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County Considers Cutting Paid Firefighters in Greenbelt

by Barbara Hopkins

Since 1963, Prince George's County has provided assistance to Greenbelt by assigning paid, career firefighters to man the firehouse during the day when most of the volunteers are at their paying jobs. Recently, Randy Krob, chief of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department (GVFD), met with county fire department staff to learn that this assistance may be in jeopardy. Due to a deficiency in personnel and funds, the county is considering limiting its participation in some fire departments and removing the four career firefighters currently deployed to Greenbelt for daytime coverage. The ambulance used by GVFD belongs to the county but has not been slated for removal.

Using Statistics

Krob was told in the meeting that statistics would be used in the allocation of county resources in the future, and the statistics showed that Greenbelt's volun-

teers could carry the load sufficiently. Krob, however, disputed some of the numbers and told city councilmembers at their meeting on March 25 that the county only used one year's worth of data in developing the statistical report. He complained to county representatives that Greenbelt citizens would be penalized for having active, dedicated volunteer firemen. In an interview, Krob said he had later tried to verify some of the data and found that in the majority of cases in one category, the figures were skewed because of incorrect assumptions in the computerized tracking program. He said other discrepancies exist as well.

Other Departments

The Branchville Fire Department has also been notified of pending cutbacks, and stations from the neighboring communities of Berwyn Heights (which has no water pumper trucks), Glenn Dale, College Park, Lanham, Riverdale

and perhaps Beltsville would be called upon during the day to cover emergencies in Greenbelt and Branchville, as well as cover their own citizens' needs. Some of these stations may also find their resources reduced. Krob said it would be some time in April before plans affecting Greenbelt and the surrounding areas would be fully known.

Council Action

Krob first notified Greenbelt City Council of possible changes at its meeting on March 11, after he had received a memo in which Lieutenant Colonel William R. McGown, of the Emergency Operations Command, Office of the Fire Chief of Prince George's County, directed Krob to schedule a conference with members of that office. At that time, council decided to send a letter to county officials, with copies to Greenbelt's county del-

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Review of County General Plan Raises Concerns among Council

by Judy Bell

The latest version of a county plan, the Preliminary General Plan for Prince George's County, was presented to the Greenbelt City Council on March 25, with councilmembers giving good marks for presentation and expressing serious concerns about the content.

As outlined by Tom Tyson, planner coordinator for the Countywide Planning Division, the plan's purpose is to provide broad goals, objectives, policies and strategies to guide future development within the county, to provide a guide for new county master plans (such as the area plan which includes Greenbelt) to make revisions to existing development regulations and to act as a guide for the funding of public improve-

ments as well as for future economic development proposals.

Tyson pointed out several times that this plan does not make recommendations for specific properties; similarly, it does not make recommendations for specific public facilities such as major streets. These details will be the subject of future planning efforts, Tyson commented.

The introduction to the plan notes that this latest version "embraces and, in some instances, modifies the goals, policies and strategies of the Biennial Growth Policy Plan, which was adopted by the County Council in November 2000." A General Plan was last done in 1982.

Parts I and II

The plan consists of five parts,

with Part I being an overview. Part II, Development Pattern Element, designates three growth policy tiers - developed, developing and rural - and characteristics, opportunities and constraints unique to each. Within the developed and developing tiers, a corridors and centers overlay focuses public investment in specific areas of the county where intensive development is envisioned.

Corridors

Tyson explained that a large part of the plan focuses on centers, which are metropolitan, regional or community, and corridors along seven major highways. Six corridors were in the Biennial Plan; the General Plan adds a seventh, University Boulevard from the county line to the Capital Beltway.

In addressing the three tiers in Part II, Tyson explained that the developed tier is largely inside the Beltway. The plan recommends revitalization, infill and re-development in order to preserve, restore and enhance the environment, including such examples as two-story and smaller community-oriented elementary schools.

The developing tier lies mostly outside the Beltway, west of Route 301 and north of the Mattawoman Basin, Tyson said. Plan recommendations are too slow and reduce the proportion of county growth in the area.

The rural tier is defined as the area beyond the water and sewer

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PHOTO BY LEONARD WALLACE

Chef Lou's dessert shop in Roosevelt Center was broken into in the early morning hours of March 29. Glass was smashed. A cash register was stolen and recovered late in the day near the 20 Court of Ridge Road, police reported.

Middle School Renovations Reviewed at ACE Meeting

by Mary Moien

The Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) at its March 26 meeting reviewed four proposed plans for the renovation of Greenbelt Middle School and then came up with their own new proposal - to build a new school and to connect it to the historic part of a renovated original school. Their suggestion will be forwarded to the city council for discussion.

The four original plans ranged from renovating the old school with no additions to abandoning the old school building and constructing an entirely new building. These plans were detailed in a recent News Review article. Constructing the new building would be least disruptive to the students as they could remain in the current school until moving to the new school. It would also take the least time. As detailed in the proposal, constructing an entirely new school would also be cheapest, especially since it

would not devote any funds to the original historic school, a structure which cannot be torn down as it is protected under the National Register of Historic Places.

The ACE members had several concerns about the new school plan. They approved of the idea of building an entirely new school as being least disruptive. However, the new school space was smaller than the current space and that was unacceptable, as it appeared that the new school would be overcrowded before it was completed. They proposed that the new building be constructed as planned but that it be connected to the original historic sections of the current school and that those areas be renovated as offices, health center, media center or for other purposes. It appeared that the cost of doing this might not exceed

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Beware of Phone Scam

The Greenbelt Police Department warns that con artists saying they represent AT&T have been calling local senior citizens and attempting to obtain Social Security numbers and driver's license information. Apparently they claim to be offering some sort of telephone service. Police have contacted AT&T and were advised the company has not been making such calls.

Residents are cautioned to give out no personal information or credit card numbers to any person soliciting by telephone. Anyone experiencing such a telephone call should contact police at 301-474-7200.

Letters to the Editor

B.t. Concerns

In response to the city's plan to spray pesticide from aircraft to kill gypsy moths, we're concerned that the city council and the Advisory Committee on Trees might not have had all the facts about the pesticide *Bacillus thuringiensis* (B.t.) before making their decision.

During a search on the Internet to get more information about B.t., we discovered that pesticide manufacturers do not disclose the "inert" ingredients of their B.t. formulations because such ingredients are considered to be trade secrets. Some formulations include highly reactive chemicals that may cause adverse health effects.

Apparently, few studies have been conducted on B.t.'s health effects; however, people exposed to B.t. during spray programs in Vancouver, Oregon, and Washington state complained of various symptoms including seizure, fever, altered consciousness, allergy and asthma problems, and respiratory, eye, and skin irritations. People with weakened immune systems or pre-existing allergies were advised to leave the area during the time of actual spraying because of their particular susceptibility to the effects of B.t.

Of additional concern is the fact that the EPA does not require the testing of B.t. for carcinogenicity, mutagenicity, or chronic toxicity.

Many states have responded to the available scientific evidence

by prohibiting the aerial spraying of B.t. except in forest areas remote from human habitation.

In addition to affecting human health, B.t. can adversely affect beneficial insects and seriously reduce the population and variety of the moths and butterflies on which birds and mammals feed.

We are also concerned about the health of residents in the neighborhoods surrounding Plateau Place, as well as the children attending the nearby elementary school. Aerial sprays of B.t. have been found to drift up to two miles from a targeted area.

We encourage the city council to reconsider its decision. But, if spraying goes ahead as planned, we urge Greenbelt residents who cannot leave the area on the day(s) of spraying to stay indoors with their windows closed.

Neysa S. Narena
Michael J. Vandamm

THANK YOU

Thank you to all my friends, neighbors, and Golden Agers for the get well wishes and prayers. It helped me very much for my recovery from the accident. Thanks again.

God bless you all.

E. G. (Gerti) Wines

Use Caution

Last week's letter to the editor by my former neighbor Andrew Levin regarding pedestrians in Greenbelt caused me to put in my two cents worth. Also living

on Northway, I use the crosswalk at St. Hugh's daily, weather permitting. When doing so, I follow this procedure: 1) push the light button; 2) walk up to the road as far as possible (i.e. up to the white line) and 3) in case a car is approaching, make eye-contact with the driver in that car.

I would say that this results in about 98 percent of the drivers stopping to let me cross the road. In the remaining 2 percent I point to the blinking yellow light, shaking my head very disapprovingly, while keeping eye-contact as long as possible. I regard this as the "educational part" of my approach. And of course, I do not cross until that "bad" car has passed.

In my book 98 percent is a pretty high success rate, demonstrating that the lights and markings do work.

My only concern is with children, who may have a false sense of security after pushing the light button. I would recommend that the parents who give their children permission to use St. Hugh's crosswalk unattended instruct their children to always (light or no light) first look to the left, then look to the right, then look to the left again, before crossing. Then only cross when either all cars have stopped or when there is no traffic.

And regarding those "dank tunnels," mentioned in above cited letter to the editor: our underpasses are part of what makes our city great!

Leonie Penney

The Old Curmudgeon

by I. J. Parker

magic, you name it.

But Berle was a panic. I remember laughing so hard my stomach hurt and I waited for him to stop telling jokes so that I could recover. He spouted one-liners in machine-gun rapidity.

With the advent of television, I was married at that time and had several children. I lived in Greenbelt but could not afford a TV. Some friends, Larry and Lee Fink, lived several doors away and they owned a television set, rabbit ears and all. I asked them (pleaded, more likely) if I could watch Milton Berle on their set and they agreed.

When I showed up on their

doorstep, there were about eight young kids waiting to get in. The Fink family was finishing dinner and we all had to wait. So there I sat with all the kids. When finally admitted, I would sit on the floor, amid all the children, and watch Uncle Miltie. I knew all his one-liners by heart, yet I still enjoyed his antics.

Waiting at the doorstep became a weekly ritual, until I got my own TV. Those were the days.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

Week of April 5

Kissing Jessica Stein (R)

Friday

Kissing Jessica Stein
*5:20, 7:30, 9:40

Saturday

Classic Matinee at Noon
See Laurel & Hardy in
"Sons of the Desert" plus
Short Subjects --
FREE ADMISSION

Kissing Jessica Stein
*3:15, *5:20, 7:30, 9:40

Sunday

Kissing Jessica Stein
*3:15, *5:20, 7:30

Monday - Thursday

Kissing Jessica Stein 7:30

*These shows at \$4.00



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the higher costs of some of the other proposed construction plans.

Education Fund

According to the committee, Councilmember Edward Putens has proposed a plan to raise funds dedicated to schools by way of a city tax. The city attorney has indicated that city money cannot be given directly to Greenbelt schools. ACE is investigating the needs of the Greenbelt schools and looking into possible activities that might be covered by city funds. These might include using the city bus to transport students to before- and after-school day care, providing during- and after-school programs to assist with reading and

other needed skills, and increasing the numbers of volunteers and the breadth of their activities in the schools. A report will be produced for the city council.

Reading Reception

On April 23 there will be a reception to honor participants in the ACE reading club. This year the focus will be on the winners of a contest to describe why "Reading is Fun." Although the program has been very successful, the city has been less successful in obtaining the funds promised in a state grant approved almost a year ago.

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HLEP! HEPL! EHLP! LEPH! HELP!

The News Review needs help with it's Wednesday nit proofreading session. If you can spot the mistakes, in the add and give at lest to hours, one nite a month, we need you. This is a volunteer job wiht only nominale pay.

Call 301-441-2662, 301-474-8483 or 301-513-0482 to volunteer, pleez.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA MEETING OF GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Thursday, April 11, 2002
7:30 p.m.

Community Center

GHI Key Agenda Items

- Gutter Cleaning Contract - 2nd Reading
- Resale Inspection Process
- Window Glass Repair Policy
- Living Trust
- Maglev Train Project

Regular board meetings are open to members.

Holocaust Reality Explored in Talk

Explorations Unlimited welcomes Peter Masters, author of "Striking Back, a Jewish Commando's War Against the Nazis," on Friday, April 12. Masters was born in Vienna, Austria. When he was 16, the Nazis took over and he was fortunate to escape to England. Masters' presentation will tell about the reality of the holocaust and his view that all European Jews did not go like lambs to the slaughter, given half a chance. There are some obvious parallels to the terrorist threats of today.

After the war Masters became the first Fulbright scholar from Britain to the U.S. He worked as a graphic designer and art director in TV and as art director of President Johnson's War on Poverty, where he designed the logos of Job Corps and Head Start still in use today.

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

Greenbriar Hosts New Residents

Greenbriar and Glen Oaks will host a reception for new residents on Tuesday, April 9, in the Terrace Room at the Greenbriar Community Center from 6 to 8 p.m. Representatives will be on hand to talk with residents and answer questions. Residents are encouraged to welcome new members of the community. Hors d'oeuvres will be served. Contact Tina Murphy at 301-441-1096 to register or for additional information.

SHHH to Discuss Stress Reduction

At the April 11 meeting of the Prince George's County Group of Self Help for Hard of Hearing, a discussion on stress reduction for people who are hard of hearing will be presented. Ever felt left out of the conversation because part of the discussion wasn't understandable? Or had to ask a person to repeat the information several times in order to respond to a question? Stress factors build up and self image plummets when a hard-of-hearing person confronts these occasions. Join the Prince George's County group on Thursday, April 11, 2 to 4 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center to learn ways to handle these situations.

For direction or further information call 301-474-0345.

Home and Garden Club Meets Tuesday

Creative and practical gardeners will appreciate the Tuesday, April 9, meeting of the Greenbelt Home and Garden Club.

Set for 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center, the evening will feature a demonstration and discussion by Greenbelter Kevin Donnelly. His topic is "Producing Your Own Plants for the Garden." Guests are always welcome.

There will be a quick outline of the annual plant and "attic treasure" sale to be held Saturday, May 4, in front of the Community Center.

For more information, call 301-345-5356.

Community Events

Music at New Deal

Kim Buchanan, Cindy Kalmenson and Rachel Cross will star in "A Celebration Evening of Women in Song," presented by the New Deal Café on Friday, April 12 at 8 p.m.

There is a fee. For more information, call 301-474-5642.

Greek Dancers Prepare for Festivals

The Greek Folk Dance Group of Greenbelt will be resuming their regular dance activities starting Sunday, April 7. The group meets on Sundays in the dance studio of the Greenbelt Community Center from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., with the first half hour reserved for newcomers to the group. The remainder of the session is devoted to reviewing dances learned earlier and to adding new dances to the group's repertoire. The group also holds parties and visits local tavernas on special occasions, as well as attends the many lively Greek festivities held in the Washington area during the spring and fall.

At the April 7 open-house event, regular class members will perform dances from various parts of Greece. Guests are invited to join in. No partner is required, since all of the dances done will be line dances, some of which will be easy enough for newcomers to pick up quickly. Some of the dances reflect the multicultural influences of other countries in the region, including dances that are similarly performed in Bulgaria, Turkey and Albania. The round of classes in the following weeks will focus on dances done most often at local festivals, including the Hasapiko, an extremely popular Zorba-style line dance, and the Zeybekiko, a highly expressive free-style solo dance performed at festivals and tavernas in the area. Those deciding to join the group may sign up at the end of the open-house session.

Astronomy Club

Come explore the universe! The Greenbelt Astronomy Club is celebrating by holding a star gazing party on Saturday, April 6 and everyone is invited. The event begins at dusk and is scheduled to last until at least 11 p.m. Club members will be on hand with a variety of telescopes and binoculars to share views of the planet Jupiter with its moons, Saturn with its rings, star clusters, nebula, constellations and more. The location will be Northway Ball Fields, at the end of Northway. The event is free and open to the public. In the event of hopelessly cloudy skies, this event will be cancelled.

Greenbelt Pottery Hosts Family Tea

Greenbelt Pottery, Inc. will host a family tea party from 1 to 4 p.m. on April 7, during the Recreation Department's Artful Afternoon.

Free tea and refreshments will be provided, and members of the Greenbelt Pottery, a friends' group to the city's ceramic programs, will be available to give tours, do demonstrations and answer questions. There will also be a simple pinch pot workshop for those interested in getting their hands in the clay.

The public is invited to purchase fine pottery or sign up for a class.

Movie of the Month

by Martha Kaufman

The movie of the month at the Community Center will be shown on April 8 at 1 p.m. in the senior classroom. The four-star film, "Laura," with Gene Tierney, Dana Andrews, Judith Anderson and Vincent Price, was directed by Otto Preminger. This fascinating story, witty and suspenseful, is about a death, the investigation and the surprises that follow.

Learn to Jump Rope

The Greenbelt City Stars will hold jump rope classes on Mondays from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 1 to 3 p.m. Those interested can join in single rope and double dutch instruction. There is a fee for non-residents only. Call Kim at 301-503-6962 or register on the Website at www.greenbeltsitystars.com.

Dog Show Benefits Fire Department

To benefit the Greenbelt Fire Department and Rescue Squad, an AKC Canine Good Citizen Test will be sponsored by Greenbelt Dog Training on Saturday, April 13 from noon to 4 p.m. Pet/owner photos available.

The event is open to all dogs, mixed breeds welcome, with county registration and proof of rabies shots. The Fire Department is located at 125 Crescent Road. There is a fee.

NARFE Meets

The next meeting of NARFE (National Federation of Retired Federal Employees), Chapter 1122, will be held on Wednesday, April 10 at noon at the American Legion on Greenbelt Road. People should notify Robert Hass at 301-937-7987 if they plan to attend, as the Legion requires advance notice in order to prepare food. Securing a new meeting place is on the agenda.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

President Ima Davis opened the meeting on March 29. Florence Holly led the invocation and read a poem.

Travel committee members Shirleyann Egenreider and Phyllis Budin reminded members of the trips to Hanover, Pa, the Botanic Gardens and Sculpture Gardens.

Ken Keeney, Sunshine chair, sent get well cards to Geneva Halsey and Dorothy Wilhelm. Arlene Souser is now at home.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Rose Haber and Janet Brown. Congratulations to Ken and Pearl Keeney on their 60th wedding anniversary.

Membership chair Ernie Varda reminded everyone the deadline for paying dues is April 4. People who want their names on the new membership list or want to attend the anniversary luncheon must have paid their dues.

Mark Benson gave a presentation for Cavalier Telephones. Mark works for the Department of Aging and has a TV program with Health and Welfare on Saturdays.

The meeting on April 10 will be a "song fest." So get those voices ready and come and join in.

It's great to be in Greenbelt in the spring. The beautiful trees and flowers bring joy and peace to everyone.

At the Library

Children's Programs

Tuesday, April 9, 7 p.m. Cliffhangers for ages 5 to 8.

Wednesday, April 10, 10:15 a.m. Cuddletime for ages 12 to 24 months with caregiver.

4 p.m. Bookids Discussion Group for ages 8 to 12.

Thursday, April 11, 10:15 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5.

11:15 a.m. Toddler Time for two-year-olds with caregiver.

Adult Programs

Saturday, April 13, 10:30 a.m. Poetry Plus. Discussion group for adults. Theme: Spring.

GHI Notes


Members are reminded that this Saturday, April 6 is Community Clean-up Day.

The Woodlands Committee will meet April 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the GHI lunchroom.

The GHI Board of Directors will meet April 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center.

The next informational seminar about GHI for prospective members is scheduled for Monday, April 20 at 11:00 a.m. at the GHI offices.

Members are always welcome to attend Committee and Board meetings.

SHARE Food Network- New Distribution Site!
Community based, non-profit network providing nutritious, low cost food packages (\$30-35 value) for just \$15 and 2 hrs. volunteer service.
Available to everyone.

GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH
Corner of Crescent and Greenhill Roads
Contact Susan, 301-474-4212 x6
People Building Community Order by Apr 8 - Pick Up Apr 19 6-7 pm
"Building Bridges to the Family of God thru the Love of Christ"

GREENBELT
Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc.
Post Office Box 35
Greenbelt, Maryland 20768

April 2002

Dear Citizens and Business Owners of Greenbelt:

It is that time again to ask for your generous donations to help support the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. We will be starting our annual general fund drive in the middle of April. We truly appreciate your contributions during the previous fund drives.

You will receive your donation package in the mail during the month of April. You may choose to mail your donation back to us or bring it to the station and hand it to one of our volunteers. We are located at 125 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD. If you should misplace your donation package, you can still mail us your contribution. Our mailing address is Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Dept., P.O. Box #35, Greenbelt, MD 20768.

As in the past, I would like to emphasize strongly that you do not accept any solicitations over the telephone from persons identifying themselves as members or representatives of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. For this annual general fund drive during the month of April, we only ask for donations through the mail.

We have received some questions from concerned citizens as to some of our other scheduled fundraisers. Our Ladies Auxiliary conducts a picture/portrait fund drive in the fall. This fundraiser involves representatives from a contracted corporation that go door to door through the city of Greenbelt. They are instructed to show a city permit and a letter from the Ladies Aux. During the month of December we conduct what we call our annual boot drive. We station our members at various intersections collecting donations.

Again, may I thank you for our very important past and continued support during our upcoming general fund drive.

Jay A. Remenick
President
Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc.

Sign Up For Babe Ruth Baseball

Players born 8-1-88 to 7-31-89
Call Mark @ 301 793-0097
or Rich @ 301 812-8141

Players born 8-1-86 to 7-31-88,
Call John @ 301 474-3707

Players born 8-1-83 to 7-31-86,
Call Bob @ 301 345-1033



Sign Up For Fast Pitch Softball

Girls age 12-18 and Women 18 and over,
Call Kelly @ 301 441-9414

Egg Hunters Gathered



PHOTO BY ANDY CARRUTHERS

Lauren Hill, right, age 3, and brother Ian Brady, 18 months, were among over 100 eager participants in the always popular annual Easter egg hunt held at Buddy Attick Park on Monday.

ACE Reviews Thornton Report

At the request of city council, the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) has reviewed the report of the Commission on Education Finance, Equity & Excellence, commonly called the Thornton Commission, and the recommendations of the Prince George's County Education Equity and Excellence Coalition on this report. ACE recommends that the council support the report of the commission and write a letter of support for the State House and Senate bills adopting the commission's report or sign the resolution of the Prince George's County Education Equity and Excellence Coalition. Council adopted these recommendations at its recent meeting.

The Thornton Commission report is the result of two years of study on school aid in the state of Maryland. It concluded that the existing funding structure does not provide equitable and adequate funding. Further, it said that although Maryland is among the wealthiest states in the U.S., it ranks only 34th among states in state public education funding per pupil, and only 45th among states in state public education spending per \$1,000 of personal income. The commission has made a number of recommendations to provide the necessary

funding to allow students and schools to meet performance standards. The commission's recommendations would result in increased funding for all schools – a \$1.1 billion increase in school aid over five years. Prince George's County would receive \$305 million over the five years.

Other recommendations include: providing additional funding for students with special needs including special education students, economically disadvantaged students and students with limited English proficiency; distributing state aid in a way that is inversely related to the wealth of the jurisdiction (wealth equalization); providing funding for full-day kindergarten; and providing funding for gifted and talented students in the base funding level.

The Prince George's County Education Equity and Excellence Coalition urges legislative support for the Commission's report. The coalition includes the educational leadership of Prince George's County: representatives from the Board of Education, the County Council of PTAs, and school administrators and educators unions.



Natasha Betancourt was welcomed into the world on October 31 by grandparents Tom and Lori Moran. She lives with her parents, Kathleen and Efrain Betancourt, and big sister, Mikayla, in New Market.

Colin Joseph Bast entered the world on Valentine's Day at Holy Cross Hospital. Colin's mother is the assistant property manager of Glen Oaks. Colin's grandparents are Greenbriar Activities Director Tina Murphy and her husband, Wayne.

Sumiko Fayza Hossain graduated summa cum laude last autumn from Salisbury University. She received a bachelor of science degree in business administration.

Alyson McKenzie Miers is another fall graduate of Salisbury University. She received a bachelor of arts degree in English.

Plant Sale April 13

The Beltsville Garden Club will sponsor its first plant sale (rain or shine) on Saturday, April 13, from 8 a.m. to noon, at High Point High School, 3601 Powder Mill Road.

Shabbaton Speaker At Mishkan Torah

Join Mishkan Torah Synagogue at a Shabbaton on Saturday, April 13. The event starts with Sabbath services at 9:30 a.m. followed by speaker Lillian Kaplan. Kaplan's talk about her experiences in the Reconstruction movement will take place around 11:30 a.m. Lunch, at about 12:15 p.m., will be followed by music with singer Sally Heckelman and keyboardist Andy Zatman. There is no cost; the community is welcome.

Mishkan Torah is located at 10 Ridge Road. Call 301-474-4223 for more information or directions.

Help Cleanup City Streams

Help clean up the city. On Saturday, April 6, 9 a.m. to noon help members of the Recycling and Environment Committee remove litter and debris from the shoreline and path of Greenbelt Lake or join in the Springhill Lake Stream cleanup. Bring work gloves and wear comfortable clothing and boots or old shoes.

Indian Creek Trash Clean-up Scheduled

Residents are invited to join the watershed cleanup at Indian Creek, beside the Greenbelt Metro, on Saturday, April 6, from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information about the April 6 event, call 301-292-6665.

Simplicity Group Forming Soon

A group devoted to voluntary simplicity is forming a second circle in Greenbelt. Interested persons are invited to attend an informational and organizational meeting at a home in Greenbelt on Sunday, April 7 at 5 p.m., to learn more about this movement. For additional information and the location, contact Lore Rosenthal by phone at 301-570-7557 or by electronic mail at simplicitygrpsmd@aol.com

Congregation Mishkan Torah

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service envelope, with long-term agriculture and open space use. Some limited amount of residential development is expected. The plan would provide design guidance to protect the rural character.

Parts III, IV and V

Part III denotes Infrastructure Elements; it provides broad policy guidance for environmental protection and the provision of transportation and public facilities; Part IV, Economic Development, Housing, and Community Character Elements, describes the characteristics of the areas; and Part V, Implementation, lays out a series of actions needed to be taken to realize the vision established by the plan.

Copies of the plan are available at no cost at the Greenbelt Library. Written comments to the county planning board were due April 5. County worksessions will be held in April, recommendations will be made to the county council by the first part of May, council work sessions begin in June and final approval is expected by late June or July.

Council Response

Mayor Judith Davis began the council response with "Why in the plan do you not mention or acknowledge municipalities?" Tyson replied, "They are mentioned in the implementation chapter, briefly." "If you just have a brief mention, I guess you feel that municipalities are not important," retorted Davis. Tyson came back with "I don't feel that that's the way we feel, but you can bring that to the planning board and the council's attention."

Davis asked if this plan would take precedence over any other master plan, such as the sector plan. "Area plans automatically amend the county's General Plan," replied Tyson. "If we revisit Greenbelt's area plan in a year or two, whatever comes out of that would amend the General Plan."

Councilmember Alan Turnbull commented that he was feeling "uncharacteristically charitable" about the presentation. "I like some of the components...but some of the details bothered me and one of the main ones is the treatment of the three-tier idea. The thing that an environmentally progressive county ought to do is to squiggle those [map] lines to take in anything that is conceivably rural and preservable at this point. I think that the rural tier is ignoring a great deal of rural land it could take in, and should."

Greenbelt Developing?

As to the developing tier, Turnbull noted that part of it "looks like where my house is, a neighborhood that hasn't changed for over 60 years. It ought to be acknowledged that places that are stable should be part of the developed tier and places that are appropriate to be developed in the future should be delineated more carefully."

Tyson concurred that "those are good points that ought to be brought to the council."

Davis noted proposals for developing the county's shore lines with large estates. She asked if there was a specific statement in the plan allowing them. "No," replied Tyson. He said that the plan recognizes that there will be residential development in the rural development tier and that there will be estate-type development. However, the plan does not include any strategies to take parkland or buffer areas away and develop them. Davis continued with "or buffer areas," and Tyson echoed "or buffer areas."

Councilmember Tom White questioned Tyson regarding the developing tier: "It says it follows the county's economic development strategy. What is that?" Tyson responded that it takes advantage of the metro stations, high-tech development and business retention. "In practice," White retorted, "the county's economic development strategy is they'll take anything, just so it's developed."

Staff Response

When Planning and Community Development Director Celia Craze was called on to comment, she reported that additional text has been added to the plan since city staff met with Tyson and members of the planning team. "It still doesn't quite meet the criteria that is necessary to comment on elements such as implementation, and perhaps it ought to be directed to the office of law to receive a satisfactory answer. The role of the municipalities...in the substance of the plan is not adequately addressed, and the implementation, still, while acknowledged, doesn't really exist, so we really don't know how this is going to happen, and that's really a very important part of any plan," said Craze.

Davis asked where Greenbelt is in the tiers and if it was in the developed tier.

"You are largely in the developing tier," replied Tyson. "Some of your boundaries extend inside the Beltway. That part is in the developed tier."

Davis asked if funding was addressed in the plan, Tyson replied that "It is in the development pattern section, where priority is for government expenditures to provide needed public facilities. The emphasis is on the developed tier and in the centers and corridors...that's the first choice."

White remarked that it was "really silly" to present a general plan constructed of three tiers that are arbitrary in this definition. Within the corporate limits of Greenbelt, she said, there's very little developable area, a portion of which is not only developed, but of historic status. It's rather insulting to have a plan which puts Greenbelt in a developing tier, when, by anyone's definition, it's already developed, he said. "Why would the county adhere to such an arbitrary rationale for delineating areas in the General Plan if they want this to be a meaningful planning document?" he asked.

Davis followed that in the developed tier there was room for infill, greater density. Councilmember Rodney Roberts asked Tyson about density. "The ultimate density of the projects would be up to the area plan. Other than for centers and corridors, the [general] plan does not make recommendations to increase or decrease density," he said.

Historic Districts

Davis asked if historic neighborhoods are covered in the plan. "Recommendations are that when corridors come within historic districts that development not be allowed to hurt the historic district itself," Tyson said. However, the council might want to get clarification on protecting existing neighborhood integrity, and point out that this needs to be strengthened throughout the development pattern element, he added.

Turnbull had the last word, admonishing that the "rural tier should be drawn as large as possible, much larger than the county has the wherewithal or wisdom to do. The talk of infrastructure needs to take form on the map."

Council voted to forward staff's comments to the county planning board, adding the additional concerns that arose out of this meeting.

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egation, to seek information and to express support for maintaining the current arrangement.

At its March 25 meeting, council voted to send "a strong second letter" to protest implementation of the plan as described so far. Mayor Judith Davis said she had spoken briefly with County Fire Chief Ronald Blackwell, and he indicated that he would be the one to make the final decision on allocating resources.

He told Davis that there are areas of the county with very limited coverage, and it is this concern that has partly stimulated the reorganization. Davis said she emphasized to Blackwell the need to keep communications open. Blackwell said his office would welcome comments during this preliminary stage of restructuring.

Krob said that besides budgetary concerns, the county is short 72 career fire fighters. He had learned that out of 3,000 applicants for these positions, only 36 met the eligibility requirements, which had already been lowered from previous standards. He indicated that his department is also currently on a restricted budget for non-emergency supplies and maintenance of equipment, so he has empathy for such problems at the county level, but finds the proposed solution unacceptable.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts called the plan "the most short-sighted, craziest idea" he had encountered since he came to Greenbelt. He suggested council include in the letter an offer to help the county find funds at the state or federal level to support more career firemen, perhaps from the Office of Homeland Security, since the city is in a high-risk zone for terrorist activity. Councilmember Edward Putens

said it was his personal goal to see municipalities get such funding.

Councilmember Thomas White suggested that the second letter remind county officials that Greenbelt's "billion dollar golden triangle" and development near the Metro are economic resources that are a source of pride to the county and that businesses would not be attracted to areas that cannot provide adequate services, including those necessary for security.

Reliable Responses

Krob said he tried during the meeting to enlighten the county representatives about Greenbelt, since they did not seem to know the city very well. He told them that the residential population more than doubles during the work day and that there were numerous citizens, such as the elderly or residents of Green Ridge House, who need personal assistance during a fire emergency. He pointed out that Greenbelt's proximity to major highways means the department responds to frequent automobile accidents. He informed them about the number of lives at schools and businesses that GVFD must protect. GVFD is also a first-responding unit for incidents at areas of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center that contain a substantial number of hazardous materials.

Krob said his department had always had a good working relationship with the county, but speculated that county actions could incite a ground-swell of community response, and that letters from taxpayers to county officials might influence budgeting decisions. He said that citizens "should be outraged" over the proposed changes.



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Robbery

Area of Breezewood Court and Springhill Lane, March 25, 2:30 a.m., a man was walking near his home when he was approached by two teen-aged males, one of whom grabbed the wallet from the man's pocket and removed money before throwing the wallet to the ground. The suspects then fled. They are described only as a black male in his teens, 6', 175 lbs., wearing dark clothing - possibly a black sweat suit - and a black male in his teens, 6', 175 lbs., wearing dark clothing.

6100 block Springhill Terrace, March 23, 3 p.m., the victim was walking home from school when he was approached by a man who implied that he had a handgun before taking the victim's coat. The suspect then fled. He is described as a black male, 24 to 30, 6'2", 270 lbs, wearing a black shirt, blue jeans, black boots and a blue bandana.

Assault

9100 block of Edmonston Court, March 28, 6:58 a.m., a female resident was arrested and charged with first- and second-degree assault. During an argument over a domestic issue, the victim attempted to leave the residence with their child, and the woman hit the victim twice in the head with a glass. She was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Burglary

7900 block Ora Glen Drive, March 23, 12:50 p.m., a man was in his residence when he heard glass breaking and then saw another man removing a window screen and opening a front window. The suspect is described as a light-complexioned black or Asian male, slim, who was wearing a black or blue hat. He ran and got into a Honda CRX two-door, Md. tags ZWW856. Investigation continues.

15 Court Laurel Hill, March 23, 10:23 a.m., entry was gained by breaking out the glass in a door; two wristwatches were taken.

100 block Greenhill Road, March 25, 2:37 p.m., entry was gained by breaking open a door. Several pieces of costume jewelry were taken.

7500 block Greenway Center Drive, March 23, 2:28 p.m., the door to an office suite was forced open and the suite was ransacked. It is not known at this time if anything was taken.

7600 block Hanover Parkway, March 25, 3:47 p.m., someone gained entry into a locker at Eleanor Roosevelt High School and took a cell phone.

Theft

6500 block Capitol Drive, March 22, 9:19 a.m., an unattended office was ransacked and customer information was taken.

9100 block Edmonston Terrace, March 23, 2:26 p.m., mail was taken from a secure mailbox.2, 7595 Greenbelt Rd., March 23, 9:36 p.m., an unat-

tended wallet was taken from a shopping cart at the store.

Vandalism

Bank of America, Centerway, March 23, 8 a.m., an automatic teller machine was vandalized.

Drugs

6400 Capitol Drive, March 22, 10:52 p.m., two nonresident males, 21 and 22, were arrested after officers chased suspects who had failed to pay a check at a restaurant and found marijuana and paraphernalia. The man charged with paraphernalia was charged on a citation and released; the man charged with drug possession was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Beltway Plaza, March 13, 8:20 p.m., a non-resident man, 57, was charged with possessing drug paraphernalia and released on citation pending trial; in the 7700 block of Hanover Parkway, March 24, at 1:06 a.m., a D.C. resident, 22, was also charged with possession of paraphernalia and released on citation pending trial.

Disorderly Conduct

6400 block Capitol Drive, March 22, 11:19 p.m., a New Carrollton resident, 24, was arrested after he became disorderly and refused to leave the T.G.I. Friday's restaurant when ordered to do so. He then resisted arrest. The man was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Trespassing

Beltway Plaza, March 25, 8:45 p.m., officers responded to a report of a fight at the rear of Beltway Plaza. A Greenbelt resident, 14, and a non-resident, 16, were both asked to leave the premises and refused. Both were arrested and both were released to the mother of one of the suspects pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Accident

On March 26 at 7:05 p.m., officers responded to the report of an accident in which the driver and passengers of one of the vehicles involved left the vehicle and fled on foot toward the Greenbelt Library. The reported injuries were unconfirmed, confirmed property damage was to the vehicles only. A search for the suspects who fled on foot was negative. The only description available is that for three or four Hispanic males, one wearing a light-colored jacket.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a maroon 2000 Mazda 626 four-door, Md. tags FOP3836, March 24 from the 6000 block Breezewood Drive; a burgundy 1994 Infiniti J30 four-door, Texas tags ZMH47R, March 24 from the 6100 block Springhill Terrace was recovered a day later; a 1986 Honda Accord, four-door, D.C. tags BG0494, March 26 from the 6200 block Breezewood Drive; a 1994 silver Chevy Caprice, Md.

tags 29674B, March 27 from the 9100 block Springhill Lane; a 1998 Dodge Stratus, March 27, from the 7900 block of Mandan Road, was recovered the same day on Marlboro Pike; a 1991 blue Toyota Camry, Md. tags CVS259, March 27, from the 7500 block Greenway Center Drive; a 1998 Dodge Stratus, March 26, from the 7700 block of Hanover Parkway was recovered March 28 on Suitland Road.

An Upper Marlboro resident, 25, was arrested and charged with multiple auto crimes after officers responded to a report of a tampering in progress, on March 20. An officer tried to stop a vehicle leaving the scene in the 6400 block of Ivy Lane, but both occupants tried to flee the scene on foot. One was apprehended after a short foot chase. Investigation revealed that the vehicle they abandoned, a 1988 Dodge van, had been stolen in Prince George's County. Inside the vehicle were wheels and rims taken from a nearby vehicle, and tools commonly used to steal tires. The suspect was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Arrests were made in two cases of stolen tags, neither involving a Greenbelt resident.

Five vehicles stolen prior to the period of this report were recovered.

Two arrests were made after a traffic stop in the 6100 block of Greenbelt Road showed that the driver was driving on a revoked license and had an open warrant in Virginia. A computer check also showed that the man was driving a vehicle stolen from Fairfax. The man was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Vandalisms to, thefts from and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 6100 block Breezewood Drive; 10 Court Southway; Beltway Plaza; 6200 block Breezewood Court; 7100 block Ora Glen Court (two incidents); 7200 block Mandan Road and 8200 block Mandan Court; 7200 block Morrison Drive; 5900 block Cherrywood Lane; 7700 block Greenbrook Drive.

Juried Art Exhibit Entries Open to All

The Greenbelt Recreation Department has announced an open call for entries for a juried spring art exhibition at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. Both 2D and 3D fine arts are welcome, as well as floral design. Artwork may be traditional, contemporary or experimental in nature. All work must relate to the flower theme. Artists need not be residents of Greenbelt. Applications and slides (no limit) must be received by 5 p.m. on Monday, April 22. As an alternative to sending slides, artists may drop off their work at the Community Center (up to five pieces) 9 a.m. to noon on Monday, April 29, for consideration. The exhibition will be on view May 1 to May 26. Applications are available by e-mail. Contact ndewald@ci.greenbelt.md.us or call 301-397-2208.

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in musical arts from the University of Maryland. This concert will be their formal debut.

The program will consist of works by Mozart, Poulenc, Schubert and Franck. A second concert is planned for April 20 in Rockville.

Artists from Goddard

A group of Washington, D.C. area artists has collaborated to create artwork based on science. These artists manipulate images from satellites, telescopes and mathematical equations on the computer to create prints. The artists, Antje Kharchi, Nancy Palmer, Marte Newcombe and Greg Shirah incorporate ideas that range from scientific to abstract in their compositions.

As employees of the Scientific Visualizations Department at Goddard Space Flight Center, Newcombe and Shirah usually create animated images for the scientific community and the mass media i.e., the El Nino weather pattern animations, the 2002 Winter Olympics and Superbowl XXVI. Kharchi and Palmer both work at the Corcoran College of Art and Design and as freelance artists.

"Art from Science, Artists at Goddard Space Flight Center" is on display through April 30 at the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Arts and Cultural Heritage Division, Conference Room Gallery, 6611 Kenilworth Ave., Suite 200, Riverdale. A reception will be held Friday, April 5 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Arts and Cultural Heritage Division, Conference Room Gallery. Call 301-454-1450, TTY 301-454-1472, ppparks.com.



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Smooth Operator is a nationwide campaign to curb aggressive driving. Officers in certain time periods will be targeting and citing aggressive drivers. The four

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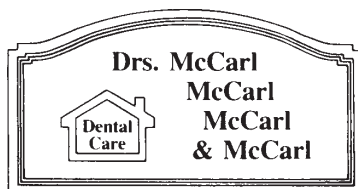
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REAL ESTATE – RENTAL

CHARLESTON, S.C. during SPOLETO: 1-br, 2-story condo sleeps 4 privately; full kitchen. June 9-16, 2d week Spoleto Festival. \$1600/wk. 301-927-9117.

REAL ESTATE – SALE

OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY APRIL 6, 1-4 p.m., 5D Eastway. GHI block 3 bedroom end unit. Sizeable yard with shed, 2 ponds, vinyl siding, motion light. Large eat-in kitchen, dishwasher, A/C, ceiling fans, W/D, water softener. 10x18 addition, cable-ready. Linoleum in kitchen, wooden parquet floors in LR & addition, W2W carpeting upstairs. Refurbished full bath upstairs. Extra ½ bath downstairs. Freshly painted. Roosevelt Center walkable. \$120,000. 301-982-2497.

GREENBELT WOODS – Open Sun. 4/7, 12-3 p.m. Just listed! Pristine condition 4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial with 2-car garage, family room with fireplace, huge kit. with breakfast room, master bedroom suite w/luxurious bath & full bsmt. Private backyard with deck & gorgeous landscaped gardens. 7303 Goddard Drive (off Greenbelt Rd.) \$259,000. Coley-Reed, 301-907-6643; Weichert Rltrs.

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REAL ESTATE - SALE

ATTENTION GHI MEMBERS! If you are thinking about selling your occupancy rights and equity interest, the GHI's Marketing Committee will be hosting a Seller's Seminar on Tuesday, April 16 at 7:30 in the Community Center. The seminar is designed to answer some of the most often asked questions about selling a GHI home. The information given will help you to sell in a timely fashion and receive the full value of your home. You will be able to ask questions to the Committee about the current market. To register, contact GHI at 301-474-4161, ext. 140.

I THANK everyone for your inquiries about 2-C Northway, 2 bedroom brick unit with many improvements. Leonard Wallace of Realty One will begin showing the home on Sunday, April 7. Please call him at 301-982-0044 to schedule your appointment.

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THINKING ABOUT REPAVING your driveway soon? Please call Pete 301-614-9034 from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. 7 days a week. Estimates on resurfacing, resealing, repairing and widening your driveway. Also parking lots too!!

DECKS - Lower level powerwashed and sealed, \$90; upper level, \$120. Pat, 301-213-3273.

YARDS - Leaves bagged and bare spots seeded. GHI homes, \$50, end units more. Pat, 301-213-3273.

GOT SKILLS? Let all of Greenbelt know right here!

TIME TO FIX UP YOUR HOUSE? - Let Eric do it. Experienced painter for indoor or exterior. Drywall and plastering repairs. Local references. GHI resident. Free estimates, 301-441-2545.

WANTED

HOUSE/APT for rent late May thru early August for visiting scientist. Call Robert, 301-953-3921.

YARD/MOVING SALES

MOVING SALE - Fabric, fabric, and more fabric. Quilting and sewing equipment. Household items, everything must go. Sat-Sun, 8-2, April 6-7, 9 Greenway Place.

MOVING SALE - Furniture. Solid oak bookcases, like new, \$50 and \$55; white bookcase, \$10; large dining or study table, \$20; 4 captain's chairs, \$20; padded chair, \$10; worn leather chair, \$10; nightstand with drawers, \$10; queen wooden futon couch and mattress with cover, \$175; queen sleigh bed, almost new, paid \$800 (Hecht's), will sell for \$400. 301-982-7175.

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Woodland Hills

Upgraded 4BR 2BA home with new cabinets, countertops, ceramic tile in kit. & bath, large MBR & gar. Large 1/4+ ac. lot- \$195,000 U.C.

1 Bedroom Upper Level Home

Refinished hardwood floors, remodeled kitchen and more. End unit with private stairway and extra windows for more light. \$44,900 U.C.

Marlow Farm

4BR Colonial with all the bells and whistles! Large open floorplan with cathedral ceilings, 3 finished levels, deck and more. \$525,000 U.C.

3 Bedroom Block with Addition & Extra Bath

This large-floorplan block townhome has an addition with half bath on the first floor. AC's and ceiling fans. Convenient! \$93,900 U.C.

End Unit with Large Corner Lot

This 2 bedroom townhome has the wide floorplan. Fresh paint, new kitchen flooring, upgraded kitchen and a HUGE fenced yard! \$69,900

Cipriano Woods

A great deal on this 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath townhome near Greenbelt. Owner has made many improvements incl. new furnace. \$125,900

3 Level Townhome

This home with full finished basement has new replacement windows, gas heat and hwh, close-in parking and other features at \$125,900.

2 Bedroom home near Roosevelt Center

Wide floorplan with lots of improvements. Fenced backyard with shed. Walking distance to Roosevelt Center. Renovations finished soon!

2 Bedroom Townhome With Major Upgrades

Breakfast bar, new cabinets, new countertops, dishwasher, new hardwood flooring and more. Fenced backyard & large shed. \$57,900 U.C.

2 Bedroom Townhome

Nice location at the edge of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Fenced backyard, 2 air conditioners, washer, dryer, new porch roof & more. U.C.

3 Bedroom Townhome With 2 Additions

This GHI home has 2 front additions; one used as a study and the other as a laundry/storage room. Remodel. kit. & more. \$71,900

Single-Level Condominium

This like-new 2 bedroom, 2 bath home was built in 1999. Many custom features were added by the builder. EZ in, EZ out. U.C.

Frame Townhome - Major Upgrades

This 2 bedroom townhome has lots of improvements. Recently painted throughout. Walking distance to Roosevelt. Center. \$59,900

Corner Lot With Addition

This 2 bedroom end unit townhome has an addition with extra half-bath and wood stove! Large fenced yard in back. Priced at \$67,900

3 Bedroom Frame Townhome

New listing with lots of upgrades. Modern kitchen with newer appliances, upgraded bathroom and more. Close to R. Center \$67,900

U.C.=Under contract; seller may consider back-up offers





City Information

CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING

Municipal Building - Council Room
APRIL 8, 2002 - 8:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations - Proclamations

- Arbor Day Proclamation
- Police Telecommunications Week
- Maryland Chiefs' Challenge Campaign

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

*Committee Reports (Items on the Consent Agenda—marked by *—will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)

LEGISLATION

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 3, "Animals and Fowl," of the Greenbelt City Code for the Purpose of Revising Regulations Relating to the Administration and Enforcement of the Animal Control Program (1st Reading)

An Ordinance to Authorize and Empower the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to Borrow \$8,015,000, of Which \$4,515,000 Will Pay Off Existing Debt and \$3,500,000 Will Fund New Projects Approved in the 2001 Bond Referendum (abbreviated title) (1st Reading)

OTHER BUSINESS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. For information, please call 301-474-3870. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 or 301-474-2046 (TTY) to request such accommodation before 10:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting.

ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- **Recycling & Environment Advisory Committee**, Monday, April 8 at 7pm, Greenbelt Community Center.
- **Public Safety Advisory Committee**, Tuesday, April 9 at 7pm, Community Center, Multi-Purpose Room. Info 301-345-7203

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

Municipal Access 301-474-8000: Monday, 4/8 at 8pm-City Council Meeting "Live" Tuesday and Thursday, 4/9 & 4/11: 6pm-How to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle; 6:30pm "Stream Clean-Up Project; 7pm Replay of City Council

Public Access 301-507-6581: Wednesday and Friday, 4/10 & 4/12: 7pm-"The Fifth Sun"; 9pm - "Democratic Club Meeting-March"



LAKE PARK CLEANUP

(Part of the 14th Annual Potomac Watershed Cleanup)
SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH
9 AM - NOON

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Come and join members of the Recycling and Environment Committee remove litter and other debris from the shoreline and path at Buddy Attick Park.

OR...YOU CAN JOIN IN ON THE SPRINGHILL LAKE STREAM CLEANUP WHICH WILL BE GOING ON AT THE SAME TIME!

Meet behind Springhill Lake Elementary School

- Bring your work gloves!
- Wear Comfortable Clothing and Boots - or old shoes.

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Artists' Studio Space Available at Greenbelt Community Center

Applications are now available to visual artists, artisans, and designers interested in acquiring studio space at the Greenbelt Community Center. Studio space is offered for a subsidized monthly fee through the City's Artist in Residence Program. Artists are selected by jury based on the artistic merit of their work and on the applicants' interest in community involvement. Applications are due May 10, and studios will be available in July. Program brochures and applications are available at the main office of the Community Center located at 15 Crescent Road in Greenbelt, Maryland. For tours or additional information, contact Nicole DeWald at ndewald@ci.greenbelt.md.us or call 301-397-2208.



CELEBRATE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT WEEK BY ATTENDING ONE OF THE MANY UPCOMING EVENTS! LOOK FOR UPCOMING INFORMATION ON THE EARTH DAY CELEBRATION, PUBLIC WORKS OPEN HOUSE, THE CELEBRATION OF SPRING, THE ANNUAL "IT'S MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT CONTEST AND MUCH MORE! SEE YOUR MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AT WORK APRIL 20-26TH!



ANNUAL EGG HUNT

Fortunately, for the Greenbelt Recreation Department the weather was sunny and we were able to hold our annual egg hunt outside at Buddy "Attick" lake park on April 1st. We would like to thank all of you who attended and recognize our Golden Egg Winners as well as our sponsors who provided the prizes.

The Golden Egg winners were: 1 1/2 - 3 years old - Nia Brown; 4-5 years old - Abigail Moore; 1st & 2nd grade - Zain Shah; 3rd & 4th grade - Diop Ali Crimmins; 5th & 6th grade - Krysten Ridgeway

Our generous sponsors were: 7-11; Chevy's Fresh Mex in Greenway Center; P&G Greenbelt Theater; Three Brothers; Generous Joes Deli; Giant Food, Inc.

Artful Afternoon

Featuring Dance Concert, Stained Glass, Artist in Residence Exhibits

Sunday, April 7

1-5pm, Greenbelt Community Center
15 Crescent Road in Greenbelt, Maryland

Bring the family for an afternoon of free arts activities. Info: 301-397-2208

Greenbelt Recreation Department Hosts Open Auditions for

"The World of Tomorrow"

Sunday, April 7, at 3:30pm

Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road

Roles are available for ages 2 and up. Children, teens, adults, and seniors are all encouraged to participate

Join your friends and neighbors in this humorous community performance project based on the 1939 New York World's Fair.

No prior performing arts experience is necessary, and no preparation is needed for the auditions. Most roles are non-speaking. Some involve roller skating. Bring roller skates or children's plastic vehicles if available. Performances are tentatively scheduled for May 31 and June 1. For more information, please call Nicole DeWald at 301-397-2208.

Weekday Pottery Class Announced

The Greenbelt Recreation Department has added a new pottery program to the Department's spring class schedule. In response to community interest, a weekday introductory class in the use of the potter's wheel will be offered with instructor Jill Parsons St. John. Registration is open to all persons ages 16 and over. The class will take place on Wednesdays, 11am - 1pm, April 17 through June 5 (8 weeks). Fees apply. The class will take place at the Greenbelt Community Center located at 15 Crescent Road. For more information, please contact Jessica Gitlis at 301-397-2208.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Saturday, April 6 & 13th

9am-12pm

Buddy Attick Park

The City is looking for volunteers to help construct and plant at the Wetland Educational Facility at Greenbelt Lake in Buddy Attick Park. Service hours will be given for any students needing them. Please bring work gloves. Volunteers will be laying flagstone, performing soil work and planting. Light refreshments will be served. See you there!