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Julie McHale Who Began as Intern Now Directs City's Recreation Dept.

by Shane Doyle

In 1985, fresh out of college, Julie McHale landed a part-time internship with the city recreation department. Now, 26 years and six promotions later, she heads the department of recreation for all of Greenbelt.

McHale, 48, was appointed as Director of Recreation in February this year after a nationwide search to replace former director Hank Irving, who retired in 2010.

The new director says that Irving supported "family first," providing the flexibility she needed to raise a family, as long as she completed her work efficiently. McHale says maintaining this dynamic is her personal goal as director.

"Hank nurtured the department and created an environment that is like second family for all of us – this I plan to continue," she said.

According to Celeste May, a 13-year employee of the recreation department and mother of two young boys, McHale has so far been successful in that goal.

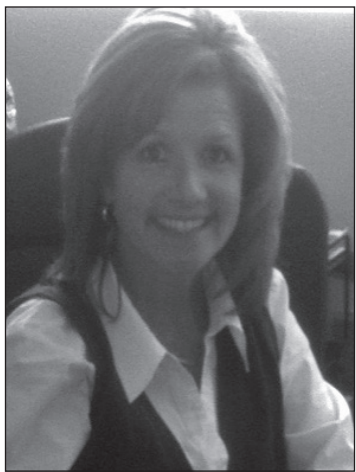


PHOTO BY SHANE DOYLE

Julie McHale

"Julie makes this place like family; it's great for somebody with kids," May said. "[Julie's] not just a coworker, she's a friend," May added.

McHale was born the eighth of 12 children in Fort Meade, Md., in July 1963. She jokes that her parents, retired Air Force Lt. Col. Ronald and Leona Jacobs, "had their own little military."

Military Brat

"Being a military brat, I traveled around the world, including the Middle East and most of Europe and perhaps that is where my love for adventure began," McHale said.

McHale was also strongly influenced by her mother, whom she says was her role model, and a person "who despite the challenges she faced, never really complained but just did it." McHale's mother died in July last year.

After graduating from Slippery Rock University with a bachelor's degree in health, physical education, recreation and dance, McHale became an intern with Greenbelt Recreation Department in summer 1985. That fall she was hired full-time as recreation coordinator.

One year later, McHale married Air Force Reserve Col. Lawrence McHale, with whom she recently celebrated her 25th anniversary. They have four children

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Women's History Month

Cryogenics Engineer, Local Volunteer: Susan Breon

by Marat Moore

"Cold" cropped up in conversations this week as snow capped the daffodils and chilled our spring dreams. But the term is relative – and to shatter preconceptions of what cold means, it's worth talking to Greenbelt's authority on extreme cold, Susan Breon.

As head of the Cryogenics and Fluids Branch at NASA Goddard, Breon, a nuclear engineer by training, oversees the agency's design and construction of super-cold systems that enable satellites to peer deeper into space or more closely at the earth below. What does super-cold mean to Breon? Very near absolute zero – the temperature when thermal energy vanishes, approximately -459 degrees Fahrenheit. (That's right, minus 459 degrees F.) At such low temperatures, satellite detectors become more sensitive and can pick up very faint images.



PHOTO BY MARAT MOORE

Susan Breon with her daughter Kathryn and their dog Clyde.

Breon has worked for NASA 25 years and now directs a staff of 25. She moved to Greenbelt in 1986 and put in one year at NASA with a contract company before joining the agency as a civil servant.

There are fascinating NASA applications for cryogenics –

See **BREON**, page 9

New Metroland Agreement Allows for City Involvement

by Mary Willis Clarke

On Thursday, March 24 the Board of Directors of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) approved a revised Joint Development Agreement between WMATA and the Metroland development company for the Greenbelt Station project located adjacent to the Greenbelt Metro station. Although the News Review has been unable to obtain a copy of the approved agreement, the WMATA staff action memorandum indicates that the revised agreement grants the developer an additional three years to negotiate for a major Federal office tenant.

The memorandum indicates

that the amendment is needed because the original agreement required the developer to obtain state funding for a new Beltway interchange and the local government (that is, Greenbelt) had required "high-end" retailers for the previously proposed mixed-use project. State funding for the interchange has not been obtained, however. WMATA staff now informs the WMATA board that local market competition would preclude development of a high-end retail center.

The three-year extension of the agreement from March 2011

See **METROLAND**, page 11

2011-12 Budget Is Like Déjà Vu All Over Again for City Manager

by Thomas X. White

As required by the Greenbelt City Charter, City Manager Michael McLaughlin proposed a new City Budget at council's regular meeting on Monday, March 28. McLaughlin's presentation highlighted Greenbelt's budget priorities for the next fiscal year, which begins July 1, 2011, and ends June 30, 2012. All seven members of council were present.

McLaughlin's presentation reflected discussions he had with council during the January 19 pre-budget worksession. Apparently he had paid attention to councilmembers' concerns expressed on the need to increase revenues where possible and to try to avoid an increase in the city's property tax rate.

McLaughlin told the council, "Greenbelt is continuing to deal with a difficult economic climate." But council seemed pleased to hear that, despite similarities between the proposed FY12 budget and those adopted for Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011, "the impact of the difficult economy has been manageable for Greenbelt due to savings achieved during those years."

He cautioned, however, that the pressure will likely continue through Fiscal Year 2013 because the city's next triennial assessments for real property will not

occur until 2012 and will not kick in until Fiscal Years 2014-16.

Highlights

The proposed budget is projecting city revenues of \$25,723,800 – \$458,000 or 1.8 percent more than for FY11. Proposed expenditures total \$25,392,200 or 2.1 percent more than in FY11.

With the proposed budget forecasting a surplus of \$331,600, McLaughlin highlighted four key budget priorities:

1. He would like council to support his proposal to refinance the city's existing debt. In the short term this will reduce interest payments, enabling the city to take on additional debt for capital needs. The strategy will cost the city more in the long term, however, as the maturity date of the existing debt is extended.

2. The increase in city revenues would be gained by raising inspection fees and by installing speed cameras in school neighborhoods. As projected at the January 19 worksession, tax abatements would be lower in 2011-12.

3. The proposed budget supports maintaining existing services and makes progress on the city's visioning goals. One vacant position in the Public Works

Department is eliminated and, as in previous years, no layoffs or employee furloughs are planned. A total of 6.15 positions have been reduced since Fiscal Year 2009, mainly through attrition.

4. The manager's goal is to restore the Greenbelt fund balance to a recommended 10 percent level. The fund balance was drawn down in FY10 to weather the fiscal downturn; now he would like to add back over \$300,000 per year in FY11 and 2012.

Some Good News

A glimmer of good news (for the city) is that the total assessed value for property is 1.5 percent higher, contributing \$15.7 million in FY12. This will represent 61 percent of total city revenue for next year, up from 42 percent in Fiscal Year 2003.

Based on the manager's estimate for the assessed value of real property in Greenbelt, one cent in the city's tax rate would equal \$209,500 in revenue. Other improving factors include an expected \$2.16 million in income tax revenue, which marks a continuing recovery since FY09, and an increase of 8 percent in hotel/motel taxes. McLaughlin read in these figures a stable and slightly

See **BUDGET**, page 6

What Goes On

Sunday, April 3

1 to 4 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center

Monday, April 4

8 p.m., Council Budget Worksession with Social Services, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov

Tuesday, April 5

7 p.m., Arts Advisory Board Meeting, Community Center
Community Arts Organizations Seeking Contributions Group Funding

7 p.m., Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Special Board Meeting, Board Room

Wednesday, April 6

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

8 p.m., Council Budget Worksession on Public Safety, Community Center

Letters

Touched by Concern

I read some articles about Japanese earthquake on the latest issue of the Greenbelt News Review. Thank you very much for caring about us. And thank you very much for the project of 1,000 paper cranes. It moved me a great deal.

It is anticipated that the influence caused by the earthquake, tsunami and nuclear disaster will continue for a while. Our planned community, Senri, is at a long distance from Fukushima that is the hypocenter of the earthquake. So, thankfully, Senri is safe. My family, friends and colleagues and I are all safe.

We need to reconsider our convenient but isolated lifestyles from now on. This is a challenging subject for us. But I believe we can overcome the huge difficulty by the power of our 'community' and your cooperation.

The following is an essay about the earthquake that was written by Ryu Murakami who is a Japanese author. He is one of my favorite and reliable authors. In this essay he wrote that "The great earthquake and tsunami have robbed us of many lives and resources. But we who were so intoxicated with our own prosperity have once again planted the seed of hope. So I choose to believe." http://www.nytimes.com/2011/03/17/opinion/17Murakami.html?_r=1

I agree with his opinion. I believe.

I appreciate your kindness and encouragement.

Yasuhiro Tanaka

Editor's Note: As reported in last week's issue, Yasuhiro Tanaka and Kana Wakabayashi visited Greenbelt several times to exchange information on new towns.

WSSC Rec. Areas, Boat Ramps Now Open

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) has announced that its public boat ramps and recreation areas are open for the season.



From sunrise to sunset the public can picnic, boat, fish and ride horseback at WSSC facilities at Brighton Dam, Scott's Cove, Pig Tail, Brown's Bridge, Supplee Lane, Triadelphia and Big Branch. More details about what is available at each site can be found at www.wsscwater.com by linking to "Celebrate Spring at WSSC." There are fees for required fishing permits (age 16 to 64) and mooring permits (all ages). Maryland fishing licenses and boat registration also are required.

For more information about permit requirements go to www.wsscwater.com, click on "water," then on "water permits" or call the Brighton Dam Visitors Center at 301-774-9124.

UM Forum on Role Of Men in Violence

A forum on the active role men can play in ending domestic violence will be held on Saturday, April 9 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the University of Maryland Nyumburu Cultural Center.

Billed as a forum for those who have committed domestic violence, those who have not committed domestic violence and those who care about their community, the event is co-hosted by the Prince George's Family Crisis Center, Omega Psi Phi and Chi Delta.

The Nyumburu Cultural Center is on the UM College Park campus next to the Stamp Student Union.

Montpelier Mansion Has Open House

Those who educate children including parents, teachers, home schoolers, scout leaders and others are invited to a free open house at Montpelier Mansion on Thursday, April 7 from 3 to 6 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), Laurel Historical Society and Montpelier Mansion.

It will include information on free and inexpensive nearby museums, libraries, theaters and their programs and tours; hands-on activities, classroom materials, curricula, theater for kids and trunk shows.

Participating organizations include the Laurel Library, Laurel Mill Playhouse, Venus Theatre, Patuxent Research Refuge, Anacostia Trails Heritage Area and more.

Also included are resources tied to Maryland educational standards for history and local culture, along with programs that fulfill scout merit badges. The groups hope this first open house featuring local historical and cultural resources will become an annual event.

There will be refreshments and a gift bag for attending educators. Montpelier Mansion is located at 9650 Muirkirk Road in Laurel.

For more information visit www.laurelhistoricalsociety.org or www.pgarks.com; email info@laurelhistoricalsociety.org or montpeliermansion@pgarks.com; or call 301-725-7975 or 301-377-7817.

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OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF APR 1
The Adjustment Bureau

(PG-13)

Friday

*5, 7:30, 9:40

Saturday

Classic Film Series:
Thunder Road (NR)
(1958)
with Robert Mitchum
All seats \$5.00
One show at noon

2:45, 5, 7:30, 9:40

Sunday

*2:45, *5, 7:30

Monday - Thursday

*5:15, 7:30

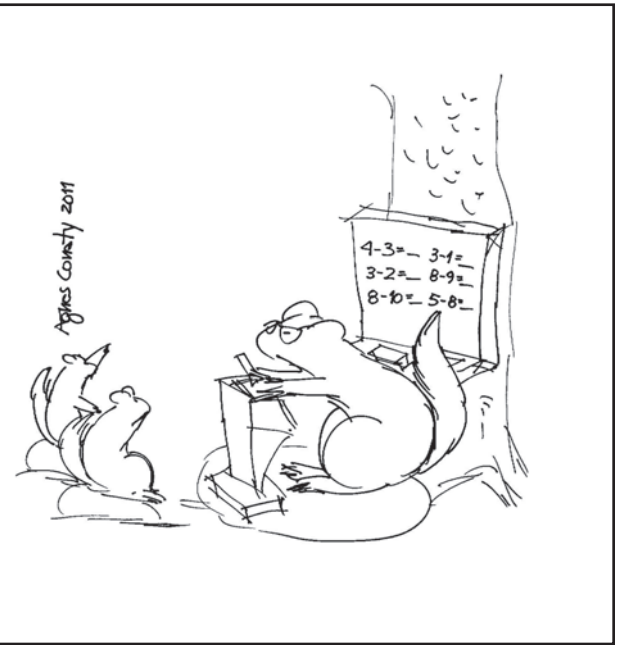
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Construction Status on GMS Rebuild

In a recent weekly report on Capital Improvement Projects, county School Superintendent William Hite reported that the percentage of construction at Greenbelt Middle School is now at 10.5 percent complete. The figure was 4.6 percent on January 17 as reported in the January 27 News Review.

Foundation masonry wall installation continues in the kitchen, cafeteria and tech education areas. Grouting operation for masonry foundation wall has been started,

utility pipe installation continues and electrical conduit installation is in progress in the gym area. Excavation, reinforcement steel installation and concrete placement for foundation footings have started and foundation masonry wall installation goes forward in the area of the two-story classrooms.

Warren Tweedy, acting principal of the school, reported that the project is on track, with completion expected in Fall 2012.

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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.

Corrections

In the photo last week on page 13 of Laurel Hill librarians and neighbors who presented at the Bridging the Spectrum research symposium at Catholic University in February, we incorrectly identified them as NASA employees. Actually Michael Chesnes is employed by LAC Group (not NASA), Eileen Boswell by the Community Transportation Association of America and Marianne Giltrud by Catholic University.

A typographical error in the Police Department 2010 Statistics article resulted in the wrong year being shown for murders in 2010. There were two murders in 2010.

In the front page article "New Soccer Club Granted Recognition Groups Status" in the March 24 issue, David Whiteman was incorrectly identified as assistant soccer commissioner, a position he once held. Also, three concerns attributed to him as being made at the city council meeting were actually reported as his concerns in a February 22 recreation staff memorandum concerning a November 15, 2010, meeting he had with recreation staff. These concerns were the size of soccer fields used by younger teams in the county leagues; that the county Boys and Girls Clubs league permits more experienced teams to play against beginner or less-skilled teams; and the amount of the registration fees.



Babe Ruth Baseball Signups

Boys 13-15 call Mark @ 301 755-3315

Boys 16-18 call Bob @ 301 345-1033

Community Events

Greenbelt Park Needs Invasive Plant Help

A volunteer effort to remove harmful invasive plants in Greenbelt Park will be held on Saturday, April 2 at 11 a.m. in the Sweetgum Picnic Area.

This program, with information on native and non-native plants, will be held at the park the first Saturday of every month, rain or shine. Participants should wear appropriate clothing and tick repellent, bring work gloves and 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 Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944 or visit the park web page at <http://www.nps.gov/gree/>.

TRU-G Meeting At Youth Center

The next regular meeting of Transit Riders United of Greenbelt (TRU-G) will be held on Saturday, April 2 from 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the multipurpose room of the Greenbelt Youth Center (behind the Aquatic and Fitness Center).

The agenda will include preparations for the first quarterly progress meeting with the Greenbelt City Council, WMATA and The Bus in late April to gauge how well the new bus restructuring has been working, as well as potential outreach projects serving riders in the community. Everyone concerned with public transit issues in the Greenbelt area is welcome.

Limited rides to the meeting are available by contacting trugreenbelt@gmail.com. To learn more about TRU-G subscribe to the listserv at trugee-subscribe@yahoo.com.

Watershed Cleanup At Greenbelt Park

Saturday, April 9 is the annual regional Potomac Watershed Cleanup Day, with a number of activities throughout the area to help the watershed at some 300 different sites. At Greenbelt Park from 9 a.m. to noon (rain or shine) there will be park-wide activities, with participants meeting at the Holly Picnic Area, then dispersing to specific cleanup areas.

Items removed in prior cleanups include a diving board, phonograph, pogo stick, 889 tires, and much more. Participants are asked to wear appropriate clothing and bring work gloves.

RSVPs to 301-344-3944.

Special Passport Day At Post Office Here

On Saturday, April 9 in a joint celebration with the Department of State for Passport Day in the USA 2011, the Greenbelt Post Office will host a special passport event from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The post office will provide passport information to U.S. citizens and accept passport applications during this national passport acceptance and outreach event.

U.S. citizens must present valid passport books when entering or re-entering the United States by air. Citizens entering the U.S. from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda and land borders and seaports of entry must present a passport book, passport card or other travel documents approved by the U.S. government.

Information on the cost and how to apply for a passport is available at www.travel.state.gov; information is also available by phone in English and Spanish by calling the National Passport Information Center toll-free at 1-877-487-2778.

Call for Green Man Art, Poetry Entries

Entries from visual artists and poets of all ages are sought for posters, ads and t-shirts for the upcoming 2011 Green Man Festival to be held the weekend of May 7 and 8.

Each year festival organizers have selected an image of the Green Man and a poem about human beings' relationship with nature to create the posters, ads and t-shirts for that year's event. The theme for 2011 is Gardens from Mother Earth. People are invited to tap into memories of gardens past to create their own image of the Green Man as a portrait or poem or both. All submissions will be displayed at the festival. The person whose art is selected for the t-shirt will receive two shirts of any size available.

The submission deadline is Monday, April 11. Digital files may be submitted to greenman2011@live.com; images or poems on paper should be mailed to Green Man Festival, 5807 Greenlawn Drive, Bethesda, MD 20814. For more information email greenman2011@live.com.

More
Community Events see
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At the Library

Poetry Month

Saturday, April 2 at 2 p.m. celebrate National Poetry Month with Anne Becker, Takoma Park Poet Laureate; Jodi Beder, cellist; Poets Kathleen O'Toole and Chris Llewellyn; Elizabeth Bordley, Walt Whitman Award Academy of American Poets winner; Taneika Tukan, poet and author of "Writing a Village;" Poet Hollis Lashley, executive director, Literacy Council of Prince George's County Creating Pathways to Success; and Greenbelt poets and writers. Families are welcome and encouraged to attend.

National Issues Forum

Add a voice to the collective voices of Americans facing major challenges to the national economic security. Discuss ideas for taking charge of the economic future of America. The first forum will be presented on Tuesday, April 5 at 2 p.m. by the Center on Civic Literacy, a public policy institute at the University of Maryland in affiliation with the Kettering Foundation. Registration is required.

Call the branch for information at 301-345-5800. There is a limit of 15 people.

Storytimes

On Wednesdays and Thursdays a librarian will read age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props.

*Wednesday, April 6, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 children.

*Thursday, April 7, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 18 to 36 months, limit 15 children.

*Pick up a free ticket for the Storytime events at the Information Desk.

GHI Notes

Thursday, March 31, 7 p.m., Coffee Social for new members – Board Room

Friday, April 1, Offices Closed (Note: Members needing emergency service during closings can call maintenance at 301-474-6011.)

Sunday, April 3, 1 to 3 p.m., Mini Retreat for members of the board – Board Room

Tuesday, April 5, 7 p.m., Special Board Meeting – Board Room
Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

GCA Annual Meeting, Election of Officers

The Greenbriar Community Association (GCA) held its annual meeting on March 22 and elected officers. For the coming year officers are: President Angeline Butler, Vice President Jeanette Gordy, Secretary Therese Benedik, Treasurer Shadawn Deas and Director Dorothy Peck.

Board meetings are held at the community building monthly for each association; owners and residents are encouraged to attend. On the second Tuesday of the month Greenbriar Phase III meets at 6 p.m.; Phases I and II at 7:30 p.m. GCA meetings are held the fourth Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday 10am – 4pm

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Mishkan Torah's 8th Annual Vintage and Costume Jewelry Sale

And selection of handcrafted semi-precious jewelry.

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Sunday, April 10, 2011, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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April 1 - 2

Friday & Saturday at 8:00

\$18 General/\$15 Students/Seniors

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email: info@greenbeltartscenter.org

or **BOOK TICKETS ONLINE** at www.greenbeltartscenter.org

Coming Soon:

Homespun Ceilidh Band - April 8

The Burial at Thebes - April 29 - May 21

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No experience necessary.
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Adults/Seniors: \$6.50

Children: \$6.00

ALL SHOWS BEFORE NOON

ON SATURDAY \$5.00

ALL SHOWS AFTER 5 p.m.

Adults: \$8.50

Students/Military: \$7.50

Children: \$6.00

Seniors: \$6.50

R = ID Required

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Week of APRIL 1

FRI. – SAT.

Rango, PG-13

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Paul, R

9:40

Diary of a Wimpy Kid:

"Rodrick Rules", PG (!)

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Source Code, PG-13 in 3D

No fees at our location

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Hop, PG (!)

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Insidious, PG-13 (!)

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Sucker Punch, PG-13 (!)

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Limitless, PG-13

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The Lincoln Lawyer, R (!!)

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MON. – THU.

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Paul, R

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NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

GHI BOARD ROOM, 7:00 PM

GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Engagement of a Recruiting Firm for the Replacement of Retiring General Manager, 1st Reading
- Approval of Draft Job Description for General Manager
- Contract for Specification Writing Consultants for Energy Upgrade, 2nd Reading
- Approval of Buildings & Finance Committees' Recommendations for Financing the Pilot Program

Regular Board meetings are open to Members
For more information, visit our website - www.ghi.coop



Arts Advisory Board To Meet on Tuesday

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, April 5 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Community arts organizations seeking Contribution Group funding in the city's fiscal year 2012 will discuss their group's plans and current activities.

For additional information contact Nicole DeWald, staff liaison, at ndewald@greenbeltnmd.gov or 240-542-2057.

Peace & Justice Meets Thursday

On Thursday, April 7 at 7 p.m. the Prince George's Peace & Justice Coalition will hold its monthly business meeting at the Greenbelt Community Center. The meeting is open to all.

On the agenda are the Maryland United for Peace and Justice conference at St. Camillus in Silver Spring on April 30, the Green Man Festival here May 7 and 8 and activities planned for Greenbelt Peace Month in June. The Peace and Justice Coalition encourages other Greenbelt-based groups to also plan activities for Peace Month.

For details contact 301-577-2350 or justpeacepg@earthlink.net.

Explore Insurance Commission Services

On Friday, April 8 Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation by Joy Hatchette, the Associate Commissioner for Consumer Education and Advocacy for Maryland's Insurance Commission. Hatchette, who was named to the position in July 2004, will discuss how the state insurance regulatory agency helps consumers with questions about all kinds of insurance – auto, home, health, life and long-term care.

The agency's consumer unit is responsible for providing consumers with information to better understand their rights and obligations for their insurance and also works to facilitate prompt resolution of automobile and homeowners claims through a pilot program.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center in the Senior Classroom, Room 114. Everyone is welcome and questions are encouraged.

For details call 301-397-2208.

Spring Bird Walk In Bowie Saturday

The Prince George's Audubon Society will host a free bird walk on Saturday, April 2 at the Fran Uhler Natural Area. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the end of Lemon Bridge Road just north of Bowie State University. Walkers may also bird at the nearby WB&A trail. All skill levels are welcome. Waterproof footwear and binoculars are suggested.

Donation Drop-Off Will Be April 9

The American Rescue Workers Donation Drop-Off will be held on Saturday, April 9 from 9 a.m. to noon. Bring usable clothing, shoes, dishes, books, furniture and toys to make a tax-deductible donation. Donations can be dropped at the parking lot between Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road and the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. Materials are redistributed to needy families in Prince George's County. For more information call the City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8303.

Synagogue Holds Blood Drive Sun.

Mishkan Torah Synagogue will sponsor a Red Cross blood drive on Sunday, April 3 from noon to 4:30 p.m. at the synagogue, 10 Ridge Road. Donors may either walk in or make an appointment by calling 1-800-448-3543.



Congratulations to:

– Matthew and Kateri Baker of Lakeside Drive, on the arrival of their new little Greenbelter, daughter Hannah Sofia Baker, born Sunday, March 20, 2011. Hannah's happy grandparents are Larry and Rena Hull.

– Jack and Betty Maffay, who celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary at a big family party at their favorite pizza restaurant last Sunday. Betty, a former Greenbelt city councilmember, still resides at Independence Court and enjoys visiting with old friends.

A belated happy birthday to Mat Amberg, Hillside Road, who celebrated his 93rd birthday on March 9.

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 Greenbelt West. Email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi
Phone: 301-937-3666 www.pbuuc.org



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April 3, 10 a.m.

"Saving the Future" by the PBUUC High School Youth Group
"It's our earth and it's our job to save it."
Special Collection: UUA's Japan Relief Fund

ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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



Mass Schedule:
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe
Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd

Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

www.greenbeltucc.org
Sunday Worship
10:15 a.m.

Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

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Services

- Sundays
8 a.m. simple, quiet service (no music)
10 a.m. main service
(music includes a mixture of acoustic guitar, piano and organ music)

- Wednesdays
7 p.m. service with healing prayers (no music)

7010 Glenn Dale Road (Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)
301-262-3285 | rector@stgeo.org | www.stgeo.org



Greenbelt Baseball Opens Next Sunday

Sunday, April 10 at noon is the Greenbelt Baseball opening day parade, followed by the first games of the season at McDonald Field. The first game, between the Tigers and Indians, is at 1 p.m.; the second, Giants vs. Cardinals, at 3:30 p.m.

The parade begins at the Youth Center and progresses to McDonald Field. All are invited to come out to cheer on Greenbelt youth at the baseball season opening parade and games.

Synagogue Jewelry Sale to Be April 10

Mishkan Torah's eighth annual jewelry sale of vintage and costume jewelry will be held on Sunday, April 10 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There will be a wide range of items available this year for those who wish to find jewelry gifts for someone or for themselves at moderate prices.

Mishkan Torah is located at 10 Ridge Road. For more information call 301 474-4223 or see the advertisement on page 3.

Meeting at Greenbelt Community Center, 2nd Floor
Please come this Sunday
WORSHIP AT 11:00
Pastor Nigel C. Black, MDiv. (410) 627-8381

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors
www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410
Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor
Worship Service 10:00am

Free Lenten Study: Explore the meaning of Lent as we watch scenes from the movie Chocolat on Tuesday 7-9pm

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

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Municipal Building

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Greenbelt Bahá'í Community
1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918
Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com www.bahai.us

Mishkan Torah Congregation

10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
Rabbi Jonathan Cohen Cantor Phil Greenfield

Friday evening services 8:00 PM except first Friday of the month, when children's service begins at 7:30 PM

Saturday morning services - 9:30 AM
Children's Education, Adult Education, Social Action, etc.

For further information call 301 474-4223 www.mishkantorah.org
Conservative and Reconstructionist

Arts Festival Includes Two Legion Members

Two members of Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 will appear on Saturday, April 9 at High Point High School in Beltsville at a regional visual and performing arts festival for those who are or have been under medical care in the Veterans Administration Health Care System. Vocalist Wayne Miller and artist/comedienne April Goodwin will appear in the show and Goodwin will also be displaying her first place acrylic painting "Praying for Daddy." The Beltsville event is an opportunity for this area's veterans to display their talents to a local audience. In addition to solo acts and duets the stage show will include a 30-member chorus from the Maryland Center for Veterans Education and Training, which specialized in rehabilitation and training of homeless veterans.

An offshoot of the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival that is held annually, competition for spots in the national event begin in local VA medical centers with veterans who compete in creative writing, vocal and instrumental music, dance, comedy, drama and more than 40 categories of visual arts. Local winners progress to regional competition and from there to national level judging. First place national winners are invited to participate in the national festival scheduled in October this year in Fayetteville, Ark.

The festival was created to showcase the creative abilities of wounded veterans and to highlight the value of recreational therapy in their recovery. One veteran in the art show at the Washington VAMC said, "When I'm concentrating on my artwork, I don't notice the pain."

There is an admission fee (see ad on page 6). All proceeds will be donated to support this year's national festival.

— Rusty Beeg,
Creative Arts Show
Committee Member

Volunteer Screeners For Utopia Film Fest

Utopia Film Festival organizers are seeking volunteers for Utopia 2011, scheduled in October. A screener orientation meeting will be held on Monday, April 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the GATE Studio, Room 204 at the Community Center. Learn how the evaluation process works and see clips from previous Utopia festivals. Additional screening sessions will begin on Monday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m. and continue on a weekly basis through June.

HELP WANTED
The Greenbelt Labor Day Committee needs volunteers.

Please contact
301-675-0585 or
laborday@greenbelt.com

Spring Community Yard Sale
April 9, 2011
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
at
St. John Lutheran Church
5820 Riverdale Road
Riverdale, MD 20737
Spaces available – \$10
Call to reserve
(301) 927-4100



City Information

MEETINGS FOR APRIL 4-8

Monday, April 4 at 8:00pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION WITH SOCIAL SERVICES** at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov

Tuesday, April 5th at 7pm, **ARTS ADVISORY BOARD** at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. Community Arts Organizations seeking Contribution Group funding in the City's fiscal year 2012 will discuss their group's plans and current activities.

Wednesday, April 6th at 7:30pm, **GREENBELT ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD**, at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. On the agenda: Parke Crescent Sign Request and Discussion of the City-wide pedestrian and Bicycle plan.

Wednesday, April 6th at 8:00pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION PUBLIC SAFETY**, at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

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

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. Vacancies exist on: Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park & Recreation Advisory Board, Senior Citizens Advisory Board
For information call 301-474-8000.

75th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

The celebration of the City's 75th Anniversary will occur in 2012. Applications are being accepted from residents interested in serving on this volunteer planning committee.

For information call 301-474-8000.

Register for Greenbelt Alert and have emergency alerts sent to you via text or email. Sign up at:

<http://alert.greenbeltmd.gov>

This is a FREE service, but messaging costs from your provider may apply.

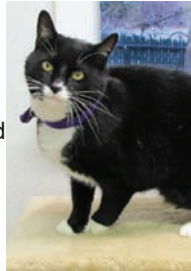
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(behind Police Station)

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Charlie, a sweet young male Pomeranian/Corgi that loves to play.
Ashley, a beautiful and friendly girl who was found roaming the streets of Greenbelt.



BooBoo, a 4-year old friendly female black and white kitty.



Petey, a beautiful little boy that was found abandoned in a laundry room in an apartment complex. He is very sweet and loves to cuddle. He is very anxious to find his forever home!



The shelter is open on Wednesdays from 4-7pm, Saturdays from 9am-12pm or by appointment INFO: 301.474.6124
Donations welcome any time!



Make sure to visit the Greenbelt Animal Shelter on Facebook for the latest information on adoptable pets.



JOIN THE WE CAN CHALLENGE!

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and the City of Greenbelt are launching a home energy challenge.

1. Set up an online account with your energy utility.
2. Sign up on www.wecansaveenergy.org
3. Earn points by conserving energy and exchange for discounts and coupons of your choice!

Save Energy! Save Money! Earn Rewards!
Sign up now!
This pilot program runs through the end of March.

INVITATION TO BID – #2011-2

The City of Greenbelt, Maryland, invites sealed bids for furnishing the following:

Tennis Court relighting on four (4) of the Braden Field Tennis Courts (#1 thru #4). In addition to this work an alternate bid to include lighting on four (4) additional tennis courts at Braden Field (#5 thru #8) is requested.

This Work is to be done at the Braden Field Tennis Courts behind the Greenbelt Youth Center, 99 Centerway, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770. Interested bidders may pick up a bid specifications package for Bid 2011-2 at:

City of Greenbelt Finance Office
25 Crescent Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770

If you are interested in bidding, you are REQUIRED to attend a pre-bid meeting at the work site on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

The City of Greenbelt is an Equal Opportunity Employer and supports Fair Housing. The vendor shall not discriminate against any individual because of religion, race, creed, sex, age, color, national origin, physical or mental disability, or perceived disability. If the Contractor is determined to be in violation of Federal, State, or County non-discrimination laws by an order, opinion or a decision of a Maryland court or an administrative body or agency, this Contract may be terminated or suspended in whole or in part by the City, and the Contractor may be declared ineligible for any future contracts with the City.

Please call Joe McNeal, Assistant Director of Recreation Operations at (301) 397-2200 regarding bid submission questions. Bids must be RECEIVED no later than 11:00 a.m. on 4/28/2011. Bids will be opened publicly at 11:15 a.m. on 4/28/2011.

AN ARTFUL AFTERNOON

Sunday, April 3 from 1-4pm
Greenbelt Community Center

15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770

1-3pm: Make your own **MUDCLOTH PAINTING** led by Artist in Residence, Karen Arrington.

3pm: Free performance by **LESOLE'S DANCE PROJECT**. Enjoy exciting Zulu, gumboot and urban street dances of South Africa. Participation will be invited from audience members who are ready to move! Also: Artist in Residence studio open house/sale, Greenbelt Museum Tours (\$3) and a free drawing for tickets to great local theater.

Info: 301-397-2208 or www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts

Now Hiring Lifeguards, Pool Operators, and Swim Instructors

The Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center is currently looking to fill aquatic positions for the 2011 season.

Lifeguards and Pool Operators must hold current certification through the American Red Cross (classes are available). Pool Operators must hold a valid Pool Operator's License from the Prince George's County Health Department.

For questions, contact Mitch Kallemyn, Aquatic Coordinator, at 301-397-2204. If you are interested in joining our team, you may download an application at www.greenbeltmd.gov/Human_Resources

KEEP YOUR TAXES AT HOME!

When filling out your State Income Tax this year, please make sure to specify GREENBELT as your local government. This will assure that a portion of your taxes stays in Greenbelt.

FORM 502 MARYLAND RESIDENT INCOME TAX RETURN	
OR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING	2010 ENDING
Employer's Social Security number	Employer's Social Security number
First First Name	Last Name
Employer's First Name	Last Name
Residence Address (Do not abbreviate)	
City or Town	Zip Code
Name of county and incorporated city, town or special taxing unit to which you belong as the last part of the taxable parcel. (See Instructions 4.)	GREENBELT



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– Stephanie, 22; Kristina, 20; and twins Kevin and Patrick, 16.

City Manager Michael McLaughlin, who led the four-member panel interviewing McHale and other applicants for the director position, said McHale's accomplishments during her many years of service for the city were a large part of why she was chosen.

"Julie has a philosophy of something for everyone," McLaughlin said. "She's just a very energetic person who loves what she does," he added.

Two Initiatives

As assistant director of recreation programs, McHale started two initiatives in 2007 to help combat obesity: Get Active Greenbelt and Be Happy Be Healthy.

Get Active Greenbelt encourages citizens to participate in activities hosted by the department, such as the Gobble Wobble, a Thanksgiving Day race/fun run around Buddy Attick Park. Unique are the biannual play days where adults are encouraged to be kids again with activities like a moonbounce and an oversized tricycle ride.

McHale started the program after serving on a 2006 committee of the Maryland Recreation and Parks Association that looked at the Center for Disease Control's obesity statistics and then surveyed all state recreation departments and the kinds of programs they offered.

"I was just alarmed at the number of people who were obese and the health risks that later in life it's associated with," McHale said. "We found that parks and recreation were certainly an avenue available in most communities."

McHale credits county Councilmember Ingrid Turner with some of the program's success. Turner secured three years' worth of \$4,000 grants for the recreation department, all of which McHale says goes to initiatives of Get Active Greenbelt.

In spring 2008, McHale introduced Be Happy Be Healthy, which encourages city employees to engage in physical activities. McHale serves as head of the Be Happy Be Healthy committee, comprised of representatives from each of the city's departments.

Committee members tell McHale what sorts of activities their respective department is interested in and what times best suit the employees. McHale then makes the arrangements. Employees are able to get in some exercise during their lunch break or after work with ac-

tivities like volleyball and line dancing. City employees also get 50 percent off for any city recreation class.

Employee Feedback

Public Information and Communications Coordinator Beverly Palau, who serves on the Be Happy Be Healthy committee, says she is happy with McHale's leadership and success of the program.

"Julie likes to stay involved and is always willing to try new stuff . . . she's always bringing new activities," Palau said.

McHale feels that in light of recent budget cuts to schools affecting physical education and afterschool sports, recreation departments have an opportunity to step up and fill the gap.

"[After budget cuts], the state, the government and the parents were looking at the recreation department and we need to be more aware that as a department and as a city, we are here and we can make a difference."

McHale says one of her favorite aspects of working for Greenbelt is the "layout of the land."

"Whenever speaking to others about Greenbelt, I talk about how the offices, ball fields, tennis courts, pool, parks, centers, trails, grocery store, movie theater, etc. are all so close – like our own little campus. I really feel that people who live, work and play in Greenbelt, choose it for its uniqueness," McHale said.

Healthy Maryland

McHale is also a member of the group Coalition for a Healthy Maryland on behalf of the city. This is "a collaboration of Maryland businesses, health clubs, insurers, nonprofit associations and individuals determined to improve the health of our state," according to the coalition's website.

Through this group the city received an invitation to attend Healthy Maryland Day, which was held in Annapolis in February. McHale and the Be Happy Be Healthy committee attended the event to raise awareness about the city's obesity initiatives.

Currently McHale is preparing activities for the city's 75th anniversary, which is next year; the 50th anniversary of the Youth Center, which is this fall; and the 20th anniversary of the Aquatic and Fitness Center, also this fall.

When she isn't busy trying to keep the city healthy, McHale enjoys traveling, music, movies and "physical activities of all kinds" – a fitting hobby and a decent summary of her new domain as director.

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improving local economy.

Countering the somewhat good news are continuing signs of economic distress. Income from business/corporate property, at \$1.15 million, is down nearly one-third from 2008 when it totaled \$1.6 million. Likewise, the Admission & Amusement tax revenue has plummeted from \$650,000 a decade ago to an expected \$165,000 for the coming fiscal year.

In order to bolster revenues, the city manager proposes to raise residential inspection fees by \$10 to \$110/year, which will raise \$46,000. Business inspections will also increase from a base of \$125 to up to \$285, raising \$84,000.

For city residents, McLaughlin proposes an increase in Waste Collection of \$4 per quarter with annual bills totaling \$268. He also expects \$200,000 in revenue to be realized by installation of one or more speed cameras, with a budget-minded caveat: the level of revenue tends to decrease with increasing compliance with speed limits on roads where cameras are put in use. McLaughlin noted experience of nearby cities such as College Park and Riverdale Park.

Other Revenue

In the "Other Revenue" category, the news is tentative. The biggest hit inflicted on the city and its residents is the continued reduction of the local governments' share of Highway User Revenue (HUR).

Greenbelt's share of HUR based on auto registrations and street mileage within the city, totaled \$556,635 in FY09 but about 95 percent of that is now used to balance the state budget. Greenbelt's expected share for FY12 is a meager \$24,000 but city staff have indicated there is a possibility the General Assembly may restore some of those funds. If that effort succeeds Greenbelt's share would be approximately \$100,000.

On the expenditure side, McLaughlin projects savings in the FY12 budget of \$685,000. He estimates that since FY09, over \$1 million has been saved/cut/reduced from city budgets.

His proposed cuts this year include saved interest of \$400,000 if council agrees to refinancing the city's existing debt; \$50,000 by eliminating one Public Works position; the purchase of five new police cars rather than eight to save \$70,000 and programs to lower the city's electricity costs, projected to save \$100,000. Other proposed changes include an increase in the contribution rate by city employees in the city's health insurance program from an 85/15 percentage share to an 80/20 share, saving \$60,000, and a reduction in city uniform costs, saving \$5,000.

Expenditures in the category of Workers Compensation In-

urance for employees injured on the job will continue their unprecedented increase. Council had been warned about this increase at the January worksession. McLaughlin anticipates in his proposed budget that the premium for city employees will nearly double from \$597,300 this year to \$1,155,900 for FY12.

The proposed FY12 budget also calls for a 2 percent Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for all city employees.

Refinancing Debt

McLaughlin continued to make a case for refinancing the city's outstanding debt. He cited the unexpected need to cover nearly \$1 million for cost overruns of the completed Public Works facility. He noted other needs as well, such as the Old Greenbelt Theatre renovation, dredging and other projects at Greenbelt Lake and possibly needed repairs for the Aquatic Center roof.

He recommended that council consider placing a bond referendum on the November 2011 ballot to address the city's capital needs and to take advantage of lower interest rates for long-term financing of selected projects.

Following the slide presentation, council members had no specific questions but lots of general comments. Most members were either pleased with the proposed budget or relieved that it was manageable despite the still crippled economy.

Mayor Judith Davis said that "she expected doom and gloom but it was actually better than

she expected." Councilmember Edward Putens' take was, "let's pass the budget tonight" because he felt the manager had done such a good job.

Councilmember Leta Mach said she thought the manager "had pulled a rabbit from a hat." She felt the proposed budget was a really good proposal for the council to review.

Councilmember Konrad Herling started with, "I'm impressed!" but went on to say he is still concerned that the city is not yet on firm ground and not sure of what the future may hold.

Citing McLaughlin's statistic that revenue from real property tax has increased from 42 percent of total revenues to 61 percent, Herling wants council to explore other ways to increase revenues. "We need to address and find answers for the pockets of vacant business property in the city," he noted.

This reaction was echoed by Mayor Pro Tem Emmett Jordan. While congratulating McLaughlin for his proposed budget and for folding in links to the city's mission and vision statements, Jordan argued for more proactive conversations with the city's stakeholders and to get their help in looking at "tools" that might help city finances and give a boost to local businesses.

With the manager's proposed budget now available, council has scheduled at least nine worksessions to review and evaluate details in the document and to make any changes they deem worthy. Let the Games Begin!

Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee 2011 needs volunteers.

No experience necessary.
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Saturday, April 9

1 pm Art Show, 2 pm Stage Show

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Greenbelt



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Mennen Speed Stick Deodorant Assorted 2.7-3.25 oz. \$2.00	Pasteurized Claw Crab Meat 1 lb. \$8.99	Musette Gourmet Mustards Assorted 12 oz. \$2.49	Fresh Store Baked All Butter Croissants 3 pk. \$2.49	

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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.

Robberies

March 19, 6:54 p.m., 9100 Springhill Lane, a person was approached by two men, who demanded the person's wallet. The person fled.

March 19, 7:46 a.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, a person's pocketbook was taken by a Hispanic male, wearing a red windbreaker and blue jeans. The suspect fled on a gray bicycle.

Drug Arrest

March 25, 4:09 a.m., 100 block Westway, a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia after a traffic stop. He was released on citation pending trial.

DWI Arrest

March 20, 11:57 p.m., Hanover Parkway at Hanover Drive, a resident man was arrested and charged with driving while impaired by drugs and alcohol, among other charges, after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

Trespass

March 19, 6:39 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a nonresident youth was petitioned for trespassing on private property and released to a guardian pending action by the Department of Juvenile Services.

March 24, 11:45 a.m., 5900 block Greenbelt Road, two non-resident men were arrested, charged with trespassing on private property and released on citation pending trial.

Vandalism

March 20, 10:09 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, a rock was thrown through an apartment window.

March 22, 7:35 p.m., 6100

St. Patrick's Day DUI Enforcement

On March 17, St. Patrick's Day, Greenbelt police conducted a saturation patrol to detect individuals driving under the influence of alcohol (DUI). During the patrol's seven hours an additional seven officers were patrolling Greenbelt, enforcing traffic laws to keep roads safe.

Over 50 traffic stops were made with 60 warnings, citations and repair orders issued. Four DUI arrests were made, one arrest for driving without a license and one for driving on a suspended license.

The special patrol effort was financed from a \$16,000 Community Traffic Safety Grant from Maryland Highway Safety Office Fiscal Year 2011 funds.

block Breezewood Drive, a rock was thrown through an apartment window.

Burglaries

March 23, 4:19 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Drive, electronics were reported taken.

March 23, 10:24 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Drive, an attempted burglary was reported.

Vehicle Crimes

A blue 2003 Toyota Matrix with Maryland tags, reported stolen through Metro Transit Police, was recovered at Crescent Road and Lastner Lane. No arrests were made.

Thefts from vehicles were reported at 7800 block Hanover Parkway (Md. tag) and 9100 block Springhill Lane (taillights). Tires were flattened at 5800 block Cherrywood Lane.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Call 1-866-411-TIPS. People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 240-542-2145.

Aid for Japan Sought by Md. School Dept.

The Maryland State Department of Education is asking Maryland schools and school systems to help the people of Japan following the devastating earthquake and subsequent tsunami that damaged much of the Tōhoku region two weeks ago. They are partnering with the American Red Cross Central Maryland Chapter, which is helping support Japanese Red Cross employees providing direct assistance and medical care to the affected communities.

Named the Maryland Kids Care Campaign, Operation Japan, the fundraising effort be-

gins on Friday, April 1 and will run through May 13. Maryland schools are asked to collect pennies and more to help aid victims.

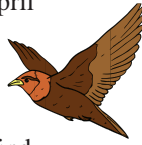
In announcing the campaign, State Superintendent Nancy Grasmick said, "Our children are caring and compassionate and they are interested in the world around them. The Japanese people have experienced an unprecedented natural disaster and this campaign will provide students an opportunity to get involved and learn in a tangible, important way."

The last similar fundraising project was for Hurricane Katrina victims six years ago.

Free Mid-week Bird Walk at Artemesia

On Thursday, April 7 at 6 p.m. the Prince George's Audubon Society will lead a free early evening bird walk on the paved Luther Goldman Birding Trail. Meet in the parking lot at Lake Artemesia, at Berwyn Road and Balew Avenue in Berwyn Heights. All skill levels are welcome and binoculars are suggested.

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Health History Topic Of Genealogy Meeting

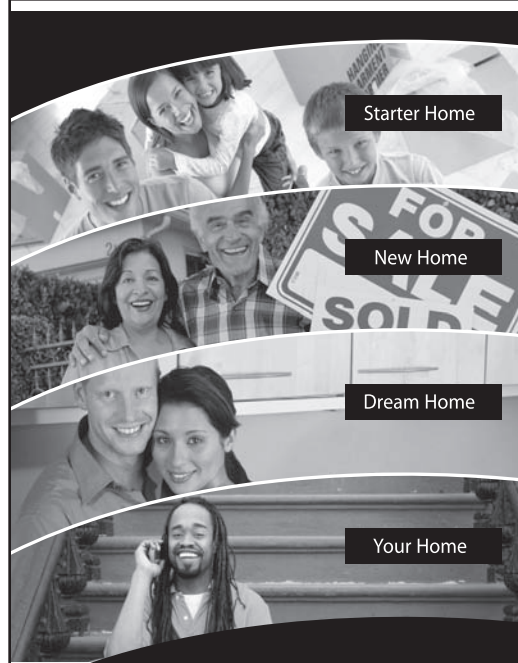
The next meeting of the Prince George's County Genealogical Society will be held on Wednesday, April 6 at 7 p.m. in the New Carrollton Municipal Building, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway. After a brief business meeting Tom Shawker will present "Understanding Your Health History."

All are welcome to this free presentation. For additional information see www.rootsweb.com/~mdpgcgs or call 301-262-2063.

Kids Build a Kite At Arts Drop-in

From 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 2 (at College Park Community Center) and on Sunday, April 3 (at the Old Parish House) a free arts workshop will be held for children ages 3 to 8. Arts Specialist Aaron Springer will lead this week's project – building a kite that flies from newspaper and cross supports.

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which is the study of low temperatures, how to produce them and how materials behave at those temperatures. Consider Breon's three current projects, as she describes them – "looking at x-rays coming from very energetic sources such as black holes and colliding galaxies; working with the James Webb Space Telescope, which will search for the earliest galaxies, even earlier than those found by Hubble; and looking at hot volcanoes and cool bodies of water on earth's surface."

But engineering is only one of Breon's interests. Another is evident in her living room, where a harp stands in the middle of the floor and a baby grand piano takes up the far end of the room. And then there's Kathryn, her adopted daughter who was born in China and Clyde, a "Cavy" (Cavalier King Charles spaniel), a long name for the small and energetic dog!

Before this interview I had not met Susan but was aware of her musical talent from attending Greenbelt Community Church, where she sings in the choir, plays piano and occasionally the organ and leads the children's choir. But I had no idea that this slender woman with the long strawberry-blond hair had traveled such an unusual and elevated professional path.

That path began in the small (population 350) town of Port Clinton, Pa., – "Reading is the closest real town," she says. Her father encouraged her in her love of math, challenging her and her two siblings to add long columns of numbers. He ran knitting machines in a factory that made t-shirt cloth. "I think my dad would have been a scientist if he'd gone to college," Breon said. She and her brother discovered his old chemistry set in the attic and it became their newest toy.

Susan's other love was music; she began piano lessons at six years old and later learned clarinet, oboe and alto clarinet. Her mother drove her to countless band rehearsals and arranged for a music teacher to drive to their tiny town to give lessons to several families in the summer. "My mom has been a role model for persevering, even when things are hard," she said.

By the time she graduated from high school, she was torn between studying music and engineering.

"I realized that I could be an amateur musician but not an amateur engineer, so I decided to do engineering as a profession," she said. As an undergraduate at Penn State, she studied nuclear engineering; a professor urged her to consider graduate school.

Fusion Reactors

"At the time, fusion reactors were big in the field, and you need to use cryogenics to cool the superconductors. He recommended the University of Wisconsin-Madison, so I went there for my master's and PhD in nuclear engineering with a concentration in cryogenics.

"By the time I finished my graduate degree, fusion reactors weren't going anywhere and there weren't too many places where cryogenics could be used," she recalled. "My degree

could be used to build machines – in particular, reactors to create energy – or in weapons research. I wasn't interested in weapons."

But NASA did use cryogenics – and she found that Goddard also offered her a chance to use her music, playing piano for fall musicals and spring shows at Goddard's Music and Drama (MAD) Club for nearly 10 years. She also played piano and organ at local churches and served on the Labor Day Committee until it conflicted with her MAD productions. In Greenbelt, it's all too easy to get overextended with community activities.

Adoption

Then, in 1999, Breon decided to pursue another dream – to adopt a baby. After working with Catholic Charities and international agencies, she traveled to China to meet her 16-month-old adoptive daughter, Kathryn, who is now 12.

In the years since, Breon has

reduced her international travel for NASA, which had taken her to Japan, England, Switzerland and beyond, to spend time at home with Kathryn. She's also been extremely active in the community, serving on the city's Advisory Committee for Education and on various boards at Greenbelt Community Church, where she currently is church moderator and substitute organist and choir director. "There is so much activity at the church that it's hard to keep up with it!" she says, laughing.

After more than two decades at NASA, Breon still finds few women at meetings and conferences of engineers. "For most women who have been working in this area for 15 to 25 years, it wasn't uncommon always to be the only woman at a meeting. And now, women still are less than five percent of people in cryogenics."

Japanese Disaster

We discussed the current nu-

clear disaster in Japan, which she's very familiar with, having worked with Japanese engineers on satellite projects and made five trips to that country. "I'm devastated," she said. "They're all fission reactors. I look at this and see that the world's thirst for power comes at a cost. Whether it's a reactor accident, an oil spill in the Gulf or coal that burns underground, as it did in the town of Centralia, near where I grew up."

And what does she think of renewables? "I see them as niche power supplies, because we would need huge solar and wind farms to produce the energy we use. I think we need to look at all the options. There is no perfect way to produce the energy that we need."

One only wishes that cryogenics could be used to cool down the hot reactor core that is threatening Japan. And if anyone could tackle such a project, it would be Susan Breon.

Mortgage Workshop In Landover April 2

There will be a free mortgage workshop offered on Saturday, April 2 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Prince George's Sports and Learning Complex, 8001 Sheriff Road in Landover.

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Council Meets with GATE, Praises Admirable Work

by Carol Griffith

On March 23 the City Council held a worksession with Greenbelt Access Television, Inc. (GATE). Representing council were Mayor Pro Tem Emmett Jordan and Councilmembers Silke Pope, Rodney Roberts and Konrad Herling. City Manager Michael McLaughlin also attended. GATE had five members including Tom White and Bob Zugby there to help with the presentation and answer questions.

The first order of business was a report on GATE's budget given by Tom White. White reported that income has been steady for the past three years, even though the city's contribution to GATE has been decreased. There have been fewer donations and grants and necessary repairs to a camera were an unexpected expense this year. Monies budgeted for new equipment, including new computers for animation programming, would probably be spent this fiscal year, White reported.

Membership numbers have also been steady, White said, noting that GATE's annual meeting was to be held on March 27 and may result in new members. Roberts asked how many of the 40 to 50 members were active and White responded that many were active in GATE because of the opportunities for television production.

Pope asked about the long-standing issue of the lack of a banner or label for GATE on the cable channels reserved for local access. After some discussion, Jordan stated that he would pursue the issue with Comcast.

The next report to council was that of the executive director, presented on paper as the direc-

tor was unable to attend due to illness. The report listed GATE's many accomplishments this year, which included supporting GHI, TRU-G, GILA and the Green Man Festival and sponsoring the Utopia Film Festival.

Satellite Studio

Of interest to council was the item stating that GATE was interested in the possibility of setting up a satellite studio in the old Greenbelt Middle School building. Roberts asked if GATE would consider moving from its Community Center studios; Zugby reported that moving would be "difficult." Herling observed that an advantage of the proposal is a greater connection to Greenbelt West.

Jordan asked about GATE's outreach to the community. White reported that GATE had taken an ad in the News Review which advertised to organizations the opportunity to create public service announcements.

Animation instructor George Kochell reported to council on the GAVA/GATE animation programs. His students consist of home-schooled students, students from a program for at-risk children and regular GAVA/GATE animation classes. Currently the students are working on a project for Greenbelt's 75th anniversary and Kochell applied for and won a Jim Cassells award for the project. He stated the need for more space so he can create a more controllable classroom situation.

Zugby provided a summary of the reports for council. Jordan concluded the worksession by complimenting GATE for its "admirable work."

Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

On Thursday, March 31 from noon to 2 p.m. pianist Amy C. Kraft plays mid-day melodies. From 7 to 9 is the weekly open microphone night with music, prose, poetry, storytelling and comedy welcome.

On Friday, April 1 from 8 to 11 p.m. Hard Swimming Fish play the blues. Saturday, April 2 features the TV John Variety Show from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Classical guitarist Bruce Kritt plays from 4 to 6 p.m. From 8 to 11 p.m. the Hot Noodles kick off the Grateful Dead dance party.

Sunday, April 3 The Color School will play alternative/Indie/power pop from 5 to 8 p.m.

Next Week

Tuesday, April 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. is Americana music night, hosted by Don Walters with guest artist John Briley. Wednesday, April 6 Laura Baron and Sol play original folk, blues and jazz from 7 to 9 p.m. On Friday, April 8 from 8 to 11 p.m. the Hot Club of DC plays gypsy jazz with Lynn Veronneau.

Crazy Quilt

The annual Crazy Quilt Festival is on Saturday, April 9 outside from 2 to 8 p.m. and inside with the Wharf Rats' reggae/rock jam from 8 to 11 p.m. (See ad on page 6.)

Sunday, April 10 from 5 to 8 p.m. Jack Couldn't Make It plays old-time folk music.

For details call Chef Karim Kmaihha at 301-474-5642.

Cheverly Gallery Displays Pastels

Now through Monday, April 11 the Publick Playhouse gallery in Cheverly is displaying an exhibit of pastels by Ellen Cornett. Cornett's pastel drawings place contemporary people and props into classic fairytale settings.

Artful Afternoon Features African Art and Dance

The next Artful Afternoon on Sunday, April 3 from 1 to 4 p.m., at the Community Center will focus on the arts of Africa and will include mudcloth painting and an African dance performance by Lesole's Dance Project.

From 1 to 3 p.m. everyone is invited to try mudcloth painting and learn about textiles of the Ivory Coast and Mali with Artist-in-residence Karen Arrington, a clay artist. Mudcloth is traditionally woven by men, then designed and painted by women. The cloth is first set in a fixative solution made of tea. Mineral-rich mud used to make mudcloth is mixed with water and usually set aside for about a year before being used to paint. The artist uses twigs or metal instruments to paint the mud onto the prepared cloth. Mudcloth colors and designs are full of meaning.

At 3 p.m., Lesole's Dance Project will perform Zulu, gumboot and urban street dances of South Africa. Participation will be invited from audience volunteers ready to move! The Lesole Dance Project has performed across the country and locally at Dance Africa, DC-Dance Place, the University of Maryland, Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage and at Wolf Trap. In August 2009 the group launched its First Annual International Edu-dance Program, working with local primary schools in the townships of



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Lesole's Dance Project will perform at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 3 as part of this month's Artful Afternoon focus on African Arts.

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Immediately preceding the dance performance, a drawing will be held for two tickets to a show at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center and two tickets to a performance of the winner's choice at the Greenbelt Arts Center. Enter the free drawing from now to 2:30 p.m. April 3 in the Community Center Art Gallery.

Artful Afternoon also offers a studio open house and sale with the Center's artists-in-residence, the Greenbelt Museum exhibit "Green from the Start" and museum historic home tours. Artful Afternoon activities are open to the public, suitable for all ages and free except for a nominal fee for the house tour. Artful Afternoons also provide an introduction to the city's art classes and activities.

For more information about City of Greenbelt art programs visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts or call 240-542-2057.

Interviews with Ingrid Is New Cable Show

A new county cable show featuring county council chair Ingrid Turner, who also represents Greenbelt, will air on Prince George's Community Television (CTV Channel 70 on Comcast) on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. and Fridays at 1:30 and 7 p.m. The 30-minute segment will feature interviews with county decision makers, with County Executive Rushern Baker, III as her first guest.

Visit www.pgctv.org or call 301-773-0900 for more details.

Final Day of School

All four make-up days included in the 2010-2011 school calendar for inclement weather were used to make up days lost when schools were closed on January 18, 26 and 27 and on February 22. Unless bad weather or other emergencies require additional school closings, the school year will end for students on Friday, June 17, with the final day for teachers on Monday, June 20.

This schedule does not affect 10- or 11-month employees who can confirm with their supervisors.

For details call the Office of Communications at 301-952-6001.

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"And I will restore to you the years that locust hath eaten..." Joel 2:25