

Public Works Budget: To Make Greenbelt Greener with Less

by Thomas X. White

The Greenbelt City Council held its fourth budget worksession – this one to consider the Public Works Department’s responsibilities encompassing a large variety of city programs. In addition to the actual Public Works Department (street maintenance and cleaning, multi-purpose equipment, waste collection and disposal, the city cemetery and Roosevelt Center and the theater), the department is also responsible for repair and maintenance of all the city’s buildings and vehicles, operation of the Greenbelt connection and maintenance of all city parks.

With Councilmember Leta Mach unable to attend, the mayor and remaining councilmembers were present, along with City Manager Michael McLaughlin, Public Works Director Kenny Hall, Assistant Public Works Director James Sterling, City Horticulturist Leslie Riddle and Recycling Coordinator Luisa Robles.

Hall told council he had no

formal presentation to make and with a simple statement that the department has a proposed budget maintaining essential services at less cost and with a continued focus on energy conservation, he suggested they go right to the review of the budget accounts. For nearly the next two and a half hours that is what the council did.

Page by page Mayor Judith Davis led discussion through all accounts for which the department staff of 50 full-time employees and one half-time position are responsible.

Salary Costs

The largest of these accounts, departmental salaries, is spread across all the unit’s varied functions. The proposed total for Fiscal Year 2013 is \$2,683,900, nearly the same as the estimated actual expenditure for Fiscal Year 2012 but still less than actual expenditures for Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011.

During that period the de-

partment had three fewer staff members. Depending on the study underway on the Recreation Department organization, Public Works could gain one new staff member for its parks detail. That decision will not be determined, however, until next year. For most other Public Works accounts, proposed FY13 funding levels are at or just above FY12 levels but still below FY10 expenditures.

For Greenbelt households there will be no increase in the residential refuse fee. Although the Waste Collection account has experienced a small deficit over the past three years, the FY13 account is projected for a \$2,000 surplus.

As Davis led council through relevant pages of the budget document, she and other councilmembers asked questions or made comments on particular items, especially on sections

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PHOTO BY ERIC ZHANG

From left, Rebecca Myers and Shawne Spencer of Beltsville Veterinary Hospital give Tito a rabies shot at the Pet Expo as Joana, Joelly (age 8) and Gabriel Polanco (4) look on.

Animal Pet Care Exposition Pleases People and Pets

by Sue Krofchik

Call it what you will: a dog-gone delight or the cat’s meow. Canines of all sizes from Chihuahua to Great Dane were everywhere in the Community Center gym at the Annual Pet Care Expo held May 12.

Cats stayed home and, as any self-respecting feline would do, delegated the task of visiting the expo to their person. Exceptions were those in cat-carriers, unhappy about coming for rabies shots. At least one rabbit, nestled in her owner’s arms, charmed those who spotted the two of them.

About 15 to 20 vendors and organizations were available to provide almost everything a pet owner needs or wants to know. Even an Avon independent representative was present, reminding visitors that Avon does not use animals in product testing.

Don’t have a pet? Petfinder will help you locate an adoptable one meeting your criteria and provide resources before and after adoption.

APAW Veterinary Hospital and Wellness Center can teach about pet dental health care. One option is teeth-cleaning treats designed like small bones for dogs and little balls for cats. This may delay the need for cleaning under anesthesia.

Want to brag about your pet? Go to Grooming by Em. Then schedule BS Photography to capture the perfect pose.

“What’s your dog thinking?” is the focus of a study being conducted by Hood College. Researchers are exploring dogs’ knowledge of social interactions

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Sector Plan Details Outlined In Final Community Workshop

by Thomas X. White

At the eighth and final community workshop on the Greenbelt Metro Area and MD 193 Corridor Sector Plan (Sector Plan), county planning staff provided an overview of the full range of issues raised in workshops over the last year. The meeting was held at Springhill Lake Elementary School on April 19. Community input from the workshops will inform the development of a Preliminary Sector Plan which will be published for public comment this summer.

Chad Williams, Prince George’s County project manager for the Sector Plan, provided a

written summary of staff responses to a dozen questions raised by residents who attended the workshops (see separate story on page 6). Williams and his colleagues also discussed the elements that would be part of the Preliminary Sector Plan, such as the boundary of Greenbelt Metropolitan Center, which likely will encompass the North Core, Franklin Park and Capital Office Park. Others are listed below.

University Boulevard

The preliminary plan will use “University Blvd.” as the corridor name rather than Rte. 193 or Greenbelt Road and the vision

for University Boulevard is a retrofit to a four-lane divided highway with better pedestrian-crossing signals and improved bicycle lanes and sidewalks. In addition, Beltway Plaza should undergo a phased comprehensive redevelopment supporting a mix of uses, and reduce impervious parking surfaces. Berwyn Heights retail areas would be more compatible with residential neighborhoods with new community gateways. Branchville Road’s industrial area would shift to office/retail.

Further east, the Golden Triangle would experience infill development, increase available public space and add signage to indicate the Topping Castle site. Interestingly, Williams mentioned the possibility of restoring the historic pedestrian connection between Greenbelt Middle School and the Golden Triangle and the Greenbelt fire house may be relocated to the south side of University Boulevard (Greenbelt Road) near the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

Workshop participants challenged the concept of a “Divergent Diamond Interchange,” proposed for the University Boulevard (Greenbelt Road) intersection with Kenilworth Ave. (Rte. 201). The planner said the redesign would improve traffic flow by channeling the left and right

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What Goes On

Thursday, May 17

7:30 p.m., Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI), Annual Meeting, Community Center

Friday, May 18

6:30 to 8:30 a.m., Bike to Work Day, Meet at Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center

Saturday, May 19 – National Kids To Park Day. See details in City Information ad.

Monday, May 21

8 p.m., Council Budget Worksession, Final Budget Review, Municipal Building

Tuesday, May 22

7:30 p.m., Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES), Community Center

7 p.m., Advisory Committee on Education Meeting, Municipal Building

Thursday, May 24

7:30 p.m., GHI Board Meeting, Administration Building

Non-departmental Budgets Are Reviewed by Council

by James Giese

At its May 2 worksession, the Greenbelt City Council reviewed two accounts that together total over \$2.6 million, more than 10 percent of the budget, with little comment. The non-departmental budget accounts for a variety of expenses generated by the various departmental activities but not accounted for in the departmental budgets. Of this, \$1,050,000 is for payment of the city’s worker compensation insurance, the cost of which doubled between Fiscal Years 2011 and 2012. There were substantial increases in the cost of insuring public safety and public works employees, while the cost for recreational employees was significantly less. The budget now accounts for these costs together rather than distributed among all the city budgets in order to better monitor them. This budget was not discussed at the worksession.

Employee Pay

City Manager Michael McLaughlin is now proposing a 3 percent performance/merit pay increase instead of a cost of living pay adjustment (COLA). The one-time payment is available only to employees not at the top of their pay grade and is granted at the time of the employee’s anniversary date upon performance review. When questioned, McLaughlin acknowledged that nearly all eligible employees would receive the merit pay.

If a COLA is granted, it will provide a permanent increase to all employee compensation. The proposed budget would fund a 1.5 percent COLA, McLaughlin said.

Retirement Plans

Regular contributions to employee retirement plans paid by

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Letters to the Editor

City's Livestream Is Great GHI Channel

I was not able to attend the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) Candidates Forum on May 8. I was delighted to be able to watch it the next day, at my convenience, from the city's website, Greenbelt CityLink. I encourage all GHI members to view the Candidates Forum, too, before the Annual Membership Meeting on Thursday, May 17.

My thanks to the City of Greenbelt for making the On-Demand Video Library available. This is a wonderful information resource for Greenbelt residents.

Catherine McHugh

GMS Planning Session Brings Thanks to All

On May 5, over 200 people visited the Greenbelt Middle School (GMS) to "vote" on community services, to obtain information and to have fun. A small group organized the event, under the auspices of the GMS Task Force.

Thank you to Mary Harrison who wrote the articles for the News Review and Steve Kane who built and updated the website. To Celeste May who created the wonderful flyers and program and Beverly Palau who added the Spanish text and helped with the planning panels. To Konrad Herling who organized and emceed the performance groups. To Beltway Plaza for their support and sponsorship. To Evan Allen, Chris McMahan and Finis Calhoun who arranged for the shuttle bus, the flyer distribution within Franklin Park and the sponsorship of a performance group.

Thank you to Bea Rodgers who ensured that the drawings for the sought-after prizes were done fairly and on time. To Nicole DeWald, the Pottery Guild and Rosemary Pezzuto who gave children opportunities for creativity. To David Whaples who conducted the building tours – three times. To Carolina Napp-Avelli who helped Spanish-speaking folks feel more comfortable. To Lois Browne, a longterm Franklin Park resident, who welcomed the attendees and obtained the residential and contact information. To Brian Butler, Kayode Lewis and Frank Jones who set up our rooms and later restored them for the teachers. And to all the other folks who helped with information, logistics and many other ways.

A special thank you to Leta and Darrell Mach who took some ideas for a "one sticker at a time" planning exercise and

turned it into an effective process and then tabulated the results into charts with great clarity.

And, finally, thank you to Joe McNeal, who contributed to all aspects of the event and whose excellent logistical management made the event feasible, effective and enjoyable.

Another example of how a small group of Greenbelt folks can successfully create a purposeful event for our community.

*David Lange
Chair, GMS Task Force*

Thanks for the Memories

I greatly enjoyed my friend Marion Benson Hastings' ode to Greenbelt in last week's News Review. Since Marion and I were only a year apart at Greenbelt High School, we have similar memories of the "early days." But I thought I might add a few footnotes to explain to newer residents some of the terms she used.

For instance, the "A-Block hill." Back in those early years, when the town consisted only of the original crescent of homes, everyone knew their friends by the block they lived in; it was a descriptive term. My family, the Scotts, first lived in 4 court of Southway, in B-Block, which extended from Southway to Westway. Later we moved to 7-K Crescent Road, in A Block, up the hill past the library – only, of course, the library was not there then nor was Lakeside Drive. The only building between our house and the town center was Greenbelt Center School

When we got those big snows of yesteryear, the town blocked traffic from the A-Block hill so kids could go sledding. The few car-owners didn't seem to mind parking along the street at the bottom of the hill. I was sledding on that hill the day in January 1941 that my baby sister Rosemary was born in the Greenbelt Hospital, another place referred to in Marion's article. The hospital was on the upper floor of a row of houses on Ridge Road near Gardenway, across from the McCarl dentist office. It existed for a few years until Leland Memorial Hospital was built in Riverdale. Later on, in the 1950s, I took my own kids to pediatrician Dr. Max Bloomberg whose office was in that row, which we called the Medical Center.

Marion mentioned in the article that there were "no churches." But I know she meant, there were not yet any church buildings. The various congregations held services in other places in town:

the Protestant denominations in Center School and the Catholics in the Greenbelt Theater. Father Fealy from Berwyn said Mass on Sundays at an altar set up on the stage of the theater. To receive Holy Communion, the congregation walked up the steps on one side, across the stage and down the other side. People joked about Catholic kids who forgot which day it was and genuflected as they slipped into their seats to watch the Saturday afternoon matinee.

We who were lucky enough to live our youth in Greenbelt in those early years recall the time lovingly. We love to think back on all the things Marion mentioned: the newness, the freedom, the schools, the teachers, the friends, the swimming pool, the woods, the lake (yes, most of all, the lake). We call it Mayberry or Utopia or the Emerald City. It was our Greenbelt.

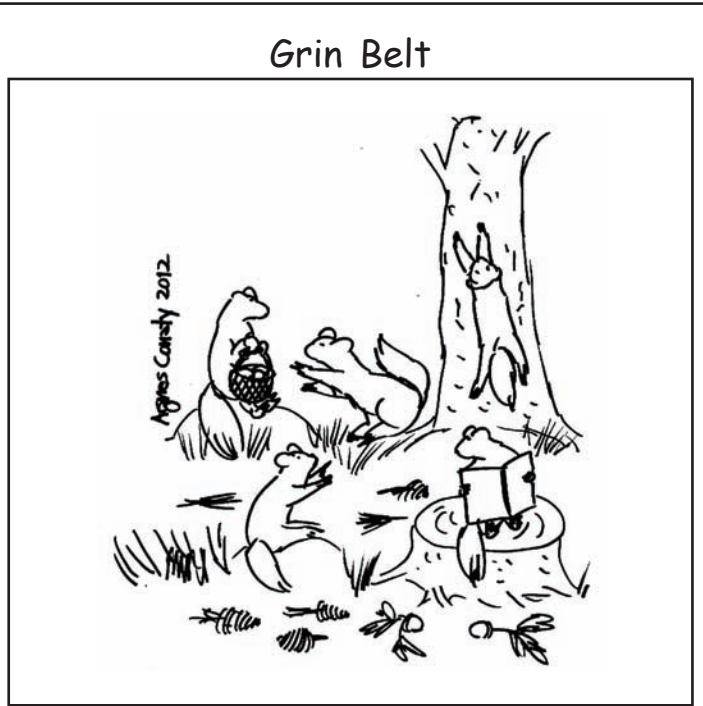
Kathleen (Scott) McFarland

A World View

My days have been enriched with the acquaintance of our new neighbors in Greenbriar. Kyoko, Ian and Traffic moved here in November. Traffic is a rescue dog from Nigeria whose status as the world's most expensive free dog remains secure. As an adorable Portuguese Water dog, he is priceless.

In comparison to the cities they have occupied throughout the world, Kyoko and Ian find that Greenbelt stands out for the

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"Grandpa, can you teach us how to reach for the sky?"

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OLD GREENBELT THEATRE WEEK OF MAY 18

Monsieur Lazhar (PG-13)
Chimpanzee (G)

FRIDAY

Monsieur Lazhar*5:30, 7:30, 9:30

SATURDAY

Chimpanzee *1:30, *3:30
Monsieur Lazhar *5:30, 7:30, 9:30

SUNDAY

Chimpanzee *1:30, *3:30
Monsieur Lazhar *5:30, 7:30

MONDAY – THURSDAY

Monsieur Lazhar *5:30, 7:30

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Community Events

At the Library

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

Wednesday, May 23, 10:30 a.m.: Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years.

Thursday, May 24, 10:30 a.m.: Toddler Time for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver.

Space is limited; pick up a free ticket for Storytime events at the information desk.

Read to Rover
Saturday, May 19, 2 p.m.: Children build reading confidence by reading aloud to specially trained therapy dogs glad to listen. Each child reads for 15 minutes. Registration (by calling the library) is preferred but walk-ins will be accommodated on a space available basis.

Adult Programs
Tuesday, May 22, 7 p.m.: Historian C. R. Gibbs presents an audio-visual lecture for adults and older children on "Demonsgate: The Origins of the International Illegal Drug Trade" in this weekly series of talks through June 26 on African American history and culture.

For more information on any of these programs or events visit the library, call 301-345-5800 or visit www.pgcmls.info.

Interview Workshop May 23 at Phoenix

A free interviewing workshop will be held at the University of Phoenix Greenbelt location at 7852 Walker Drive on Wednesday, May 23 from 6 to 8 p.m.

The workshop will focus on how to network within one's professional and social circles to identify job opportunities based on one's strengths and experiences. The workshop will also teach how to prepare for interviews that impress hiring managers.

GHI Notes

Friday, May 18, 7 to 10 a.m. and 5 to 8 p.m., Voting on Board and Audit Committee positions – GHI Board Room

Monday, May 21, 7 p.m., Communication Committee Meeting – GHI Lobby

7:15 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

Wednesday, May 23, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee Meeting – Board Room

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

Friday, May 25, Office Closed – For Emergency Maintenance Service call 301-474-6011

Monday, May 28, Memorial Day, Office Closed – For Emergency Maintenance Service call 301-474-6011

Thursday, May 31, 7 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting – Board Room

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

ERHS Tennis Courts, Track Refurbishing

The City of Greenbelt has been told by Greenbelt's 4th District County Councilmember Ingrid Turner that the long out-of-service tennis courts and the track at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) are scheduled for renovations this summer in the Prince George's Public Schools' capital improvement project priority listings.

Turner contacted Schools Superintendent Dr. William Hite after attending the annual Arthritis Walk at the site Saturday, May 5. Hite said the tennis court project, at a cost of \$120,000, is to be bid on this week with work to start in June. The track, scheduled to get a new rubber running surface and refreshed lane markings at a cost of \$130,000, is also to be bid on this week for completion by early fall.

Grapes of Wrath Is 75th Anniv. Topic

A book and movie discussion on the 1937 John Steinbeck novel "Grapes of Wrath," sponsored by the Greenbelt 75th Anniversary Committee, will be held on Wednesday, May 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbriar Community Building, 7600 Hanover Parkway. This free session will also screen excerpts of the John Ford-directed 1940 Oscar-winning movie, which stars Henry Fonda, John Carradine and Jane Harwell.

A poor Midwest family forced off its land during the Great Depression is caught in the battle between the powerful and the powerless.

For details call 301-397-2208 or visit www.greenbeltmd.gov/75.

Wii Bowling Playoffs Pit Two City Teams

On Friday, May 25 at 1 p.m. the Green Ridge House Strikers and the Community Center Mighty Miis (Wii bowlers) will vie in city council chambers at the Municipal Building to be this year's Wii Bowling champions.

The Mighty Miis average 181.8 to the Strikers not far behind 179.8. Light refreshments will be available. Awards will be made at the end of the tournament.

For more information call 301-397-2208.

Greenbriar/Glen Oaks Needs Volunteers

Residents of the Greenbriar and Glen Oaks Community can meet neighbors and have fun by volunteering for community events. Contact the assistant community manager at 301-441-1096 ext. 1 or isanders@greenbriarcondos.com for details.

GATE Has Nonprofit Day for Taping PSAs

The Greenbelt Access Television (GATE) studio will hold a nonprofit day Saturday, May 19 from 10 a.m. to noon to allow Greenbelt-based nonprofit organizations to present a 30-second public service announcement. On a first-come, first-served basis the PSAs will be taped and edited for showing between programs on the GATE Channels, Comcast 71 and Verizon Fios 19.

Organizational presenters should bring a draft script including name, their organizational name, a brief description of the mission or event to be publicized and contact information. Any additional supporting pictures should be brought in as jpegs on a CD. GATE recommends against wearing all black, all white or small patterns as those do not videotape well.

For details contact 301-507-6581 or MaliaMurray@hotmail.com.

Boy Scout Troop 746 Seeks New Members

Boy Scout Troop 746 is based at Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church. The troop is seeking more young men ages 10½ to 17 years to experience the adventures of scouting, hiking, camping, Dutch oven cooking in the outdoors, using a compass and map, swimming, first aid, fire building, knot tying, lashing, skiing and summer camp.

Troop 746 has a long history of over 50 years in Greenbelt and has had more than 25 Eagle scouts. The scoutmaster is Lenny Wertz.

Meetings are held at Mowatt, 40 Ridge Road, on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Boys and parents are invited to come learn about this Greenbelt troop.

For further information call Scoutmaster Lenny Wertz at 301-221-0290 or Eldo Brown at 301-345-1312.

More Community Events are on pages 4 and 5.

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Dark Shadows, PG-13 (!!)
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Think Like a Man, PG
12:40, 3:55, 7:10, 9:50

The Avengers in 3D, PG-13
11:30, 2:30, 5:45, 9

The Avengers in 2D, PG-13
12:30, 3:45, 7, 10

The Dictator, R (!)
11:45, 1:50, 4:20, 7:30, 9:50

Battleship, PG-13 (!!)
11:55, 4, 7:10, 10

What to Expect When Expecting, PG-13 (!)

11:20, 1:45, 4:30, 7, 10:20

THU. May 24 ONLY
Men in Black 3, PG-13
12:01 a.m.

Greenbelt Nursery School's Tortoise and Hare 5K Run/Walk
Saturday May 19, 8am, around Greenbelt Lake.
1K Fun run 9am - \$5
Packet pickup Friday May 18 from 5-7:30 pm
Saturday May 19, 7:00 am at Greenbelt Nursery School
Advance registration \$25; Race Day registration \$30
Online Registration Ends May 18
at www.getmeregistered.com

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June 28 - July 1, 2012 - Dear Delinquent

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NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
Thursday, May 24th, 2012

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 PM

GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Appointment of Member Complaints Panels
- Designation of GDC Stockholders
- Board Meeting Procedures
- Set Summer and Fall Meeting Schedule
- Schedule Retreat for Strategic Plan Update
- Yard Line Certification: 62 Ridge Road
- Installation of Window for Through-wall Air Conditioner, 4C Plateau Place
- Pay-off Loan Balance for 14R Ridge Due to Termination of Mutual Ownership Contract
- 2012 Underground Utility Contract, 1st Reading
- Formation of Task force to Review Issues of Unauthorized Leases and Absentee Members
- Identify Topics for Stakeholders' Meeting with City of Greenbelt
- Sales Price Data for GHI Units

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

Sublease Criteria for GHI Units

The GHI Board of Directors has proposed revised criteria for allowing members to rent GHI units, and would like member feedback.

To see the draft criteria, either pick up a hard copy at the Administration Building, or go to www.ghi.coop

Comments should be submitted via email to mgmtoffice@greenbelthomes.net or written notes can be delivered to the Management Office, Attention: Sheri.

All comments are due by May 30, 2012

Obituaries

Sally Carrano

Sally Carrano died while getting her hair done on May 2, 2012, in New York, just six days prior to her 101st birthday.

Mrs. Carrano was a founding resident of Green Ridge House and happily lived there for over 25 years. An active member of the Greenbelt community, she marched in many Greenbelt Labor Day Parades beginning in 1984 as The Queen of Hearts, handing out cookies to children and posing for photographs with local politicians. She loved Greenbelt and all those who made it a special place to live.

Mrs. Carrano was predeceased by her husband and daughter, James Carrano and Mary Lou Taylor.

She is survived by daughter Sally Ann Fama and her spouse John; grandchildren Gina Picard, Joann Galbier, David Taylor, Lynda Taylor-Reynolds, Michelle Fama and their spouses; great grandchildren Alex Galbier, Tony Galbier, Alaina Galbier, Christine Taylor, Tara Taylor, Ryan Taylor.

Burial services will take place in July in Brooklyn, N.Y., for both Sally Carrano and her deceased daughter Mary Lou. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Operation Smile www.operationssmile.org or to Catholic Charities. Online remembrances may be made at the funeral home website, www.lindfuneralhome.com.

Jerry W. Shafer

Former resident Jerry W. Shafer, 90, died Friday, May 11, 2012, in Saint Elizabeth Hospital in Lincoln, Neb.

Mr. Shafer was born September 12, 1921, on his family's farm east of Edison, Neb. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII and was a member of American Legion Post #343, Edison, Neb. He retired from the USDA as a chemist, having worked at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center for 20 years.

Mr. Shafer worked with youth sports in Greenbelt from 1965 to 1985, when he coached the Athletics. He also worked to revive the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Clubs where he coached several other youth sports.

Family members who also lived in or near Greenbelt include his wife, Colleen; daughter Paula Shafer, sons Corky "Kirk" and Ted Shafer; granddaughters Danielle Nicole Shafer (leaving for Air Force on May 22) and Gabrielle Renee Shafer, both of College Park, Md.

Mr. Shafer was cremated in Lincoln, Neb. A memorial service will be held on Friday, May 25 at Roper and Sons Chapel, 4300 'O' Street, Lincoln, Neb. His youngest brother Francis Shafer will be officiating. His



Sally Carrano was an active Greenbelt resident, well known as "The [Labor Day] Queen of Hearts."

inurnment will be at a later date in Fort McPherson National Cemetery, Maxwell, Neb. Memorials may be sent to CASA of Lancaster County, 1141 H Street, Suite C, Lincoln, NE 68508.

Condolences or personal reflections may be sent online at www.roperandsons.com.

Reel & Meal Film Series Will Show PBS' Poisoned Waters

The next viewing in the Reel & Meal at the New Deal Café film series will show excerpts of the PBS documentary special Poisoned Waters at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 21. The free film examines widespread pollution in the Chesapeake Bay and Puget Sound caused by 25 years of unregulated toxic industrial, agricultural and municipal runoff. Narrator Hedrick Smith discusses the stormwater threats facing the nation's waterways and what can be done to eliminate rampant runoff.

Claudia Friedetsky of the Maryland Chapter of the Sierra Club will present information about stormwater issues in Prince George's County. In 2011, tropical storm Lee caused \$24 million in damages to county properties alone. Stormwater poisons and destroys rivers and streams and contributes to the further deterioration of the treasured Chesapeake Bay.

Stormwater, the water which hits hard surfaces such as roads and parking lots, does not get absorbed – it accumulates in roads, basements and cars and floods

homes and businesses. Dirty stormwater enters storm drains and empties directly into streams carrying toxins and pollutants into rivers. There is currently unprecedented momentum in Prince George's County to effectively manage stormwater, restore rivers and streams and maintain the safety of the drinking water supply. The state is also moving forward with plans for reducing pollution in all areas including stormwater and has asked counties to do their part locally.

This Reel & Meal film is co-sponsored by the Greenbelt Watersheds groups and the Maryland Chapter of the Sierra Club.

Tree ID 101 Hike Held at Patuxent

There will be a free "Tree ID 101" hike at the Patuxent Wildlife Refuge North Tract on Sunday, May 20 from 1 to 3 p.m. for ages 6+.



For those who don't know where to start to identify local trees, this will be a chance to join a naturalist to discover how easy it is to identify some of Maryland's local trees by leaf, bark and flower.

It will be held at the North Tract of the Patuxent Wildlife Refuge, located on Rt. 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 32, east of Laurel.



All prejudices, whether of religion, race, politics or nation, must be renounced, for these prejudices have caused the world's sickness. Every ruinous war, with its terrible bloodshed and misery, has been caused by . . . prejudices. (Abdu'l-Baha)

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

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 10am

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Phone: 301-937-3666 www.pbuuc.org

Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community

Sunday at 10 a.m.
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Rev. James Lawton - Pastor
301-474-7573
6301 Greenbelt Road
Berwyn Heights, MD 20740
berwynpresbyterian.net

Worship : Sundays at 11:00 am -- Child Care Available
Sunday School: Sundays at 9:30 am
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Greenbelt, MD 20770 - (301) 474-4212
www.greenbeltbaptist.org

Welcome!

Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School
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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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www.myholycross.org • myholycross@verizon.net

Worship 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
6:00 p.m. Informal Worship
Sunday School & Bible Class 9:30 a.m.

Summer Worship Starts May 27
Services at 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

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Services

- Sundays
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- 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 Community Church
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10:15 a.m.
Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

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301-474-4322

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Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.

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Municipal Building
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Letters

quality of life it provides. They delight in the people and pet-friendly layout of our city which encourages healthy habits for young and old. The attention to the environment, the support for causes and the sense of community each provides satisfaction.

Traffic and Kyoko can be seen daily crossing the overpass, visiting the lake and walking around GHI.

Delighting in Greenbelt as I do, it is affirming to get such a positive global view.

Welcome.

Patricia Novinski

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition "Food and Friendship" program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for May 21 through 25:

Monday - Apple juice, baked chicken drumstick with gravy, lima beans, baby carrots, diced peaches.

Tuesday - Orange juice, cheese lasagna roll with meat sauce, green beans, escalloped apples.

Wednesday - All sites closed for Senior Health & Fitness Day.

Thursday - Apple juice, roasted turkey with gravy, bread dressing, spinach, tropical fruit salad.

Friday - Cranberry juice, breaded pollock with tartar sauce, au gratin potatoes, mixed vegetables, applesauce.

Walk-off Hits Win Two for Greenbelt

Greenbelt beat long-time adversary Bowie Bronze in both ends of a doubleheader at home in the Baltimore Senior Softball League on Wednesday, May 10, scoring the winning run each time in the last inning. In the first game, C. Collins came through with his third hit for a 12-11 victory as Jasper Pendergrass went 4 for 4, with a double off the fence and AJ Morton, Barry Clark and manager George Harrison all had three singles.

In the second game, the Greenbelters were down 10-8 in their last at-bats but Willie White drove in the winning run. He went 3 for 4 as did Clark, Morton and Clyde Moody, who pitched both games and gave up only one walk. "Moody made all the difference," said Irv Salzberg, team official and first baseman. Heading for the second quarter of the season, the team has notched seven wins against three losses.

NAMI Support Group Meets

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) New Carrollton Area Support Group will meet at the Hanco Building at Beckett Field, 8511 Legation Road, New Carrollton on Monday, May 21 from 10 a.m. to noon.

For details contact Dominique Thomas at 301-385-1699 or name.dom@domthom.com.



City Information

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 21-25

Monday, May 21 at 8:00 p.m. **BUDGET WORK SESSION-FINAL BUDGET REVIEW**, at Municipal Building 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov

Tuesday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m. **GREENBELT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY (GreenACES)** at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Tuesday, May 22 at 7:00 p.m., **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**, at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road

Wednesday, May 23 at 8:00 p.m. **EXECUTIVE SESSION - Personnel** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

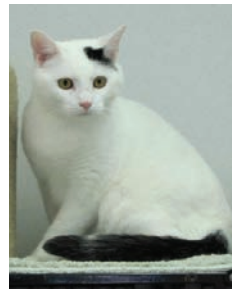
This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.

GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER

550-A Crescent Road (behind Police Station)



Mia is a sweet young girl whose family had to go overseas for the military. Sadly, Mia could not join them. She is a bit shy at first, but warms up with some gentle touches.



Harry is a handsome young man who was found roaming the streets on his own. He can't wait to be cuddled up next to someone in his new forever home.

We have lots of cute adorable kittens.

Come out and visit all of the available pets! The shelter is open on Wednesdays from 4-7pm and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm or by appointment. INFO: 301.474.6124.

Donations welcome! Like us on Facebook!

NATIONAL KIDS TO PARKS DAY

Saturday, May 19



Encourage outdoor play by taking your family out to visit a local, state, or national park. National Kids to Parks Day supports First Lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move initiative. As an official Let's Move city, the City of Greenbelt is asking Greenbelters and their families to take some time to visit one of our great parks.

BUDDY ATTICK PARK: 8:00am,

Tortoise & Hare 5K Race (sponsored by the Greenbelt Nursery School) for more information visit:

www.greenbeltnurseryschool.org/event/gns5k.html

SCHROM HILLS PARK: 9:00am-5:00pm, Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club Soccer Games

ANACOSTIA TRAILS HERITAGE AREA BIKE RALLY

"RIVERS TO ROCKETS RALLY": 8:30am-1:00pm Come experience the War of 1812 at the Port of Bladensburg, ride past the oldest operating airfield in the USA, and head on to the home of Goddard-the City of Greenbelt!

Info www.anacostiatrials.org/bike-rally



Greenbelt's 75th Anniversary GALA DINNER DANCE

Tickets now on sale!

To Celebrate Greenbelt's 75th Anniversary a GALA Dinner Dance will be held at Martin's Crosswinds in Greenbelt, Maryland from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. and will feature Peaches O'Dell & Her Orchestra.

Tickets are \$65.00 each and may be purchased at the Greenbelt Community Center by walk in or over the phone from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday. For information or to purchase by phone please call 240-542-2058.

Make sure you get your tickets early. This will be the hottest ticket in town and once the event is sold out, tickets will not be available.



Greenbelt is a new pit stop in 2012!

BIKE TO WORK DAY

Friday, May 18

On your way in to work, stop at the **Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center, 101 Centerway between 6:30am-8:30am.**

Pre-register by May 11 at biketoworkmetrodc.org to qualify for bike raffle & free t-shirt. Free food, beverages and giveaways at all locations listed on website.

Springhill Lake Recreation Center
6101 Cherrywood Lane

COMPUTER LAB

Monday-Friday

2:30-4:30pm: Ages 11 & Under

4:30-8:00pm: Ages 12 & over

Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Saturday-Sunday

1-6pm: ALL AGES

For more information 301-397-2212

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Employee Relations Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, and Public Safety Advisory Committee

For information call 301-474-8000.



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- **Youth On The Go Camp: For Ages 12-14.**
- **Camp Encore: For Ages 13-15.**

Camps begin June 18th!

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www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation

FIT' N' FUN CARDIO

M/W/F from 10am-11:15am

Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road
Come out and try this class out for FREE! Come back and pay drop-in price. \$4.00 for Residents and \$5.00 for Non-Residents.

Class will go on until June 1st.

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SUMMER MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE NOW FORMING. CALL 301-397-2212 FOR INFORMATION OR VISIT www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation

Questions & Answers – About Proposed Sector Plan

At the April 19 workshop, Project Manager Chad Williams provided staff resources to a list of questions raised about the sector plan during the last year of workshops, reflecting current thinking as staff begins writing the Preliminary Sector Plan. Below is a condensed summary of the questions and answers: for the full set and additional information, go to: www.pgplanning.org/greenbelt.htm.

Q. What do you mean by short, medium and long-term phasing?

A. Since the overall horizon of the Sector Plan will extend to 2040, slightly less than 30 years, the phasing for the Sector Plan will break down as 0-5 years for the short term, 5-15 years for medium term and 15-30 years for long term.

Q. Are you considering downgrading the General Plan designation of the Greenbelt Metro Metropolitan Center (MC)?

A. No. Staff evaluated the General Plan recommendations for metropolitan centers and the two recommended land-use approaches – mixed-use development (MUD) and major employer/General Services Administration (GSA) tenant at the North Core – and determined that MC is the appropriate designation.

However, the MC boundaries likely will be refined.

Q. What do you mean by residential-medium, residential medium-high and residential-high densities?

A. The Planning Department uses a land-use classification system that employs these categories. Residential Medium describes detached/attached dwelling units with densities between three and eight units per acre, such as the single-family neighborhoods of North College Park and Berwyn Heights. Residential Medium-High refers to densities between eight and 20 units per acre, similar to a townhome or garden-style apartment complex and Residential High would apply to densities higher than 20 units per acre, that could involve a mix of housing types likely including elevator apartment buildings and other higher-intensity development.

Q. What is the relevance of the 2001 Greenbelt Metro Area Sector Plan?

A. Many concepts from the 2001 plan are relevant. Connectivity, safety and the natural environment are still important today. Trail connections from the Greenbelt Metro to Cherrywood Lane, a pedestrian bridge to North College Park, the linkage of transportation and phasing of development and preservation of the state-owned parcel along Indian Creek will be part of the Preliminary Sector Plan.

Q. Why is the preliminary plan likely to include different land use approaches?

A. Future development of Greenbelt Metro Station North Core will play a significant role in how the rest of the Sector Plan area grows over time and will have different impacts on the Sector Plan Area and the neighboring communities.

As the Green Line terminus Greenbelt station has enormous potential for local communities, the county and the region. Its current use as a surface parking facility is the least desirable

outcome. Development of either a transit-oriented, mixed-use community or a major employer such as a GSA tenant (with some potential for associated mixed-use development) offers the highest return on investment and maximize potential gains for this site. However, staff is unable to predict which of these two options is most likely to occur at the North Core. The preliminary sector plan will investigate the potential impacts and benefits of both recommended land-use approaches.

Q. What is the justification for new residential development?

A. Key factors indicating the need for new residential development at Metro Station and other areas are regional demand for new homes, particularly transit-friendly; shifting populations; new area employment opportunities; support for existing and new retail; and the suitability of existing sites with transportation and utility infrastructure already in place. These land-use approaches would likely result in an overall net reduction in the amount of residential development already approved within the Sector Plan Area.

Q. Why is the Pedestrian Bridge to North College Park still recommended?

A. A second pedestrian connection to North College Park will ensure safe pedestrian and bicycle connections between the largely residential neighborhood and future North Core uses such as restaurants and shopping and safe pedestrian pathways to a proposed new elementary school. In addition, the Conceptual Site Plan for the North Core mandates a pedestrian bridge as a condition of approval.

Q. Why are you not reflecting the final alignment of the North/South Connector linking the North and South Core areas?

A. Some preliminary engineering and design work has been done but the final alignment has not been determined. Staff is aware of community concerns with the impact of the road's proximity and traffic noise on existing residential areas. The Preliminary Sector Plan will address the road's alignment.

Q. Where is the ramp system for the proposed (full) Beltway Interchange on the concept drawings?

A. The proposed interchange ramp system will be reflected in the Preliminary Sector Plan for conceptual and illustrative purposes only. Once funding is allocated to engineering and design, the final alignment will be determined.

Q. Do you support bus transit/bicycling/walkability?

A. Yes, absolutely. The Preliminary Sector Plan will include discussion and additional details on the trail and sidewalk network; transit routes and coordination; amenities for bus riders, walkers, and cyclists; and more.

Cost estimates will be generated for trails, bicycle facilities, sidewalks, "complete streets," transit amenities, new transit lines, and other appropriate measures. The costs will be included in a comprehensive review of proposed public facilities by the Preliminary Sector Plan.

On another topic, the preliminary sector plan will make no recommendations for development of North College Park.

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turn flow through their own set of signal lights and improve east-west traffic flows. He said this design would improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists. Several residents were not entirely convinced after viewing a film presentation of a similar intersection.

North Core

Two alternatives are being considered for the North Core at Greenbelt Station – a medium-to-high density transit-oriented neighborhood or an urban campus serving a major employer with the possibility of some mixed-use (MU) development. In either case the North Core will include "eco-district" features such as connectivity, use as a transit hub, indoor/outdoor recreation, well-designed parking and preservation of the Indian Creek and Narragansett Run tributaries. On the consolidated master plan map that will show the Sector Plan area, a new blue color stripe will denote "Major Employer" in the North Core section.

Franklin Park likely would be a phased redevelopment and continue as mainly residential with more open space and public facilities, neighborhood retail and three new community gateways. Williams noted that the preliminary plan would recommend that the regional school bus parking lot on Greenbelt Road be relocated to a more central location. Cherrywood Lane would maintain the current 80-foot right of way but it would be transformed into a two-lane divided boulevard with full signals at the intersection of Cherrywood and Metro Access Drive. However, the city has plans for a roundabout facility at that location. The plan for Capital Office Park would improve circulation, increase public spaces and offer potential for office infill.

In Greenbelt East, a comprehensive phased redevelopment of Greenway Center should be undertaken with a mix of uses and more open space and trail connections. As noted in previous articles, the Hanover Parkway area should try to take advantage of the nearby hospital and the medical offices on Hanover Parkway and within the Office Park.

Also discussed were how design elements could build on local history, integrate with the environment and provide more open space and safe pedestrian access. Development should follow District Development Overlay Zone guidelines and employ best practices on passive crime prevention, storm water management and green building techniques.

There is to be a midsummer release of the Preliminary Sector Plan for public comment. A joint public hearing by the Prince George's Planning Board and the county council will take place in September, and county planning board approval is scheduled in late fall. In early 2013 the District Council is set to approve the Sector Plan.

For more details visit www.pgplanning.org/Greenbelt.htm.

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the city are accounted for in the various departmental budgets. However, actuarial reviews have determined that the city plans are underfunded and the city is obligated to make additional contributions. McLaughlin expects these contributions to total \$221,400 for the coming year, Fiscal Year 2013. McLaughlin noted that the state retirement system, which manages the city plans, is charging 7 percent interest on the unfunded liability owed by the city. He would like to see that debt refinanced by the city to save interest costs but notes that the cost of doing so may be too great to achieve significant savings. He will explore this alternative farther.

Transfers to Other Funds

The budget proposes transferring \$950,000 to other city funds. This is \$235,000 less than for the current year. The reduction is due to the significant cost savings achieved by the city when it refinanced its debt.

The first fund listed is the Building Capital Reserve Fund. This is one of several city special revenue funds that receive annual payments at relatively level amounts to be used for capital expenditures. Since the expenses can fluctuate substantially from year to year and could therefore cause extraordinary swings in the amount of the city budget, it is believed that putting aside funds each year provides for a more fiscally sound financial operation. For FY13, the \$150,000 transfer of city funds is expected to be supplemented with \$60,000 of grant money. In the fund, money is budgeted to replace the 50-year old floor in the Youth Center (\$50,000), undertake a study of the heating, ventilating and air conditioning system at the Community Center (\$90,000) and undertake other energy efficiency improvements to city buildings (\$10,000).

In the Debt Service Fund, which will receive \$300,000 from city's General Fund, \$319,100 is budgeted to pay principal and interest on the city's debt obligations. There will be a fund balance of \$346,000 of which \$232,000 was set aside by the council to use to match grants for the renovation of the Greenbelt Theater movie house. As of July 1, city debt will be under \$3,700,000, well below its legal debt limit.

The Replacement Fund receives money annually from the General Fund (\$150,000 this budget) to be used to replace city equipment when needed. Proposed expenditures this year will be for a cargo van, the city's share of the cost of a new street sweeper shared with other cities, six exercise machines for the Fitness Center and two pick-up trucks and a truck body for Parks.

Still More Funds

There are a variety of funds included in the budget that generally are not supported by city tax funds. The Cemetery Fund accounts for maintenance of the small city cemetery off Ivy Lane using the proceeds from the sale of cemetery lots and income

earned from investing these excess funds. While there are no longer lots for sale, the city receives nominal income from service fees for burials that may still take place. However, the nominal \$3,000 budgeted for maintenance will still exceed the income from interest and service fees by ten fold.

A fund that can vary significantly from year to year is the Special Projects Fund, which accounts for special expenditures paid for by the city out of funds received from others. In this budget, the largest revenue source is the city's share of cable TV franchise fees which are used to pay the cost of operating the city's public access channel. A special cost for this year will be the city's 75th Anniversary events for which fees are charged, such as the planned dinner-dance in October.

Agency Funds consist of 11 special funds to account for special revenue received by the city designated for use for special purposes. Both the Recreation Department and Greenbelt CARES receive donations used for special purposes. The Good Samaritan Fund was established by the Greenbelt ministry as a way to provide assistance to travelers in financial need. Similarly an emergency assistance fund has been established to help needy residents pay rents, using donations received. The Adopt-A-Tree Program accounts for donations used to plant trees throughout the city. Funds confiscated by the police, such as illegal drug money, are accounted for in the Confiscated Funds Fund. If, upon adjudication, these funds are awarded to the city, they are used for police purposes. The Advisory Committee on Education receives donations from time to time and a special fund was established to account for donations to save the Greenbelt Theater.

One fund receives annual contributions from the city allocated to purchase new fire equipment for the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. from time to time. This year's contribution is \$88,000. Donations are made to the Animal Shelter to pay for the cost of neutering animals at the city clinic, an expense that should save the city money in the long run.

Another major agency fund accounts for the cost of operating Green Ridge House, the city-owned apartment house for low-income seniors and disabled. The \$1.4 million budget, supported solely by rents and federal Section 8 rental assistance funds, is reviewed by council with the apartment's management at a separate meeting.

Lastly, there are three funds to account for city capital projects. Since expenditures in these funds may be spread over a period of years and do not rely upon annual appropriations but instead upon appropriations that council makes from time to time that remain in effect until the project is completed, council chooses to consider these funds in detail later in the year, after the annual budget is adopted.

Wear White At Night

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and objects around them. Data is gathered during an hour-long series of studies incorporating positive rewards. Call Dr. Kunday at 301-663-3131 ext. 3877 if Fido would like to participate.

Dog Training
How about an animal whisperer? Inspired by Angels features the skills of Greenbelter Gena Wilson, an animal communicator. Using the sense of touch to draw energy from a pet, she opines its health status, helps solve behavioral problems and provides other needed information.

Greenbelt Dog Training offers socialization exercises and basic/advanced obedience training, one hour weekly for seven weeks.

Clicker Savvy Canines provides private in-home clicker training. After teaching what the clicker means by using treats, pets then recognize the clicker and learn to do tasks or modify aggressive behavior.

The gold standard of training was demonstrated by Greenbelt Police Department canine Brett, partner of Master Police Officer Young Hur. The primary use of canines in police work is to search for people or things using their animals' skill in detecting human odors. Brett showed off his work ethic by finding objects held by a person and then hidden from him.

Pets on Wheels volunteers and their pets visit people in vari-

ous health care settings, schools or libraries. Pets must pass an evaluation for temperament and suitability before acceptance into the program.

The Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Companion Animal Committee provided educational materials and general advice on pets and wild animals.

Rabies vaccinations for dogs, cats and ferrets were available through the Prince George's County Health Department.

Feral Cats

Bowie organization Prince George's Feral Friends, SPCA, has many facets. They offer a TNR program (trapping, neutering, returning to the location found), courses in holistic health care for pets and Compassion Watch. The latter focuses on the link between domestic violence and animal cruelty. (See compassionwatch.org.) "Teaching kids compassion will likely decrease engaging in violent behavior," said Timothy Saffell, president of the organization.

The group is also in the process of forming the Maryland Animal Law Center. Earlier this year the organization successfully sued Prince George's County for unconstitutional enforcement of the county animal control statute. The county had considered people feeding feral cats as owners and had fined them for not having ferals vaccinated and licensed.

The court found this ruling contradicted the statute clause that no person can own a wild animal (e.g., a feral cat).

Canine Beauty Contest Goes to Top Dogs

Freasky, a rat terrier, won the first-place, coveted crown in the May 12, 2012 Pet Expo beauty contest, becoming Canine Miss Greenbelt 2012. (Had the winner been male, it would be Mr. Greenbelt.) Freasky's catwalk dance was impressive but the audience was wowed by the High Five she gave dancing partner Joelyne King of Prance Around, LLC, which focuses on pet services for busy or away-from-home people.

Second place went to Xena, thought to be a collie mix. Jake, a rottweiler and fortunate adoptee from Greenbelt's Animal Control Shelter, captured third place. German shepherd Maverick was awarded fourth place.

The difficult task of judging fell to Greenbelt Animal Shelter volunteers Merijke and Richard Imberski and pet sitter John Wojcik.

- Sue Krofchik



PHOTOS BY ERIC ZHANG

Sue Levin leads Chance, her Beagle, during an agility performance outside the Community Center at Saturday's Greenbelt Pet Expo.



Joelyne King's rat terrier Freasky is the 2012 Canine Miss Greenbelt. On the right is Animal Control Officer Susie Hall.

These are just a few of the great buys you will find at Co-op this week!

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Police Blotter

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Drug Arrest

May 7, 4:49 p.m., Beltway Plaza. A 29-year-old D.C. man was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released on citation pending trial.

DWI/DUI

May 5, 1:02 p.m., Kenilworth Avenue at Ivy Lane. A 25-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with alcohol-related offenses, among other charges, after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

May 7, 12:41 a.m., 7700 block Kenilworth Avenue. A 31-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with alcohol-related offenses and other charges after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

Burglary

May 4, 5:05 p.m., 100 block Westway. Electronics, jewelry and clothing were taken.

May 4, 5:35 p.m., 2 Court Research Road. Electronics were taken.

May 6, 8:35 a.m., 100 block Westway. Electronics were among the items taken.

May 7, 11:27 a.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace. Electronics and bicycles were taken.

Vandalism

May 6, 12:10 p.m., 9200 block Springhill Lane. A window was broken.

May 6, 4:56 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. A window was broken.

May 7, 11:00 a.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. A glass door was broken.

May 8, 5:04 p.m., 7500 block Mandan Road. A glass door was broken.

Vehicle Crime

Two vehicles were stolen from Edmonston Road, a blue 1992 Cadillac with MD tags taken from the 9300 block and a gray 1999 Honda Civic, also with MD tags, from the 9100 block.

A blue 1989 Cadillac reported stolen through the Prince George's County Police was recovered in the 9300 block Edmonston Road. No arrests were made.

A theft from auto was reported in the 6500 block Capitol Drive, where three sets of wheels were taken.

Acts of vandalism occurred on Parkway Road near Crescent (mirror and antenna were damaged), 7200 block Hanover Drive (tires were punctured), 400 block Ridge Road (vehicle bumper was damaged by unknown means).

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.

Testimony Set for May 22 On Smart Meter Opt-Out

Marylanders concerned about public health and privacy issues related to PEPCO's recent installation of smart meters plan to press for an "opt-out" option on Tuesday, May 22 at a 10 a.m. hearing before the Maryland Public Service Commission (MPSC Case #9208 and 9207). If the opt-out option were available in Maryland, PEPCO customers would have the choice about whether to have digital "smart" meters or the previous analog meters.

Research continues on the potential health impact of smart meters, which pulse radio frequency (RF) radiation in microbursts continuously through the day and night. PEPCO has stated that the microbursts total less than a minute of exposure per day.

Several states have already allowed opt outs and some have

required Smart Meter removal. Opt-outs were approved in California so residents can have smart meters removed. Michigan lawmakers are considering a bill requiring utilities to allow customers to reject a smart meter and to remove a previously installed smart meter on request. In Maine the Public Utilities Commission requires an opt-out program.

Opt-out programs were approved in Nevada and Hawaii earlier this year and Vermont acted in early May to allow utility customers to opt out of smart meters.

The hearing will be held at William Donald Schaefer Tower, 6 St. Paul Street, 16th floor, Suite 900, Baltimore.

For more information on the May 22 hearing visit marylandsmartmeterawareness.org/ events.

Celebrating Mother's Day on Greenbelt Lake

by Don Comis

Ms. Mallard was mothering her six ducklings at Greenbelt Lake on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13 – seemingly as a single mother. She and her young ones were preening together on the lake shore, not minding how close they were to people on the path.

A Great Blue Heron also didn't mind the crowd at the lake on that hot Sunday – the heron hunted in the water not far from picnickers, who didn't notice the heron until I explained what I was stalking with my camera. I can't blame them since the heron could imitate the profile of the thin blades of vegetation. And I would have missed him if a walker hadn't alerted me.

And some of the 30-or-so turtles I stalked on the lake didn't mind either, especially not the one stretching its legs on a log near shore in or another that didn't mind sharing a log with a mallard. Some of the turtles seemed to have shells that were at least a foot in diameter and I could see some were red-eared pond sliders. For the turtles it was a day of sunbathing mixed with dips in the water. I not only saw the most turtles I've



One of many turtles spotted at Greenbelt Lake shares a resting spot with a mallard.

ever seen in a day sunbathing, but also the most swimming turtles – actually swimming turtle heads were all I could see except



This Great Blue Heron was well camouflaged on that hot Sunday afternoon.

PHOTOS BY DON COMIS

for an occasional glimpse of a shell below water. It was fun to watch one really large turtle try to join a line of sunbathing turtles resting on each other's backs – the turtle kept sliding back into the water until finally finding a berth.

For one mallard couple, Mother's Day was a day to spend in the shade by the peninsula, while a wood duck couple sought refuge in the shade on a fallen tree by the lake's forebay, near the peninsula.

There were several fishermen on the lake shore, including Chris Flurer, who was getting sunburned and a bit frustrated by what for him is a lowly catch – seven crappies, one fair-sized bass, two trout and three sunfish by 4 p.m. Flurer is a familiar figure on the lake, having fished there year-round since 1983.

Naturally, the big bass got away, after biting on a trout Flurer had hooked. He said it wouldn't have been the first time he caught two fish at one time. And he expected to do better as the evening wore on, knowing it was the time of day, not his fishing spot that needed correcting. He divides his fishing time on the lake among various favorite spots, each tied to a particular time of day.

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Condolences to the family and friends of former Greenbelter Helen Aulisio, 97, of Lakeland, Fla., who died May 2, 2012. Mrs. Aulisio taught at St. Hugh's school and later in the D.C. public schools before retirement in Florida. She is survived by her husband Leo and children Leander, Rosemarie, Calixtus, George G. and Julius and their families, as well as nephews George A. Aulisio of Crofton and Joe Aulisio of Greenbelt Auto and Truck Repair.

Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of former resident and Greenbelt coach Jerry W. Shafer in Lincoln, Neb., on May 11, 2012. The Shafers lived here while he worked at BARC and was active in Greenbelt sports.

Congratulations to:

– Army Reserve Spec. Michel J. Avent, a 2007 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School, who graduated from basic combat training at Ft. Jackson in Columbia, S.C. He received his bachelor's degree in 2011 from Monmouth University in West Long Branch, N.J.

– Springhill Lake Elementary School, which was one of the top 10 Prince George's County schools in the Maryland Department of Education Statewide School Breakfast Contest and will receive a cash prize from the Mid-Atlantic Dairy Association in the Share Our Strength campaign. Two county schools placed first and third, with five placing in the top 10 among the 262 schools statewide that entered. The contest recognizes the importance of breakfast to successful academic achievement and aims to increase participation in the school breakfast program.

– and best wishes for success May 23-26 to Eleanor Roosevelt High School's Team 10, whose winning secondary level Destination ImagiNation category The World Canvas at the Upper Marlboro competition April 26 advanced to the Destination Imagination Global Finals in Knoxville, Tenn., along with two other Prince George's County schools' teams.

– Greenbelt Middle School's Math Team of Farhan Malik, Aaron Mugabe, David Irahete, Chanel Olosun, Lika Nolasco and Elijah Harrison, which brought home a first and second prize in the April 28 countywide middle school math competition. Way to go!

– ERHS Seniors Sebastien Anderson and Oved Hernandez who were awarded Bill and Melinda Gates good-through-graduation annual scholarships to the college or university of their choice. The Gates Millennium Scholars Program, funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, is for outstanding low-income minority students and also includes the possibility for continuing scholarship recipients to request funding for graduate studies in certain fields.

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– Kathleen McFarland



The GHI Board of Directors has set up a Task Force to review issues of Unauthorized Leases and Vacant Units Due to Absentee Members

The next meeting is:
Tuesday, May 22nd at 7pm
in the GHI Board Room

All GHI members are welcome to attend and to express their views.

Greenbelt Baseball

Major League Standings as of May 14

American League	W-L	National League	W-L
Cardinals	8- 2	Athletics	8- 4
Cubs	8- 2	Giants	7- 5
Indians	9- 4	Tigers	6- 5
Yankees	0-12	Orioles	0-12

Major League Schedule May 21 through 26

Date	Time	Games
Monday, May 21	6 p.m.	Giants vs. Yankees
Tuesday, May 22	6 p.m.	Cubs vs. Tigers
Wednesday, May 23	6 p.m.	Orioles vs. Indians
Thursday, May 24	6 p.m.	Athletics vs. Giants
Friday, May 25	6 p.m.	Cardinals vs. Tigers
*Friday, May 25	7 p.m.	Rain Make Up (If Any)
Saturday, May 26	10 a.m.	Yankees vs. Cubs
Saturday, May 26	1 p.m.	Rain Make Up (If Any)

Most games are played at McDonald Field off Southway.
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Diabetes and Gum Disease- No Sugar Coating the Correlation



Dr. David McCarl, Dr. Clayton McCarl, Dr. Monica Mattson, Dr. Jay McCarl
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Each year about 800,000 new cases of diabetes are diagnosed. Even more frightening- the Center for Disease Control reported a 70% increase in diabetes diagnosed in 30-39 year olds from 1990-1998. In diabetics, the blood glucose level is higher than normal due to a lack of insulin. Insulin is a hormone produced by the pancreas, the organ that breaks down sugar in our bodies. Diabetics are typically unable to produce enough insulin or use the body's natural insulin. Heart disease, blindness, organ failure, and poor circulation are medical concerns associated with high glucose levels. However, diabetes also increases the risk of gum disease, which can affect your overall health.

The first stage of gum disease is gingivitis. Gingivitis occurs when normal bacteria in the mouth are not removed adequately. This causes the gums to become inflamed or swollen. Bacteria grow in plaque, a sticky film that everyone can remove with proper brushing and flossing. If the plaque is not removed, it hardens into tartar (also known as calculus). When teeth are not cleaned properly, gums start to bleed while brushing and flossing, a sign of gingivitis. Only a professional cleaning by your dental hygienist or dentist and can remove tartar or calculus.

If gingivitis is ignored, more severe gum disease called periodontitis may develop. Periodontitis causes pockets to form between your teeth and gums. The gums pull away from your teeth allowing more germs to enter. The resulting infection may cause bone loss around your teeth which often leads to loose teeth.

Research indicates a strong correlation between gum disease and diabetes. Diabetics are more prone to bacterial infections and cannot fight bacterial infections as well as a patient with normal glucose levels. Common symptoms of oral infections include swelling, pus, pain while chewing or general pain in the mouth, oral sensitivity to temperature and sweetness, and white or red patches within the mouth.

New studies emphasize the importance of oral health and suggest that gum disease may actually contribute to diabetes. Serious oral infections

like periodontitis can cause unbalanced glucose levels which increase the risk factors for diabetes.

Preventing oral health problems in diabetics is first controlled by regulating diabetes. Keep a healthy glucose level. Secondly, brush and floss your teeth properly at least twice daily. Finally, maintain regular check-ups with your dentist. Make sure to keep your dentist and hygienist updated on your health condition, medications, and glucose levels. Dental procedures are best performed when blood sugar is carefully controlled. Diabetics are

typically slower healers, so regulating diabetes allows for a faster healing time. Remember to eat before heading to the dentist and stick to your normal meal plans afterwards in order to maintain regular blood sugar levels. If you cannot

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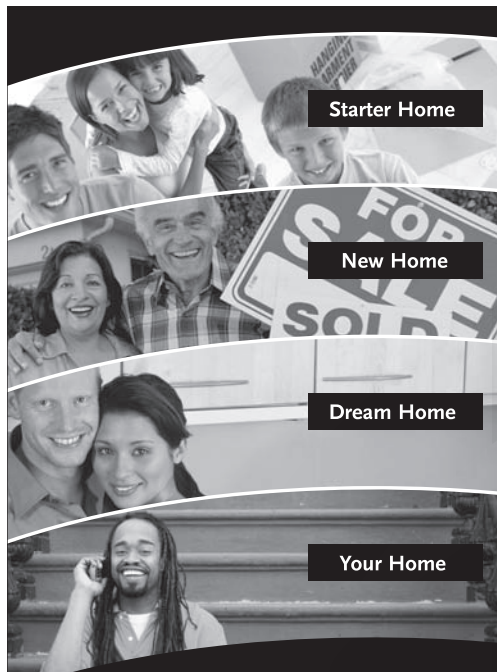
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From left, Jamie Rogers-Sites (Chase), Ruby Maul, Guilina Blough and Ava Howard (lead puppies) and Elizabeth Gardner (Courtney).

“Summer Circus” Play Wows Crowd at GES

by Karen Yoho

Dancing horses, playful pachyderms and comical clowns graced the stage at Greenbelt Elementary School on May 4 as students presented “Summer Circus” to a standing room-only audience.

Horses, elephants and clowns were second, first and fourth graders respectively. They were joined by other grades presenting circus-themed acts, along with a cast of cousins and eccentric Aunt Beverly (played by 4th grade teacher Rachel Allred) performing musical numbers.

Produced by parents Lucy Dirksen and Anne Gardner, the play marked the first time in recent history that such a performance was presented at the school. Directors Colleen Arnold, Ian Rogers and Rebekah Levy and vocal coaches Melissa Sites, Lorey

Halada and Dara Case worked with students during the day.

The entire school laughed and cheered through the dress rehearsal performance on Wednesday. Dozens of parents and friends of the school, including pianist Stefan Brodd, supported the project, helping with the various pieces, parts and props needed. “Summer Circus” is an original musical written by Greenbelter Chris Cherry.

With ticket sales, donations and refreshment sales, the PTA raised close to \$500.

All proceeds went toward the purchase of new stage curtains bought by the PTA and installed just a few weeks before the show. Costumes and backdrops were funded by a grant from the City of Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE).



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75th Anniversary

Hijinks Carried the Day for Early Town Youth

by Leo Slaughter

Greenbelt, a town of over 800 row homes built by the federal government, is celebrating its 75th year. My sister, Joanne Kellaher, still a resident, and I were among the first 50 families to move in. Only two years old at the time, she doesn't remember the early years and asked me for my childhood memories. So here they are, from a six- to 11-year-old's view . . .

When I won his last marble, the bully became enraged and threatened to beat me up. I deduced he was dead serious so I took off running with my attacker in hot pursuit. I crossed Ridge Road and made it into the woods where I found my old familiar pine climbing trees. Up the broken-off stubs of branches I went until I ran out of tree. The bully was now on the lower stubs and closing fast. In the top of a 30-foot pine is no place to have a wrestling match so I did what any red-blooded, 30s American boy would do. I reached up one leg of my short pants, pulled out my only weapon and peed all over my adversary. Wet, sticky and stinking, he retreated for home and mom. Not sure about the outcome of this little encounter, I just sat in my favorite pine and meditated about my immediate future, if any. In due time my antagonist and his mom returned. As I expected, she scolded me for my lack of good sense but that was nothing more than I routinely got from my dad. Besides, I had won the battle. All the while she was scolding me, she was under an umbrella . . .!

The following day, my dried-out friend and I were playing marbles, stickup and two knockers, the best of friends. That's the way it was in the brand new town of Greenbelt in 1937.

A First Family

We moved to Greenbelt on October 30, 1937, one of the first 50 families. My folks chose D block, an end house on a three-home row. We would have a side yard, some quiet and two of the bedrooms would have windows facing two directions for a good view. When mom moved in, she said she expected to die in that house. She was then 30 years of age. She would leave for a nursing home when she was almost 90. The original Greenbelter could and did come from anywhere, just as long as they were white. We were one of the lucky 800 families out of 4,000 applicants. No dogs, cats or other pets were allowed, which was OK for me. Early on there were no hedges or fences either. The bread man, milkman, mailman, paperboy and we kids did not have to walk 50 yards to cover just 10 yards.

There was no booze to be had anywhere in town. If you wanted a beer, you had to drive out to Route 1, which wasn't easy as Greenbelt Road ended at the high school. In a time before clothes dryers, you were not allowed to hang out clothes on a Sunday. And all garbage had to be placed into the containers embedded in the ground. No trashcans were placed outside,

ever. As I remember it, if you made over \$1,200 a year, you had to move. And the strangest rule of all – no blacks were allowed. How that one got by Eleanor Roosevelt, I never understood.

The first few months there was a small one-room country store where 38 Court now sits. I only remember it because it was close to our home and for a penny, you could buy a cracker with a ball of candy on each end of the stick.

I remember visiting Greenbelt with my parents prior to its completion. At that time, there was a guardhouse the size of a large phone booth on the road between what is now the Legion home and the old high school. The guard would check our passes before we could enter to check out our future home choices. If memory serves me, that guard became the first town cop. He rode around town in an all-white police car. At a time when all cars were black, we young troublemakers could spot that car coming a mile away!

That first year there was a small display home built just to the right of the high school. The same type of home was located at the end of the row on Ridge Road that contained the doctors' offices. The large, open field beyond that display house later became the town victory gardens during World War II.

A Plane Crash

Schrom's airport provided lots of excitement and entertainment for us boys. I remember spending summer weekdays sitting on the fence at the high end of the runway nearest town. When the wind was right, the planes landed from that end and were almost touchable as they passed overhead while landing. One day, a pilot coming out of level and too low, clipped the fence post next to me and crashed! That ended my fence-sitting days . . .

Picnics were still a favorite pastime for families at that time and we had thousands of acres of woods from which to choose. Lots of picnics were held each Sunday at the lake, either on the grass or in the white log pavilion. Another favorite spot was in the area around the water tower. An old abandoned orchard there provided activity for kids. That location fell out of favor with my dad when he discovered a local citizen had dumped a large stack of Daily Worker newspapers at that site.

Another memory is of the town disposal plant that was located below the lake on land now occupied by a huge hotel. All the town sewage traveled there for treatment before dumping into the same stream that was the overflow from the lake. We never fished below that treatment pipe! Just a few feet before that return pipe, there was a small one-car bridge on a dirt road that people used as a place to park and wash their cars. They dipped clean water from the upstream side while the soap and dirt returned to the downstream. That bridge was also a very popular parking spot for young lovers after dark. It was always busy as the creek

conveniently washed waste and litter downstream . . .

Next to the disposal plant was the town's shooting range used by local gun clubs. Later in the mid-40s, the high school had a gun club and we shot there every Friday afternoon. A high school gun club with real guns . . . imagine that today!

In the beginning, there was a pea gravel-covered walking path from the top of A block hill all the way to the high school, a distance of about a mile through woods and fields. A decade later, I would squirrel hunt that trail on my way to high school, then hide my .22 in the woods and attend classes. Also at that time it was not unusual for me to catch the 5 a.m. bus with my shotgun in hand and ride out to the streetcar and take it to the end of the line in Beltsville for a day of hunting in that area. And then return home using the same method only with the transportation crowded with people.

Kids' Play

Another play adventure for the young adventurers among us was storm water drain crawling. The gutsy among us lifted a manhole cover up and set it aside. Then we descended into the hole's depths and crawled in the direction the large diameter pipe until we ran out of sight of the manhole's light.

After we returned to the surface, we replaced the manhole cover and hoped no adults witnessed our prank. The place I liked best for this exploring was at the open-ended drain below the center's playground at the softball field. There was no manhole cover to lift or return and light was visible for a much greater distance.

There were some boys who entered that pipe and crawled through the dark maze until they came to a manhole cover somewhere in town and then they raised the cover and exited it like a groundhog exits its hole.

Storm sewer exploring with its wet, slime, cave crickets and the pipe's small diameter was an adventure for very small boys and within a couple of years, my gang had all outgrown the sport.

Roller-skating was also a favorite activity. The skates were all-metal including the wheels and clamped onto regular shoes using a skate key that adjusted the skate to any size. The metal wheels were hollow and wore out rapidly on the rough concrete sidewalks. Greenbelt's elaborate sidewalk system would allow us to skate all over town without crossing a road if we were brave enough to roll down the steep hills and through the underpasses. The steepest and most dangerous of those was the underpass across from the town's center. In short pants and no gloves or helmet, it took a brave or foolhardy kid to try that one! And don't even think about skating back up for a second try.

At the top of A block, a toboggan slope, maybe 25 feet wide, had been cut through the woods down to the shallow end of the lake. There it crossed a wooden bridge over the lake entrance creek. The toboggan slide was never used and quickly grew over. After all, who during

the Great Depression owned a toboggan? Sleigh riding always took place on A block hill's asphalt road.

In 1937 the grassy area in front of the elementary school was filled with tarpaper shacks and construction equipment. The following spring, it had new sod grass and we first-graders were forced to dance around the Maypole, which, even at six years old, I considered an absolutely stupid idea.

Exploring the Dump

The town dump was in the general area where Plateau Place and Ridge Road now meet. A road off Northway led to the dump, which we young kids found fascinating to explore for goodies we might use. Later, to make space for the defense homes, the new dump was placed in the woods across the road from the American Legion but out of sight.

Across the road from 41 Court Ridge, there was a trail through the woods that led to a primitive two-story log cabin that had been thoroughly gutted. A year or so later, it burned to the ground. We never found out who burned it or why. The small fire department had a difficult time keeping the fire contained and we kids used the trail they cut for years.

In 1937 the area where the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. office sits was a small farm. There was a large, two-story, wooden house at the back. There were never any crops or stock. The white folks who lived there (Oldhams, I believe) were even poorer than the rest of us.

In the late 30s and beyond, Protestants and Jews held their services in Center School, Catholics in the movie theater. The Catholics got the best of the deal. The laid-back seats were soft and there was no place to kneel. Later, when I began to deliver Sunday papers at 4 a.m., I would sit in the last row, tilt my head back against the high wood divider and catch up on my lost sleep.

So what did kids do in a world devoid of telephones, TV and computers? Just about anything we wanted to do! The long rows of garages with their cement floors and no partitions or doors were terrific for bad weather fun and to avoid the hot summer sun and heat. Girls played jump rope and hopscotch, both great exercise. There were no fat girls in those days. Boys played catch or bounced balls off the cinderblock walls when alone. Everyone rode bicycles and if another row of garages faced the first, it was even better to ride in a large circle through both. In rainy weather, the garages would be full of kids of all ages. It was lots more fun than sitting inside with mom listening to Ma Perkins or Lum and Abner on the radio.

In good weather, we were outside from early morning until dark. The signal to come in was when your parent turned on the back light. And God help you if you didn't respond quickly.

Editor's Note: Slaughter's memories will continue in a future issue.

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containing listed FY12 accomplishments, proposed FY13 management objectives and some other issues. Judging by the level of questions, comments and discussion, the attention of council was decidedly "green."

Councilmembers were pleased with a graphic included in the budget document that clearly showed ever-increasing recycling totals for the city and corresponding decreases for the amount of trash going to the county landfill. This divergence had started during Fiscal Years 2005 and 2006. By 2011 the amount recycled had reached 61 percent and is on the way to 63 percent by 2015. Also noted were recent county and state efforts to increase recycling requirements for apartment developments.

City Recycling

As discussion proceeded, however, council and staff realized the city itself has to do a better job of recycling in its own buildings, operations and even for events and food functions held on city property. Staff indicated that efforts are planned to promote more recycling in city buildings and parks. One drawback, however, is that containers for such programs are expensive.

The theme of conservation, sustainability and respect for the natural environment carried through most of the evening. Council-staff discussions, for example, touched on vehicle and fuel selection, storm water management measures, pervious streets, protection of the forest preserve, a tree master plan and use of chemicals.

In contrast to recycling efforts, the city's efforts to transition to cleaner fuels and more environmentally friendly vehicles has not been very successful. Hall said the department continues to evaluate both cleaner fuels and more energy-efficient vehicles but cost, availability and fuel choices present problems.

Since this budget worksession was telecast live, it can be viewed on the city's website at www.greenbeltmd.gov.

Ceccarini to Speak On People's Gardens

The Beltsville Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, May 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the James E. Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail, Beltsville. Annie Ceccarini, outreach and education coordinator for the People's Garden Initiative at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, will speak on USDA'S People's Garden Initiative: A Growing Movement. Ceccarini develops, coordinates and teaches healthy gardening and sustaining cultivation techniques to youths and adults including more than 100 USDA employee volunteers.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting. Bring a plant or plant-related material for the club's door prize table. The public is welcome and admission is free.

For more information or details call Louise DeJames at 301-890-4733 or visit beltsvillegardenclub.org.