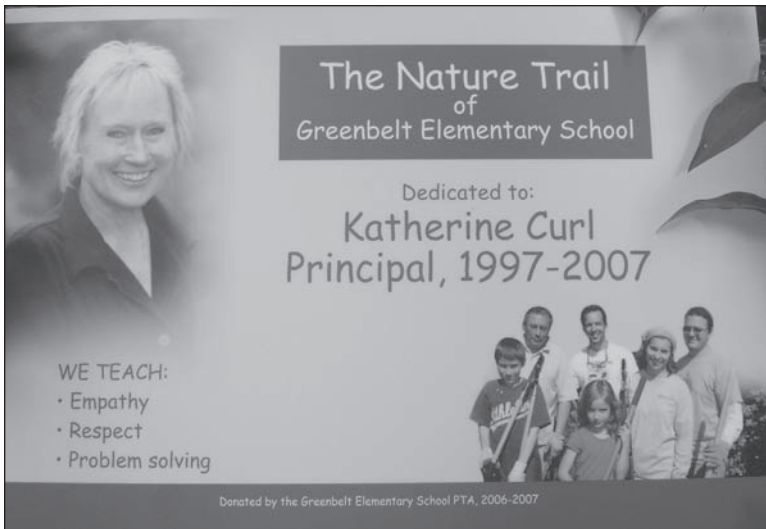
Finally Curl thanked all the attendees and urged the children to "be kind to each other, respect yourself, your mom and dad, and each other." Wiping away tears, she led her daughter Marci and granddaughter Hannah and a group of sixth graders down the trail bearing her name.



GES Principal Katherine Curl walks the new trail dedicated in her honor. Curl is retiring after 10 years of service at Greenbelt Elementary and a total of 39 years in the education field.



Students examine the plaque that will mark the trail.



The dedication plaque shows pictures of not only Curl but also the members of the Green Club who worked to open the trail.



Kathy Curl and her granddaughter Hannah listen to the presentations. Seated at her right is PTA president Amy Hansen and in the background music teacher Dara Case.

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Katherine Curl used the same ceremonial scissors used for the opening of the school in 1993 to open the nature trail dedicated in her honor.

and kids because, she maintains, "their problems are important to me." She stresses the need to listen to each other, to agree to disagree when necessary and to hold no grudges.

Leadership is the primary characteristic necessary in a good principal, she states. This is followed by strong character, a hard-work ethic, honesty, humility, a sense of humor and a high degree of energy. Of herself she says, "I always try to think how I can do things better."

There is much that she will miss when she finally packs her boxes and leaves GES, starting with the gifted teachers and dedicated office staff. She also will miss the PTA members whom she describes as very caring people. But most of all, she says, she will miss the kids. She waves a handwritten letter at the interviewer in which a fourth grader implored her not to leave, saying "it isn't fair." Tears mist her eyes again.

She will take with her so many memories. She loved Grandparents Day, especially when some grandparents extended their arms to children other than their own so no child was left out. Such incidents touched her heart. She loved to watch the kids perform in musicals, seeing the light in their eyes when they received recognition for their achievements. And, of course, there are

her teachers: "They amaze me to see what they can do. I'm in awe."

Accomplishments

She leaves behind a host of accomplishments. She led the way in the county to make GES an "Inclusion School" – a school that accepts kids with special needs into regular classrooms. "Every child needs to have a chance for higher thinking," she asserts.

She also stressed the importance of meeting the needs of all children by including a Talented and Gifted (TAG) program in each regular classroom. She promoted staff development, taking opportunities to plan workshops and encourage teacher training. She tried to make GES a green school; its new nature trail is part of her legacy.

As Katherine Curl ends her career as an educator in Prince George's County, she will put her considerable energy into the education of her young granddaughter Hannah and caring for her two dogs, two cats and her daughter Marci's horse. She will spend more time reading, exercising and visiting family members, especially her elderly parents and her sister and brother. She will take with her the respect and admiration of hundreds of parents, children and teachers who have come to know and love her over the past 40 years.

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