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PHOTO BY JAMES GIESE

It may have been cold and rainy and miserable this past week but the triple rows of the Bradford pear trees on Hanover Parkway are still proclaiming that spring is here with their multitude of blossoms.

GEAC Stakeholders Receive Update from Greenbelt Council

by Barbara Hopkins

Greenbelt City Council will continue to hold annual stakeholder meetings with the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC), Mayor Judith Davis told GEAC members on Thursday, April 3. Three members of city council, including Edward Putens who is also the GEAC representative from Greenbrook Estates, and City Manager Michael McLaughlin met that night with representatives from the homeowners' associations for

Hunting Ridge Condominiums, Windsor Green and Greenbriar Condominiums. Davis explained that with an increasing number of groups to meet with, council would be holding some stakeholder meetings on a biennial basis, but would continue to meet every year with GEAC. The purpose of the meetings is to update citizens' groups about city business and to hear concerns from council's constituency.

Roundabouts

Progress on the roundabout on Hanover Parkway at the Hunting Ridge entrance has bogged down, Davis told GEAC, in determining who will do the work. Plans for another roundabout at Ora Glen Drive are also complete. Davis added that due to the number of accidents on Hanover Parkway across Greenbelt

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City 2004 Budget Worksession Plays to Unpacked Chamber

by James Giese

The Greenbelt City Council held its first budget worksession on April 2 to get an overview of the Fiscal Year 2004 Budget from City Manager Michael McLaughlin and an assessment of revenues from City Treasurer Jeff Williams. According to McLaughlin, the only citizen present was perennial council attendee Sheldon Goldberg of the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee. The press was also absent. This, in spite of the fact that McLaughlin has proposed a four-cent increase in the property tax rate, an increase that will be the tenth increase in a row and the greatest in 10 years or more

if the council accepts the city manager's recommendation.

At the meeting McLaughlin reviewed an 11-point list overviewing this year's budget. He called it a very difficult situation, a struggle to maintain existing city services. He called his budget only one approach to deal with the problem. There are many other choices available.

Property Taxes

While there have been four-cent or greater tax rate increases before, they were at a time when property in the city was being assessed by the state at 40 percent of market value. Two years ago all assessments were con-

verted to a 100 percent full value basis. McLaughlin pointed out to council that on a home with a market value of \$100,000, a one-cent tax rate increase would have yielded four dollars two-years ago when property was assessed at 40 percent of full value. Now a one-cent tax levy on the \$100,000 home will yield \$10.

McLaughlin blamed the budget problems on four significant impacts upon the budget in the new fiscal year that begins on July 1 and a revenue structure that is not growing as fast as expenditures. Without a tax increase, revenues are expected to grow by 2.9 percent while expenses are expected to be up by 6.2 percent. The four fiscal impacts are a cutback by the state, also facing fiscal problems, of highway user revenues allocated to the city (\$170,000); a much greater than expected annual cost for funding the newly authorized police pension plan (\$60,000);

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Youth Advisory Committee Plans Annual Food Drive

by Rachel Mirsky

For more than a decade, the Youth Advisory Committee has advocated on matters concerning children and their families. The committee is made up of seven youth members and two adult advisors. Youth members serve for a period of two to three years.

Currently, the committee chair is Jessica Mealey and vice chair is Zohar Gitlis. In addition, the Recreation Department's Nancy Wilmot acts as liaison. Youth members collaborate with the mayor, city council, city manager and other advisory board and committee chairs.

The committee invites Greenbelt youth under the age of 18 to attend meetings, make suggestions and hear occasional guest speakers. The committee has recently dealt with issues such as the skate park and the Ordinance to Create Greenbelt Greenlands. It also recently came up with a mission statement which describes the committee as "the voice of youth in Greenbelt!"

The committee plans to run an Annual Food Drive the week of April 13-19 and hopes to collect at least a thousand items. It also plans to hold the second annual youth forum on May 3 at Roosevelt Center. This gathering will give the youth of Greenbelt a chance to address any issues, in a public setting, that they feel contribute to bettering the Greenbelt community.

The Youth Advisory Committee allows students to come together and discuss issues that are relevant to the community. "This group gives young adults a great opportunity to see the inner workings and formalities of serving on a municipal committee, as well as really effect change in their community," says Wilmot. Working on the committee provides youth with a chance to gain leadership experience needed to further their education and future careers. Time dedicated to the committee can be used for completing the mandatory community/volunteer service hours which are required by the State of Maryland for high school students to graduate.

Although the committee is not part of a national organization, there are many similar panels throughout the United States that address similar issues.

The Youth Advisory Committee meets the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Many of the meetings are held at the Greenbelt Community Center. In recent months the board has broadened its exposure by meeting in other locations such as the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. For further information on meeting dates, times and locations as well as possible openings on the Youth Advisory Committee, contact the Greenbelt Department of Recreation at 301-397-2200.

Local Girl Scouts Send Cookies to the Troops

Five cases of Girl Scout cookies will be sent to the helicopter carrier "USS Essex." The girls of Cadette Troop 2799, through the

"Gift of Caring" program have collected enough donations to send a taste of home to U.S. service men and women. Why the Essex? Cookie manager Brenda Clermont's nephew is serving on this ship which is stationed out of Japan and carries a crew of 600.

Hundreds of boxes of cookies are being sent by other Greenbelt troops to service men and women through the USO.



Members of Girl Scout Cadette Troop 2799 from left are (front row) Katherine Zukauskas and Courtney Bush, (back row) Shawnee Heimpel, Kristen Clermont and Madeline Henderson.

Hoyer to Listen To Constituents

Congressman Steny Hoyer will meet with constituents of the Fifth District at the Greenbelt Municipal Building on Monday, April 14 from 4 to 5 p.m. in the council chambers.

Responding to an invitation from the council, Hoyer plans to listen to concerns related to the war or other issues. For example, city, county and state all have new obligations under homeland security without federal funds to help offset the increased costs.

What Goes On

Sunday, April 13 to Saturday, April 19

Greenbelt Youth Advisory Committee Food Drive

Monday, April 14

4 to 5 p.m., Congressman Steny Hoyer: Discussion on Iraq, Municipal Building

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

Saturday, April 19

10 a.m., Easter Egg Hunt, Buddy Attick Lake Park (Youth Center in case of rain)

Letters to the Editor

Going Overboard?

I've been joining the group of dedicated volunteers on Sundays, 10 a.m. to noon, to remove English ivy from trees in the GHI woods. Lately we've been meeting at the tunnel near 13 Court Hillside. The volunteers are great neighbors – smart, sincere and funny – big reasons why I made Greenbelt my home. However, this past weekend, when instructions were given to remove all plants that were not native, my alarm system went into overdrive, especially when the buffers along streams (that help prevent soil erosion and provide food and shelter for wildlife) were targeted. Their reasons were logical, but incomplete, and we ended up "agreeing to disagree."

And this is why – while I think it's a great idea to save our woodlands from invasive species of plants – I object to removing all plants that aren't native. How do we know that all native plants will be able to survive forever in our changing, modern, urban setting complete with acid rain, drought, pesticides running off lawns, grease and oil from streets, global warming and other conditions?

To blame people for planting non-native plants in their yards and to scapegoat birds for pooping seeds from invasives everywhere as the primary causes for native plant species decline in our woods is a serious oversimplification of a complex ecological event. Even if removing people and our houses, stores, cars, highways, etc. were possible, returning our forests to yesteryear is highly unlikely, no matter how much time and money is spent – or tax credits made available.

To remove acres of understory because they're not fashionably native is not only an outrage, it's just plain mean to destroy shelter and food that are essential for wildlife to survive. As I said, saving our woodlands is a great idea, but this thought should also include our soil, air, water and wildlife, not just native plants. Please join us to sort through these questions – and bring some clippers to cut ivy, you'll be glad you did!

*Jean Newcomb
Co-President, STOP IT!
(Stop Truckin' Out Pesticides,
Instead Teamup!)*

Some Wars Are Actually Necessary

I want to respond to a [story written by Anne Sucher about] Esther Webb, peace activist.

What a wonderful country we live in where people can disagree with our government and protest. But this is what our men and women in uniform fight for every day. They protect our right to protest and all our other freedoms as they have done ever since the Revolutionary War. Many of us take this for granted and can easily forget.

I fully support President Bush and others, our congressmen and senators, who are largely in support of our being in Iraq. We need to be there to rid that country of leaders like Saddam and his followers. They have killed many of their own people and use them as human shields.

Some wars are necessary to keep ourselves free and to help

others help themselves or set themselves free. Hitler and the Nazis took over several countries before we entered World War II. If we had continued to remain neutral, anything else could have happened. I pray for our brave men and women in uniform and hope the battle in Iraq will end soon. God Bless America and preserve all our freedoms.

I am a U.S. Army-retired S.F.C.
Maria C. Switzer

THANKS

We would like to give a very special thanks to our friends and extended family for attending and donating to the benefit that was held for our brother and uncle, Bill Devlin, on March 29, 2003. Your generosity and acts of kindness will never be forgotten. A very, very special thank you to Timmy, owner of the Riverdale Pub, for holding the benefit and to Rick Ransom and "The Good Guys" band for donating their gifts of talent. We are a very, very grateful family to all of you. It could not have been as big a success without you.

While Bill lived in Greenbelt, some of his "best buddies" were Rick Ransom, Ricky Barber, Jimmy Hertzler, Barbara and Susan Weisel, Kibby Moore, just to name a few. He was elected the very first vice president of the Greenbelt Teen Club. Bill now lives in Dunedin, Fla. On November 23, 2002 he suffered a near-fatal, massive heart attack. Today, he is still recovering and is thankful for each and every day and thankful to all of you and his Greenbelt friends and family. You all are great. Thanks Greenbelt – thanks friends.

*Kathy and Earl, Gary
and Lisa, Faith and Andy,
Matthew and Sandy*

What a Pity

After watching the war in Iraq on TV, my granddaughter Casey O'Brien, a third grader at St. Hugh's Elementary School, went to her room and composed this poem to our servicemen and women in combat.

What a pity that our children must have thoughts of war at such an innocent time in their lives.

Jack O'Brien

Never Give Up

Don't give up.
Stand strong.
Give it all you got
to get to freedom.
We know you can do it.
Never give up.
Come home after you
do your job.
I know you can do it.
I hope you can do it.
Never give up.

– Casey O'Brien

Peace and Law

I found it very unsettling that you would choose to print a large story profiling Esther Webb, a peace activist who frequently gets arrested for crossing police boundaries at anti-war protests. I am very much in favor of our freedoms of speech and assembly. However, there is nothing exceptionally noble about crossing police lines simply on the principle of contradicting the police. Getting arrested does not hasten the end to the war, nor does it bring more respect to the cause of peace. It is simply a self-serving way to feel like a martyr for a cause. It sets a terrible example for the young people of our community for the News Review to say that Greenbelters who rebelled against the police "took the challenge."

Cooperative living in Greenbelt means living by many, many rules, especially if you live in a GHI home. I would go so far as to say that if it were not for Greenbelters' willingness to respect the rules of the cooperative and chose instead to ignore GHI and its regulations, this area would quickly turn into a ghetto. We strive to keep Roosevelt Center a pleasant place for everyone by making sure there is enough police presence to "encourage" those who spend time there to obey the law. We don't encourage people who believe in "freedom of information" to steal books from the library, or those who believe that healthcare is a basic human right to shoplift medicine from the pharmacy. Nor should we encourage peace protesters to waste the time and resources of the police when their points can be made just as well – or better – by peaceful protest.

I would encourage the News Review to profile peace activists who believe in both the cause of peace and the rule of law. I'm sure Eleanor Roosevelt would approve. Perhaps you could also profile any Greenbelters who are currently serving in the Armed Forces overseas, helping others to gain the same freedoms that we treasure – and sometimes treat so lightly.

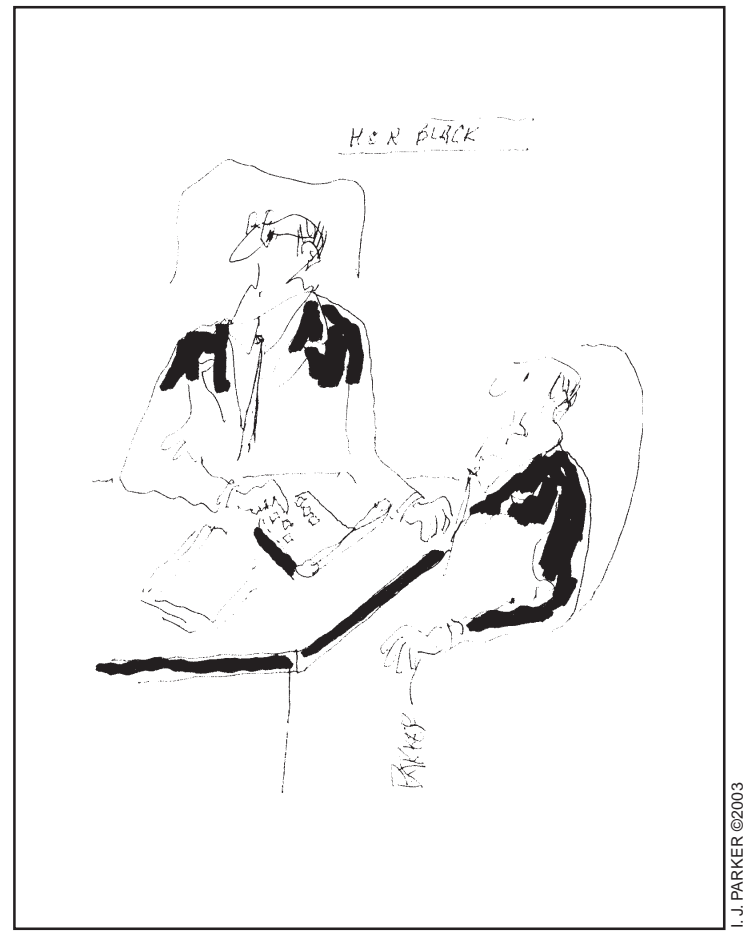
Rebecca Coleman

(Editor's Note: Readers are encouraged to provide this paper with information about Greenbelters who are now serving in the Armed Forces, both here and abroad.)

Correction

Mat Amberg's name was misspelled in a Golden Age story in the April 3 issue. The News Review regrets the error.

The Old Curmudgeon



"My tax money will go to build bridges, schools, hospitals and roads ... in Iraq!"

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Dim Street Lights Checked Out by City

An unsigned letter to this paper (not published) complaining of dim street lights on Edmonston Road was referred to Greenbelt City Manager Michael McLaughlin. McLaughlin reported that a Public Works employee checks the city at night on a monthly basis for burned out street lights and reports them to PEPCO. PEPCO is responsible for street light maintenance. A March 25 check of lights found all lights on Edmonston in working order. Persons with such complaints can call either PEPCO or the Public Works Department.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE Week of April 11

The Quiet American (R)

Friday
*5:10, 7:30, 9:40

Saturday
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*5:10, 7:30

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Greenbriar Holds Easter Egg Hunt

Greenbriar will host an egg hunt for children, toddlers to age eight on Saturday April 19 at 11 a.m. at the Greenbriar Community Building, 7600 Hanover Parkway. Everyone will meet in the Terrace Room before the egg hunt. Prizes will be given out for the most eggs found and prize eggs. There is no charge for this event, but registration is required. RSVP by Thursday April 17 to Tina Murphy at 301-441-1096 x 4.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald
The Golden Age Club business meeting was opened in regular form by President Ellie Rimar. New members Esther Richardson and J Davis were welcomed. It was great to have Pat Cantwell, Lori Moran, Mary Hooper and Lillian O'Brien at the meeting.

The 50/50 winners were Don Davis and J Davis.

The Travel Committee chairman reminded people of the trips to Monticello on April 24, Ladew Topiary Gardens on May 19 and the lunch cruise on June 26.

Lori Moran announced a trip to beautiful Victorian Cape May, New Jersey. September 10 to 12 (three days and two nights). This trip is open to non-members; for more information call Lori at 301-345-1429.

Activity Chairman Ernie Varda announced a "Show and Tell" on April 23 and bingo on April 30. April 16 is the Anniversary luncheon at "La Fontaine Bleu."

Invasives Uprooted And Plants Installed

The GHI Woodlands Committee is preparing to replace the invasive plants along the creek bed in Parcel V (wooded parcel near 13 Court Hillside) with plants that provide erosion control and wildlife habitat.

The thorny tangle has been cut back to allow access to the area. The committee needs a team of volunteers to uproot the invasives and a second team to follow along behind and install plants that will both visually enhance the area as well as help to restore a healthy woodland habitat.

The time will be soon – though weather and soil conditions will be deciding factors – and help is needed to accomplish the project. To be placed on a call list, call the GHI administration office at 301-474-4161 or Mary Kingsley at 301-474-2602 and leave name and phone number.

Dirk Kingsley, chair of the committee, expressed appreciation to all the volunteers who came out to help with the thorny task on Sunday, April 6. "What a great job," he said.

GHI Notes

The next pre-purchase orientation will be held Saturday, April 12 at 11 a.m. in the board room.

The Member and Community Relations Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m., April 15 in the board room.

The Finance Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m., April 17 in the board room.

The Pet Sub-committee will meet in the conference room on April 23 at 7:30 p.m.

The next board of directors meeting will be held April 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Community Events

Greenbelt Baseball Opening Day, Parade

The 52nd annual Greenbelt Baseball Opening Day Parade will be held Sunday, April 13 at noon, to be followed by a game at 2 p.m. between last year's champs the Lions and the Orioles.

The parade begins at the Aquatic and Fitness Center and proceeds on Southway to McDonald Field at 7 Court Southway.

Casino Trip Planned

Greenbriar/Glen Oaks is sponsoring a bus trip to Caesar's Casino in Atlantic City on Saturday, May 3. The well-equipped bus will leave Greenbriar at 7 a.m. and return about 8:45 p.m. Refreshments will be served and a movie will be shown on the bus both going and returning. A stop at a restaurant, a door prize drawing and a 50/50 raffle will also be included. For more information call Tina Murphy at 301-441-1096 x 4.

Adopt-A-Pet

The Prince George's County SPCA/Humane Society is sponsoring a pet adoption day on Sunday, April 13, noon to 3 p.m. at PetsMart, Beltway Plaza Mall, 6000 Greenbelt Road. The pets' foster parents will be present to answer questions and accept adoption applications. For more information call 301-626-5625 or visit the website at <http://www.pgsPCA.org>.

Explorations Shows Time Life Film

Explorations Unlimited will be showing the video 'Aegean Legacy of Atlantis' on Friday, April 18. This video, part of Time Life's Lost Civilizations series, explores the mythic tale of a once mighty island empire vanquished by the sea. A group of archaeologists has unearthed intriguing data regarding the history of the region's fascinating early civilizations. This film presents the view of the Greek isle of Thera where, 3,000 years ago, a highly advanced culture was destroyed by the most violent volcanic eruption in human history. Archaeologists went to Crete, Turkey and the Greek mainland on a search for the historical roots of the Battle of Troy with its fabled Trojan Horse, the murdered king Agamemnon and even the origins of the man-eating Minotaur.

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 always encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for information.

War, Fall Elections On Greens' Agenda

The PG/Greenbelt Greens will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m. It will be held in the community room of the Greenbelt police station.

The agenda will include the war on Iraq and local elections this fall. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

The Greenbelt Greens continue to have weekly meetings every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the New Deal Café. For further information, phone 301-486-0744 or 202-722-4303.

At the Library

Children's Programs

Tuesday, April 15, 7 p.m., Cliffhangers for ages 5 to 8.

Wednesday, April 16, 10:15 to 11 a.m., Cuddletime for ages 12 months to 24 months with caregiver.

Thursday, April 17, 10:15 a.m., Drop-In Storytime, ages 3 to 5.

11:15 a.m. Toddler Time, 2 year olds with caregiver.

Adult Programs

Wednesday, April 16, 2 p.m., Book discussion of Sinclair Lewis' "Arrowsmith."

Guitar Film to Play In Senior Lounge

The Greenbelt Senior Center will be presenting 'Johnny Guitar' on Monday, April 14 at 1 p.m. in the Senior Lounge at the Greenbelt Community Center. This 1953 film with Joan Crawford, Ernest Borgnine and Sterling Hayden, among others, presents a hilarious, gender-bending western movie where a loner guitar player wanders into a small town and gets caught between the lovelorn saloon owner and the town's resident lynch mob-leading harpy.

This offbeat, acclaimed western about a female saloon owner battling a jealous, high-minded townswoman represents a cult favorite for its strong symbolism and unusual female characters.

Festival Committee Seeks Volunteers

The Labor Day Festival Committee will hold its second meeting soon and invites anyone interested in joining the committee to attend. The planning for this year's festival is proceeding well but there are still a few vacancies on the committee. The meeting will be on Thursday April 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the police station. Being a volunteer does not involve a lot of time, but being one does reap rewards. Call Patti Brothers at 301-982-2312 for more information or come to the meeting April 17.

Girls' Soccer Team Tops in Its League



Greenbelt Girls 10 "A" soccer team leads their league after a 3-0 win against Lewisdale last Saturday. The leading scorer for Greenbelt was Anna Flynn with two goals and Charlotte Francoeur with one.

The girls have also won their last two games. Greenbelt won 7-3 against Beltsville #2 on March 29, with Eleanor Grammas scoring four goals, Flynn two, and Liza Ellis one. On April 2, the girls shutout Berwyn Heights, 1-0. Francoeur made the single winning score.

Greenbelt goalies Jessica Wilson, Priyanka Jayanti and Sarah Paz, with the help of their teammates Sreen Summers, Kellie Achstetter, Hannah Silver, Danielle Sherman, Jessica Rivers and Abigail Mosquera, who got injured in the game against Berwyn Heights, assisted in the team's goals.

The girls' next and last game of the season is this Saturday, April 12 at 9 a.m. against College Park at Friends Field in College Park.

Water Polo Returns

The Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center and the Greenbelt Swim Team are co-hosting Indoor Water Polo on Saturday April 12 at 9 p.m. Swimmers must participate in the clinic that is held 9 to 10 p.m. if they wish to play in the game that follows from 10 to 11 p.m. There is a drop-in fee. Players aged 12 to 19 are needed.



From left Tommy Lee, Harrison Hilliard, Christy Lin and Ahmed Ali get set to join the passing drill.



April 12th, 9-11 PM
Water Polo (WP) returns to the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Ctr. \$2 to play, must register on deck during skills check and clinic 9-10 PM, to play in the "game" at 10.



Egg Hunt for Kids

Alleluia Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 12 11:00 a.m.

Egg hunt, games and activities to celebrate the Christian Holy Day
Ages 2 -12 years, parents welcome!

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April 2003

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.

Greenbelt Baseball

Date	Time	Game
Sun., April 13	2:00	Lions @ Orioles
Mon., April 14	6:00	Indians @ Cubs
Tues., April 15	6:00	Orioles @ Tigers
Wed., April 16	6:00	Athletics @ Lions
Thur., April 17	6:00	Giants @ Cards
Fri., April 18	6:00	Orioles @ Athletics
Fri., April 18	7:00	Lions @ Indians
Sat., April 19	10:00	Cards @ Cubs
Sat., April 19	1:00	Giants @ Tigers

All games are held at McDonald Field.

Obituaries

Louise Julia Moore

Former Greenbelter Louise Julia (nee Simsek) Moore died of heart failure April 3. She was 87 years old and a resident of Asbury Methodist Village, Gaithersburg. She had been a resident of 9 Court Ridge for 50 years until 1996.



Louise J. Moore

She was born on August 10, 1915, in New York, N.Y. and grew up with her brother, Louis Alex Simsek, on a chicken and egg farm in Robinsville, N.J.

Mrs. Moore attended Washington Missionary College (now Columbia Union) in Takoma Park and there met her "true love," Lloyd Moore, whom she married in 1937. The marriage produced two daughters, Constance Louise and Patricia Ann. In 1946 the family settled in Greenbelt.

When the girls became junior and senior high school age, Louise resumed work outside of the home. She began a career as a library aide at High Point High School in Beltsville that lasted 27 years. She loved her job and the students and they loved her.

As the girls became college graduates and then young married women, she and her husband traveled extensively. They took trips with their travel club and also took trips sponsored by the Lions Club. She supported her husband in his activity as a Lions Club member and in the many offices he held, including that of District Governor for this area, District 22C. They met their social obligations with enthusiasm and style. She was also active in the Greenbelt Lion Belles and Greenbelt Community Church.

The Moores celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary aboard a cruise ship on its way to Alaska. They were accompanied by their daughter Pat, her husband, Sam and their granddaughters Terri and Robyn.

A service in celebration of her life was held on April 8 at the Guild Memorial Chapel at Asbury Methodist Village. Memorial contributions may be made in her name to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 5216, Glen Allen, VA 23058.



Baha'i Faith

We invite you to...
Interfaith Devotions and
Classes for Children & Adults
Sunday, April 13 at 10 AM
Springhill Lake Elementary School

"The instruction of these children is even as the work of a loving gardener who tendeth his young plants in the flowering fields of the All-Glorious."

-Baha'i Sacred Writings
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Eggbert and the Butterfly Team

by Laura Beckert

It seems that butterflies not only can fly, but can engineer! Four budding engineers, calling themselves the Butterfly Team consisting of Greenbelters Clara Beckert (5), Mary Commins (6), Patty Commins (6) and Kirin Taylor (6), participated in the 2003 Maryland Engineering Challenge on Saturday, March 15. The little ladies competed in the Safe Racer Challenge I. They had to build an open-topped car containing a raw egg aptly named Eggbert that would cruise down a ramp and crash into a wall.

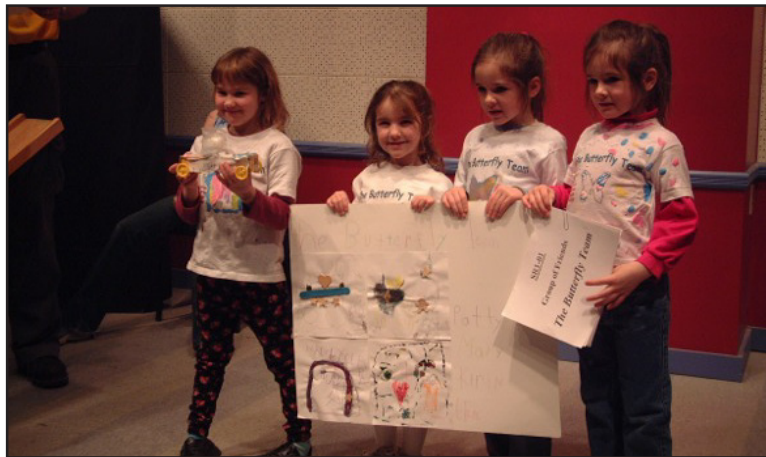
The second part of the mission was to measure the distance the car traveled after going down another ramp. Each team also had to make a poster board, write a report and give an oral presentation. The Butterfly Team placed third in the statewide competition for first and second graders. The girls started meeting in November and met weekly until the competition. Not only did the vehicle not self-destruct nor cause any damage to Eggbert, but the Butterfly

Team received highest marks on their written report and presentation. The girls are currently spending their time picking out their next group name and deciding how to decorate their next "egg-mobile." Great job, ladies!

Another Greenbelt resident participated in the Engineering Challenge as well. Devin Taylor teamed up with Moira Smith of Riverdale, Kory Otto-Jacobs of Adelphi, and Matthew Williams of Cheverly to form the Prince George's Home Learning Network's Speedy Wheels Egg Crash team. This team of eight-year-olds took home a certificate for Best Testing Process for their racer made out of a soda bottle and a milk carton.



From left: Devin Taylor, Kory Otto-Jacobs, Matthew Williams and Moira Smith.



From left: Kirin Taylor, Clara Beckert, Mary Commins, Patty Commins.

City Notes

Public Works staff met Friday morning, April 3, with Bill Weber, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) representative, preliminary to filing reports for the February snow emergency. FEMA reimbursement is to be 75 percent of costs for 48 hours during the storm.

Bill Phelan completed landscape plans for the eroded slope between the parking lot at the east end of the Community Center and the parking lot by the municipal building.

Greenbelt CARES

On April 1, Judge Hering held spring session registration for the GED program. This 10-week course meets Tuesdays and Thursdays through June 12. GED I meets from 10:30 to 12:30. GED II is held from 1 to 3 p.m. Seven students were registered.

During the month of March, 12 families on average were seen for counseling services. Forty-three persons came on a weekly basis, 12 of whom were 18 years of age and younger. Seventy-eight students participated in tutoring services.

Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Hillside & Crescent Roads
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings
Sunday Worship
10:15 a.m.

Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
301-474-9410

SUNDAY
Children and Adults
Bible Study **9:45 am**
Worship Service **11:00 am**

Mon. Disciple Bible Study **7:00 p.m.**
Tues. Lectionary Study **8:00 a.m.**
Wed. Prayer Meeting **6:45 p.m.**

Rev. DaeHwa Park, Pastor
April 13, Passion/Palm Sunday
Sermon: "In Our Tradition"

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3215 Powder Mill Road,
Beltsville/Adelphi (301-937-3666)
*Welcomes you to our open,
nurturing community*
April 13, 10 a.m.
"We of All Ages"
by Barbara Wells, co-minister and
Natalie Fenimore, director of Religious
Education with Cathleen Barnes,
worship associate
Barbara Wells and
Jaco B. ten Hove,
co-ministers

Catholic Community of Greenbelt

MASS
Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday 8, 9:30, 11 a.m.
Saturday 5 p.m.

Daily Mass: As announced
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Rev. Thomas F. Crowley, Pastor
Rev. R. Scott Hurd, Pastoral Associate
Part Time Ministry

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135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Md.

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Corner of Crescent and Greenhill Roads 301-474-4212
www.greenbeltbaptist.org greenbelt.baptist@verizon.net
Dr. Mark Johnson, Pastor

Sun. Worship 8:35 am, 11:00 am, 6:00 pm
Wed. Praise and Prayer 7:00 pm
Wed. Living Proof, Youth Event 7:00 pm

"Building Bridges to the Family of God thru the Love of Christ"

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

6905 Greenbelt Road • 301-345-5111

April 13 Palm Sunday Services at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
April 17 Maundy Thursday Service
12:15 p.m. Communion Service
7:30 p.m. Seder meal and Stripping of the Altar

April 18 Good Friday Services
12:15 Good Friday Observance
7:30 p.m. Service of Darkness

April 19 Holy Saturday
7:30 p.m. The Great Easter Vigil

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Palm Saturday (Apr 12):
6 pm Holy Week For Children & Families (light supper provided)

Palm Sunday (Apr 13):
8 am & 10 am* Eucharist With Blessing of Palms and Procession

Maundy Thursday (Apr 17):
6:30 pm Seder Supper
7:30 pm Sung Eucharist With Foot Washing*
9-12 pm The Watch

Good Friday (Apr 18):
7:30 pm Communion From Reserve Sacrament*

*ASL interpreted

Paper Airplane Week

April 14 to 18 will be paper airplane week at the College Park airport museum. Visitors to the museum, which is open from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., can make a paper airplane. Supplies and patterns are free with regular museum admission. Museum staff will be available to assist. The week will end with a paper airplane derby on Friday April 18 at 2 p.m. Prizes will be awarded.

Handicapped Parking Designated

The City of Greenbelt designates on-street handicapped parking places for individual residents in areas lacking off-street parking. Persons living on such a street able to prove themselves in possession of a handicapped tag may request the establishment of such a space if the Public Works Department considers it feasible. The resident must make a written request to the city manager.

After an on-street handicapped space is established, the city will periodically check with the designee to ensure that the space is still needed. Any handicapped parking place, however, is open to anyone with the proper tag.

Be a Ribbon Rider

It doesn't cost a cent to be a Ribbon Rider. "Ribbon Riders" is the name for a group of beginner riders who will train with local biker Don Comis for the second annual Bike4BreastCancer Greenbelt Pink Ribbon Ride on October 4, 2003. Comis is volunteering to share his ride and bike repair experience with anyone who wants to participate in the October 4 ride. Other volunteers will also share their expertise with the Ribbon Riders.

The first bike ride will be Thursday, April 24. This ride/clinic series will be held most Thursdays, 6 to 9 p.m. through September 11. It will meet outside the Youth Center at least through May 1. For more information on the free bike training for this event, call Don Comis at 301-345-5408 or send an e-mail to DonaldComis@msn.com. For more information on the Greenbelt Pink Ribbon Ride, log on to bike4breastcancer.org, call 301-474-3635 or e-mail sylvialewis@bike4breastcancer.com

DOG APPRECIATION MONTH

In honor of Dog Appreciation Month, Greenbelt Dog Training's intermediate students will conduct a demonstration and show at the Hospital for Sick Children in Washington, D.C. on Wednesday, April 9 and also at the Hebrew Home of Greater Washington in Rockville on Tuesday, April 29.

The presentations will include not only advanced obedience exercises but also a variety of dog tricks, a skateboard rider and the Greenbelt Dog Training Scentsations will perform a dance routine to rock-and-roll music.

Throughout the year, the students and their dogs perform in parades, Children's Hospital, at schools for special children, nursing homes, rescue organizations' fundraisers, the Greenbelt Police/Youth Program and benefit for the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department.

For further information of upcoming events, please check the website: greenbeltdogtraining.com or call 301-345-6999.

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City Information

CITY COUNCIL MEETING, Municipal Building Council Room, Monday, April 14, 2003, 8:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS Presentations

- Maryland Army National Guard - Commander Bo Riley
- Arbor Day Proclamation
- National Public Safety Telecommunications Week Proclamation
- It's Municipal Government Week Proclamation

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

- *Committee Reports** (Items on the Consent Agenda (marked by *) will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)
- Park & Recreation Advisory Board, #03-01 (Northway Fields Realignment)
- Park & Recreation Advisory Board, #03-02 (Proposed Greenlands Ordinance)
- Park & Recreation Advisory Board, #03-03 (Windsor Green Basketball Court)
- Advisory Committee on Education, #02-2003 (Tutoring Program)

LEGISLATION

- A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of a Survey of the Southern Boundary of Attick Park from Greenhorne and O'Mara of Greenbelt, Maryland (2nd Reading, Adoption)
- A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase of Services for the Community Center Window Demonstration Project (1st Reading)
- An Ordinance to Authorize Borrowing Funds to Acquire New Phone System Equipment. (1st Reading)

OTHER BUSINESS

- ACE Tutoring Program
- Windsor Green Basketball Court
- Introduction of Community Resource Advocate
- Maryland Department of Aging (MDOA) Innovations Grant Application
- Briefing on Assistance-in-Living Needs Assessment
- Selection of Audit Services
- Pending State Legislation - CB-12-2003
- * Reappointment to Advisory Group

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10 a.m. on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail kgallagher@ci.greenbelt.md.us to reach the City Clerk.

Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center

SPRING BREAK LIFEGUARD TRAINING COURSE

April 11(pre-test) -April 19

Must be at least 15 years old by April 19th. For more info, call 301-397-2204.



Spring Mini-Session
Session Dates: May 5 to May 30
REGISTRATION DATES:
 Passholders & Residents: April 21&22
 Non-Residents: April 23-25

CASHIERS WANTED

Busy Multi-Task Front Desk, Weekends, some weekdays, \$6.25 hr., Call 301-397-2204 EOE

CELEBRATE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT WEEK! - SEE YOUR MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AT WORK AT THESE UPCOMING FAMILY EVENTS:

"It's A Spring Thing!" Saturday, April 26th

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY 2003

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
 North Shore, Greenbelt Lake Park
 Come and join members of the Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee celebrate Earth Day by planting native plants at the Wetland Education Facility. Bring your work gloves and old shoes and help make a difference! Volunteer community service hours will be given. A hybrid display will be located in the lower parking lot.
 For more information call Cindy Murray at 301-345-9334.

CELEBRATION OF SPRING

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 Family Style Fun at the Springhill Lake Recreation Ctr.
 The Recreation Department will provide entertainment, hands-on art activities, food, games, a visit from the Jeepers Mascot and much more!
 For further information call 301-397-2200!

PUBLIC WORKS OPEN HOUSE 2002

10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. ~ Public Works Facility
 Bring the whole family out to enjoy equipment demonstrations, sky lift rides, balloons for the kids, a tour of the greenhouse, light refreshments, and a whole lot more! For information call 301-474-8004

DONATION DROP-OFF

Saturday, April 12th
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Parking lot between the City Office and the Community Center
 The American Rescue Workers accepts donations of usable Household Goods (clothing, furniture, small appliances, curtains, towels, bedding, books, puzzles and toys.)
 For further information contact the City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8303.
 Don't set your usable household items out for special trash collection-make a donation to the American Rescue Workers so your items can be REUSED!

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/ PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

Municipal Access: 301-474-8000: Monday, April 14 at 8:00pm
 "City Council Meeting-live" **Tuesday & Thursday, April 15 & 16, 6pm**
 "ACE Reading Club at Springhill Lake" **6:30pm**
 Reading is Fundamental- "Non-Fiction: Reading to Learn" **7:30pm**
 "COG Our Region and Homeland Security" Segment 2, **8:00pm**
 Replay of City Council
Public Access: 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, April 9 & 11, 7pm
 "Love Foundation" **7:30pm**
 "One Act Plays 2000", **8:45pm**
 "Nordiques vs Blue Badgers Hockey at the Ice Gardens" **Sunday, April 15 at 9am & 6pm**
 "Love Foundation"

Greenbelt Egg Hunt



Come join us for a "Basket-Full" of "Eggs-travagant" Fun!!
Saturday, April 19th
Buddy Attick Lake Park
Promptly at 10:00 a.m.
For ages 18 months thru 6th Grade

Don't be a "Rotten Egg"! Join us for a free performance after the hunt of "Rufus Meets the Easter Bunny" by Blue Sky Puppet Theater!

In case of inclement weather, the festivities will be held at the Greenbelt Youth Center.
 Weather and Information Line: 301-474-5525

Greenbelt Youth Advisory Committee
FOOD DRIVE APRIL 13-19

Non-Perishable food should be placed in boxes located throughout the community. The collected food will be given to the local parish pantries.



Your Contribution is Greatly Appreciated!

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POLICE BLOTTER

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robbery

7800 block Mandan Road, March 28, 1:40 p.m., a woman walking into an apartment building was approached by two young men. They greeted her as they passed, but one then grabbed the purse from her shoulder. Both then ran to and fled in a waiting vehicle, described as a gold Toyota Camry four-door with unknown Md. tags. The suspects are described as (1) a black male, 16, 5'9", 160 lbs., hair in braids and medium complexion, wearing a white T-shirt, grey and blue jacket and blue jeans, and (2) a black male, 23, 6', 170 lbs., medium complexion, wearing a white T-shirt, black jacket and blue jeans.

7700 block Hanover Parkway, March 28, time not given, the victims were walking to a residence when they were approached by three suspects, one of whom displayed a handgun while another announced a robbery. The suspects searched the victims' pockets, taking wallets and keys to one of the victim's 1999 Infiniti I30 four-door car. They then fled in the victim's vehicle and a second vehicle described as a tan Toyota Camry four-door. The suspects are described as (1) a black male, 18 to 21, 5'7", 140 lbs., hair in braids and a light complexion, wearing a blue jersey-type shirt, and (2) a black male, 18 to 21, 5'11", 130 lbs., dark complexion, wearing a black Eddie Bauer jacket with a hood, and (3) a black male, 18 to 21, 5'7", 150 lbs., dark complexion, wearing a black jump suit. The vehicle was recovered April 3 by Metropolitan Police in southeast D.C.

Beltway Plaza, April 2, 1:25 p.m., a man was inside the mall when he was approached by the suspect, who tried to sell him a camera. The victim refused the offer. A short time later, as the victim was about to walk out of the mall, the suspect approached from behind and struck him in the back of the neck before removing money from his pocket. The suspect then left the mall and got into a waiting vehicle described as a black SUV which then drove away. The victim was not injured. The suspect is described as a black male, thirties, 6', heavy build, hair in a short bush, wearing a white shirt and blue jeans. The driver is described as a black male, 20 to 30, slim, wearing dark clothing.

9100 block Edmonston Road, April 2, 11:30 p.m., the victims were walking to a residence when they were approached by two suspects, one of whom asked the victims for a cigarette. This suspect then produced a chrome semiautomatic handgun and announced a robbery. After obtaining the victims' wallets, a cellular telephone and other personal effects, both suspects fled on foot toward Edmonston Road. The suspects are described as (1) a black male, twenties, tall, thin, wearing a white shirt and dark pants, and (2) a black male, twenties, tall, thin, wearing a dark shirt and dark pants.

Indecent Exposure

9200 block Edmonston Road, March 31, 9 a.m., a woman was walking to a bus stop when she saw the suspect sitting in a vehicle exposing himself to her.

The woman left after speaking to police officers, and a short time later a possible suspect was located. He was interviewed and released pending further investigation.

DWI

7600 block Greenbelt Road, March 22, 9:28 p.m., a 46-year-old non-resident man was arrested and charged with driving under the influence and related charges as a result of investigation of a personal injury accident. He was released on citations pending trial.

Assault

Area of Frankfort and Morrison Drive, April 2, 5:04 p.m., a 16-year-old was arrested for assault after the victim alleged that the suspect punched him during an argument. The suspect suffered a minor injury to his face.

Theft

5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, March 27, 6:44 p.m., a black and silver bicycle with flames painted on it was taken from a playground.

7700 block Hanover Parkway, March 28, 6:16 p.m., someone took a laptop computer from an office suite.

Bally's Total Fitness, Greenbelt Road, April 1, 1:49 p.m., someone cut the lock off a locker and took money.

11 Crescent Road, April 1, 7:15 p.m., a locked red and silver Magna bicycle was taken from the bicycle rack at the Greenbelt Public Library.

Burglary

9100 block Springhill Lane, March 28, 5:39 p.m., someone entered a residence by forcing a door. Money was taken.

7600 block Mandan Road, March 30, 8:12 p.m., someone entered a residence by forcing a door. Money, DVDs and several wrist watches were taken.

9000 block Edmonston Road, April 2, 9:13 a.m., someone used unknown means to enter a locked office suite and take a laptop computer.

Trespassing

9200 block Springhill Lane, April 3, 6:36 p.m., a non-resident man, 18, was arrested and charged with trespassing after an officer observed him enter a store at the Springhill Lake Shopping Center. The officer believed there was an open warrant with the county sheriff's department which he confirmed. The suspect then left the store. When the officer tried to stop him, he got on a bicycle and fled but was located in a nearby laundry room. He resisted arrest and again tried to flee. Investigation revealed that he had been banned from the Springhill Lake Shopping Center. The suspect was released on citation pending trial and placed into the custody of Boys' Village for service of the warrant.

Vehicle Crime

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a blue 2003 Dodge Stratus four-door, Md. tags KXX449, March 24, which resulted in an arrest warrant of a Baltimore man charged with theft; a white 1998 Ford Econoline van, Md. tags 30L056, March 27 from the area of Breezewood Drive and Edmonston Terrace, a gold 1991 Mazda MPV four-door, D.C. tags BH3450, March 28, from the 9100 block Edmonston Road; a 1992 Ford Explorer, March 29,

from the 7700 block Hanover Parkway, which was recovered the same day by Cheverly Police; a gold 1990 Acura Legend four-door, Md. tags LGA162, March 30, from the 9200 block Canning Terrace; a 2002 Volvo 240 four-door, March 26, during a burglary in the 7900 block Vanity Fair Drive, was recovered March 30 by County police in Hyattsville.

Vandalism to, thefts from and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 4 Court Gardenway; 4 Court Ridge Road; Beltway Plaza; 6000 block Springhill Drive; 9000 block Breezewood Terrace; 7900 block Mandan Road; 20 Court Ridge Road; 9100 block Springhill Lane; 7500 block Hanover Parkway; 6900 block Hanover Parkway; 100 block Westway (two incidents); 7800 block Hanover Parkway; 500 block Crescent Road.

Four vehicles stolen prior to the period of this report were recovered; one arrest was involved.

ACE Tutor Training Sessions Scheduled

On April 26 from 9 a.m. to noon, the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) will hold the first tutor training session of its new Reading Partners Program for Volunteer Tutors.

The three-hour training session will be held in the Greenbelt Community Center. It will be repeated on Tuesday, April 29 at 6:30 p.m., to accommodate those who can not attend on Saturday. Child care for attendees will be provided if requested in advance. Refreshments will also be provided. Pre-registration is required and participants will receive a certificate of completion. The training session will conclude with information about tutoring needs and opportunities.

The ACE program is a free reading training and tutorial program for local residents and youth attending Greenbelt schools. Volunteer tutors will be trained to tutor reading and reading-related skills in exchange for a six-hour commitment to provide reading support to children in Greenbelt. Tutors will administer diagnostic assessments and periodic progress tests, keep accurate records and will also be

trained to provide instruction in phonics, spelling, vocabulary development and reading comprehension using age-appropriate materials provided by ACE.

The program is intended to complement, not compete with, existing programs. Parents struggling to help their children improve their reading skills will also find the training useful. In addition, the training and tutoring program offers a way for Eleanor Roosevelt High School students to earn service hours.

ACE member Eva Griffin is spearheading this new ACE program. Griffin, who is a reading specialist and holds a doctor of education degree in curriculum and instruction, explains, "While many people are interested in being reading tutors, they often do not have the skills to make the most effective and productive use of their time and the student's time so that the student can make significant progress."

Greenbelt ACE is composed of nine volunteers and was established by the Greenbelt City Council in 1995 to support the schools that Greenbelt children attend.

Greenbelt Arts Center presents

A Celtic Concert

Featuring "The Homespun Ceilidh Band"

Saturday, April 12, 8 p.m.

\$10, \$8 students, seniors

Teen Concert

Featuring
"Something Completely Different"

Friday, April 11, 8 p.m.

\$5 or donation

"The Tempest"

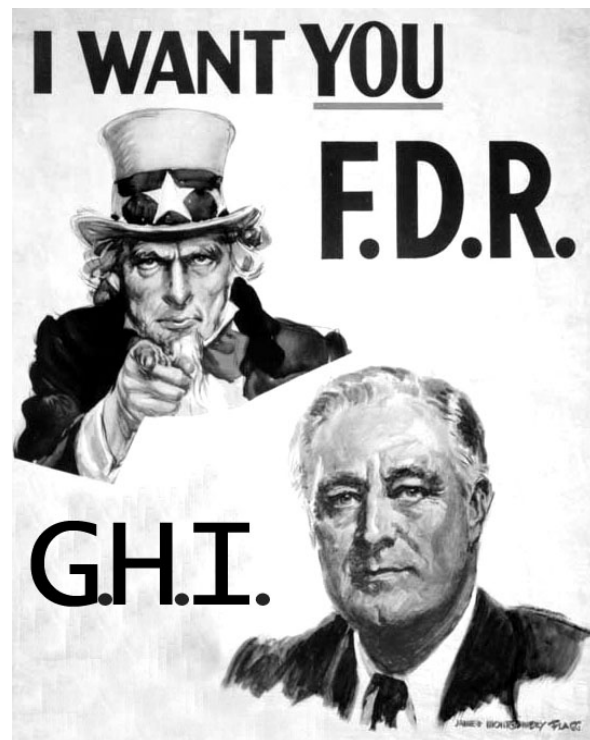
by William Shakespeare

Friday, April 25, 8 p.m.

Saturday, April 26, 8 p.m.

\$10, \$8 students, seniors

To make reservations or for additional information, call 301-441-8770
Greenbelt Arts Center, 123 Centerway, Greenbelt (next to the post office at Roosevelt Center)



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Your co-operation is required.

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increased health insurance costs for employees (\$128,000) and added costs to the current fiscal year because of council decisions made in the last year (\$127,000). The latter involved increased employee salary and benefits granted mid-year and the addition of new employees who were to begin work mid-year with only half their pay budgeted in the last budget but full pay now being required.

Although the value of homes has increased sharply in Greenbelt in the past few years, the increase will not be reflected in the taxable assessment base for the city until the state reassesses property in Greenbelt this year. Accordingly, McLaughlin and Williams expect the assessable base for the new fiscal year to increase by only 1.25 percent. Although proposed new construction, such as two new office buildings at the Golden Triangle and Greenbelt Station at the Greenbelt Metro station, could add significantly to the assessable base in future years, they are still proposals that haven't come to reality.

McLaughlin suggested that council consider removing a cap previously set by council to limit reassessment increases to no more than five percent a year. The council could raise the cap to as much as 10 percent a year.

There are two ways in which a homeowner's property taxes can be raised. One is by raising the tax rate as is proposed by McLaughlin. The other is raising the assessment on the home, which can and will be done by the state assessor if the assessor determines that property values have increased since the time of the last reassessment. While the city council cannot control an assessment increase, it can limit

the three-year phase-in for a new assessment increase by capping the amount of increase for each year. The council can also offset an assessment increase by lowering the tax rate.

Personnel Cuts

To make the financial situation less painful, McLaughlin has proposed cutting one authorized personnel position – a police cadet that has never been hired – even though he believes there is a need for more staff than now authorized. He also did not fund making some currently non-classified positions as classified, a move that would have cost another \$100,000. Non-classified employees do not get the benefits that classified employees get.


McLaughlin also suggested to council that it consider reducing a reserve appropriation in the budget of \$58,500 and reducing the city's fund balance (surplus) now at \$2.8 million and considered as the city's rainy day fund should a financial crisis take place. He notes, however, that while \$440,000 is allocated for capital projects this year, more is needed.

General Fund

Council also reviewed the budgets for General Government which total \$1,674,000 or 9.3 percent of the General Fund budget. The budget is 5.6 percent higher than the current budget. No new personnel are proposed. However, the position of Community Resource Advocate, which was initially funded by a grant, will now require \$15,000 of city funds. General Government budgets are the city council, administration, elections, finance and administrative services, legal counsel, municipal building expenses, public information and participation in state and national public officer associations.

Garden Club Sale

The Beltsville Garden Club will hold its annual Spring Plant Sale on Saturday, April 12 from 8 a.m. to noon. It will be held rain or shine at the High Point High School parking lot, 3601 Powder Mill Road, one mile west of I-95. A wide variety of plants will be for sale at reasonable prices.



The News Review would like to run a short profile or story about a service man or woman now on active duty in Iraq or elsewhere. Contact Judy Bell at 301-486-1779 or Elaine Skolnik at 301-598-1805 if you have such a friend or relative.



ACE
Reading Partners Program
for Volunteer Tutors

This **FREE** reading training and tutorial program is available to anyone who would like to provide reading support to children in Greenbelt. The program will enhance your tutoring and reading-related skills. Participants will receive a certificate upon completion of the workshop.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

- Anyone who can make a six-hour commitment to provide reading tutoring
- Current tutors who would like to enhance their skills and knowledge
- Parents who want tips to help their children improve their reading skills
- Students who would like to earn service hours by tutoring

WHEN: The workshop will be offered twice:
Saturday, April 26 9:00 a.m. to noon
Tuesday, April 29 6:30-9:30 p.m.

WHERE: The Greenbelt Community Center
2nd Floor Multi-Purpose Room

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!

Registration Form Must be completed and returned by Wednesday, April 23 to Greenbelt CARES, City of Greenbelt, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770, ATTN: Wendy Wexler. Fax: 301-441-8248 or include the following information in an E-mail: to wwexler@ci.greenbelt.md.us

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Child's School or Tutoring Program, if any _____

I plan to attend the following session:

_____ Saturday, April 26 from 9 a.m. - noon _____ Tuesday, April 29 from 6:30-9:30 p.m.

I will need child care for the following children: (Please list their names and ages)

The Age of Laser Dentistry Has Arrived!

Everyone is aware of the fantastic advances in laser therapy in medicine. Lasers have now been developed and proven safe and effective for dentistry. The McCarl Dental Group now offers state-of-the-art laser therapy for many dental procedures. Many types of cavities can be treated without drilling or novocaine. Even gum and root canal therapy can sometimes be treated without surgery or injections. Lasers haven't totally changed the face of dentistry. They're one more way to help our patients to have beautiful and healthy smiles that will last a lifetime.

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Member of the Pierre Fauchard Academy.

DR. JAY MCCARL

Dental Implant Symposium, Boston University.
Fellow in Academy of General Dentistry.

DR. DAVID J. MCCARL

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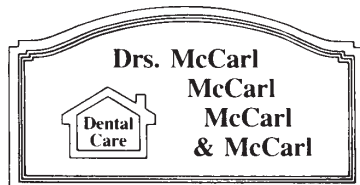
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COUNCIL continued from page 1

Road near the high school, another roundabout is being considered there.

When someone asked whether the number of buses traveling that portion of the road would make a roundabout there impractical, Davis said she would have staff from the city's Department of Planning and Community Development study the issue.

Davis said the Neighborhood Conservation Program plans for this area, to apply to Greenbelt Road in this vicinity, have been scrapped due to the state's budgetary problems. Local road improvements that were part of that plan are in jeopardy.

Road

Davis said NASA has selected the eastern alternative for re-aligning Soil Conservation Road to consolidate its campus. She said a community advisory group still meets with NASA officials about their concerns and the plan may still be modified in some way. She also told GEAC members that County Councilmember Douglas Peters is aware of Greenbelt's concerns that commercial areas at Goddard could draw businesses away from Greenbelt offices.

The city is interested in annexing a wooded area currently under NASA ownership. The area would provide a buffer between Goddard and nearby communities, although Dorothy Pyles, of Greenbriar, expressed concern that the city would thereby be taking on a financial obligation for costly needed repairs.

Basketball Court

GEAC had previously asked that the basketball court on Mandan Road be closed because of problems there related to activities other than the playing of basketball. The issue was referred to the Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB). However, city staff proposed keeping the court open on a probational basis with which PRAB has concurred.

Steps to improve the situation include removing brush to improve visibility from Mandan Road, having city staff monitor the area for inappropriate activity and placing a no parking sign on the east side of Mandan Road near the court to discourage gathering. If problems continue the basketball rims will be removed. PRAB will make its report to council on April 14.

Lien Law

No state or county legislation this past session would enable condominium associations to place liens on the property of owners delinquent in their association fees. Davis and Putens both suggested that GEAC will need to educate the new delegation on why such legislation is important, pointing out that mortgage companies and banks have "more clout" than homeowners' associations. McLaughlin suggested that GEAC find out who is on the appropriate legislative committee and invite them to a GEAC meeting.

A staff report on playground

equity in the city should be completed soon followed by a worksession on it. Since the city is updating playgrounds in GHI (Greenbelt Homes Inc.), an equity agreement dictates that it should do the same for Greenbelt East.

Other issues at the meeting dealt with the city at large.

Davis told the group that revised plans have been submitted for the Greenbelt Station development at the Greenbelt Metro station. The plans, on which council will be briefed by staff on May 5, call for a vertical mix of uses, both residential and commercial. When council meets in a worksession with developers' representatives on May 28 Davis added that the plans may change.

Davis said actions leading to the final settlement of the new post office on the Sunrise site are underway. The city has communicated a desire to settle by May 15.

Budget Issues

The proposed four-cent increase in the city's property tax is necessary to maintain city services at the current level and is a result of the state's fiscal condition, not just due to the city's business, Davis explained. McLaughlin noted it helps that commercial income in the city has been growing slightly. With the defeat of the slot machine legislation the state may make further cuts to municipalities, so the tax rate may go up again next year. Davis said the city will continue to look for grants and ways to get money from the state and other sources to help fund the city's needs and projects.

Vending Machines

Celia Craze, of the city's department of planning and community development, has learned about a Colorado ordinance regulating newspaper vending machines and is looking into how this was accomplished. GEAC members were also informed of efforts by City Solicitor Robert Manzi to develop a municipal working group to establish an agreement between municipalities and newspaper vendors that would elicit cooperation on controlling the proliferation of vending machines.

Preparedness

Davis explained that the city's emergency plan dovetails with that of the county and that sheltering in place in an emergency is now preferred to attempting mass evacuations. The city has a number of buildings that could be used to house people in an emergency, she said.

According to McLaughlin, County Executive Jack Johnson is more concerned with this issue than his predecessor was but the city has not received any money from elsewhere for emergency preparedness. The city is paying for protective clothing necessary for police department personnel and first-responders.

Davis said the city's plan is essentially what the federal government or the Red Cross has advised and this information has

been available at various city functions and meetings. In response to a request that the information specific to Greenbelt be distributed to people without internet access, Davis said she would ask staff to look into it.

Staffing

GEAC learned that the current county administration has not pursued the shifting of fire department personnel initiated by the recently departed administration. However, Davis said, concerns persist throughout the county about public safety staffing issues. Since a main goal of County Executive Johnson is livable communities, councilmembers expressed hope that public safety would be supported. At some point, however, staffing is likely to be a problem, Davis said.

Senior Citizen

Since Collington Care Services pulled out earlier this year from negotiations to act as the city's community resource advocate for seniors, the city has filled the position with a city employee who formerly headed the adult day care center at the Community Center and also served on the city's assisted living task force. Davis said she thought the arrangement would "work out very well."

NARFE Meets

NARFE chapter 2146 will hold its monthly meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16, at the New Carrollton Municipal Center. For information, call 301-577-4968.

Diabetes & Nerves

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A friend suggested that I see a doctor of chiropractic. "A chiropractor," I said, "My back doesn't hurt." He explained to me that his whole family uses a doctor of chiropractic regularly for *all types of health problems* and that nearly every professional athlete in the world uses a chiropractor to maximize performance. His experience with chiropractic all started when his mother was suffering from migraine headaches. She was shuffled around from doctor to doctor and took one medication after another. After thousands of dollars worth of tests and treatment they told her there was nothing more they could do. *Even though she didn't know much about it*, she then tried a doctor of chiropractic since her quality of life was being destroyed. After a few treatments her migraines were gone!

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