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Council Meets in Worksession For Overview of 2009 Budget

by James Giese

Greenbelt City Manager Michael McLaughlin and City Treasurer Jeff Williams met with the city council in worksession on April 2 to provide an overview of the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2009 (FY09) and to review General Government budgets for the city's administrative services.

To aid in the review they provided handouts of revenue analysis and line item expense summaries for the proposed, current and past fiscal years. As submitted the proposed budget would hold expenses within the limit of projected revenues and would not increase the property tax rate.

While the tax rate may not go up, the budget estimates a healthy increase in the dollar amount of taxes to be collected in the new fiscal year due to the assessed valuation of Greenbelt property, anticipated to increase by 17 percent.

Most homeowners, including those residing in condominiums and cooperatives and who continue to live in the same home, can expect a 10 percent increase in their assessments and a 10 percent increase in their city tax bill, if the proposed budget is adopted

with no change in the tax rate.

Greenbelt property was reassessed last year by the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation with a three-year phase-in of the new assessments. Because property values had skyrocketed, nearly all homes were reassessed with an increase of more than 30 percent. However, under the Homestead Tax Credit program, the maximum phase-in assessment increase in any one year is limited to 10 percent on any home that is the owner's primary residence.

McLaughlin estimates that the increased cost for taxpayers with a 10 percent assessment increase will be \$118 a year for a currently valued \$150,000 home, \$157 for a \$200,000 home, \$236 for a \$300,000 home and \$314 for a \$400,000 home.

A state program provides grants for eligible lower income homeowners to limit the amount owed for property tax. This year the city has piggybacked onto this program to give credits on city taxes. Persons seeking these grants need only apply to the state; if approved by the state, owners will automatically

receive the city grant as well. GHI homeowners are also eligible for these grants, according to Williams.

Property tax is the one significant revenue source that council can change in the budget. The yield of a one-cent property tax levy for FY09 is estimated to be \$193,700. This means that for every penny council might raise the property tax rate for 2009, it could authorize additional expenditures of \$193,700.

On the other hand, should council decide to cut budget expenditures, it could reduce the tax rate by a penny for each \$193,700 in cuts from the budget. Similarly, if the city were able to find new revenues before budget adoption, council could reduce the tax rate.

Undesignated Fund

McLaughlin does not propose spending all funds on hand in the new year. He recommends that an amount equal to 10 percent of the budget be kept in reserve to meet any unforeseen shortfall in revenues or unbudgeted expenditure. While 10 percent

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Greenbelt Crime Figures Are Up But Robbery Numbers Decline

by James Giese

Year-end police crime data for the Greenbelt Police Department provides a mixed bag of information – some good, some bad. Overall, crime for the year was up by almost seven percent from the previous year, reversing a downward trend during the last three years.

However, the number of robberies, which had been increasing in each of the previous four years, was down 16.5 percent in 2007 compared to 2006. Crimes against persons were also down for the second year in a row, although this time by less than one percent. The four Class I crime offense categories for crimes involving persons are murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assaults. Class I crimes are the most serious crimes.

All three categories of Class I property crimes – breaking and entering, larceny and motor vehicle theft – were up significantly this year over the previous year. However, the numbers were still well below the peak year for these crimes.

The Police Department's Public Safety 2007 in Review analysis is included in the printed proposed budget for the fiscal year 2008-2009 document. It

compares Greenbelt data to those for the Washington Metropolitan region of Montgomery and Prince George's County provided by the Uniform Crime Reporting Program of the Maryland State Police.

For the region, 2007 crime was down 3.3 percent compared to Greenbelt's 6.9 percent increase. Crimes against persons decreased by one percent in Greenbelt and by 10 percent in the region. Property crimes increased by 8.5 percent in Greenbelt while a decrease of less than one percent was noted for the region.

Greenbelt West, the policing area of the department that includes Springhill Lake and Beltway Plaza, impacted significantly the changes in Greenbelt crime data. The analysis credits the decrease in robberies to the robbery suppression details and directed patrol tactics that resulted in investigators and officers making significant arrests during the year.

By Area

The analysis also reported a 30 percent decrease in robberies in Greenbelt West for the year but a 24 percent increase in property crimes. The number of

reported stolen autos increased by 27 percent and breaking and enterings by 52 percent.

Of crimes reported, 195 took place in Greenbelt Center, 549 were in Springhill Lake, 14 were at the Greenbelt Metro site, 351 were in Greenbelt East and 254 were at Beltway Plaza.

The public safety analysis states: "As reported in the latest published edition of the annual state Uniform Crime Report (June 1, 2007), the crime rate for Maryland was 4.1 victims for every 1,000 population. The rate [for] Prince George's County was 6.9 per 1,000. Greenbelt's rate was 6.0 per 1,000."

Closer inspection of all jurisdictions within the county shows generally that jurisdictions inside the Beltway have a greater crime rate than those outside. Greenbelt's rate has historically fallen in the middle, reflecting the impact of regional forces.

Other Data

At 40,083 the number of calls for police service in the past year was 45 percent greater than for 2003 and also greater than that of any of the other preceding years. However, the number of reports

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PHOTO BY JASON ALDAG

Participants of the University of North Carolina Highway Safety Research Center's Pedestrian Safety Workshop: Focus on Seniors take an exploratory walk of Greenbelt.

Pedestrian Safety Program Gets Tryout in Greenbelt

by Jason Aldag

Members of the Greenbelt community, along with representatives from the Greenbelt City Council, Public Works and the Police Department, took part in an inaugural pilot workshop for pedestrian safety at the Greenbelt Community Center on Monday, April 7. Funded by the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration and designed by the Highway Safety Research Center at the University of North Carolina, the Pedestrian Safety Workshop: Focus on Seniors aims to offer in-depth safety instruction for pedestrians and create a dialogue between the community, policy makers and public servants according to program officials.

"The goal is for users of the program to work with agencies that can help them make it easier to walk, to look at all perspectives to make improvements and have the decision makers in the community sitting with the citizens who have needs," said Lau-

ren Marchetti, manager of the Highway Safety Research Center. "We've done workshops all over the country and this is as good as it gets," she said of the turnout for the workshop. "With this kind of [government] representation, you know the community is ready."

Greenbelt Mayor Judith F. Davis, who attended the workshop, noted that even though the city was designed with pedestrians in mind, there was a need for safer sidewalks, more sidewalks and safer crosswalks. "We need to do more," she said.

"We think a great deal about how to help pedestrian and bicycle safety. It's good to hear from seniors," Davis said.

Crosswalks

Greenbelt has implemented designs that offer a safer pedestrian experience by installing enhanced crosswalks in the areas of Ridge

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What Goes On

Saturday, April 12

9 a.m. to Noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot between City Offices and Community Center

Sunday, April 13

Noon, Little League Opening Day Parade, Starts at the Aquatic and Fitness Center Parking Lot (see story on page 2)

Monday, April 14

7:30 p.m., Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee, Community Center

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

Wednesday, April 16

7:30 p.m., Advisory Planning Board, Community Center, Room 103

7:30 p.m., Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Community Center

8 p.m., Budget Worksession on Misc. and Other Funds, Capital Projects, Community Center

Thursday, April 17

7:30 p.m., Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Community Center Multipurpose Room

Saturday, April 19 – Earth Day Activities (see ad on page 5)

10 a.m. to Noon, Earth Day

Noon, Arbor Day Tree Planting

12:15, Tree Tour

Community Events

Davis Pitch Opens Baseball Season

Greenbelt Baseball will be having its Opening Day Parade Sunday, April 13 beginning at noon. The parade will start at Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center and proceed out Southway to McDonald's Field. The parade will consist of the Major League, Machine Pitch and Tee-Ball levels. Come out to support the youth of Greenbelt. The Opening Day game will be between last year's champion Indians and runner-up Giants, beginning at 1 p.m. at McDonald's Field.

Come watch Mayor Judith Davis throw the first pitch of the game!

Walk to Promote Arthritis Awareness

This year's Fifth Annual Arthritis Walk fundraiser will be held on Saturday, May 10 at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The three-mile (or one-mile) course will open at 10 a.m., with registration beginning at 9 a.m. This year's special child honoree is Tre'von Childs, an 11-year-old sixth grader with arthritis who will be at the event along with his family.

The Sir Walter Raleigh restaurant will donate a portion of its 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. sales on Monday, April 14 and Tuesday, May 6.

Walkers Needed

There is no registration fee; however, participants are urged to raise a minimum of \$100 in order to receive a commemorative 2008 Arthritis Walk T-shirt. Special prizes are available for those who raise \$200 or more.

Proceeds from the event fund research, foster greater public awareness and ensure that better programs and treatments are available for people with arthritis, including the one in four adults locally diagnosed. The Arthritis Walk is the Arthritis Foundation's signature event and takes place in over 350 communities nationwide during May, which is National Arthritis Awareness Month.

The Arthritis Foundation, Metropolitan Washington Chapter has been serving the District of Columbia, Northern Virginia, Prince George's County and Montgomery County for 56 years. To learn more about the Arthritis Walk visit www.arthritis.org, call Christina Thomas at 202-537-6800 ext. 3016 or email cthomas@arthritis.org.

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition "Food and Friendship" program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. the previous day to assure sufficient quantities of food are ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215 for information about the program and to make reservations.

Meals are served beginning at noon. All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and one percent milk. Menus for April 14 through 18 include:

Monday – Split pea soup with crackers, baked Tilapia fish with tartar sauce, home fried potatoes, chopped collards, fresh orange.

Tuesday – Orange juice, meatballs (six each) and spaghetti with tomato sauce, mixed vegetables tossed salad with dressing, canned pears.

Wednesday – Minestrone soup with crackers, turkey cutlet with giblet gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, lemon parfait.

Thursday – Cranapple juice, baked chicken leg with gravy, black beans, chopped kale, canned peaches.

Friday – Orange-pineapple juice, sliced roast beef with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, oatmeal raisin cookies (two).

Astronomical Star Parties April 12, 13

On Saturday, April 12 Astronomical Society members will hold a star party at Northway Field. On Sunday, April 13 a sidewalk astronomy party will be held at the Roosevelt Center near the New Deal Café. Members of the society will begin to set up to view the moon and other celestial objects at approximately 7:45 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.



Our sympathy to the family, friends and long-time companion Louise Swiderski on the death of Jim Cassels, one of Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizens.

Condolences to the family of Arthur E. Bittenbender of New Carrollton, who died March 31, 2008, at the age of 75. Art was a longtime member of Greenbelt American Legion Post #136. His wife Ann (Walker) Bittenbender is a Greenbelt pioneer.

Congratulations to

– ERHS student Claudia Bucknor, on receiving a Riderwood scholarship toward college next year. In addition to school and working in Riderwood's food service, Claudia plays soccer, is on the Student Government Association and a member of Future Business Leaders of America.

– Kevin and Sarah Sandoval, who welcomed their first child, Henry Hilliard Sandoval on March 27, 2008, at 10:49 a.m. Henry weighed in at 8 lbs and 10 oz.

– Diane and Tim Grady of Greenbriar who welcomed new grandson, Donovan Wyatt Sosa, born March 11, 2008. Proud parents are Mary McGee-Sosa and Wilson Sosa of Manassas, Va. Donovan joins Juliana Nicole, age 6 and Victor, age 4.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We'd especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Springhill Lake. To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

Postal Services Available

Limited postal services are now available in the Municipal Building Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Correction

In the article on autism awareness in last week's issue, the location of a planned informational meeting should have read: The ARC of Prince George's County, 1401 McCormick Drive in Largo. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 15 at 6:30 p.m.

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On Screen

"Flawless" Stars Caine

"Flawless," set in 1960s London, stars Demi Moore and Michael Caine as two disgruntled employees of the London Diamond Corporation who take a creative approach to profit-sharing. This heist movie in the classic vein, now showing at the Old Greenbelt Theatre, gives Caine the opportunity to return to the type of role that launched his career (e.g., "The Italian Job").

Director Michael Radford most recently directed Al Pacino as Shylock in "The Merchant of Venice;" he also directed "Il Postino," which was nominated for several Oscars. Rated PG-13 for a little strong language, this film runs 108 minutes.

– Cathy Jones

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WEEK OF APR. 11

Flawless

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Saturday

*3, *5:15, 7:30, 9:40

Sunday

*3, *5:15, 7:30

Monday - Thursday

*5:15, 7:30

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Community Events

At the Library

Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories:

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

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

Thursday, April 17, 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.

Adult Book Discussion

Wednesday, April 16, 7 p.m. A librarian will lead a discussion of Bill Bryson's "The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid."

GHI Notes

Scheduled Meetings:

Sunday, April 13, 11 a.m. – Pre Purchase Orientation, Board Room

Noon – GHI Volunteer Committees Appreciation Luncheon, Greenbelt Fire House

Wednesday, April 16, 7 p.m. – Woodlands Committee, GHI Lobby

7 p.m. – Finance Committee, Board Room

Thursday, April 17, 7 p.m. – Sustainable Design and Practices Committee, Board Room

Tuesday, April 22, 8:30 a.m. – Ad-hoc Yard Line Committee, GHI Library

Wednesday, April 23, 7:30 p.m. – Companion Animal Committee, GHI Lobby

Thursday, April 24, 7:30 p.m. – Board of Directors Regular Meeting, Board Room

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.

Explore Mind Body Connection April 18

Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation by Nancy Shaffer on Friday, April 18 on the Mind Body Connection. She will lead a discussion about how physical exercise, one's thoughts, and energy affect one's state of health and attitudes toward life. Shaffer is currently an adjunct faculty member at the Prince George's Community College working with the Senior Fitness program. She also teaches with the Behavioral Health program at Kaiser Permanente, which includes classes on managing stress, dealing with depression and problem solving for couples. Shaffer is a counselor and Healing Touch practitioner.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom, Room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Send in information about your organization's activities for the Community Events page.

Greenbriar II Elects Board of Directors

Greenbriar Phase II had its annual meeting March 11, electing the following board for the coming year: Gary Thomas, president; Jacqueline Gray, first vice president; Sherre Washington, secretary; Linda Kulle, treasurer; and Mary Blizard, director.

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

GIVES Meeting Saturday, April 19

The quarterly meeting of GIVES (Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service) will be held on Saturday, April 19 at 10 a.m. in Room 114 of the Greenbelt Community Center. New members are always welcome.

New Deal Update

by Don Cisim

Although kitchen construction – mainly installing a stove – has forced the New Deal Café to close for a short time, Chef Karim and Maria Kmaiha have promised to cook up another feast for the Café's April 19 music festival in Roosevelt Center.

They have already made improvements to the Café, from tiling bathroom floors and the wine bar counter top to adding a 45-bottle wine cooler below the bar.

Many of the Mediterranean foods the Karims will serve at the music festival, rivaling the banquet they gave last month, will likely be on the Café's new menu when the restaurant opens for good.

And it will be good – it will include American and Italian food, for example, as well as Lebanese and other Mediterranean delights. Karim and Maria will hire a completely new staff but are also looking for dedicated volunteers to help them succeed.

New Citizens to Be Sworn In at Armory

On Friday, April 18 at 11 a.m., 100 new American citizens will be sworn in at Greenbelt's National Guard Armory. American Legion Auxiliary National President Jan Pulvermacher-Ryan of Madison, Wisc., will be present for the swearing in.

For more community events, see page 2

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.

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Greenbelt Greens Meet on April 14

The Greenbelt Greens will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the public meeting room at the Greenbelt police station, 550 Crescent Road.

The featured speaker will be Gordon Clark, 2008 candidate for the Green Party nomination for U.S. Congress in Maryland's eighth congressional district. Clark's campaign opposes the "disastrous, budget-busting way," calls for serious, intelligent action to save the planet from global warming and focuses on ways to build a green economy. After Clark's presentation and a question and answer period, there will be a report on efforts to recruit a strong 2008 Green Party candidate for U.S. Congress from the fifth congressional district.

Other items on the agenda will include the recent ACLU/NAACP letter which requested that council reconsider Greenbelt's system for electing city council, a report from the most recent monthly statewide Maryland Green Party Coordinating Council meeting and preparations for the statewide annual Green Assembly to be held on May 3 at Towson University.

The Greenbelt Greens are pledged to promoting nonviolence, social justice, grassroots democracy and the environment. All are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.

For more information call Bob Auerbach at 202-722-4303 or John Stith at 301-486-4504.

Choral Society Has Fundraiser

On Saturday, April 12 at 6 p.m., the Prince George's Choral Society will hold a silent auction and Italian dinner followed by a serenade. The musical organization's fundraising gala will be held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, located at 6905 Greenbelt Road.

There is a fee. For more information or to reserve tickets call 301-336-8539 or email pgchoralsociety@aol.com.

The Choral Society will present its next concert on Saturday, May 4. New members may audition throughout the year and may attend the regular Monday rehearsals with advance notice.



Greenbelt Arts Center Presents

Celtic Concert The Homespun Ceilidh Band

April 12, 8 p.m.

Benefit Concert for the Greenbelt Arts Center

All tickets \$15.00
No membership discounts.
Cash or Check only
Tickets available by reservation or at Box Office night of show

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Roosevelt Center
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www.greenbeltartscenter.org

Disabilities Group Meeting Is Sunday

The Greenbelt Disability Connection will hold its monthly meeting in Room 103 at the Community Center from 2 to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 13. The group will hear a speaker from Independence Now. Founded by people with disabilities, Independence Now provides services to promote independence and the inclusion of people with disabilities in their communities. Come with questions and find out how they might help or to learn about them.

There will also be a report from members who went to the state transportation conference held in Greenbelt last week and the pedestrian safety workshop held at the Greenbelt Community Center on April 7. There will be a discussion of the topics members would most like to cover in the future. Come to meet neighbors and make friends who share similar concerns.

BCWWG Meets On April 15

On Tuesday, April 15 at 7 p.m., the Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group (BCWWG) will hold its regular monthly meeting in the Media Room of the Greenbelt Elementary School (66 Ridge Road). The group will talk about its involvement in the Green Man Festival, the Reel and Meal Deal film showings as well as clean-up activities on Sunnyside.

There will also be a report about the recent macroinvertebrate identification in which several members participated. All are invited to come learn about and plan future activities while having fun.

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Greenbelt Community Church Hillside & Crescent Roads

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Hoagies for Lunch 9:00am to 1:00pm



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APRIL 12, 2008 FROM 10 AM TO 2 PM

FOOD – GAMES – SCHOLASTIC BOOK SALE – CRAFTS – CAKE WALK – BIKE RODEO – SILENT AUCTION (bring cash!)

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Silent Auction Saturday, May 3

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Obituaries

James J. Cassels

James Joseph Cassels, 92, Greenbelt's 1978 Outstanding Citizen, died in the early morning hours on Friday, April 4, 2008. Mr. Cassels is best known for his roles in establishing the now defunct Twin Pines Savings and Loan Association (with the late Bruce Bowman, Rexford G. Tugwell and others), Greenbelt CARES, the current Co-op supermarket and Green Ridge House, among many public service activities within the city and Prince George's County.

A memorial service is being planned by his five surviving children for Saturday, April 19 at 11 a.m., at the Greenbelt Community Church.

Earth Stewardship At Paint Branch UUC

Honoring and caring for the earth will be the subject of a celebratory lecture event on Monday, April 21 at 7:30 p.m. at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church.

Seeking to better understand both the science and solutions to climate change, the event will include speakers Ross Salawitch, Ph.D., a University of Maryland professor who will just have returned from a NASA Arctic field expedition and Holly Gorman from the Chesapeake Climate Action Network. Sponsored by the Network of Spiritual Progressives and the Social Action Committee of Paint Branch the evening will also include time for discussion with the speakers, as well as music from the "Missa Gaia - A Mass for Our Earth" and photographs of the earth both from space and of its ecosystems. Refreshments will be served and information provided about actions people can take to be become better environmental stewards of the planet.

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church is located at 3215 Powder Mill Road in Adelphi. Driving directions are available at the website www.pbuuc.org.

Good Samaritan Has Karaoke for PRISCM

Good Samaritan Lutheran Church will hold a karaoke night on Friday, April 18 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the church. This is a fundraising event for Partnership for Renewal in Southern and Central Maryland (PRISCM), a community-based program that addresses social concerns of communities. People are asked to come sing along and learn about the work of PRISCM. A free will offering will be collected.

Good Samaritan is located at 10110 Greenbelt Road in Lanham and can be reached by calling 301-794-7300, emailing mygoodsam@comcast.net or visiting the website at www.goodsamaritanlutheran.org.

"Two for Life" Family Concert At Holy Cross on April 20

Two For Life team Jay and Jodi Marcum, a husband and wife musical duo from Nashville and former members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, will present a family concert at the church on Sunday, April 20 beginning at 9:15 a.m.

Jay and Jodi share a love of music and also share the goal of giving people a new passion for living and infuse their audiences with a fresh joy in living for Jesus. "We've been told we have a real ministry of encouragement and that's exactly what we want to do," says Jodi.

With combined professional experience of over 60 years, Two For Life presents an array of musical styles through saxophone, piano and vocal music. Everything from the well-known to original music, from gospel to classical to jazz to inspiring hymns - their professional presentation, humor and witness will uplift listeners' hearts.

Two For Life has provided concert and worship music for churches and civic groups across the United States, Canada and Eastern Europe. "Our music has wide appeal for all ages and



all places," says Jay, "because we perform so many different styles."

Jay, a former U.S. Navy Band saxophonist, and Jodi, an accomplished vocalist and pianist, are also World Vision Artist Associates. They encourage their audiences to become involved with world missions and child sponsorship through the World Vision Christian relief organization and they offer an opportunity to sponsor a child at the close of their concert.

Their concert is offered without charge to the public. Details can be obtained by calling Bill Pichel at 301-537-1384.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church is located at 6905 Greenbelt Road.

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9:15 am	Sunday School/Bible Study
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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

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Every breath that we breathe is a blessing from God and we learn from the Prophet Solomon (peace be upon him) to recognize these blessings each day. The Holy Qur'an tells us how he never forgot to be thankful to God. He is quoted to have said, "This is by the grace of my Lord, to test me whether I am grateful or ungrateful! And if any is grateful, it is (a gain) for his own soul; but if any is ungrateful, truly my Lord is free of all needs, supreme in honor."
- 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.

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
April 13, 10 a.m.
"The Mystery Of Love"
by PBUUC Youth Group with Michael Leger, worship associate
(Explore Love through Drama, Sharing and Song.)

Barbara W. and Jaco B. ten Hove, co-ministers

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church
40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
Open heart, Open minds, Open doors
www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410
Rev. Dr. Paul C. Kim, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am
Prayer Meeting Sun. 10:00am

Greenbelt Baptist Church

101 Greenhill Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770 - (301) 474-4212
www.greenbeltbaptist.org

Welcome!

Sunday	9:45 am	Sunday School
Sunday	11:00 am	Worship Service
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

ALL are Welcome!
"Helping People Connect with Christ and His Family Through Loving Service"

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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

Greenbelt Community Church
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings
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10:15 a.m.
Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

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For further information call 301 474-4223 www.mishkantorah.org
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Community
of Greenbelt
MASS**

Sundays 10 A.M.
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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)

April 13 - The Goodness of God
Psalm 145, Psalm 107
Pastor Lou Redd
301-474-4499 410-340-8242 (cell)
...living life together

WSSC Waste Water Treatment Plant Tours

On Saturday, April 19 the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) will open the Seneca and Damascus Waste Water Treatment Plants for public tours from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Those interested in signing up for a tour or with questions about touring one of the plants are asked to call 301-206-7900.

Beltsville Garden Club Plant Sales
 Saturday, April 12 & May 10
 8 till 11 a.m. (Rain or shine)
 High Point High School,
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For directions visit website
www.beltsvillegardenclub.org

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 Children: \$6.00
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 Children: \$6.00
 Seniors: \$6.50

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Week of APRIL 11

FRI. - SAT.
 Tyler Perry's Meet the Browns, PG-13
 11:45, 2:20, 5:10, 7:35, 10:10
21, PG-13
 11:45, 2:20, 5, 7:35, 10:10
Street Kings, R (!)
 11:45, 2:20, 5, 7:45, 10:20
The Ruins, R (!)
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Nim's Island, PG
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Prom Night, PG-13 (!)
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Horton Hears A Who, G
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Superhero Movie, PG-13
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City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL

April 14, 2008– 8:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting-Municipal Building

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

Arbor Day – Proclamation

Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

***Committee Reports**

LEGISLATION

A Resolution . . . to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt . . . by Amending Paragraph (d), "Powers," of Section 12, Titled "Employee Relations Board" (Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2008-1) (1st Reading)

OTHER BUSINESS

Selection of Audit Services-FY 2008
 * Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT) Board of Trustees Ballot
 * Reappointment to Advisory Group
 * Items on the Consent Agenda, indicated by an asterisk, will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.
NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

MEETINGS FOR APRIL 14-18

Monday, April 14th, 7:30pm, **RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, at the Community Center.

Monday, April 14th, 8:00pm, **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**, at the Municipal Building.

Wednesday, April 16th at 7:30pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD**, at the Greenbelt Community Center, Room 103. Agenda: I. Call to Order, II. Approval of Agenda, III. Approval of Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2008, IV. Discussion of Pedestrian/Bicycle Plan V. Adjourn.

Wednesday, April 16th at 7:30pm, **PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**, at the Greenbelt Community Center

Wednesday, April 16th, 8:00pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION – MISC. AND OTHER FUNDS, CAPITAL PROJECTS**, at the Community Center.

Thursday, April 17th at 7:30pm, **FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD**, at the Greenbelt Community Center, Multi-Purpose Room. Agenda: I. Call to Order, II. Approval of Agenda, III. Approval of minutes, IV. Report on Northway compost/mulch pile, V. Review of draft by-laws, VI. Review of Boxwood Preserve boundaries, VII. Briefing on Management and Maintenance Guidelines, VIII. Next Agenda, IX. Adjournment.

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.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES
Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.
Vacancies exist on the:
Arts Advisory Board
Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee
Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
Youth Advisory Committee

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

CITY OF GREENBELT JOB OPENING
CITY CLERK: This position prepares and keeps the official records of the city, conducts elections, provides professional administrative support to the City Council and City Manager, and is a member of the senior staff. The City Clerk attends the regular City Council meetings and most work sessions; prepares the agenda for Council meetings and takes minutes of these meetings; administers the appointments process for Council's advisory groups including recruitment, scheduling interviews and acts as intermediary; and acts as liaison to Board of Elections and Employee Relations Board. Strong organizational, computer, interpersonal, written and verbal skills required. Bach. degree or equiv. training or experience required. Certified Municipal Clerk desirable. Excellent benefits including State Pension plan. Salary range \$50,000 to \$70,000 DOQ. Submit resume and required application to Human Resources Office, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD. 20770. Application available at www.greenbeltmd.gov. EOE

The City of Greenbelt's **FREE! Celebration Of Spring**

Saturday, April 26th
2:00pm-6:00pm
Springhill Lake Recreation Center

Enjoy an afternoon of fun and friendship with your fellow neighbors and the Greenbelt Recreation Department!

- ♦ Free Food & Drinks
- ♦ Carnival Games
- ♦ Face Painting & Clowns
- ♦ Live Musical Entertainment
- ♦ Step Dance Performances
- ♦ Moonbounces and Inflatables
- ♦ Make & Take Art Projects

♦ Demonstrations & Fire Safety Information from local Fire Departments
 CALL THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT AT (301)397-2000 FOR MORE INFORMATION!

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL /PUBLIC ACCESS NOW ON COMCAST 71 & VERIZON 21

MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Monday, April 14th at 8pm Regular City Council Meeting (live). Tuesday and Thursday, April 15th and 17th at 6pm -- "Ask the Expert – End of Life Decisions" 6:45pm -- "Co-op Cooking Show," 7pm Greenbelt Museum presents "Sublime on a Dime" 8pm -- Regular City Council Meeting (replay).
PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday and Friday, April 16th and 18th at 7pm -- St. Mary's of Landover "The Passion Play" 8:30pm -- "GATE'S SHORTS"

EARTH DAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 19th
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
LIBRARY UNDERPASS
(11 Crescent Road)

Celebrate Earth Day with the Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee and help with plantings on a landscape improvement project.

ATTENTION STUDENTS: Volunteer community service hours will be given.

ARBOR DAY: After the Earth Day celebration, join members of the Advisory Committee on Trees with the Arbor Day Tree Planting at 12:00 p.m., at the same location.

TREE TOUR: Enjoy a tree tour of large and unusual trees throughout the City. The tour will leave the Library Underpass at 12:15pm.

For more information, call Cindy Murray at (301) 474-8004.

DONATION DROP-OFF
 American Rescue Workers
 Saturday, April 12th from
 9:00 a.m.-12:00p.m.
 Parking lot between
 City Office and the
 Community Center
*Info: City of Greenbelt
 Recycling Office at
 301-474-8303.*
**Donation drop-off is
 now twice a month on
 the second and fourth
 Saturdays.**

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 Report it to PEPCO at
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 All you need is the pole #!

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 Events**

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is the goal, the proposed budget anticipates an undesignated fund balance of 9.1 percent.

At this time last year, this undesignated fund balance was expected to be only 6.1 percent of the budget. However, McLaughlin estimates that the city will achieve a significant budget surplus this year – close to \$600,000 – that will bring the fund balance up.

No hard and fast rule exists as to what the undesignated fund balance should be. Prince George's County, which is much larger, has a three percent undesignated balance. Some other jurisdictions also keep their balance lower. McLaughlin, however, recommends 10 percent as the desirable cash reserve, an amount traditionally established for Greenbelt.

McLaughlin told council that when budget difficulties resulted in a reduction of this reserve to the six percent level, this problem was noted by the firms that evaluate and rate city bonds. Last year council approved McLaughlin's recommended plan to raise the amount of the undesignated reserve back to 10 percent, a fact also noted by the bond rating firms that kept the city's good bond rating intact.

Other Revenues

McLaughlin noted that vacancies in office parks within the city will reduce revenue from the personal property tax, which is assessed against business furnishings and equipment. Two major tenants, Hewlett Packard and Northrup Grumman, have relocated their offices from Greenbelt to other jurisdictions. Hewlett

Packard's relocation has caused one entire office building to become vacant.

Staff also lowered expectations for income tax growth in the new year. The FY08 budget estimated a three percent growth in income. The FY09 budget estimates a two percent growth as a result of the current slower economy.

The proposed budget estimates the income from the 10 percent tax on motel rooms to be less than it was in FY07 but more than that estimated for the current year. McLaughlin notes that actual revenues for the first six months of this year have exceeded budget projections and that this revenue might be underestimated. However, the current economic slowdown could impact adversely on this revenue. Five hotels are now located within the city.

McLaughlin proposes increasing the residential refuse collection fee by \$4 a quarter to raise the annual fee to \$228. Comparable costs in other communities are reported to be \$392 in Rockville, \$310 in Prince George's County and \$345 in Montgomery County.

This proposed 7.5 percent rate increase is expected to yield \$38,200. Councilmember Leta Mach asked if there would be a fee for picking up extra large loads of trash, such as may occur when a home is cleaned out before being vacated. McLaughlin responded that staff had not yet been able to work out a fee basis for this service.

The Recreation Department revenue is expected to exceed this year's budget and is budgeted

four percent higher for the new year. Staff attributes this change to the raise in admission fees at the Aquatics and Fitness Center and the increase in participation for Creative Kids and Camp Pine Tree. A new program offered, a circus camp led by a former clown, is also proving a popular addition.

The Red Light Camera program is not resulting in fines equal to operating costs. McLaughlin estimates revenues at 90 percent of cost. Council has often stressed that the program is intended to make city streets safer, not to raise extra revenues.

Expenditures

McLaughlin and Williams reviewed the Line Item Summaries worksheet with council, noting some significant changes in expenditures.

Part-time wages, primarily in the Recreation Department, have had to be increased after the increase in the federal minimum wage.

For the second year in a row, no increase is expected in health insurance costs. This projection is based on past city experience. A 10 percent decrease in the cost of prescription drug benefits for employees is also expected. This is a city self-insured program that has been working well for both the city and its employees.

City liability and property insurance and workers compensation are also expected to have lower rates based on good city experience, resulting in a \$150,000 budget reduction.

The city is locked into fixed prices for the purchase of electric-

Garden Club to Hold Plant Sale Saturday

The first of two Beltsville Garden Club spring plant sales will be held on Saturday, April 12 from 8 a.m. to noon in the parking lot of High Point High School, 3601 Powder Mill Road in Beltsville.

The sale will include perennials, shrubs and trees. The second sale, on May 10 will include annuals, vegetables and herbs in addition to perennials, shrubs and trees.

For information call Geoff White at 301-937-1539 or visit www.beltsvillegardenclub.org.

Friends School Holds Auction Fundraiser

On Saturday, April 12 Friends Community School will hold its annual fundraising auction and offer tours of the new eco-friendly green campus, with the largest known straw bale-insulated building in the world. The auction is the school's main fundraising event of the year, with all proceeds going to the scholarship fund.

Tours of the building will be held from 5 to 6 p.m., followed by a silent and live auction and a buffet dinner of tapas-style Mediterranean food and live music. The silent auction begins at 6 p.m. The theme for this year's auction is "Make New Friends, But Keep the Old," as the school welcomes members of the larger Greenbelt community in its first celebration at its new home.

Friends Community School, an independent Quaker school teaching students in grades K to 8, is located at 5901 Westchester Park Drive.

There is a fee for admission (see ad on page 12).

Two-part Jazz Recital Features UM Students

On Tuesday, April 15 at 7:30 p.m. and at the same time on Wednesday, April 16, the UM School of Music presents a Chamber Jazz Recital in two parts. Chris Vadala directs the two-part concert featuring student jazz combos. The free recitals take place in Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

Some People Don't Smile in Pictures . . .

Ask yourself if any of these areas may be affecting the beauty of your smile:



- The color or shape of your teeth
- Spaces or missing teeth
- Noticeable cavities or old dental work
- Uneven or unhealthy gums

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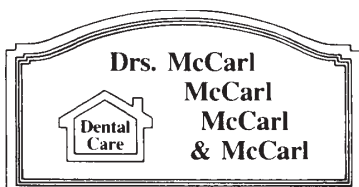


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Fresh Fancy Crunchy Pears D'Anjou/Barlet	\$ 1.00 lb.	Organic Bananas 89¢ lb.

Fresh Quality Meats			
Fresh Lean Beef Value Pack Boneless New York Strip Steaks	\$5.99 lb.	Fresh Shurfine Homestyle Roasting Chicken	69¢ lb.
Fresh Value Pack Chicken Legs/Thighs/Drumsticks	89¢ lb.	Fresh Lean Beef Boneless Bottom Round Roasts	\$2.99 lb.
		Fresh Value Pack 80% Lean Ground Beef	\$1.69 lb.
		Fresh Lean Boneless Pork Sirloin Roast	\$1.69 lb.
		Fresh Lean Boneless Pork Sirloin Chops	\$1.99 lb.
		Shurfine All Meat Wieners Regular/Jumbo 1 lb.	99¢

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Shurfine Orange Juice From Concentrate 64 oz. \$1.88	Deli Gourmet Oven Roasted Turkey Breast \$3.99 lb.	Breyer's Ice Cream Assorted 48-56 oz. \$3.00
Kraft Phila. Soft Cream Cheese Assorted 8 oz. Tub 3/\$5.00	Deli Gourmet Cooked Salami \$2.49 lb.	Banquet Dinners Assorted 6-12 oz. \$1.00
Shurfine Pure Butter Quarters 1 lb. \$1.88	Deli Gourmet Swiss Cheese \$5.99 lb.	Birds Eye Vegetables Select Varieties 8-16 oz. \$1.25
Promise Sticks or Soft Margarine Regular/Light 14-16 oz. 3/\$5.00		Swanson Meat Pot Pies Assorted 7 oz. 75¢
Health & Beauty	Seafood	Natural & Gourmet
Nature Made Vitamins or Supplements Assorted BUY ONE GET ONE FREE	Fresh Catch East Coast Cod Fillets \$6.99 lb.	Mrs. Renfro's Gourmet Salsa Assorted 16 oz. \$2.50
Right Guard Antiperspirant Deodorant Assorted 2-3 oz. stick \$2.50	Seabest Frozen Tilapia Fillets 1 lb. pkg. \$2.99	Thai Pavilion Peanut Satay Kit 7.5 oz. \$2.50
		Bakery
		Fresh Store Baked Italian Bread loaf \$1.19
		Fresh Store Baked Original 8 inch Apple Pie \$3.99



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Maxwell House Original Ground Coffee Select Varieties 11-13 oz. \$2.50	Shurfine Kidney or Chili Beans 15 oz. 50¢	Betty Crocker Specialty or Mashed Potatoes Assorted 4-7 oz. 3/\$4.00	Quaker Cap'n Crunch Cereals Assorted 14-16 oz. \$2.50
			Chicken of the Sea Solid White Albacore Tuna 6 oz. \$1.00
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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robbery

April 2, 9:40 a.m., 9100 block Edmonston Court, a young man approached a woman in a laundry room, displayed a handgun and announced a robbery. The woman stated that she had no money and the young man fled the area on foot. The suspect is described as a black male in his teens, 5'9" with a skinny build, brown eyes and black hair in cornrows, wearing a black sweater, blue pants, orange and green shoes and black gloves.

Drug Arrest

March 27, 7:44 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, a resident youth was arrested for possession with intent to distribute marijuana in a school zone, possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia after he was apprehended by police on foot patrol. He was released pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Trespass

March 29, 9:27 p.m., 9200 block Springhill Lane, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with trespass. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

March 30, 3:38 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespass and possession of paraphernalia. He was released on citation pending trial.

Disorderly Conduct

March 29, 1:18 a.m., T.G.I. Friday's Restaurant, a nonresident woman was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. She was released on citation pending trial.

Found Ordnance

April 1, 1:04 p.m., a woman turned in four practice military-type hand grenades to the Greenbelt police for disposal. The devices had belonged to her late husband. Prince George's County Fire Investigators responded, determined that they were safe and disposed of them.

Counterfeit Money

April 2, 4:53 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a counterfeit \$100 bill was passed at a plaza restaurant.

Burglary

April 1, 10:47 a.m., 7900 block Green Walk Court, the alarm sounded, apparently scaring off the suspect(s). Nothing was taken.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a 1997 Honda Accord 4-door from the 7700 block Hanover Parkway; a green 1994 Jeep Cherokee, D.C. tags CX7513 from the 6200 block Springhill Drive and a black 1997 Honda Accord 4-door, Maryland tags 6CLL98 from the 6200 block Breezewood Drive.

Three vehicles were recovered, one by Greenbelt police and two by outside departments. No arrests were made. One tag, Maryland 11713M6, was not recovered and is still out as stolen.

Vandalism to, theft from and attempted theft of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7900 block Mandan Road, 24 Court Ridge Road, 10 Court Plateau Place, 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, 9100 block Edmonston Court (two incidents), 6000 block Springhill Drive and Beltway Plaza.

WSSC H2O Fest Saturday, April 12

On Saturday, April 12 the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) will celebrate H2O Fest with free activities at the T. Howard Duckett Dam in Laurel. Local elementary school students, staff from local government agencies, Boy Scouts and the Patuxent Riverkeeper will be on hand to help the public see how thinking green can protect the Patuxent Reservoirs Watershed. Visitors of all ages can learn how to preserve and protect water sources through a variety of demonstrations. The H2O fest will include Wetland on Wheels, tours of the dam, a demonstration showing oysters' impact on the environment, a wind power display, as well as arts and crafts and environmental products including a SmartCar. There will be a rain barrel raffle.

The event will be near the WSSC T. Howard Duckett Dam at 7400 Brooklyn Bridge Road in Laurel, just west of the I-95 overpass.

Workshop to Feature Mental Health Court

"Mental Health Court" is the title of a workshop which will be presented by the National Association for the Mentally Ill on Thursday, April 17 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the New Carrollton City offices, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway. Presenters will include Judge Patrice Lewis and the Mental Health Court team. The team will explain how the court works within the Prince George's County correctional system. The benefits and services for mentally ill inmates and their families will be discussed.

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filed by police officers was the lowest it has been in the past four years – at 10,471, down 36 percent since 2004.

The department also recorded the lowest number of adult and juvenile arrests since before 2003 – 631 adult arrests compared to 872 in 2004 and 191 juvenile arrests compared to 383 in 2003.

On the other hand, the number of traffic summonses was the greatest recorded since 2003 – at 3,705. Parking tickets issued, 945, were well up from the previous year, 527, but well below the 1,244 issued in 2005. The number of warning tickets issued was greater than last year's figure (5,871 vs. 4,399) but well below the 7,685 issued in 2004. Warning tickets and repair orders issued, 5,871, were greater than those for the previous year but lower than for the years 2003, 2004 and 2005.

According to the public safety analysis provided with the budget, the clearance rate for cases investigated by Greenbelt officers was 19 percent. This compares to a statewide clearance rate of 24 percent and a county clearance rate of 10 percent. The closure rate for Greenbelt increased six percent over the previous year.

The analysis states: "A crime is cleared when the police have identified the offender, have evidence to charge and actually take the offender into custody. Solutions to crimes are also recorded in exceptional incidences where some element beyond police control precludes formal charges against the offender, such as the victim's refusal to prosecute or local prosecution is declined be-

cause the subject is being prosecuted elsewhere for a crime committed in another jurisdiction. The arrest of one person can clear several crimes or several persons may be arrested in the process of committing one crime."

Patrolling

The number of hours officers foot-patrol was up by 40 percent (6,071 hours) and the number of hours of bicycle patrolling was up 48% (644 hours) over the previous year. However, the number of calls to which K-9 units (officers with trained dogs) responded was down by 37 percent to 211 calls.

Traffic accidents, 1,136, were down slightly from last year and were the lowest since 2003. Compared to last year, property damage accidents increased slightly but were offset by fewer accidents resulting in personal injury. For the second year in a row, no accidents involving fatalities were handled by the Greenbelt police.

According to the analysis prepared for the budget, the Red Light Camera program generated 4,074 citations, a 16 percent increase over 2006. Friday was the day on which drivers most frequently violated red lights. The most citations were issued on northbound Kenilworth Avenue at the Beltway (896) and westbound Greenbelt Road at Mandan Road (245).

In 2006, according to the analysis, the department completed its fifth year of state-mandated tracking of all traffic stops. Officers in 2007 made 4,106 stops, seven percent fewer than in 2006.

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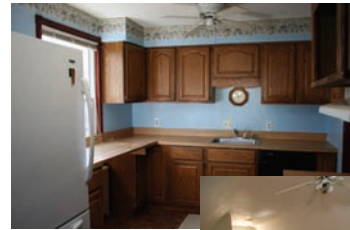
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The Homespun Ceilidh Band returns for a benefit performance on Saturday, April 12 at 8 p.m. at the Greenbelt Arts Center.

Homespun Ceilidh Concert April 12 to Benefit GAC

by Carol Griffith

The Homespun Ceilidh Band will perform a Celtic Concert at the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) on Saturday, April 12 at 8 p.m. Come for an evening of lively, toe-tapping music from the Celtic tradition that will make listeners want to dance and feel the joy of life and support the GAC.

The Homespun Ceilidh Band began 14 years ago when a group of musicians gathered to perform a benefit concert for GAC. The members decided after the concert to continue performing together and every year since have put on a Celtic Concert featuring music from Scotland, Ireland and other lands influenced by Celtic music along with some Québécois and American music.

The band's name reflects the group's character – homespun, not fancy, and without airs. Ceilidh is a Gaelic word meaning "to visit," so the group considers concert attendees their guests and wants them to participate in their love of making music.

The band has nine members. John Ward, who lived in Greenbelt for many years and was one of the founders of GAC, is the leader and plays fiddle. Also on fiddle is Becky Ross, who, along with Bill Mitchell on hammered

dulcimer, forms a duo called Peat and Barley. Peat and Barley will perform some of their own music during the concert. Trix Whitehall, Ward's wife, who has also been very active in GAC, plays percussion and sings.

Assisting Whitehall on percussion is Jennifer Lubell, who also does Irish step dancing during performances. Glenn Arthur and Mike Stoddard play guitar. Stoddard also plays the bouzouki, flute and pennywhistle. They are joined by Jim Stimson on cittern, lute and guitar, when his schedule permits. Rounding out the band is Felicia Eberling, who plays the viola da gamba, recorder and occasionally the bodhran.

The Homespun Ceilidh Band has made two CDs. "Home," their newest CD, will be offered for sale at the concert. Peat and Barley has also made two CDs, "On the Brink" and "Silver Lining," which will be available for purchase at the concert.

There is a fee. Tickets may be reserved through the box office at 301-441-8770 or purchased (cash or check only) at the box office on the night of the concert. The Greenbelt Arts Center is located at 123 Centerway, beneath the Co-op supermarket.

Chromatics at Smithsonian To Sing about the Universe

by Mary Moien

Greenbelt's Chromatics will sing about the universe on Saturday, April 19 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum on the Mall. They will be part of Explore the Universe Day, "a mind-blowing blend of science and music."

Throughout the day visitors can examine methods used to study the night sky throughout the ages and learn about early Native American astronomy as well as the latest astronomical research during Family Day: Explore the Universe. This program is produced in partnership with the National Museum of the American Indian. The Chromatics have made a tradition of participating in Family Day.

Greenbelter Deb Nixon says, "It is always a thrill for us to sing our AstroCappella songs at the base of the Hubble Space Telescope!" The Chromatics' AstroCappella project is a marriage

of music and astronomy – over a dozen original "astronomically correct" a cappella songs that describe the wonders of modern astronomy to students and the general public. Greenbelter and AstroCappella co-creator Padi Boyd says the group is happy to have the opportunity to sing to the Air and Space Museum patrons. "Our songs are targeted right at those people who are enthusiastic and curious about space and science and want to know more. We love interacting with the families at the Air and Space museum. Plus, it's a great excuse to experience Washington, D.C. in early spring!"

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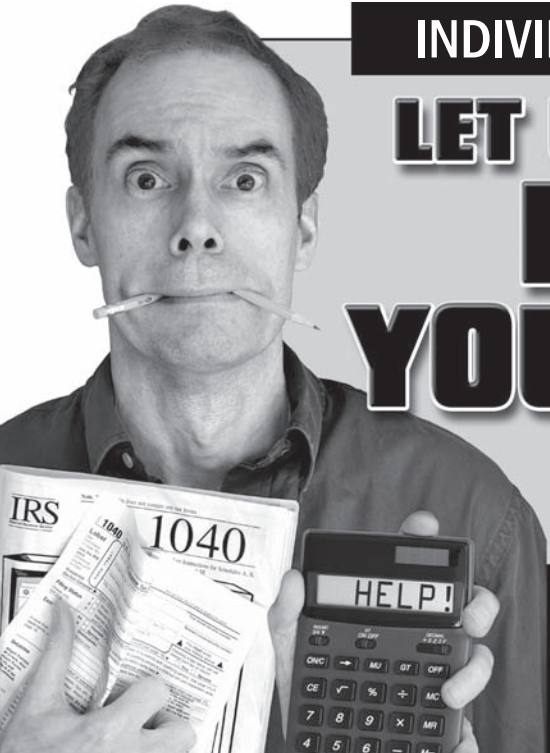


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Mary Chapman, left, and Jim Marley listen to Solange Hess comment during the University of North Carolina Highway Safety Research Center's Pedestrian Safety Workshop: Focus on Seniors.

Road and Southway, said Kenny Hall, director of Public Works for the city. The crosswalks are designed to enhance visibility for drivers by using yellow slashes painted between the white lines of the crosswalk, said Hall. Some of the community members who attended are active in senior citizen groups and are walkers or had been at one time. "It's [about] refreshing your memory. Sometimes we just take [safety] for granted," said John Henry Jones, a Greenbelt resident for 38 years and a member of the Golden Age Club. "It's important to pay attention when you go for a walk and notice things," said Pearl Siegel, member of the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee.

"Greenbelt is one of the best there is for walking. There are old and bad sidewalks but I think making people aware of safety issues is important," said Leah Warner, Greenbelt resident since 1955 and chairperson of the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee, which co-sponsored the event with the city.

Pilot Program

Monday's workshop was the

first pilot program in the nation to specifically address senior pedestrian safety concerns in an environment where city officials were on hand to listen and discuss concerns, workshop planners said. Planners hope to use the feedback from this workshop and another in Arlington on Tuesday, April 8 to modify and improve the program before presenting it around the country.

"A holistic approach recognizes community effort to create safe environments and the pilot addresses this," said Austin Brown, program specialist for the Highway Safety Research Center.

"If we can bring all the stakeholders to the table, it's an opportunity for people to know who to talk to and allows people to engage in conversations on what they can and can't get from the city," said Brown.

Greenbelt was chosen as the location for the pilot program because of its proximity to Washington, D.C. and government agencies as well as for its reputation as a pedestrian-friendly city and concern about the issue, workshop planners said.

GEAC and Council Reconsider Old Issues

by Bay Woods

The Greenbelt City Council held a stakeholders' meeting with members of the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC) on April 3. Council and GEAC discussed a wide range of issues submitted to council in advance by GEAC chair Sheldon Goldberg. The meeting was largely informational.

All but three of the issues had also been addressed at the 2007 stakeholders meeting, causing Mayor Judith Davis to joke, "Maybe we'll finish some of these issues off." The repeated topics ranged from status of a playground in Windsor Green, newspaper vending boxes, electric power aggregation and development in Greenbelt West (Greenbelt Station, Springhill Lake, and Beltway Plaza) to Hanover apartments, TV competition, the status of the Greenbelt Public Works building, the theaters in Old Greenbelt and code enforcement.

The biggest change reflected the national mood, which arose from the crisis in the housing market that has both slowed development and affected the city's

Fiscal Year 2009 budget, coming in the middle of an uncertain assessment cycle.

Last year, council had confidently reported that "the city's economy looks healthy. Real property reassessed in 2006 and the assessable base will grow strongly over at least the next three years." This year council expressed anxiety and a reluctance to initiate new programs. "We're just trying to hold on to what we have," the mayor said.

Council was accommodating to the needs of GEAC and offered assistance within their power. The mayor expressed the general principle to the homeowners' associations: "We cannot enforce your rules for you if they are stricter than ours."

Several citizens expressed concern about Greenbrook Lake. A beaver infestation there has caused flooding and damage at the pond and its surroundings. This issue was particularly important to two residents of Greenbrook Village. One of them, Joyce Gladston, feared that the flood water would cause erosion and landslides. The mayor remarked that it is "ironic because before it was a pond, it was sup-

posed to be a lake and now you have a lake." Council agreed to request support from the county on the issue, since the city could do nothing directly.

Election Issue

Council also addressed the issue of the recent letter to the city from the ACLU and their proposal to elect council members by district rather than by the at-large system that had put the current council in place. The mayor reported that the city's lawyer was to meet with a lawyer for the ACLU. She pledged that following proceedings would be public.

Davis acknowledged the lack of representation from Greenbelt West. She said, "Truth of the matter is, it's an all white council. That's not good. When the attorneys talk, there will be open worksessions."

Councilmember Edward Putens declared that a referendum would "probably decide" the districting issue. "It wouldn't be fair for us to draw our own districts," he added.

"But the districts as drawn [by the ACLU proposal] are also unacceptable. One has nothing but the national park," Davis said.



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The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad would like to thank the citizens of Greenbelt for their continued support during our previous fund drives. It is that time again to ask for your donations to help support the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. in our Annual General Fund Drive for 2008.

Please look for your donation package in the mail during April or early May. We would like to remind you that we are a non-profit organization; therefore, your donations are tax exempt.

It is also important to emphasize that you do not accept any telephone solicitations from persons identifying themselves as members or representatives of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. For this Annual General Fund Drive during the months of April and May, we ask only for mailed donations.

We encourage you to come and enjoy an evening of bingo at the station on specific Friday nights or at the Elks Lodge #1778 on Kenilworth Avenue in Riverdale on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. All of our bingos are SMOKE-FREE and include complimentary food and drink.

Again, thank you for your past support as well as your continued support during our Fund Drives.

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

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