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Goddard Works with Others Helping to Change the World

by Paula Clinedinst



Pam Goddard

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” (Margaret Mead, 1901-1978, quoted in John M. Richardson, ed., *Making it Happen*, 1982.) As she educates the public on, lobbies for and promotes outreach regarding environmental laws, Greenbelt resident Pam Goddard strives to change not only the laws protecting our water, the environment and natural resources but also society’s interest and involvement in these same issues. As an environmental consultant, she works with grassroots organizations and brings them to Washington, D.C., to prepare them for Congressional testimony, campaigning and lobbying. “Giving back is empowering,” she says, explaining that “just by joining a group, you’re adding your voice.”

Goddard worked for the Sierra Club for 10 years, for the National Breast Cancer Coalition (NBCC) for three years and finally for the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) as an outreach director. She temporarily left the NWF after her children

Noah, 14, and Elaina, 9, were born but two years ago returned to the NWF to work on public outreach efforts. Goddard works with hunters, anglers and other conservationists on environmental issues. Goddard’s belief is that, by being organized, groups can get and stay involved in lawmaking. “If you can make a phone call, you can make a difference,” she says, and she’s got a proven track record to back this up.

Goddard spent much of her time with the Sierra Club and

NWF lobbying for improved legislation on the Clean Water Act, which establishes the basic structure for regulating discharges of pollutants into the waters of the United States and regulating quality standards for surface waters. “Environmental laws should be reauthorized every five years,” she says. This includes the Clean Air Act, the Endangered Species Act, the National Environmental Policy Act and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, just a handful of the many environmental laws that have been enacted over the past 30 years.

The first legislation Goddard attempted to change was the Endangered Species Act and, thanks in part to her efforts with the Sierra Club, in 1988 amendments were made successfully that focused on, among other things, species recovery. As one might imagine, issues regarding the conservation and recovery of threatened and endangered species are not only important to conservationists but also to industrial and business entities such as the Farm Bureau, national organizations of

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City Manager Proposes FY 2009 City Budget

Greenbelt City Manager Michael McLaughlin presented his proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2009 at the March 24 council meeting. The \$25 million budget proposal will be funded mostly from increased property taxes and would not require a city tax rate increase for 2009.

According to McLaughlin the proposed \$1.36 million increase in expenditures will be funded mainly from an expected \$1.22 million increase (9.3 percent) in property values. He further projected that “the approximate 9 percent increase in Greenbelt property assessment valuations are expected to continue through FY 2010 but will likely trend downward in FY 2011 due to the current turmoil in real estate and credit markets.”

Council will begin its review of the proposed FY 2009 budget with a series of 10 worksessions starting with an overview of the proposed budget on Wednesday, April 2. Copies of the proposed budget were available at the March 24 meeting and are also on the city website at <http://greenbeltmd.gov/>.

What Goes On

Monday, March 31

8 p.m., Council Worksession, Newspaper Vending Boxes, Municipal Building

Wednesday, April 2

8 p.m., Budget Worksession Overview, Revenues and General Government, Community Center

Thursday, April 3

7 to 9 p.m., First Session of Greenbelt Safety Advisory Committee Preparedness Session, Greenbriar Community Center, Multipurpose Room

7:30 p.m., Council Worksession with GEAC (Stakeholders), Greenbriar Terrace Room

Saturday, April 5

9 to 11 a.m., Potomac Watershed Cleanup, Meet at Aquatic and Fitness Center or Behind SHL Recreation Center

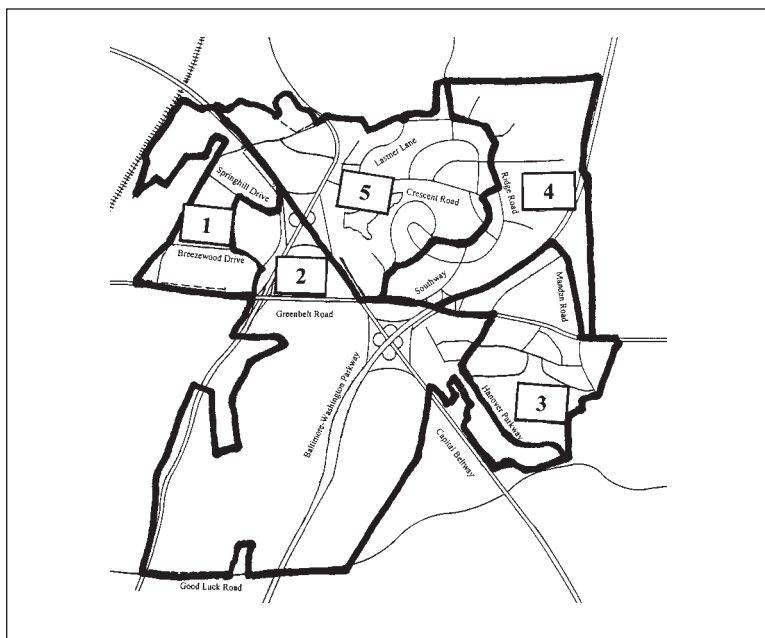
ACLU Contacts City re: Reform for Fairness of Election System

Deborah A. Jeon, legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Maryland, has addressed a letter to Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis to register concern on behalf of that organization and the Prince George’s County Branch of the NAACP about Greenbelt’s election system. She offered to collaborate with the city in undertaking reform that will “make the system a fairer and more inclusive one.”

Jeon’s letter says that “In view of Greenbelt’s increasingly rich diversity, it is troubling to us – as it is likely to you – that the City Council remains an all-white body, just as it always has been.”

Jeon notes that the city fails to comply with its obligations under the federal Voting Rights Act. The letter cites a number of court cases supporting her contention that at-large election systems like Greenbelt’s have been found to “thwart full participation in the electoral process by minority voters and candidates, thus running afoul of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act.”

Jeon advises Davis that the two organizations prefer not to challenge Greenbelt’s system in court but to work with the city to reform the system. Advocating single-member districts as one means of addressing the problem, the letter encloses a plan prepared by ACLU demographer



Redistricting proposal submitted by ACLU (detailed description available on page 6).

William Cooper to illustrate one way election districts could be drawn to increase racial fairness.

It suggests other means as well such as cumulative voting or preference voting, noting that council had received an earlier presentation on these methods by the Fair Vote staff.

The letter concludes by asking the mayor to set up a meeting with Jeon and PGNAACP President June Dillard at a mutually convenient time.

City Action

The letter was faxed and mailed to the city on February

28. However, it was not released to this newspaper until this past week.

According to City Manager Michael McLaughlin, city council met in executive session concerning the letter on March 12. At the March 24 city council meeting, city Attorney Robert Manzi reported that a staff meeting between the city and the ACLU will be held in the city offices on April 8. Council indicated it would meet with the ACLU and NAACP at a later date.

The full text of the letter is included at the right.

February 28, 2008

Dear Mayor Davis and Members of the City Council:

I write on behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union of Maryland and the Prince George’s County Branch of the NAACP, to register our concerns about the City of Greenbelt’s municipal election system, and to offer to collaborate with you to undertake reform that will make the system a fairer and more inclusive one, fully representative of Greenbelt’s racially diverse citizenry.

As you may be aware, 2000 Census data shows that as of that time, African Americans comprised 41.3 percent of Greenbelt’s overall population, and 37.9 percent of its voting age population. Further, Asians comprised 12.9 percent and Latinos 5.7 percent of the voting age population, giving the City a voting age population that is at least 56.5 percent minority. This reflects a dramatic increase in the City’s racial diversity over the decade from 1990 to 2000. In view of Greenbelt’s increasingly rich diversity, it is troubling to us – as it likely is to you – that the City Council remains an all-white body, just as it always has been.

In order for City government to keep pace with its changing population, to truly serve its residents, and to meet its obligations under the federal Voting Rights Act, the ACLU and NAACP believe it is appropriate for Greenbelt to consider changing its election system, to ensure that the system is racially fair. We hope we can be of assistance to you as you navigate this challenging process. ACLU attorneys have been involved extensively in voting rights litigation, and both the NAACP and ACLU regularly work with local government leaders and community activists to redistrict their election systems in compliance with the Constitution and the Voting Rights Act. We also are fortunate to have on our national staff a demographer who has many years of experience in mapping redistricting plans for communities across the United States.

Historically, at-large election systems like Greenbelt’s have been found to thwart full participation in the electoral process by minority voters and candidates, thus running afoul of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. §1973. See, e.g., *United States*

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From the Editor's Desk

News Review Adds to Online Features

Internet users will be interested to visit www.greenbeltnewsreview.com. That is the online site for this newspaper and developments are going on almost continually.

The most recent issue of the paper is available online within a few days of the printed version. There is also an archive section holding each issue of the paper back to mid-January 2002. Still missing is the Co-op grocery store ad but the News Review is working to include that.

All issues are presented as .pdf files, so the online image looks just like the printed version. Each issue is also searchable using Adobe software, which can be downloaded for free.

The News Review website is maintained and upgraded by Joan Falcao, who will also be involved in implementing any changes resulting from the work of the University of Baltimore graduate students now designing a new website for the paper as a class project.

Deadline Extended for Online Survey

The News Review online survey will be extended to April 4. The students who designed the survey report that by Tuesday, March 25 they had received just 123 responses: 82 from the core of Greenbelt, 17 from Greenbelt East and 1 from Greenbelt West. The students are part of a University of Baltimore graduate course in information architect technology that is designing websites for the Greenbelt News Review as a class project.

The survey, which asks whether Greenbelters are interested in reading the local news online, can be accessed at <http://iat.ubalt.edu/greenbelt>. The goal of the survey is to learn what kind of local news is of interest to readers and whether people will read online local news. The survey is primarily geared toward planning the new website. It may also provide some insights for the printed paper but that is not the focus of this survey.

For those who take the survey, an added incentive is the chance to be one of four winners of a \$50 gift certificate from the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket.



Condolences to longtime city employee Janet Goldberg and all the Goldberg family on the death of Lawrence Goldberg on March 22, 2008.

Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of former Greenbelt teacher and resident Margaret Brown Benson, who taught at Greenbelt's North End and Capitol Heights Elementary Schools and lived here from the mid 1940s till 1958. She died in Marshallberg, N.C., on March 19, 2008.

Congratulations to longtime Greenbelters Captain Gregory Gigliotti and firefighter son Jake Gigliotti on being selected as 2007 Career EMS of the Year by the American Legion's Prince George's County Council. Capt. Gregory has worked for the county fire department for 28 years and served three overseas tours of duty in the past six years. Son Jake entered the county Fire Academy in 2006 and two months later was called up for a second tour of duty in Iraq. On his return he re-entered the Academy to graduate in 2007. Their awards will be presented at the Greenbelt Legion Post #136 on April 14.

Matt Chandler and Lynne Tucker Chandler of Ridge Road are delighted to announce the birth of their son Hayden Joseph Chandler. Born March 14, 2008, Hayden weighed 6 lbs., 10 oz. Proud grandparents are Janet and Andy Nuckolls of Memphis, Tenn., and Joanne Tucker and Carl Kautz of Bethesda. Great-grandmothers Virginia Gwin of Chattanooga, Tenn., and Luzelle Schwartz of Bowie also welcomed the new arrival.

We are so glad to have staffer Leonie Penney back with us after spending an unexpected two weeks in a hospital in St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada, instead of vacationing with the rest of her family in her native Holland. Leonie's daughter Olga stayed behind with her mom, while the others went on to complete the long-planned trip. Leonie has nothing but praise for the excellent professional staff at the hospital. Our best wishes for a speedy, uneventful and full recovery!

— Kathleen McFarland

Grin Belt



"The daffodils go in District 1 and the acorns go in District 2"

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Letters to the Editor

THANKS

Thanks everyone for keeping the New Deal Café's dream alive!

A special thanks needs to go to Peter May for holding open so steadfastly the idea of the New Deal Café co-op in this little co-op town full of co-ops. And to Bill Wilkerson who is essential in all this.

Thanks to the approximately 500 co-op members from Greenbelt throughout this 12 year and ongoing endeavor to provide a "community living room" enhancing our 1937-sized homes here in old Greenbelt, providing meals, art, great live music, etc.

And thanks to this great group of volunteers who have been helping to keep the place running since last fall and completely free of labor costs since January. This was a necessity as depth of the long term financial problems and the dire straits of our backlog of financial troubles slowly presented themselves to the current board this past year. Its been a long haul for the volunteer staff

and we are planning to have a great Volunteer Appreciation party sometime soon.

The New Deal Café music schedule has been kept ongoing in and around Chef Karim's and Maria's miraculous kitchen installations! Thanks to Rodney Roberts for helping make this work. We hope people will keep an eye out for developments.

The stories of all the people in this town who have one time or another been instrumental in "saving the New Deal" really need to be written. For now thanks to everyone who has been a part of saving the Café, so many ways, so many times.

Barbara Stevens



ATTENTION GHI MEMBERS

Our May elections are fast approaching. Curious? Thinking about running? Want to find out what it is like to serve on the GHI Board of Directors or Audit Committee? Five Board seats will be filled at the May 15th election, as will be all three members of the Audit Committee.

The GHI Nominations and Elections Committee (N&E) is making it fun and easy this year. We are holding an Orientation for Candidates on Tuesday, April 8 from 7-8 p.m. at the GHI Office. Current Board, Audit, and N&E members will be on hand to answer all your questions about serving in an elected office.

Light, healthy refreshments will be served.

So if you plan to RUN for office this year or are just THINKING about it, please join us for the evening.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF MAR. 28

Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day (PG-13)

Friday

*5, 7:30, 9:30

Saturday

*3, *5, 7:30, 9:30

Sunday

*3, *5, 7:30

Monday - Thursday

*5, 7:30

*These shows at \$6.00
301-474-9744 • 301-474-9745
129 Centerway
www.pgtheatres.com

Non-filers Need to File for IRS Payments

Starting in May economic stimulus payments of up to \$600 for individuals (\$1,200 for married couples) will be issued by the IRS based on 2007 tax returns. Parents also get \$300 for each eligible child.

To receive the payments, however, people must file a 2007 tax return. Millions who are eligible may not know it. Certain retirees, disabled vets and low-wage workers who normally do not file a tax return are included in the economic stimulus payments. This year they must file to receive the payments.

People can help the IRS and themselves, friends or family

by helping to spread the word. Those with at least \$3,000 from wages or certain benefits from Social Security, Railroad Retirement and Veterans Affairs may be eligible.

They need to file a return; IRS will do the rest. For more information visit www.irs.gov. People without access to a computer can call the IRS toll-free hotline at 800-829-1040.

The IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program provides help to low and moderate income taxpayers and will help taxpayers file their returns to get the payment. Call 1-800-906-9887 to locate the nearest VITA site.

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

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

Community Events

At the Library

Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories:

Tuesday, April 1, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, April 2, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group.

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

Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children's Desk.

GHI Notes

Scheduled Meetings:

Tuesday, April 1, 7 p.m. - Greener Greenbelt Initiative meeting, Board Room

Wednesday, April 9, 7 p.m. - Member and Community Relations Committee, GHI Lobby

Thursday, April 10, 7:30 p.m. - Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room

Saturday, April 13, 11 a.m. - Pre Purchase Orientation, Board Room

Saturday, April 13, noon - GHI Committee Volunteers Luncheon at the Firehouse

Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

Note: The 2008 board meeting schedule has been changed to the second and fourth Thursdays through May.

"Citizen King" Film Commemorates MLK

The Prince George's County Peace & Justice Coalition and the county chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference invites the community to join in marking the 40th anniversary of the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The documentary "Citizen King" will be shown on Sunday, April 6 at 3 p.m. in the Social Hall at Greenbelt Community Church, 1 Hillside Road (corner of Crescent Road). Reverend Terence Collins will introduce the film, present an update of its relevance and lead audience discussion.

The widely acclaimed "Citizen King" was produced for the PBS series "American Experience" in 2004. It explores the last five years in the life of Dr. King. Film-makers Orlando Bagwell and Noland Walker weave together personal recollections and eyewitness accounts of friends, movement associates, journalists, law enforcement officers and historians to illuminate this least-known chapter in the story of America's most influential moral leader in the 20th century.

All are asked to gather to remember Dr. King's legacy and consider how people can keep it alive in today's struggles for peace, equality and social justice.

Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday 10 - 4 p.m.
1st Saturday of the month
10 - 2 p.m.

Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

6905 Greenbelt Road
Greenbelt, Md. 301-345-5111

Council Stakeholder Meeting with GEAC

The next meeting of the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC) will be the annual stakeholders meeting with the Greenbelt city council. The meeting will be held at Greenbriar on Thursday, April 3 at 7:30 p.m.

City Senior Workshop On Pedestrian Safety

On Monday, April 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. the City of Greenbelt and the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee (SCAC) are hosting a pedestrian safety workshop by the University of North Carolina Highway Safety Research Center (UNCHSRC) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

The "Pedestrian Safety Workshop: A Focus on Seniors" engages communities in addressing pedestrian safety issues that seniors face and provides seniors with strategies for safer walking. The workshop is designed to advance the process of creating more pedestrian-friendly environments by encouraging dialogue among community members and equipping participants with ideas to improve walkability in their community. The UNCHSRC developed this workshop for NHTSA.

Through interactive slide presentations, activities and group discussion, the workshop will provide an overview of why walking is important, especially for seniors, and some of the barriers seniors face; descriptions of the types of traffic situations where seniors are at greatest risk for being hit by a car; safe walking skills for seniors; ideas for how to educate drivers and community members and the types of assistance law enforcement officers can contribute to safer conditions for walking and other ways to promote walking; a walk to give participants a chance to observe conditions along a particular route and to note the things they like and dislike; and an opportunity for participants to describe what they experienced during the walk, apply what they learned during the workshop and discuss next steps.

Those wishing to attend must RSVP Karen Haseley by calling 240-542-2054 or emailing khaseley@greenbeltmd.gov by Monday, March 31. Space is limited. Lunch will be provided.

LIVE Theater

Week of March 28

Born Yesterday

A Screwball Comedy

Friday, 28th - 8pm
Saturday, 29th - 8pm
Sunday 30th Matinee - 2pm

Adults \$15
Senior/Students \$12
Members \$7.50
Cash or Check only

Tickets available by reservation or at Box Office at showtime

301-441-8770 x2
Roosevelt Center
Located underneath the Co-op
www.greenbeltartscenter.org

City Dinner Theater Trip Has Openings

Space is available on a city trip to the Rainbow Dinner Theater in Paradise, Penna., on Wednesday, April 23 to see "Paris Is Out." The play involves a couple who plan to celebrate their 50th anniversary and both husband and wife look forward to something special. Mrs. Brand eagerly awaits a trip to Paris while Mr. Brand looks to Pittsburgh. Everyone related to these two has something to say or to suggest. Do the Brands ever make it to Paris? To Pennsylvania? Can they even make it to their 50th anniversary as a couple? Do not miss a chance to find out what happens in this suspenseful and comic take on celebrating a couple, family and the meaning of true happiness.

The trip is open to those age 16 and over. The deadline to register is Monday, April 7. Registration forms are available at the Community Center office for those who have not registered for a Greenbelt trip before. Those previously registered may make reservations online by visiting www.greenbeltmd.gov, click on Greenbelt RecLink Online Registration, type in username and password. (Activity No. 278201-1)

Astronomical Star Party March 29

On Saturday, March 29 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 7:30 p.m. In the event of rain or hopelessly cloudy skies the events will be cancelled without further notice.

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

Watershed Groups Adopt Sunnyside

Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group and Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek have adopted Sunnyside Avenue. For Potomac Watershed Clean Up Day on April 5 the groups will host a clean up on Sunnyside Avenue near Indian Creek. Meet at 10 a.m. There is parking at the parking lot just after the railroad tracks. Dress for mud! For more information call Susan Barnett at 301-474-7465.

New Deal Café Closes Temporarily

The New Deal Café temporarily closed at the end of business on Wednesday, March 26. The Café will reopen following renovation of the kitchen under the direction of Chef Karim.

For more information visit www.newdealcafe.com.

Volunteers Needed To Clean Watershed

The 20th annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup will take place on Saturday, April 5 from 9 to 11 a.m. at two sites in Greenbelt.

The Springhill Lake stream cleanup will begin at the SHL Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane. Volunteers are asked to meet at the parking lot there. The Braden Field stream cleanup will begin near the Aquatic and Fitness Center, 101 Centerway. Meet at the lower parking area. Bring work gloves and wear comfortable clothing and boots or old shoes. Community service hours will be given to students; bring forms.

The 20th annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup is a part of the Trash-Free Potomac Watershed Initiative, a region-wide effort spearheaded by the Alice Ferguson Foundation to reduce trash and litter and increase recycling, education and awareness of trash issues in the Potomac Watershed. Their goal is a "Trash-Free Potomac by 2013." Call 301-474-8004 for more information.

Help Park Remove Invasive Plants

Help protect Greenbelt Park from harmful invasive plants. Join in a hands-on nature preservation activity and learn about native and non-native plants. Join a group to help remove invasive plants on Saturday, April 5 at 11 a.m. in the Sweetgum Picnic Area.

This program will be held the first Saturday of each month, rain or shine. Wear appropriate clothing, work gloves and bring lunch or a snack.

The Greenbelt Park entrance is located between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway at 6565 Greenbelt Road. For more information call 301-344-3944 or visit the website at <http://www.nps.gov/gree/>.

City Notes

The parks crew installed soccer goals at Northway Field and Schrom Hills Park for youth soccer leagues and assisted contractors with the Canning Terrace playground, removing 6 x 6s from the tot lot and hauling in more black top millings for use as a base under and around the playground equipment.

The horticulture crew installed a retaining wall at the Skate Park parking area to correct the erosion problem.

Tell us what you think and help us plan the online version of your community newspaper.

Visit the website below - deadline is April 4.

Four participants will each win a \$50 Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket gift card as a thank you for completing the survey.

<http://iat.ubalt.edu/greenbelt>

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Center Court
301-220-1155

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Adults/Seniors \$6.50
Children \$6.00

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Greenbelt Community Foundation

Greenbelt organizations are encouraged to submit proposals for grants to be awarded in July 2008.

The deadline for applications is
April 1st 2008.

For more information: www.greenbeltfoundation.net

To request an application form email to:
info@greenbeltfoundation.net

Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club

will be holding registration for
2008 SOCCER season
on **Wed., March 12 through**
Mon., March 31
at the Greenbelt Youth Center
from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.



There will be a U-14 co-ed team this year as well.

Obituaries

M. Dolores Capotosto

Former Greenbelter Dolores (Krahling) Capotosto died March 14, 2008, in Venice, Fla.



Mrs. Capotosto was born in Washington, D.C., on June 1, 1926; she grew up in Congress Heights and graduated from Anacostia High School. She and her husband Hugo Capotosto moved to Greenbelt in the early 1950s and in 1959 were among the original residents of the newly-built Lakewood subdivision. Mrs. Capotosto was active in all of the St. Hugh's church and school programs.

After her divorce in the 1970s she worked at S. Klein Department Store in Beltway Plaza and later at the University of Maryland. In retirement she joined the Greenbelt Golden Age Club and was their reporter for the News Review. She participated in city trips and activities, especially any involving singing or dancing. Her outgoing personality and willingness to help in any way made her an asset to every group she joined.

In 2001 Mrs. Capotosto moved to Venice, Fla., and continued her activities in the senior community there, including singing in the Cathedral choir, while still keeping in touch with her many Greenbelt friends.

She was predeceased by a daughter Joanne, who died in 1984 at age 19 and by her ex-husband Hugo Capotosto.

She is survived by a sister Ronie Rom and sisters-in-law Arlene, Ailene and Gayle Krahling; children Frank, Mary, Teresa, Nina Kelly, Paul, Louise, Joan Neely, Greg, Clare, Bill and John; and grandchildren Donna Leet, Joe and Gianna Capotosto, Sarah Shannon; Erin, Christopher and Nicole Kelly; Daniel and Stephen Capotosto; Kristin Neely; and Joe and Mark Capotosto; and a great-granddaughter, Norah Snavelly.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Thursday, April 3 at 10 a.m. at St. Hugh of Grenoble Church. Visitation prior to the Mass will begin at 9 a.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Lung Association of Maryland, 11350 McCormick Road, Hunt Valley, MD 21031.

Lawrence L. Goldberg

Lawrence L. Goldberg, 88, longtime Greenbelt resident, died on March 22, 2008.



Mr. Goldberg was born in New

York City and graduated from the City College of New York. In 1943 he moved to Greenbelt and married Lillie. They had three children, Alice, Harold and Janet.

Mr. Goldberg worked for the Department of the Navy (Bureau of Ships) as a naval architect, retiring in 1976 from the Naval Sea Systems Command. In retirement both he and his wife enjoyed taking classes at the University of Maryland's School of Journalism and School of Public Policy. Mr. Goldberg also taught math classes at the University of Maryland for 10 years. Since 1984 he tutored elementary, middle and high school students at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center where his daughter Janet is a recreation coordinator. He also donated his time to help with many American Red Cross blood drives.

From childhood until 1995 Mr. Goldberg was an avid handball and racquetball player, playing many games over the years at the Greenbelt courts. During the past few years he kept his mind active by working on SAT math problems "for fun."

Mr. Goldberg was predeceased by his wife Lillie and granddaughter Lynn.

He is survived by his children Alice and Ed Snyder, Harold and Wendy Goldberg and Janet Goldberg; and his grandchildren Brian Goldberg, Joanna Bonventre and Michael Goldberg.

Arrangements are by Gasch's Funeral Home (www.gaschs.com). Memorial donations may be made to the School of Journalism, c/o Dean Kunkel, University of Maryland, 1117 Journalism Bldg., College Park, MD 20742.

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Youth-Led Worship

March 30, 2008

Speaker: Justin Walker

Graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Justin is currently working at the Greenbelt Rec Center while he attends the University of Maryland. Justin is an active member of Hope Fellowship and Soul'd Out Youth Group, the Youth Team and the Leadership Group.

Justin, along with Soul'd Out Youth Group will be leading our worship on this special day.

Please join us.
Bible Study 10:00
Worship: 11:00

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- The Holy Qur'an, 27:40

Count your blessings every day. For more information about gratefulness from an Islamic perspective, call 301-982-9463 or email info@searchislam.org or visit www.searchislam.org.

Obituaries

Margaret B. Benson

Margaret Brown Benson, 92, of Marshallberg, N.C., died Wednesday, March 19, 2008, at her daughter's home in Marshallberg. A former resident and teacher here, Mrs. Benson lived in Greenbelt from the mid 1940s until 1958 and was a teacher in Prince George's County from the mid-1940s until the early 1970s. She taught at North End Elementary School and Capitol Heights Elementary School and retired in 1984 after 43 years as an educator.

She was born in Gloucester, N. C., on September 28, 1915, to the late Julian and Annie Shavender Brown. She graduated from Smyrna High School in 1934 and East Carolina University with an B.A. degree in 1940. She earned an M.A. degree from George Washington University in 1949 and a Ministerial Diploma from Southeastern College in 1987.

She is survived by her daughter Barbara Benson Taylor of Marshallberg; grandchildren Robert G. Taylor and wife Laranda of Marshallberg, Melissa T. Lawrence and husband Wayne of Bettie and Stephen D. Taylor of Marshallberg; and great-grandchildren Spencer Taylor, Seth Taylor, Samuel Taylor, Avery Lawrence and Landon Lawrence.

The funeral was held on Saturday, March 22, at Lighthouse Community Church in Stacy.

Memorial donations may be made to Lighthouse Community Church, 2015 Hwy 70, Stacy, NC 28581. There is an online obituary with internet condolences accessible at www.brooks-funeralhomeandcrematory.com. Arrangements were by Brooks Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc., Morehead City, N.C.

R. James Rice

Longtime Greenbelter R. James "Jim" Rice, 92, of Lakeview Circle, died Monday, March 24, 2008. Graveside services are at noon on Friday, March 28 at Ft. Lincoln Cemetery.

Sunrise Services At Greenbelt Lake

by Doug Love

A cold and frosty Easter morning found not one but three sunrise services occurring at Greenbelt Lake. As ducks and geese flew in, people and their pets also clustered together at several points around the lake. The GILA interfaith group met at the usual place and two Hispanic groups clustered around picnic tables half-way up the hill and on the dam.

As one group sang, another prayed. As one group heard a sunrise homily, another sang. The groups were just far enough apart so that they could hear each other but were not disturbing each other. They knew that each group was celebrating the same event and season and were glad to hear the peace of Greenbelt Lake on an Easter morning accented by another sunrise service.

One participant visited the group on the dam. It was a nondenominational church from Langley Park. He invited them to join the GILA group next year.



City Information

MEETINGS FOR MARCH 31 - APRIL 4

Monday, March 31, 8:00pm, **WORK SESSION -- NEWSPAPER VENDING BOXES; SECURITY AT MEETINGS**, at the Municipal Building.

Wednesday, April 2, 8:00pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION -- OVERVIEW, REVENUES, and GENERAL GOV'T**, at the Community Center

Thursday, April 3, 7:30pm, **WORK SESSION -- GEAC (STAKEHOLDER)**, at the Greenbriar Terrace 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.

ARE YOU READY?

If disaster struck tomorrow, would you know what to do? Do you have a plan or know what supplies you'll need? The Greenbelt Public Safety Advisory Committee would like to help you get ready. Come attend a free, four week series of preparedness training sessions, designed by FEMA. Choose from two convenient locations:

Greenbelt Community Center Room 114 April 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th 7pm - 9pm	Greenbriar Community Center Multipurpose Room April 3rd, 10th, 24th, and May 1st 7pm - 9pm
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Artful Afternoon: Luna

Sunday, April 6th, 1 - 5pm



The moon has been stolen! Witness the harrowing Grimm fairytale in a magic lantern show at 3pm created by artists Molly Ross and Nana Projects. Join Molly for a hands-on workshop at the Greenbelt Community Center to create shadow puppet monsters that will appear in the performance! All ages; free. For more info, contact Nicole DeWald at (240)542-2057 or by email at ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov.

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Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.
Vacancies exist on the:
Arts Advisory Board
Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee
Youth Advisory Committee
For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

Pedestrian Safety Workshop

Monday, April 7, 2008
9:30am - 1:00pm (lunch provided)
Greenbelt Community Center, Multipurpose Room
Join community members, health and transportation officials, law enforcement officers, and others to look at ways to improve pedestrian safety and walkability for seniors in Greenbelt. Highlights include common situations in which seniors are injured, ways in which seniors can increase their safety, strategies to encourage more walking in the community, an observational walk, and a discussion about making the community more pedestrian-friendly.

The workshop is free, but size is limited, so register early by contacting Karen Haseley at (240)542-2054 or at khaseley@greenbeltmd.gov.

Spring GED Course

April 8 - June 12, 2008

Registration:

Tuesday, April 8th, 10:30am
Greenbelt Municipal Building
25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt



****PROOF OF RESIDENCY IS REQUIRED****
(Driver's license, current lease, phone or electric bill)

Greenbelt residents are not required to pay a registration fee, but will be required to purchase a calculator (\$10) and textbooks. Non-residents will be charged \$175 for registration, and are required to purchase a calculator (\$10) and textbooks. All fees are non-refundable; cash or money orders only.

Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, for 10 weeks, at the Municipal Building.

- **GED I** is for students who need review of basic math, English, and comprehension skills. Class is held from 10:30am-12:30pm.
- **GED II** is for students who need review of algebra, geometry, English composition, and comprehension skills, and need to become acquainted with the GED test. Class is held from 1pm - 3pm.
- Students who need more remediation will be referred to the Prince George's County pre-GED course.
- There will be a maximum of 12 students per class.

For more information, please contact Judy Hering, the course instructor, at (301)345-6660, ext. 2016, or by email at jhering@greenbeltmd.gov.

Potomac Watershed Cleanup

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Saturday, April 5th, 9am - 11am

Join members of the Greenbelt Recycling and Environment Committee and help remove litter and other debris from two sites in Greenbelt. Be sure to bring work gloves and wear comfortable clothing and boots. Students will receive community service hours.

Greenbelt Lake Stream -- meet at the Aquatic and Fitness Center
Springhill Lake Stream -- meet behind Springhill Lake Rec. Center.
For more info, call the Public Works Office at: (301) 474-8004.

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71
MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Monday, March 31st at 8pm -- City Council Work Session (live), Tuesday, April 1st at 7:30pm and Thursday, April 3rd at 7:30pm -- City Council Work Session (replay). Tuesday, April 1st, and Thursday, April 3rd, 10am & 6pm -- "Ask the Expert -- IRS Economic Stimulus Package," 6:30pm -- Co-op Cooking Show.
PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday, April 3rd at 7pm -- Greenbelt Community Foundation Winter Awards 2008. 8pm -- Greenbelt Arts Center "Dr. Faustus."

Greenbelt's Annual Easter Egg Hunt

The Greenbelt Recreation Department held its Annual Egg Hunt Saturday, March 22, 2008. With the breeze blowing through their hair and the sun shining, a crowd of approximately 200 people arrived at Buddy Attick Park to search for the 4,000 plastic eggs that Mister Bunny and his helpers scattered throughout the park. The hunt began promptly at 10:00am, with a countdown led by City Council Members Leta Mach and Konrad Herling, with help from Mister Bunny.

Mister Bunny also hid a special golden egg in each of the five age groups areas, which were redeemed for spectacular prizes. Winners of the golden age prizes were Jessica Zhou (18 months to three years old age group), Leo Kuo (age group for four and five year olds), Daniel Bernier (1st and 2nd graders), Kyle Sonneveldt (3rd and 4th graders), and Mairead Alexander (5th and 6th graders).

At the conclusion of the hunt, a large crowd stayed to watch a performance by Dick Christian, Magical Entertainer from Christian & Company. A special thanks goes to Council Members Leta Mach and Konrad Herling, the Greenbelt Recreation Department, the Greenbelt Public Works Department, Beverly Palau, and Stephen Parks. An EGG-cellent time was had by all.



Winners (from left to right): Daniel Bernier, Jessica Zhou, Kyle Sonneveldt, Leo Kuo, and Mairead Alexander.

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v Village of Port Chester, 2008 WL 19052 (S.D.N.Y. January 17, 2008) (invalidating at-large election system as denying Hispanic population of the Village an equal opportunity to participate in the political process and to elect representatives of their choice); Cane v. Worcester County, Maryland, 840 F.Supp. 1081 (D.Md. 1994), citing White v. Regester, 412 U.S. 755 (1973) (at-large system violates Voting Rights Act where it "operates to dilute the vote of minority voters, or limits their opportunity to participate in the political processes and to elect legislators of their choice.") The at-large structure can systematically exclude minority-preferred candidates in circumstances where "the majority, by virtue of its numerical superiority, will regularly defeat the choices of minority voters." Thornburg v. Gingles, 478 U.S. 30, 49 (1986).

We believe this to be the case in Greenbelt. Our preference, however, is not to challenge the system in Court, but to work with you on reforming the system through a cooperative effort.

There are different reform options to address this problem. Courts have traditionally addressed concerns about minority vote dilution by changing to a system of single-member districts. Mahan v. Howell, 410 U.S. 315, 333 (1973). ACLU demographer William Cooper has drawn up a plan (attached) illustrating one way a single-member district plan could be structured in Greenbelt to comply with the Voting Rights Act and traditional districting principles. This plan is not the only possible district plan; Rather [sic], it is submitted to show that it is possible for Greenbelt to reform its election system through districting in a way that would increase racial fairness and help to ensure the City Council is representative of the City's diverse community. Moreover, there exist other "alternative" systems, such as cumulative voting or preference voting, that would achieve compliance with the Voting Rights Act while retaining the at-large election structure. We understand that the City has previously heard a presentation by Fair Vote staff about some of the alternative systems, so you already have some familiarity with those. We are happy to discuss all the options with you to find the approach that you think will work best for the Greenbelt community.

Please contact me or Prince George's NAACP President June Dillard to set up a mutually convenient time for us to meet to begin discussion of this matter. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Deborah A. Jeon, Legal Director
ACLU of Maryland Foundation
3600 Clipper Mill Road, #350
Baltimore, MD 21211

Greenbelt First-Responder Featured on Most Wanted



MPO Jonathan Lowndes

America's Most Wanted First-Responder Program.

The Greenbelt Police Department was contacted by a representative of America's Most Wanted TV show with John Walsh (Saturday evenings from 9 to 10 p.m. on Fox 5 WTTG) who said that once nominated, a photo and summary of his accomplishments would be posted on their website along with other first-responder nominees to be voted on. Each person may vote once per day per email address to www.amw.com/allstar/2008/nominee_detail.cfm?id=5159. Votes are counted and totaled every Sunday at midnight, when all the week's prior votes are wiped out and another week of voting begins. Each nominee remains in the contest from week to week and has several weekly periods in which to qualify as a finalist (from now to April 11 for MPO Lowndes.)

"All Star finalists are selected every week for prizes and one finalist will receive an all-expense paid trip for two to Charlotte, N.C., for the Nascar Sprint Cup/All Star Challenge and a check for \$10,000 presented by John Walsh. More information on the

2008 All Star Contest is available at www.amw.com.

Nomination

The nomination submitted for Lowndes states:

"MPO Jonathan T. Lowndes is the Greenbelt department's liaison to the largest apartment complex on the east coast. Always the consummate professional, Lowndes developed this multi-faceted position by self-initiative, hard work and the ability to develop trust and respect among the many residents. This relationship enabled him to thoroughly investigate an assault with a handgun incident in September 2007, which led to the arrest and successful prosecution of the assailants.

"In the past year Lowndes was also instrumental in apprehending an arsonist and worked tirelessly to assist displaced residents while coordinating manpower to oversee the crisis.

"His most recent effort to infuse positive youth development was a Bike Rodeo, promoting bike safety and the development of healthy life skills, a part of his overall proposal to partner with Camp Fire USA to provide programs for youth and families in the community.

"Whether patrolling, responding to calls for service, gathering intelligence on criminal activity, making arrests or developing and participating in proactive programs for the residents of the Springhill Lake Apartments, Lowndes is an exemplary example of the finest attributes in a first responder."

Suggested Districting Plan Proposed by ACLU

In her February 28 letter to Mayor Judith Davis, Deborah A. Jeon, legal counsel to the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Maryland, included a plan by ACLU demographer William Cooper illustrating one way a single-member district plan could be structured in Greenbelt to comply with the Voting Rights Act and traditional districting principles. Also included was a population summary report from the 2000 Census. The plan submitted, in color, is not reproducible in this paper. An outline map depicting the proposed boundaries has been provided instead. The following is a description of the five districts in that plan and some of the population data for each proposed district. (Note: Since boundaries were depicted on a small city map, exact boundaries proposed may vary slightly from these described.)

District 1. Boundaries: All of Greenbelt west of Kenilworth Avenue and south of Capital Beltway except for that part of Springhill Lake east of Springhill Lane, south of Springhill Drive and north of Breezewood Drive. **Residential areas included:** All of Springhill Lake west of Springhill Lane and north of Springhill Drive. Future development in Greenbelt Station north and south cores. **Population** - 4,151; 18+ Minority - 85.23%; 18+ Black - 57.23%.

District 2. Boundaries: Springhill Lake east of Springhill Lane and south of Springhill Drive and north of Breezewood Drive, east side of Edmonston Road, Golden Triangle, Greenbelt Park, south side of Greenbelt Road from the Beltway to Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt East south of Greenbelt Road and west of Hanover Parkway. **Residential Areas Included:** Springhill Lake east of Springhill Lane and south of Springhill Drive, Hunting Ridge, Greenbelt Lake Village, Green Spring subdivision west of Hanover Parkway, a single family home on Greenbelt Road next to Holy Cross Lutheran Church and any Greenbelt Park residences, **Population** - 4,390; 18+ Minority - 80.60%; 18+ Black - 58.24%.

District 3. Boundaries: All of Greenbelt East south of Greenbelt Road and east of Hanover Parkway, all of Greenbelt East southeast of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, north of Greenbelt Road and west of Mandan Road. **Residential areas included:** Greenbriar Sections 1 and 2, Greenwood Village, Windsor Green, Greenbrook and Greenspring subdivision northeast of Hanover Parkway. **Population** - 4,337; 18+ Minority - 68.74%, 18+ Black - 42.76%.

District 4. Boundaries: Greenbelt East north of Greenbelt Road and east of Mandan Road and that part of Greenbelt Center northwest of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, north of Greenbelt Road and south of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) up to a western boundary that begins at Greenbelt Road, follows Lakecrest Drive north to Lakeside Drive, Lakeside Drive to Westway, Westway to Crescent Road, Crescent Road to Eastway, Eastway to Ridge Road, Ridge Road to Research Road and Research Road to BARC. **Residential areas included:** Greenbriar Section 3, Glen Oaks apartments, University Square apartments on the southwest side of Westway, Greenbelt Homes, Inc. townhomes from Westway to Eastway plus those on the east and north sides of Ridge Road from Eastway to Research Road, apartments along southeast side of Crescent Road near Roosevelt Center and Farmgate subdivision on Research Road. **Population:** 4,246; 18+ Minority - 37.63%; 18+ Black - 24.04%.

District 5. Boundaries: Everything west of the boundary through Greenbelt Center described in District 4 from Greenbelt Road to BARC north of Greenbelt Road, northeast of the Capital Beltway and south of BARC. **Residential areas included:** Belle Pointe, Charlestowne Village, Charlestowne North apartments, University Square apartments northwest of Westway, Lakeside, Greenbelt Homes, Inc. west of Westway, Greenbelt Homes, Inc. west and south of Ridge Road to the north of Eastway, the apartments on Parkway and the east side of Crescent Road, the homes on Forestway, Woodland Hills, Lakewood, Boxwood Village, the free-standing single family homes on Ridge Road and on the west side of Research Road and the Lakeside North apartments. **Population** - 4,332; 18+ Minority - 28.79%, 18+ Black - 13.18%.

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Eberly Organic Free Range Whole Chicken	\$3⁹⁹ lb.	Carmen Creek Buffalo Patties 32 oz.	\$12⁹⁹	Organic Prairie Organic Bacon 8 oz.	\$3⁹⁹	Frozen Ostrich Patties 8 oz.	\$4⁹⁹

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Tropicana Pure Premium Orange Juice Assorted 64 oz.	\$2⁴⁸	Shurfine Cream Cheese Original/Light 8 oz.	\$1⁰⁰
Keller's Pure Butter Quarters 1 lb.	\$2⁵⁰	Silk Soy Milk Assorted 64 oz.	\$2⁵⁰

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Deli Gourmet Cooked Ham	\$2⁴⁹ lb.
Deli Gourmet Smoked Turkey Breast	\$5⁹⁹ lb.
Deli Gourmet Cheese Mozzarella/Provolone	\$5⁴⁹ lb.

Frozen

Turkey Hill Ice Cream Assorted 48-56 oz.	\$2⁴⁸	Pict Sweet Vegetables Deluxe/Steamed/Seasoned Assorted 11-16 oz.	3/\$4⁰⁰
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Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or http://www.greenbeltd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robberies

March 15, 12:41 a.m., 7900 Good Luck Road, a clerk at 7-Eleven was robbed at gunpoint. After taking an undisclosed amount of money the alleged robber fled that area on foot. The suspect is described as a black male in his twenties, 5'8", 160 pounds with brown eyes, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, blue jeans, sneakers and a ski mask.

Drug Arrests

March 14, 4:36 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with possession of cocaine with intent to distribute in a school zone, possession of cocaine and trespass after he was stopped as a trespasser on the grounds of Springhill Lake Apartments. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

March 14, 11:28 p.m., 6500 block Greenbelt Road, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana after being stopped for a traffic violation. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

March 18, 4:53 p.m., 9200 block of Springhill Lane, a non-resident youth was arrested and charged with possession of CDS paraphernalia. The youth was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

March 21, 1:17 p.m., 9100 block of Edmonston Road, a resident youth was arrested and charged with possession of CDS. The suspect was released to her mother pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Burglaries

March 18, 6:32 p.m., 7100 block of Mathew Street, it was reported that unknown suspect(s) broke a rear basement window of a residence. A computer and some jewelry were taken.

March 19, 11:42 p.m., Eastway, it was reported that two unknown men entered a residence via an unlocked rear door and approached the resident in his home, demanding money. The resident gave the men cash from his wallet. Once the men got the money, they both exited the residence through the rear door and fled the scene. A weapon was never implied. The suspects were described as a white male, 20 to 25, 5'10" to 6', 130 to 160 lbs., wearing a white T-shirt, dark pants with no facial hair; and a black male, 20 to 25, 5'6" to 5'10", 120 to 140 lbs., wearing a light colored T-shirt.

Vehicle Crimes

Two vehicles were reported stolen: a 2004 silver Dodge Intrepid, Maryland tags 4DNS50 from the 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace; and a 2006 blue Dodge Durango, Florida tag

Litter Enforcement March 31 to April 5

The Greenbelt Police Department will participate in Litter Enforcement Week beginning March 31 as part of the Alice Ferguson Foundation's Trash Free Potomac Watershed Initiative. During the week of March 31 through April 5 police will actively monitor and enforce littering law violations such as illegal dumping, wind blown litter (relating to the covered load law as it pertains to commercial vehicles) and littering in general.

This campaign is part of the Trash Free Potomac Watershed Initiative, an Alice Ferguson Foundation program to reduce trash and increase recycling, education and awareness of trash issues in the watershed and to generate education and awareness among the media and the general public that litter laws exist and that enforcement of these laws is happening.

The Alice Ferguson Foundation was established in 1954 as a nonprofit organization chartered in the state of Maryland. Their mission is to provide experiences that encourage connections between people, the natural environment, farming and the cultural heritage of the Potomac River watershed, which lead to personal environmental responsibility.

For more information visit the foundation website at <http://fergusonfoundation.org>.

G326PI. from the 9100 block of Springhill Lane.

Seven vehicles were recovered by outside police departments with one arrest made in one recovery. Two stolen tags were recovered by Greenbelt police with no arrests made.

Vandalism to, theft from and attempted theft of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 6200 block Breezewood Court, 9000 block Breezewood Terrace, 5900 block Cherrywood Lane, 9100 block Edmonston Road, Roosevelt Center, 20 Court Southway and 7700 block Hanover Parkway. In addition, tires were punctured in the area of 7300 and 7400 blocks Morrison Drive, 8000 and 8100 blocks Lakecrest Drive and Ora Glen Drive at South Ora Court. Driver-side mirrors were broken at 7800 block Jacobs Drive (5 incidents) and Greenbrook at Somerset Court; vehicle windows were broken at 9100 and 9200 blocks Edmonston Road and 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive. Two incidents of air bag system thefts were reported from the 9100 block Edmonston Road and GPS system thefts from the 100 block Westway, the 9100 block Edmonston Road and the 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive.

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home builders and miners. Both sides of the issue must be weighed and this is something Goddard considers as she campaigns for the issues about which she feels so passionately.

Recently, Goddard facilitated a forum for 150 people from the Great Lakes area to come to D.C. and lobby on behalf of the "Healing Our Waters Coalition." With a focus on finding people in the Great Lakes states and bringing them to Washington, Goddard trained and educated these citizens on legislation and lobbying for better laws on clean water. "Many environmental campaigns are decades-long" and Goddard hopes that the experience promotes a relationship with respective members of Congress and that the individuals return to their homes and continue their involvement and take action. "If the grassroots organizations don't do it, the professional lobbyists will and they don't do it as well," Goddard says with a smile.

Currently, Goddard is active in crafting the language of House Bill 2421, the "Clean Water Restoration Act," a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act. "We want the language of the bill and the protection to include all water, not just 'navigable waters'" she explains. This would include ephemeral streams, ponds and creeks, and would strengthen the permit requirements for water treatment plants. "Little fish are born in headwaters and our wetlands are there for a reason. We stand to lose so much of these natural resources."

The aspect of her work that has given Goddard the most pride was not on the environmental front, but was instead with the NBCC.

She found herself in the midst of 50-, 60- and 70-year-old wealthy women who had the money but lacked the know-how to get their goals accomplished on Capitol Hill. Goddard educated these women and they launched "Campaign 2.6" – "2.6 billion signatures for \$2.6 billion." The group held a rally on the Capitol steps that consisted of 650 people – more than three times the size their permit allowed. "These women knew they wouldn't be around for the outcome; this was for the next generation," reflects Goddard. She smiles as she remembers that the women were shouting "show us the money!"

The NBCC is advocating to allow breast cancer researchers to be more involved with their patients and promotes a campaign to this effect called "Project LEAD," which stands for Leadership, Education and Advocacy Development. Part of the goal is to train patients in epidemiology and also to get them to be active participants in medical boards. By doing this, breast cancer patients not only can help with clinical trials but also can become empowered by the knowledge they gain. Goddard tells of this advocacy with love in her heart and speaks fondly of her experiences with the NBCC. She has pictures of the Campaign 2.6 women on the Capitol steps and remembers that there were "lots of tears and wonderful, strong women."

Goddard got her start in activism by canvassing at Grinnell College in Iowa as a means to help pay tuition. She met her husband Todd Perry there and the couple moved to Estes Park, Colo., before coming to the D.C. area. Before starting work with the Sierra Club,

she worked at Rural America where she helped cities and towns procure money for transportation for their elderly and handicapped residents. When the threat to cut the transportation program was strong, Goddard helped activate the citizens to lobby to keep their transportation means. The campaign was successful.

Noah and Elaina, Goddard's children, are following in their mother's activist footsteps and it's no wonder. As a baby Noah made an appearance on Capitol Hill with his lobbyist mom, he has made rally signs and he has counted votes. Elaina launched an annual campaign on her sixth birthday to help Greenbelt's animal shelter and in lieu of birthday gifts, she asked her friends to provide supplies for the shelter. As a result, a truckload of donations was given to the shelter – enough to take care of every cat that was living at the shelter at the time.

Goddard is a Girl Scout leader and enjoys showing the troop all there is to see and do in and around Greenbelt. She also works with the swim team and is a volunteer at the French Immersion School her children attend.

Goddard says she always will participate in advocacy, whether for environmental causes or something completely different. "If we solve all of our environmental problems, I'll find something else," she says and one would be hard-pressed not to believe her. "You have to enjoy what you're trying to protect and you should do a good job but still have a good laugh," she adds. Whatever her cause – environmental, health, schools, etc. – Pam Goddard will prove that concern, passion and outreach are the tools to bringing about change.

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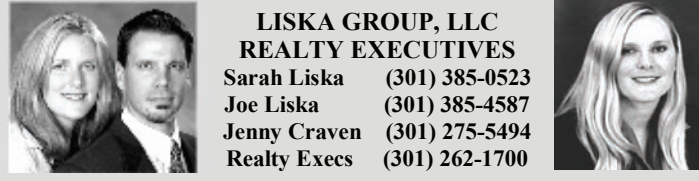


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Dance music blends country, blues and creole music from southwestern Louisiana on Tuesday, April 1 at 5:30 p.m. at the Kogod Theatre of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. The performance is free and most of the songs are sung in Cajun French.

**Original Works
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On Monday, March 31 at 8 p.m. the UM School of Music will present a concert of original works by UM student composers featuring solo chamber and electroacoustic performances. The free event will be held in Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

**UM Symphonic
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On Friday, April 4 at 8 p.m. the University of Maryland's wind orchestra will perform a program including works by Andrea Gabrieli, Jonathan Dove, Jan Koetsier and Igor Stravinsky. The program is free and will be held in the Dekelboum Concert Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

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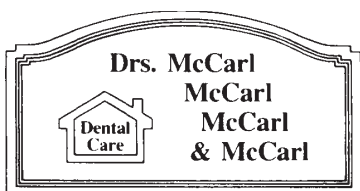
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