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## Pretty as a Picture!



PHOTO BY MARAT MOORE

On a warm, sunny spring Tuesday, motorists enjoy the flowering pear trees, tulips and pansies in patriotic colors along the Southway entrance to Greenbelt.

## Bone Marrow Help Is Urgently Needed

PJ Siegel, a graduate of University of Maryland, Army veteran, a single mom and a life long resident of Greenbelt, is in need of a bone marrow transplant due to being diagnosed last year with acute myelogenous leukemia. Although several drives have been held, including one in Greenbelt in December 2002, to date a match has not been found for PJ. A bone marrow blood testing drive will be held Sunday, April 27, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Greenbriar Community Center, 7600 Hanover Parkway.

The blood test is a simple finger prick. There are some limitations as to who may become donors, such as only individuals between the ages of 18 and 60. Health concerns may also prevent individuals from being tested. There is an informational form to be filled out that requests personal information about the current health of the potential donor. The sample will be sent to Minnesota to be typed. This will take anywhere from 8 to 10 weeks to determine if the donor is a match. Even if a match for PJ is not found, the donor's information will be placed in the National Registry for possible matches to others requiring a marrow transplant. For more information, directions or to volunteer time, email or call Julia Eichhorst at [jules@greenbelt.com](mailto:jules@greenbelt.com) or 301-345-5508.

## 2004 Budget

## Complex Operations – Dogs, Buildings – It's in the Budget

by Barbara Hopkins

The Greenbelt City Council should be well prepared to make a decision when they approve allocations in the FY 2004 budget for the city's Department of Planning and Community Development. Celia Craze, the department director, made an extensive presentation to councilmembers (with only Alan Turnbull absent) on Wednesday, April 9 reviewing the department's accomplishments for the past year, outlining its goals for the future and indicating its needs. When she was finished, Assistant to the City Manager David Moran reviewed budget items for capital projects. (See separate story.) The department has a proposed budget for 2004 of just over \$670,000; almost 90 percent of it is allocated for personnel. Estimated rev-

enues from licenses, permits and other fees and fines more than compensate for the projected expenses for Community Development.

### Accomplishments

Craze summarized the department's growth and its increased role in code enforcement. She cited as some of its achievements the institution of programs to reduce false alarms in both residential and commercial alarm systems and various improvements in parking enforcement, traffic calming and the aggressive enforcement of unregistered or disabled vehicles. The city also inspected and licensed 14 day care centers last year, she said.

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## 2004 Budget

## Council Looks at \$1.2M Capital Projects Budget

by Barbara Hopkins

At an April 9 Greenbelt City Council worksession, Assistant to the City Manager David Moran reviewed items totaling \$1.2-plus million in the proposed 2004 budget for capital projects. Earlier in the evening, council heard about the accomplishments and needs of the Department of Planning and Community Development (see separate story).

When questioned by Councilmember Thomas White, Moran assured council that none of the budgeted items are being funded from prior years' unexpended fund balances (surplus).

One of the two largest allocations in the budget, over \$300,000, is for street resurfacing of Ivy Lane from Kenilworth Avenue to Cherrywood Lane and

Hanover Parkway from Hanover Drive to Hunting Ridge. Celia Craze, director of the Department of Planning and Community Development, who was also present, interjected that current street design standards are "woefully inadequate." They should be revised, she thinks, to require designing to soil condition and type.

The other \$300,000-plus allocation was proposed for window improvements in the Community Center. A state grant of \$325,000 was approved for this in 1998. It requires the city to put up \$75,000 additional. Another \$17,000 was proposed for the Community Center to re-

See **COUNCIL**, page 12

## Greenhills, Greendale, Greenbelt Visitors Plan Documentary Film

by James Giese

Greenbelters hosted and reminisced for two women visiting here from April 5 to 12 who hope to do a documentary about the three New Deal green towns. Glory Green Southwind of Chicago, originally from Greenhills, Ohio has become very interested in the three communities from her continued visits to her mother who still lives in Greenhills. She brought her interest to the attention of June Finfer of Filmedia Ltd., also of Chicago. Together they are seeking funding to do a film documentary about the three towns conceived by Rexford Guy Tugwell as part of the New Deal and built during the Franklin D. Roosevelt administration. Finfer has previously done a documentary on a neighborhood in Detroit.

The two women came to Greenbelt to learn more about this community and determine what aspects of its history should be made a part of the documentary, to determine some of the persons who might be included in such a project and to see what parts of the city should be filmed. They stayed at the

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) guest apartment on Parkway and were given a tour of the community and the Greenbelt Museum by Friends of the Greenbelt Museum President Karen Yoho and museum volunteers Sandra Lange, Ann Meglis and Barbara Havekost.

Finfer said that they hoped to use Kathy Knepper, who recently completed a book about Greenbelt and Alonzo Hardy, a noted New Deal scholar, as consultants for the project.

Southwind said that they had already received a pre-production grant from the Maryland Department of Humanities and that they were also seeking funding from Ohio and Wisconsin.

### Reminiscing

On April 7 the two women met with a group familiar with the history of Greenbelt – Bob Sommers, Kathleen McFarland, Lee Shields and Richard Rosenzweig, all children of first families who grew up in Greenbelt. Mayor Judith Davis, former City Manager James Giese and Havekost were also present.

Southwind told of her concern for the preservation of the

original school in Greenhills, which was also originally a community center as well. The school became owned by a combined school district, the Winton Woods School System, serving Greenhills and the neighboring town of Forest Park. That town had been developed by Warner-Kanter from land originally a part of the Greenhills new town project. (Warner-Kanter also acquired the green space sold off by the housing cooperative in Greenbelt, but failed to develop it, instead selling the land to other developers for a profit.) In the 70s the school system took the Greenhills students out of the original school and bused them to a new school in Forest Park. The school system continues to own the building and uses it for administrative purposes. Since then, one original mural has been painted over and another has been partially painted over.

Ohio, which she said is very conservative, fought the building of Greenhills "tooth and nail" and has so far not been very

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## What Goes On

### Saturday, April 26

10 a.m. to noon, Earth Day Celebration, North Shore, Greenbelt Lake

Noon, Arbor Day Celebration, Planting trees, North Shore, Greenbelt Lake

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Public Works Open House 2003, Public Works Facility

11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Celebration of Spring, Springhill Lake Recreation Center

### Monday, April 28

8 p.m., Regular City Council Meeting and Public Hearing on FY 2004 Budget, Municipal Building

### Wednesday, April 30

7:30 p.m., Council Budget Worksession – Contribution Groups, Community Center

### Friday, May 2

6:30 p.m., Youth Literary Showcase, Municipal Building

### Saturday, May 3

9 a.m. to noon, Electronic Recycling, Schrom Hills Park

9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Networking: Documenting Women's Lives, Community Center

1 to 3 p.m., Youth Forum, Roosevelt Center

## Art Activities Galore at Artful Afternoon

On Sunday, May 4, the Greenbelt Recreation Department will host an Artful Afternoon at the Greenbelt Community Center from 1 to 5 p.m. Guests of all ages are invited to enjoy free activities culminating in a special dance performance at 4 p.m. with "Seize the Day." This mixed-abilities company based in Prince George's County will present "He Speaks for the Trees," a lively interpretation of The Lorax by Dr. Seuss addressing environmental themes.

Earlier in the day, children will be invited to participate in a hands-on workshop from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. related to the current exhibition at the Community Center Art Gallery. Children are encouraged to visit the gallery, where viewers ages 5 through 10 can enter to win a prize based on their observations of the exhibit "Documenting Women's Lives" presented in conjunction with the Women's Caucus for Art of Greater Washington, D.C. Entry forms are included in the latest edition of the "i spy" children's gallery guide, available in the exhibition space. At 3 p.m., a drawing will be held for the last "i spy" contest based on the exhibi-

tion of artwork by Community Center students and interns.

A special stained glass workshop will be held for ages 16+ with Artist in Residence Jean Newcomb. This project is intended for individuals without prior experience in stained glass. Participants will choose a "sun catcher" project to complete using pre-cut glass. The workshop will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. Space is limited, so participants are encouraged to arrive promptly at 1 p.m. to sign in.

Additional activities scheduled for May 4 will include a studio open house with the Community Center's Artists in Residence, a ceramics sale with Greenbelt Pottery and tours of the nearby historic home operated by the Greenbelt Museum, all from 1 to 5 p.m. Live music will also be performed by members of "Big Blow and the Bushwackers," a popular band known in Greenbelt for their performances at the New Deal Café.

Artful Afternoons are an ongoing series sponsored by the Recreation Department on the first Sunday of every month. For more information, call 301-397-2208.



Members of the "Seize the Day" dance company will perform "He Speaks for the Trees," a lively interpretation of Dr. Seuss' "The Lorax," on Sunday at 4 p.m. The city's Artful Afternoon program will also feature many activities that center around Earth Day.

## City Resource Advocate Hired

The City of Greenbelt has hired Christal Parker Batey as the city's new Community Resource Advocate. This position offers information and support to enable Greenbelt's Seniors to remain in their homes as long as possible. It is part of the Greenbelt Assistance-in-Living Program that was established in August, 2001. The program is available to senior citizens residing in the City of Greenbelt.

Batey brings over 13 years of senior management level experience in the senior services field and is very familiar with Greenbelt. She previously worked for Collington Care Services in Mitchellville, Baptist Senior Adult Ministries in Washington, D.C. and the Prince George's County Department on Aging (now Family Services).

She serves on the Aging Advisory Committee for Prince George's County (a county executive appointed position); she also is a member of the Board of Directors for Aegis Healthcare Business Solutions and the president of the League for Excellence in Adult Day Centers. She is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Mitchellville. Batey was one of the non-voting members of the Greenbelt Assisted Living Task Force.

For more information on the Assistance-in-Living program, contact Christal Parker Batey at 301-474-8000 ext 105. Office hours are Monday by appointment, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesday from 11:30 to 8 p.m.

## Letters

### New Procedures Following Robbery

Recently Greenbelt Mobil was the target of an attempted armed robbery and an assault on one of my employees. I would first like to thank everyone in the community who helped out. I would particularly like to thank the two young ladies who acted quickly and called 911. Second, I'd like to thank both the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad and the Greenbelt Police for their quick response and ongoing investigation.

My employee is recovering from his injuries and is back to work. However, we are all still dealing with the emotions involved after a serious incident like this. In the 19 years that I've been the operator of Greenbelt Mobil this is the first attempted armed robbery. Many of the employees and I are citizens in this community and feel it is our responsibility to contribute to the safety of the community.

Therefore, an incident like this prompts me to make some changes that previously I was resisting. First, you may have noticed the Pay First signs at the pumps. I made this change because there has been an increase in the number of people driving off without paying. Second, we will be locking the front door during the evening hours. Customers will be required to make purchases and pay at the window in front of the cashier's station. Finally, we will be unable to provide full service after 5 p.m.

We will continue to provide all our customers with a friendly and safe buying experience and would like to thank everyone for being both supportive and patient during this time of change.

*Bill Novick*  
Owner, Operator  
Greenbelt Service Center  
(Mobil)

### Correction

In last week's story on the tutoring club that meets in the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, the sentence about computers as a tutorial aide should have read that computers are now being used.

### Ryan De Ryke In Concert

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## The Old Curmudgeon



"All that guns and violence on TV ...  
Oh, it's Greenbelt, not Iraq!"

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The Quiet American (R)

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Saturday  
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# Community Events

## At the Library

Tuesday, April 29, 7 p.m., Cliffhangers for ages 5 to 8.  
 Wednesday, April 30, 10:15 and 11 a.m., Cuddletime for ages 12 months to 24 months with caregiver.  
 Thursday, May 1, 10:15 a.m., Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5; 11:15 a.m., Toddler Time, 2-year-olds with caregiver.

## Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald  
 The Golden Age Club celebrated its 47th anniversary luncheon on April 16 at La Fontaine Bleu. It was well attended and everyone enjoyed the delicious lunch. Honored guests were Judith Davis, the mayor; Hank Irving, recreation dept. director; David Moran, assistant to the city manager; Karen Haseley, therapeutic recreation programs director; and Christal Parker Batey, community resource advocate.

April birthday celebrants were honored. The winners of the birthday raffle were Doris Roberts and Joe Wilkinson.

The 50/50 winners were Cliff Bennett and Ken Keeney. Thanks to the luncheon committee for all the hard work to make this affair a success.

Reminder: anyone 60 years of age or older residing in the city of Greenbelt is eligible to become a member of the Golden Age Club. The meetings are held at 11 a.m. every Wednesday at the Community Center. Come to a meeting to learn more details and then enjoy all the trips and activities.

## Remove English Ivy

On Sunday, April 27, between 10 a.m. and noon, the GHI Woodlands Committee's English Ivy removal project will continue in Parcel L. Meet in front of 6 Court Ridge Road. Members living at 6 Court are especially invited to participate. Join to help save the woodlands.

## Explore Deregulation

Explorations Unlimited welcomes Theresa Czarski on Friday, May 2 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Community Center's Senior Classroom. Czarski has been an assistant people's counsel for 14 years. As a lawyer, she specializes in law enforcement and has represented the interests of Maryland's residential utility ratepayers before the Public Service Commission, the Federal Communications Commission, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and other federal commissions and state and federal courts. She will be providing information about how consumers can protect themselves from some of the pitfalls of deregulation including deceptive marketing practices, slamming, cramming and telephone solicitations.

## National Park Week Emphasizes History

Enjoy National Park Week at Greenbelt Park by joining a Park Ranger and discovering the history of the National Park Service. The program will take place on the following days at the ranger station near the campground: Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and Tuesday, April 29 through Thursday, May 1 at 2 p.m.

Greenbelt Park's entrance is located between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway at 6565 Greenbelt Road.

For more information call 301-344-3944 or visit their web page at <http://www.nps.gov/gree/>.

## Arts Center Has New Website

The Greenbelt Arts Center now has its own website - [GreenbeltArtsCenter.org](http://GreenbeltArtsCenter.org). After years of borrowing space under other web addresses, the hometown center for the performing arts is now easy to find on the internet. With information about plays, concerts, classes and gallery exhibitions, the website always has the latest word on what's happening at GAC. Forget the exact address? - just type "Greenbelt Arts" into a favorite search engine and it will show up near the top.

## Woodlands Comm. Needs Gardeners

The GHI Woodlands Committee has received hundreds of plants, many of them seedlings, and more are on the way. They will be used in reforestation projects after invasive plant species have been removed. These plants will be maintained in the committee's nursery plot until the forest sites are ready. That's a lot of planting and garden tending. Help is needed. Over the coming months four to six gardeners are needed for an average of 15 to 20 hours each to complete the project. Have fun and help save the woodlands. Contact the Woodlands Committee community liaison at 301-474-4161.

## Join Earth Day Hike At Green Belt Woods

Enjoy a spring walk through the historic green belt woods Saturday, April 26. The committee to Save the Green Belt guided walk will begin at noon and last about an hour. Long pants and a hat are suggested. For information call Susan, 301-474-7465. Meet at Northway extended off Ridge Road.

## GHI Notes

The Architecture and Environment Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. April 30 in the Board Room.

The Member and Community Relations Committee will meet April 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

The next pre-purchase orientation will be Monday, May 5 at 7:15 p.m. in the Board Room.

The Board of Directors meetings for the month will be on May 15 and 29 at 7:30 p.m.

## Nature Preservation At Greenbelt Park

Help protect Greenbelt Park from harmful invasive plants. Join in a hands-on nature preservation activity and learn about native and non-native plants.

Join in Saturday, May 3 at 11 a.m. in the Sweetgum Picnic area. This program will be every first Saturday of the month, come rain or shine. Wear appropriate clothing and bring work gloves and lunch/snack. This is a partnership between the Greenbelt Park and the University of Maryland. Greenbelt Park's entrance is located between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway at 6565 Greenbelt Road.

For more information call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944 or visit the park's web page at <http://www.nps.gov/gree/>.

## Pet Expo Art Needed

The Greenbelt Pet Expo is looking for pet owners of any age who would like to submit a picture (drawn, painted or colored) of their pet or pets. Pictures will be displayed on Saturday, May 17 during the Pet Expo. Artwork will be mounted on the walls of the Community Center. Pictures may be no larger than 18x24 inches. All artwork should be dropped in the box marked "Pet Expo Artwork" located outside the Community Center main office. The name, address and telephone number of the artist should be written on the back of the artwork. Artwork can be picked up after the Expo. For more information, call Susie Hall at 301-474-6124.

## Greenbelt CARES

On Tuesday evening, Elissa Levine hosted a talk given by Monica Haley-Pierson, an attorney specializing in family law. The topic was "Divorce, Separation and Child Support Issues." An informative question-and-answer session and discussion followed.

# Baseball Scores Big Time in Greenbelt



PHOTO BY MARAT MOORE

Baseball players and their biggest fans paraded under spring skies on April 6 to celebrate the opening of the baseball season in Greenbelt. The "All-American" sport has proven to be very popular in this city, where teams are run by the Babe Ruth League, the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club, the St. Hugh's CYO and a traveling seniors softball team. There is a new machine pitch league this year to satisfy the interests of Greenbelt's youngest enthusiasts. Check the schedule below to share in the fun . . . teams are competitive at all levels and the price is right!

## Greenbelt Baseball

### Major League Schedule

Date	Time	Game
Mon., April 28	6:00 p.m.	Giants @ Indians
Tues., April 29	6:00 p.m.	Lions @ Tigers
Wed., April 30	6:00 p.m.	Giants @ Athletics
Thur., May 1	6:00 p.m.	Lions @ Cardinals
Fri., May 2	6:00 p.m.	Tigers @ Cubs
Fri., May 2	6:00 p.m.*	Indians @ Athletics
Sat., May 3	10:00 a.m.	Cardinals @ Orioles
Sat., May 3	1:00 p.m.	Tryouts/Rain Make-up

### Major League Standings As of Tuesday 4/22/03

American League	W-L	National League	W-L
Athletics	2 - 0	Indians	3 - 0
Giants	2 - 0	Cardinals	1 - 1
Orioles	3 - 1	Cubs	0 - 3
Tigers	0 - 3	Lions	0 - 3

### 2003 Machine Pitch Schedule

Date	Time	Visitor vs. Home
Mon., April 28	6:00 p.m.**	Rockies vs. Astros
Wed., April 30	6:00 p.m.**	Astros vs. Yankees
Fri., May 2	6:00 p.m.**	Yankees vs. Rockies
Sat., May 3	11:00 a.m.**	Rain out/Make up

### Machine Pitch Standings As of Tuesday 4/22/03

Astros	1 - 0
Rockies	0 - 0
Yankees	0 - 1

All games are played at McDonald Field unless noted. \*This game will be played at Schrom Hills Park. \*\*These games will be played at Braden #3.

## ST. HUGH'S SCHOOL SILENT/LIVE AUCTION

Saturday, May 3, 2003 Grenoble Hall

Doors open at 6:30 - Auction begins at 7:00  
 Tickets \$10.00 in advance, \$15.00 at the door  
 Hot hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine, beverages and desserts  
 Ticket sales contact: Paula Beaver 301-474-4071

Visa accepted  
 Many wonderful items have been donated for this event.  
 Visit our website [www.sthughs.com](http://www.sthughs.com)  
 Auction will benefit our outdoor classroom.

## Greenbriar Community Yard Sale

Saturday, April 26, 2003  
 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

\*\* RAIN OR SHINE \*\*

Greenbriar Community Building  
 7600 Hanover Parkway Greenbelt, MD  
 301-441-1096

**Greenbelt House & Garden Tour**  
 June 8, 2003  
 Houses Still Needed!  
 Please call Stephen Detken at 301-474-4075 or stop by GHI office for application.



## ATTENTION GHI MEMBERS Community Beautification Program

The 2003 Community Beautification Program is under way. The units scheduled for the week of April 28 to May 2 will include the following courts, weather permitting:

- Ridge Road - courts 33 through 48
- Eastway - all courts
- Woodland Way - all courts
- Northway - 2 court
- Hillside Road - courts 2 through 8
- Crescent Road - courts 56 through 62



Matthew Cullinan, 20, is among 53 students recently inducted into Salisbury University's chapter of Phi Alpha Theta international honor society in history. Cullinan, son of Greenbelt resident Bernard Cullinan, is a 2000 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School and is a junior majoring in communication arts. He is a member of the ice hockey team and has been named to the Dean's List.



While Lynn Eppard does the pre-print work for the News Review, her son Jarrett Eppard-Wilcots has been pinch-hitting for her since the arrival of baby brother Ibraheem in December. The family now joyfully welcomes Zoey Elizabeth Eppard-Wilcots, born to Allison Shampu and Jarrett on April 21, 2003. Zoey, who weighed in at 8 lbs., 10 oz., is their first child, as well as Lynn's first grandchild. Best wishes to all!

We have two items of good news from John and Pat Unger of Lakeside Drive. A baby girl, Molly Patricia Grace, was born to Martha Unger Grace and her husband, Russell, on March 18 in Cypress, Calif. Pat made a quick trip to "help out" and she brought back pictures for first-time Granddad John, Uncle Patrick, Aunt Marie and Aunt Liz, who expects to fly out to see her new niece early this summer. A month later, April 18, John returned home from a stay at Rexford Place on Greenbelt Road. He had experimental eye surgery for glaucoma on February 12 and is doing very well. Congratulations to all the Ungers!

**Free Health Tests**

Doctors Community Hospital with the Bladensburg Rotary Club will provide free health screenings on Saturday, April 26 from 1 to 4 p.m., starting in the main lobby of the hospital.

The screenings will include diabetes, blood pressure, cholesterol, bone density, body fat, vision and hearing. Health lectures and educational presentations about breast cancer, back and joint pain, diabetes and heart disease will also be featured. Call 301-552-8060 for information.

**Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church**  
 3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi (301-937-3666)  
 Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community  
 April 27, 10 a.m.  
 "Worship Associates Reflect on Worship"  
 with drex Andrex, Cathleen Barnes, Meghan Barnes, Jennifer Grant, Leo Jones, Julie Watson  
 Barbara Wells and Jaco B. ten Hove, co-ministers

**Baha'i Faith**  
 We invite you to...  
 Interfaith Devotions and Classes for Children & Adults  
 Sunday, April 27 at 10 AM  
 Springhill Lake Elementary School  
 "If... the child be trained to be both learned and good, the result is light upon light."  
 -Baha'i Sacred Writings  
 Greenbelt Baha'i Community  
 P.O. Box 245  
 Greenbelt, MD 20770  
 301-345-2918 301-220-3160  
 www.bahai.org/

**Mohammed Gir Wins Essay Contest**

Springhill Lake Elementary School student Mohammed Gir has won the essay contest "If I Were Mayor, I Would—" sponsored by the Maryland Municipal League District 9. He was recognized by Governor Robert Ehrlich and received an award plaque at the State House on April 21.

Gir will be presented with a \$250 savings bond during pre-game activities at the afternoon Bowie Baysox game on Saturday, April 26. Other participants in the contest will receive discounted ball game tickets.

*If I were Mayor, I Would...*

If I were mayor of a city, there are certain things that I would really want to change. I would like to change the way orphans are being treated. I would make sure that the orphans are being loved, and that they don't get very lonely in this big world. I would also donate not only money to orphanages but, also things like stuffed animals, food, books, and clothes. Also if I was a mayor I'd make the city more beautiful. I would do this by making more flower gardens, and also by trying to somehow prevent pollution.

Being a mayor will also give me the privilege of trying to end racism. Because although it does not appear as if racism exists, if you look deep down, you will also know that it does exist. People still judge others by their skin color, and sometimes also by their religion. If I was mayor I would also give everyone a chance to talk, and tell their ideas and I will listen to those ideas. I would also pass them down to others and make sure that they are treated with great respect. I'd also listen to others problems and solve their problems so, their life is made easier. If I was mayor I would arrange more programs and festivals for the community. I would make sure that playgrounds and other areas stay clean at all times. I would do these things if I was a mayor.

Mohammed Gir

**GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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 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"

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 Hillside & Crescent Roads  
 Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings  
 Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.  
 Daniel Hamlin, Pastor  
 "A church of the open mind, the warm heart, the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."

**St. George's Episcopal/Anglican Church**  
 7010 Glenn Dale Road (Lanham-Severn Road and Glenn Dale Road)  
 301-262-3285 | [stgeogd@aol.com](mailto:stgeogd@aol.com) | [www.stgeo.org](http://www.stgeo.org)  
 Sundays: 8:00 am A Simple, Quiet Mass  
 9:00 am Christian Education for All Ages  
 10:00 am Sung Mass with Organ and Folk Music, ASL Interpreted  
 Nursery Provided 9:00-11:30 am  
 An inclusive congregation!

**Beautiful Sunrise Greet Easter Sunrise Service**



PHOTO BY JAMES GIESE

Congregants begin to arrive for Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service at Greenbelt Lake.

**ACE Contest Winners Named**

by Liz Murray

The ACE Reading Club and the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education recently announced the winners of the High School Poetry and Short Fiction Contest. They are Daniel Parker, Aja Watkins, Rachel Lane, Lauren White, Timothy Lang, Lidia Lopez, Petrina Peart, and Maura Sateriale. All the students, from Eleanor Roosevelt High School, had to submit original poems or short fictional stories in categories such as miscellaneous, love, nature/environment and social issues.

A judge's panel reviewed the entries and selected winners based on originality, creativity, cleverness, artistic quality and writing skill. The panel was composed of Mayor Judith Davis, News Review writer Mary Moien, Chef Lou of Chef Lou's Desserts and several members of the Greenbelt Writer's Group.

Total prize awards are \$1,000 in value ranging from gift certificates to cash. Awards were provided by the Greenbelt Arts Cen-

ter, Old Greenbelt Theatre, Greenbelt Food Co-op, Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, New Deal Café, Jasper's Restaurant, JAFRA cosmetics, Greenway Shopping Center and ACE members Leta Mach and Jacqueline Magness.

The student authors will perform their work and receive recognition and awards at the Greenbelt Youth Literary Showcase on May 2 at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chamber in the Municipal Building. Everyone is invited to attend this free event. For more details contact Liz Murray, the ACE reading coordinator, at 301-345-6660 or email [e-murray@att.net](mailto:e-murray@att.net).

**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  
**ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
 135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Md.

**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
 6905 Greenbelt Road • 301-345-5111  
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. Worship  
 8:45 a.m. Fellowship  
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
 9:15 a.m. Bible Class  
 10:30 a.m. Worship  
 Fax 301-220-0694 • E-mail [myholycross@erols.com](mailto:myholycross@erols.com)

**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  
 HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE  
[www.gbmg-UMC.org/mowatt](http://www.gbmg-UMC.org/mowatt)  
 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 27, Second Sunday of Easter: Heritage Sunday  
 Sermon: "Everything in Common"

## Event Focuses on Local Women's Caucus

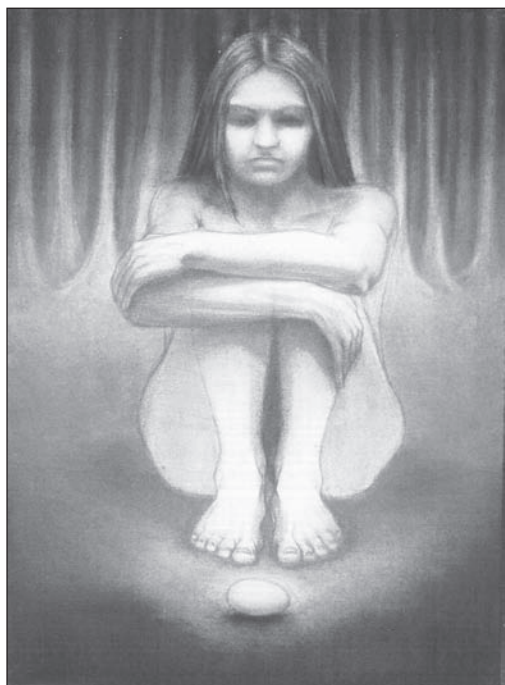
Artists from nine states and Washington, D.C. will converge on Greenbelt for Networking Day 2003, an annual event co-sponsored by the Women's Caucus for Art of Greater Washington, D.C. (WCA/DC) and this year by the City of Greenbelt.

The event will be held on Saturday, May 3 at the Greenbelt Community Center and focuses on the theme "On the Record: Documenting Women's Lives." Networking Day 2003 includes a morning of speakers, afternoon workshops, walking tours of historic Greenbelt, a visit to the Greenbelt Museum and a reception for two juried exhibitions. These shows will present work by Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, Georgia and Florida chapter members of the Women's Caucus for Art.

The theme for this year's Networking Day was inspired by the publication of "Embracing America: A Cuban Exile Comes of Age" (The University Press of Florida, 2002). Written by writer, photographer, teacher and WCA/DC member Margaret L. Paris, the book tells the story of artist and WCA/DC member Elena Maza.

In 1961, shortly after the rise to power of Cuban revolutionary Fidel Castro, 13-year-old Elena Maza was one of 14,000 Cuban children airlifted to the United States under Operation Pedro Pan, the only political exodus ever of unaccompanied children in the Western Hemisphere. Margaret Paris' book documents Elena Maza's page from that great collective story.

As keynote speakers for this year's Networking Day, Margaret Paris and Elena Maza will discuss their experiences in creating the 39 interviews and reveal what came to light as they talked. Dr. Evelyn Beck, professor emerita, Women's Studies, University of Maryland in "Re/Constructing Frida Kahlo: the Life/Work of an Artist," will con-



The exhibition at the Community Center sponsored by the Women's Caucus for Art includes this piece, entitled "Afterbirth," by Michelle Wilson.

tinue the morning's focus on Latinas by talking about this flamboyant 20th century Mexican artist.

Following an open forum in which participants can engage in discussion with the speakers, a slide show will highlight members' work.

The afternoon begins with walking tours on the theme "Documenting Women's Lives in Historic Greenbelt." Participants will be introduced to this planned community and see international style houses, including the Greenbelt Museum. They will be shown work by sculptor Lenore Thomas who was hired to create the friezes on the Community Center and the Mother and Child sculpture in the Roosevelt Center.

The afternoon session includes two concurrent workshops. One is "Writing Women's Lives," led by Dr. Perry Frank, president, American Dreams & Associates, Inc. She will introduce participants to the craft of creating compelling biographies about women. The second workshop, "Using Working Artist Software to Document your Art," will be

presented by Roberta Morgan, WCA/DC artist. She will explore the many practical ways in which the rich, flexible, and simple-to-use 'Working Artist' software program makes easier the business and documentation aspects of an artist's life. The afternoon will end with a reception at which readings will be presented by WCA/DC artist and poet Marguerite Beck-Rex, Perry Frank and others.

### Exhibitions

Two exhibitions on the theme of women's lives, juried by WCA/DC program chair Heidi Nasstrom Evans, WCA/DC publicity chair Marguerite Beck-Rex and Greenbelt Arts Coordinator Nicole DeWald, will be on view in Greenbelt at two locations.

Through May 30 "Time and Place: The Art of Margaret Paris and Elena Maza," a two-woman show of paintings, drawings and photographs, will be at the Municipal Building. From May 3 to 26, "Documenting Women's Lives," a group exhibit with work by Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, Georgia and Florida chapter members will be at the Greenbelt Community Center Art Gallery. For hours and information about the Greenbelt venues, contact Nicole DeWald, Greenbelt arts coordinator, 301-397-2208; ndewald@ci.greenbelt.md.us.

Networking Day is a free event intended to support the work of WCA members and to introduce the WCA/DC to women and men interested in the arts in the Washington area.

Arts programs of the City of Greenbelt are sponsored in part by the Maryland State Arts Council, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, the Prince George's Arts Council and the P.G. Super Circle. For more information on Networking Day and the WCA/DC, contact WCA/DC president Tara Tappert, 202-635-0869 or t\_tappert@yahoo.com.



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY THE DEPT. OF REC

Greenbelt families of all shapes and sizes were on hand for the City's annual Easter Egg Hunt held on Saturday, April 19 at Buddy Attick Park. With cameras in hand, parents watched as children hunted for hundreds of candy-filled plastic eggs. Everyone had an "eggs-travagantly" good time! Look for more photos throughout this week's issue of the newspaper.

## 37 Outstanding Students Are Honored at St. Hugh's

by Leslie Hilliard

Thirty-seven students at St. Hugh's School were recognized for their academic achievements at the school assembly for the "Honors Award" presentation.

Students in grades five through eight who maintain grades of "A" or "B" are eligible for the award. In addition to academic achievement, the "Honor Award" also encompasses attributes of respect, spirituality and responsibility.

Students achieving "First Honors" must maintain an "A" in every subject except one, where a "B" is permissible. Twenty students received the distinction of "First Honors." They are: fifth grade - John Culhane, Alexander Dwivendi, Devin Fendlay, Ramesh Katta, Scot Kincaid, Robert Lewey, Alexander McGee, Rachael Rogers and Zachary Viola; sixth

grade - Nydia Bryan-Green, Eric Cocchiario, Sarah Layton, Eric Meyer and Megan Shaffer; seventh grade - Laurence Fitzgerald, Nicholas Gunawan and Gregory Meyer; eighth grade - Jeffrey Grant, Harrison Hilliard and Sara Witter.

Students earning "Second Honors" must receive either "A" or "B" in every core subject. Seventeen students received the distinction of "Second Honors." They are: fifth grade - Marcella Fidelis, Paige Jacobs and Sean Kennedy; sixth grade - Tiara Adams, Himabindu Bichali, Wesley Hilliard, Kyra Simon and Architha Vishnuvajjala; seventh grade - Joseph Chang, Mitchell Drew, Jeffrey Han, Edward Kim and Eleanor Lomax; eighth grade - Megan Didion, Angela Kim, Andrew Perrin and Justin Van Den Bossche.

### Greenbelt Park Needs Volunteers

#### Help with People

Help is needed in greeting visitors from all over the world, answering phones and performing duties at Greenbelt Park. Skills required for this volunteer position are the ability to communicate, the ability to read and write and an outgoing, friendly personality. Three hour shifts are available Friday through Sunday. Student Service hours can be earned through this position.

To schedule an interview call Park Ranger Kevin Barry at 301-344-3944.

#### Help with Projects

Come join a park ranger and neighbors to help Greenbelt Park. National Park Week will end with an opportunity to volunteer. Meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area near the entrance on Saturday, May 3 at 10:45 a.m.

Greenbelt Park's entrance is located between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway at 6565 Greenbelt Road. For more information call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944 or visit the web page at <http://www.nps.gov/gree/>.

# YARDSALE

RAIN OR SHINE!!

SATURDAY, MAY 3 - 9AM - 2PM  
GREENBELT COMMUNITY CHURCH  
HILLSIDE AND CRESCENT ROADS

HUGE INDOOR  
YARDSALE, BAKE SALE AND HOAGIE SALE  
More Info: 301-474-6171

Youth of Greenbelt, now is your time to let City Officials know what you really want.

## YOUTH SPEAK OUT MAY 3rd; 1-3PM ROOSEVELT CENTER



Are you concerned about:  
✓Rollerblading and Skate Boarding Opportunities; ✓Outdoor Basketball Courts;  
✓Computer Labs; ✓Teen Trips and Recreation Programs; ✓Summer Jobs;

✓Work Study Opportunities;

✓Do YOU have ideas you want City Officials to hear?

THEN COME OUT AND EXPRESS YOUR THOUGHTS!



### GHI POSTER CONTEST



REMINDER



The GHI Woodlands Committee is sponsoring a poster contest as part of its educational program to Save the Woodlands from non-native invasive plant species. The contest is open to all GHI residents. The poster theme is Forest First Aid. You can pick up a copy of the contest rules at the GHI Administration Building on Hamilton Place. Contest submissions are due no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 9. Be creative, have fun, and help save the woodlands.



### ATTENTION MEMBERS

#### GHI Warehouse Adds Saturday Springtime Hours

from 10 a.m. to noon to offer the following items. Supplies are limited and are offered on a first-come first-serve basis.

Items for members to borrow include:

Garden Weezel	Free 5-day loan (If not returned in 5 days, there is a \$25 fee.)
Siding Brush	Free 5-day loan (If not returned in 5 days, there is a \$35 fee.)

Items for sale include:

Straw (2 lbs.)	\$4
Grass Seed (2 lbs.)	\$4

No charge:

Touch-up paint (2 qts. only). Colors - white, medium gray and brown.



It's hard to tell who is having more fun in this picture!

## Girl Scout Troop 1161 Active Both Near and Far

Junior Girl Scout Troop 1161 of Greenbelt collected donations and delivered 256 boxes (over 21 cases) of Girl Scout cookies to the USO at the Baltimore International Airport last week. The girls were given donations by family, friends, neighbors and passersby at the girls' cookie booths and door-to-door cookie sales to buy cookies for the military who are being deployed overseas. Donations of loose change and as much as \$30 were given to the troop's cause. The girls collected so much from so many generous people, that they were able to purchase 256 boxes for the USO to put a box of cookies in the care packages for military men and women as they are being deployed overseas. The troop also has adopted two military women, one in the army and one in the coast guard. From their cookie profits and donations they have bought and sent them cases of Girl Scout cookies over the past three years in the scouts' "Gift of Caring" program.

This past fall, the girls made 20 baby blankets for Project Linus and donated them to Children's Hospital at Christmas. Project Linus is a 100% volunteer nonprofit organization that provides new homemade security blankets to help comfort children (infants to teens) in need.



Junior Girl Scout Troop 1161 with their 256 boxes of donated cookies. Front row (l to r): Felicia Ralph, Danielle Sherman, Megan Jones, April Fryar, Kellie Achstetter; back row (l to r): Laura Kelley, Desirae Kirkland, Debbie Fishbeck, Alexandra Cole and Hannah Silver (not pictured).



A beautiful day on Saturday April 5 for "spring cleaning" by Junior Girl Scout Troop 1161 and Boy Scout Troop 96 at the pond on Hanover Parkway and Ora Glen Drive. Litter pick-up was performed by (front row, l to r) Laura Kelley, Alexandra Sherman, Debbie Fishbeck, Danielle Sherman, Megan Jones, Kellie Achstetter; (back row, l to r) Marcus Clyburn, Alexandra Cole and Eugene Jones.

## Forest Stewardship Seeks Wildflowers

Dr. Marc Imlay, vice president of the Maryland Native Plant Society (MNPS), visited the Greenbelt Homes Inc. (GHI) Stewardship Forest on April 13. Also present were Eldon Ralph, director of physical plant operations, GHI; Bill Phelan, city horticulturalist; Susan Ready and Dorothy Lauber, GHI board members; Jean Newcomb, GHI member, and John Nichols, Doug Love and Mary Kingsley, Woodland Committee members.

Imlay came to advise them on the best strategies and methods to use in combating the spread of non-native invasive plants threatening the health of GHI's Stewardship Forest parcels. GHI has begun tackling the problem and the city is studying it and is interested in pursuing a similar course.

Imlay, a Sierra Club leader, advocates the manual removal of invasive plants. He demonstrated the best approaches to that task. Imlay believes there are times when careful, judicious use of herbicides is the only practical approach especially when the prob-

lem is as extensive as that faced in Greenbelt. He demonstrated how to apply herbicides in a way that protects the surrounding native plant and animal life. This targeted method requires staff knowledgeable in the identification of native plant species. It takes less herbicide but more time.

The group discussed the replanting of the forest in Parcel V, site of much of the work currently being undertaken. The parcel includes a stream. Phelan offered cuttings from the red-osier dogwood along the lake to supplement the plant stock already available for streamside planting as a buffer to control erosion and provide shelter and food for wildlife. The committee plans to reintroduce many of the species now missing back into the ecosystem. Imlay was dismayed to note that even in GHI's healthiest forested parcel there was a lack of herbaceous layer species. This is a time of year that one should be able to see at least 10 types of wildflowers in any given site. No wildflowers were anywhere to be seen.

While there is much to be done, the group was encouraged to hear that there is help available. Imlay will pursue a formal agreement with GHI that will name the restoration project as a project recognized by the MNPS and the Sierra Club. If the GHI Board of Directors agrees to this proposal, groups containing individuals who are members of neither the MNPS nor the Sierra Club can be utilized on what is private property with insurance coverage provided by the sponsoring groups. Although trained community members are still needed, this will give a boost to the volunteer labor needed to produce results.

Last Sunday, members met with Doug Love at the forested end of Plateau Place to learn how to eradicate multiflora rose by mechanical means. Next Sunday, April 27 from 10 a.m. to noon, work will be started in the forested parcel behind the 6 Court of Ridge Road. Members living in the surrounding courts are especially encouraged to attend.



PHOTO BY PAM LAUBIRD

Dr. Marc Imlay brought to Greenbelt his expertise on the eradication of non-native invasive plant species from the GHI woodlands. Meeting with him are: on the left side of the table (from left): Bill Phelan, city horticulturalist; Eldon Ralph, GHI director of physical plant; Dr. Marc Imlay, chairperson MD Chapter, Sierra Club and Mary Kingsley, GHI Woodlands Committee. With their backs to the camera, from left: Sue Ready, vice president, GHI board; Dorothy Lauber, GHI board secretary and Jean Newcomb, GHI member. Under the tree in the rear of the photo is Doug Love, GHI Woodlands Committee.

### The Greenbelt Public Safety Advisory Committee PUBLIC FORUM FOR THE RESIDENTS OF SPRINGHILL LAKE

Tuesday, April 29th  
7:30-9:30pm

Springhill Lake Elementary School  
*The Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) would like to hear concerns and issues residents have about Public Safety issues. The Committee will bring information which will be helpful in providing safety in your home and community. In addition, concerns brought to the attention of the PSAC will be submitted to the appropriate authority, and brought before the City Council.*

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Finding of No Significant Impact

NASA has made a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) with respect to the proposed gypsy moth treatment at the Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Maryland. NASA has reviewed the Environmental Assessment (EA) prepared for the project and has determined that the proposed gypsy moth treatment would not cause significant environmental impacts.

Copies of the FONSI and the EA are available for review at the following locations:

Prince George's County Memorial Library System	Laurel Branch
Greenbelt Branch	507 7 <sup>th</sup> Street
11 Crescent Road	Laurel, MD 20707
Greenbelt, MD 20770	

For further information contact Darlene Squibb at 301-286-6137. Copies of the EA and FONSI are also available by contacting Ms. Squibb at the telephone number above.



# City Information

**CITY COUNCIL~Municipal Building Council  
Room~Monday, April 28, 2003 - 8:00 p.m.~Regular  
Meeting~Public Hearing on FY 2004 Budget**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Presentations**

- "If I Were Mayor" Essay Contest Winner and Participants from Springhill Lake Elementary School
- Oath of Office for New Greenbelt Police Officers – Tammy Harris, Kelly Lawson, and Stephen Cohen
- Recognition of Police Officers – MPO Seung Lee, MPO Edward Holland, Officer Gordon Rose, and Cpl. David Buerger
- Bike to Work Day - Proclamation

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

\***Committee Reports** (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, #03-04 (Budget Review for Contribution Groups)

**LEGISLATION**

An Ordinance to Authorize and Empower the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to Contract with SunTrust Bank, N.A., to Borrow Not More than One Hundred and Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000) for the Public Purpose of Acquiring a Telephone System for City Facilities Described Herein Pursuant to the Authority of Section 59, "Contracts Over One Year," of the City Charter (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Adoption)

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- Request to Remove Basketball Hoops from Windsor Green Ball Field
- Approval of Audit Services
- \* Sponsorship of Greenbelt Pink Ribbon Ride
- \* Reappointments to Advisory Groups

**MEETINGS**

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](mailto:kgallagher@ci.greenbelt.md.us) to reach the City Clerk.

The Advisory Committee on Education presents

**Greenbelt Youth  
Literary Showcase**

Friday, May 2, 2003  
7:00pm

Greenbelt Municipal Building

**Come support Greenbelt's youth as they  
share their original poetry and short fiction!**



**GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71**

**Municipal Access: 301-474-8000: Monday, April 28 at 8:00pm** "Public Hearing/Regular Council Meeting" live **Tuesday & Thursday, April 29 & May 1, 6pm** "Springhill Lake presents Blast from the Past" **7:30pm** Replay of Public Hearing/Council Mtg.

**Public Access: 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, April 30 & May 2, 7pm** "Love Foundation-Take Heed" **8:00pm** "The Fifth Sun" **Sunday, April 20** at 9am & 6pm "Love Foundation"

**OFFICIAL NOTICE**

The Greenbelt City Council has scheduled a **PUBLIC HEARING for Monday, April 28, 2003~8p.m.** CONCERNING THE PROPOSED BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004 FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND EACH OF THE OTHER FUNDS OF THE CITY.

**GENERAL FUND BUDGET FY 2003-2004**

REVENUES

Taxes	\$13,482,400
Licenses & Permits	673,700
Revenue from Other Agencies	830,800
Service Charges for Current Services	1,810,800
Fines & Forfeitures	856,200
Miscellaneous Revenues	159,800
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$17,813,700</b>

Appropriation of Fund Balance \$100,000

**TOTAL REVENUES & FUND BALANCE \$17,913,700**

EXPENDITURES

General Government	\$1,674,700
Planning and Community Development	670,200
Public Safety	7,178,500
Public Works	2,156,300
Social Services	329,500
Recreation and Parks	3,890,400
Miscellaneous	135,400
Non-Departmental	459,500
Fund Transfers	1,419,200
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$17,913,700</b>

**PROPOSED EXPENDITURE BUDGETS FOR  
OTHER FUNDS**

Building Maintenance	\$45,000
Cemetery	1,800
Debt Service Fund	1,018,000
Replacement Fund	257,500
Special Projects Fund	59,500
Temporary Disability Fund	50,000
Unemployment Compensation Fund	5,000
<b>TOTAL OTHER FUNDS</b>	<b>\$1,436,800</b>

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS**

Capital Projects Fund	\$1,264,800
2001 Bond Fund	2,425,000
Community Development Block Grant Fund	300,000
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$3,989,800</b>

**ENTERPRISE FUNDS**

Green Ridge House \$961,900  
The Public Hearing will be held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD. This is the first of two Public Hearings on the budget. The second is scheduled for Tuesday, May 27, 2003. Public attendance and participation are encouraged. All citizens of Greenbelt will have a reasonable opportunity to provide written and oral comments and to ask questions concerning the entire budget. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10 a.m. on the meeting day. Deaf persons are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail [kgallagher@ci.greenbelt.md.us](mailto:kgallagher@ci.greenbelt.md.us) to reach the City Clerk. Copies of the proposed budget may be examined at the City Offices, 25 Crescent Rd., or at the Greenbelt Library, 11 Crescent Rd., during normal business hours. The budget is also posted on the City Web site at <http://www.ci.greenbelt.md.us>. For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

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**ON THE RECORD:  
DOCUMENTING WOMEN'S  
LIVES**

**Saturday, May 3  
9:30am-6:30pm**

**Greenbelt Community Center**

Includes a morning of speakers on Latina topics, including Frida Kahlo; afternoon workshops; a slide show; walking tours of historic Greenbelt, a New Deal-era project; a visit to the Greenbelt Museum; and a reception for two juried art exhibitions. Information: Tara Tappert, 202-635-0869 or Nicole DeWald 301-397-2208

**Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness  
Center**

**LIFEGUARD TRAINING  
COURSE**

**April 28 (pre-test 8-9:30pm)  
April 28-May 10**

Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays: 6:30-10pm  
Saturdays, 5/3 10am-5pm;  
5/10 12-6pm

Must be at least 15 years old by May 10th.  
For info: 301-397-2204



**MEETINGS FOR APRIL 28 -  
MAY 2**

**Monday, April 28, 8:00pm, PUBLIC  
HEARING ON THE BUDGET/REGULAR  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING, Municipal  
Building.**

**Wednesday, April 30, 7:30pm, BUDGET  
WORK SESSION, Contribution Groups,  
Community Center.**

**ELECTRONICS  
RECYCLING**

**Saturday, May 3rd  
9am-noon  
Schrom Hills Park**

City residents, businesses and organizations can recycle old and/or unwanted computers and other electronic items. Bring your items to the collection truck located in the lower parking lot of Schrom Hills Park

**Accepted Items Include:**  
*central processing units, hard drives, monitors, keyboards, printers and copiers, laptop computers, computer speakers, scanners, computer mice, software, recording equipment, cameras, telephones, radios, other small electronic equipment*

**(NO TELEVISIONS OR LARGE STEREO  
UNITS)**

**Info: 301-474-8308.**

*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. – 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.

**ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION**

Noon ~ North Shore, Greenbelt Lake Park  
Join members of the Advisory Committee on Trees in planting Sycamore trees along the shoreline. Plantings will take place following Earth Day Activities.  
Info: Bill Phelan, 301-474-8004.

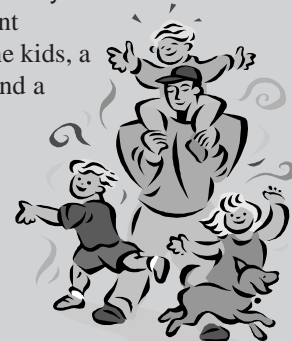


**PUBLIC WORKS OPEN HOUSE 2003**

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! Info: 301-474-8004.

**CELEBRATION OF SPRING**

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



# POLICE BLOTTER

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

## Robbery

Greenbelt Service Station on Centerway, April 15, 10:15 p.m., a man entered the station, produced a handgun and pointed it at the cashier, who then grabbed the gun. A struggle ensued, after which a second man entered the station and punched the cashier several times as the cashier and first suspect continued to fight over the gun. The cashier managed to push both suspects out of the station, after which they fled on foot toward Parkway. They are described as (1) a black male, 18 to 20, 5'10", 170 lbs., wearing a black ski mask and black hooded sweatshirt outlined in red and yellow and (2) a black male, 18 to 20, 5'11", wearing all black clothing.

5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive, April 16, 11:15 p.m., a man leaving the Metro station was approached from behind by another man, who struck the victim in the back of the head, knocking him to the ground. The suspect then displayed a handgun and announced a robbery. After obtaining money and a book bag, he fled on foot. The suspect is described as a black male in his teens, wearing a grey sweatshirt. The victim believes the suspect was in the company of at least one other suspect, but was unable to provide a description.

## Burglary

100 block Westway, April 14, 7:39 p.m., a resident noticed a noise coming from the bedroom of his apartment and then saw a man standing near his window who had removed the window screen. Upon seeing the resident, the man fled. He is described as

a black male, twenties, heavy build, wearing a red shirt and blue jeans.

## DWI

Area of Kenilworth and Greenbelt Road, April 12, 12:39 a.m., after a traffic stop, a non-resident woman, 45, was arrested and charged with driving while impaired and other charges. She was released on citations pending trial.

6300 block Greenbelt Road, April 15, 7:20 p.m., after a traffic stop, a non-resident woman, 19, was arrested and charged with driving while impaired and driving under the influence. She was released on citations pending trial.

## Theft

6400 block of Ivy Lane, April 14, 10:11 a.m., a digital video camera was taken from an office file cabinet.

6900 block of Hanover Parkway, April 17, 6:26 p.m., a yellow and black Mongoose bicycle with "trick pegs" was taken from a balcony.

## Drugs

7700 block Hanover Parkway, April 11, 1:05 p.m., a 15-year-old Greenbelt youth was arrested for possession of marijuana paraphernalia. He was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

## Vehicle Crime

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a black 1998 Volkswagen Jetta four-door, unknown tags, April 11, from Beltway Plaza; a black 1992 Chevrolet Blazer, Md. tags 458060M, April 12, from Beltway Plaza; a 2002 blue Dodge Durango truck, D.C. tags 594 NCN, April 16, from the

6000 block Springhill Drive; and a silver Suzuki motorcycle GSXR 1000, no tag, April 17, from the 7600 block Greenbelt Road. Two men were seen putting the motorcycle in a red older-model van and leaving. The men are described as black males (1) age 30, hair in braids, red ball cap and white T-shirt; (2) wearing a motorcycle helmet. A 1992 gray Dodge Caravan taken April 17, from the 7500 block of Greenway Center Drive, was recovered by county police the next day in Bowie.

Four vehicles stolen prior to the period of this report were recovered; no arrests were involved.

In the 9100 block of Springhill Lane on April 14, a non-resident man, 22, was arrested and charged with theft. Officers had responded to a report of a man tampering with a vehicle in a parking lot and found the suspect inside a vehicle, taking property from it. The man fled on foot, and was caught inside Beltway Plaza. Witnesses identified him as the suspect who had been inside the vehicle. The man was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Vandalism to, thefts from, and attempted theft of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7700 block Hanover Parkway; 7800 block Emily's Way; 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive; 6400 block Capitol Drive (two incidents); 6100 block Springhill Terrace; 6200 block Breezewood Drive; Beltway Plaza; 5600 block Greenbelt Metro Drive.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Citizens may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522. Victims of the theft of lawn ornaments, tools, lawn mowers, etc., should contact Criminal Investigations at 301-507-6530. Some items have been recovered and police would like to return them to owners.

## Reasons to Guard Social Security and ID

by Shirl Hayes

"Identity theft is an equal opportunity crime," says Robert Goeller, vice president of card services and risk management for the Farm Bureau Bank, "but the elderly may be prone to these types of crimes due to their trusting nature."

"Seniors have been targeted," according to Carmen Ross, public affairs specialist with the Social Security Administration's Regional Commissioners office. "[Identity theft] could happen to anyone anywhere receiving Social Security. If someone calls saying that they are from the Social Security Administration and they are trying to get your number or any other information over the phone, call the Social Security Administration to verify. The biggest thing we can ask is for people to not carry their Social Security Card with them in their bag."

Although there are now new ways to steal information, identity theft is nothing new.

"[It] has always been around. I was a victim 25 years ago,"

says Claudia Bourne-Farrell, who suddenly found herself in trouble with the tax man. "I don't know how they got my social security number and name, but I suspect it's because I cashed a check someplace with my driver's license as identification. I don't know for sure. I was contacted by the IRS and asked why I wasn't declaring the extra income I was making and why I wasn't paying taxes on it. I found out someone was working in the Washington area and tax forms were being issued by his employers with my name and Social Security number on them. I called one of the places and the employer said, "Oh, I remember Claudio Farrell. He only worked for three months." That satisfied the IRS and he never used my identifying information in any other way I know of, but it was scary."

What is the bottom line? Claudia Bourne-Farrell knows.

"People need to be careful with their information. Own a shredder. No one should own a

mailbox that is accessible to anybody else and no one should be walking around with every credit card they've ever had in their wallets. Consumers who are concerned [about theft] should check their credit report regularly."

## Plant Sale

On April 26 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., join area gardeners at an early season shopping extravaganza through thousands of plants including the National Arboretum's unique "introductions" - plants developed for their outstanding ornamental qualities and disease resistance.

The Arboretum is located at 1501 New York Avenue, NE and horticultural experts will answer questions. Proceeds support the National Arboretum's internship program. Parking and admission are free. For more information, visit [www.usna.usda.gov](http://www.usna.usda.gov) or call 202-245-5898.

## Local Crime Wave on Channel 5 News

Residents of Greenbelt East are alarmed because seven robberies have taken place there in the past three weeks during the evening hours. Most have occurred in the Greenbriar and Glen Oaks developments and weapons were displayed in most cases.

Police suspect there is a connection among the incidents, according to a memo to the city council from David Moran, the assistant to the city manager, and they have increased patrols in the area and deployed plain clothes detectives. The investigation is ongoing and also involves the Prince George's County Police because there appears to be a connection to other crimes occurring in the county.

Two flyers warning residents were distributed in Greenbelt East last week. Fox Channel News (Channel 5) obtained one of them and aired a story about crime in Greenbelt on Saturday, April 19 during the 10 p.m. news program.

One flyer (source unknown) advises residents to be careful entering buildings after parking, referring to a carjacking and armed robbery on March 29.

The second flyer, issued by the Glen Oaks management, describes the suspects in a series of burglaries and assaults as "six African American males, age groups from 18 to 22. They are said to be very dangerous and at times carrying shotguns and rifles."

Residents are asked to call the Greenbelt police at 301-474-7200 to report any suspicious activity.

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# Greenbelt and Hyattsville To Share Police Resources

by Barbara Young

In a telephone interview April 9, Greenbelt Police Lt. Dan O'Neil was enthusiastic about prospects for sharing the communications (dispatch) function of the Greenbelt department with other nearby police departments as a way to share scarce resources and increase records management capability.

On April 21, Police Chief James Craze spoke briefly with the News Review about the shared communications idea. He said the idea to pool resources was a result of Homeland Security issues. Subsequent discussions led to a Memorandum of Understanding signed over a year ago by the cities of Greenbelt, Hyattsville, Riverdale Park, Mt. Rainier and Bladensburg.

The memorandum described the cities' desire to cooperate and provided, the chief said, "that in the event of emergency or pre-planned situations," officers from any signatory municipality would have full police power in the jurisdiction of any other signatory municipality.

O'Neil described how subsequent to the Memorandum of Understanding, Hyattsville Chief Douglas Holland and Chief Craze talked further about the possibilities offered by pooling resources. "One common problem they found was dispatching - salary issues, the difficulty of retaining dispatchers in a very difficult job and the fact that all police departments were having to recruit basically from the same pool of job applicants."

It was Mitre Tech Systems Vice President Craig Janus who got Craze and Holland together

to talk about possible joint police department projects. Although Mitre Tech is a non-profit information technology group based in Fairfax, O'Neil said Janus, whose parents live in Greenbelt, "felt a commitment" to the city and hoped there might be a joint Greenbelt-Mitre Tech project, a pilot program which could be funded by Justice Department grant funds.

The eventual result was the one-year \$300,000 Justice Department grant awarded to Mitre Tech for creation of a "Joint Communications" pilot program at first to involve Greenbelt and Hyattsville police dispatchers. Later participation is anticipated by all five cities who signed the Memorandum of Understanding. The grant requires that the program have applicability anywhere in the United States.

### Greenbelt Effects

Craze estimates that the program could result in a savings of about 50 percent in the city's yearly budget for police communications. The new pilot program will be located in Hyattsville adjacent to the city hall in a building which was donated and is now being renovated.

However, the Greenbelt police facility will continue to operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with a police employee on duty at all times within the building. Accident and similar reports needed by the public will still be handled in Greenbelt.

Although dispatching will no longer be done in the city when the pilot program is in operation, a back-up Greenbelt system will

be put in place in case the main system goes down for any reason, O'Neil said. Phone numbers for the police department will not change.

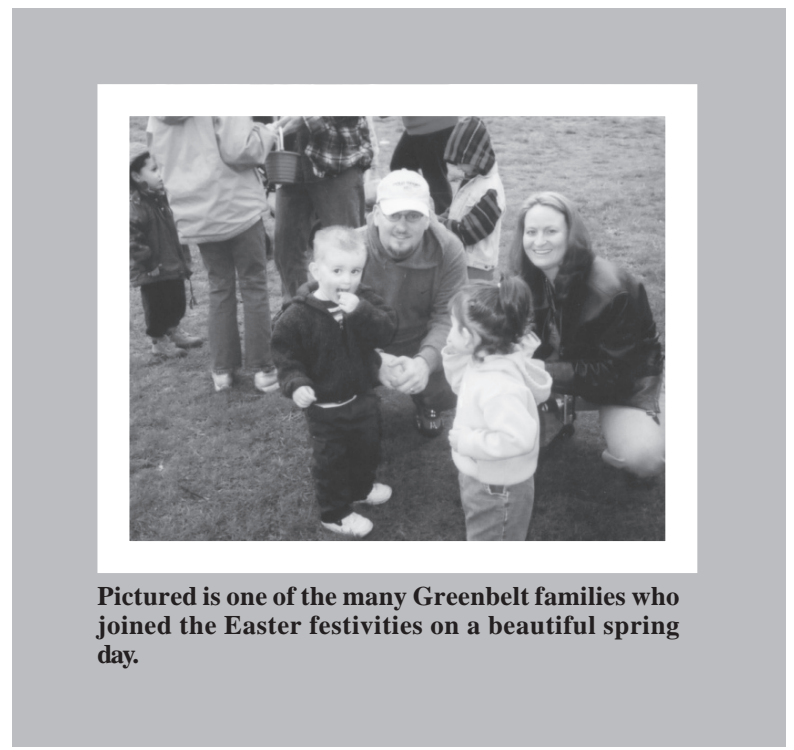
Prince George's County and Maryland State Police have also been invited to participate in the program.

The next step, said Craze, is to "complete the design function for interoperability and to assess the needs of each department." He also said the city council has been briefed and will hold a work session later, as plans develop.

### Brain Research Lecture Given

The public is invited to attend a special presentation hosted by Greenbelt Nursery School on brain research and what it suggests for the education of young children on Wednesday, April 30 at 7:30 p.m. There is no charge for the program. The presenter will be Julie Watson, a pre-school special education teacher in Prince George's County public schools. Her experience in early childhood education includes work with children with mixed disabilities and with autism. Watson has taught two-, three- and four-year-olds at Greenbelt Nursery School for several years.

Seating is limited. Those who want to attend should reserve their places by April 24 by calling 301-474-5570 or by email to gnsk@greenbelt.com. Call the same number for information.



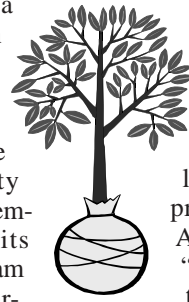
Pictured is one of the many Greenbelt families who joined the Easter festivities on a beautiful spring day.

## Greenbelt Is Awarded Tree City USA, Again

For the third year in a row, Greenbelt has been named a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation.

Greenbelt is also the recipient of a Tree City USA Growth Award for demonstrating progress in its community forestry program in the following activity areas: education and public relations, continuing education for tree managers, partnerships, green industry partnership, planning and management and wildlife habitat.

To become a Tree City USA, a community must meet four standards: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program and an Arbor Day observance.



"Trees in our cities and towns help clean the air, conserve soil and water, moderate temperature and bring nature into our daily lives," said John Rosenow, president of The National Arbor Day Foundation. "Tree City USA designation recognizes the work of elected officials, staff and citizens who plant and care for the community forest," he said.

"Trees are a vital component of the infrastructure in our towns and cities and provide many environmental and economical benefits," Rosenow added. "A community and its citizens, that recognizes these benefits and provides needed care for its trees deserves recognition and thanks."

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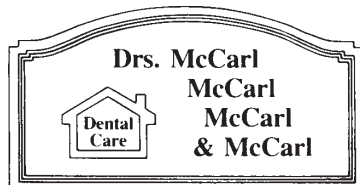
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Craze expressed pride in the department's work with the police department to create a foot patrol at Roosevelt Center. She said city staff are patrolling at the center two hours a day, five days a week, after regular working hours. Civil warning forms are available, but none has been issued in the four weeks since the program was started, she said. It's the presence of city officials that helps, she added.

The department has also instituted an on-call program to expand code enforcement coverage and has started doing "windshield" inspections, where inspectors observe property maintenance violations during their routine travels around the city.

Craze told council that the city's planning staff had been kept busy reviewing development projects, especially at Greenbelt Station and in the Golden Triangle. She expects development review to remain a major focus in the future.

The department addressed a variety of environmental issues, including a water quality study at Greenbelt Lake and the completion there of a wetlands education center. A "Greenlands" ordinance that would afford additional protections to the greenbelt was submitted for review by an advisory board. Permit application for construction of a bridge as part of the Greenbrook path system was completed and Craze said a dedication of the system will be part of the upcoming Schrom Fest.

### Animal Control

Craze gave a detailed account of accomplishments in the area of animal control, perhaps one of the department's most notable achievements. The city's program received an Award of Excellence from the Maryland Municipal League. She said the city's animal control regulations have been updated to be consistent with recommendations of the Humane Society of the United States. Adoption processes have been improved by a process of assessing an animal's behavior and allowing for a period of socialization before making the animal available for adoption. She showed council "before and after" pictures of several abandoned animals that had been placed in suitable homes and said she anticipated the number of adopted animals would increase over time.

The animal control division also published a booklet on pet care, had an educational booth at the Labor Day Festival and sponsored the second annual Pet Expo.

### Objectives/Needs

Craze said she would like to

see the department continue to provide improvements in services and to expand beyond 40 hours per week by adding "off time" coverage. She hopes to have staff pursue illegal used auto sales that take place mostly on weekends. The problem is difficult to address, she said, as it requires coordination with county and state authorities. Craze told council the department had improved efficiency by assigning inspectors to geographical areas of the city. It has also streamlined administrative operations.

Despite streamlining operations, she thought it important to add two additional full-time employees, citing increased workloads in a number of areas. Although she hopes to automate some procedures and have field inspectors use hand-held devices to make entries on the spot, Craze said some planners may have to become part-time field inspectors if the city gets zoning enforcement responsibilities now held by the county.

Since some of the planners' other tasks may have to be done by administrative staff, Craze asked council to approve an additional half-time administrative employee to create a full-time position when a half-time employee retires in the fall.

Craze cited as the department's most pressing needs several repairs and improvements in office space to provide workers with better heat and ventilation in addition to enlarging the space, as she showed council a slide of the cramped quarters.

In response to a question from Councilmember Edward Putens regarding a call he received from a citizen complaining that the police had been unable to alleviate a situation of a persistent false car alarm the weekend before, Craze said she would like to cross-train employees on city code so that even if "an employee at the swimming pool" heard a complaint, that person could respond with the appropriate department or party to contact.

Craze also asked council to approve the classification of a supervisory inspector, since one position has grown in scope and responsibility.

### Vehicle Replacements

Another pressing need, according to Craze, is for replacements of two vehicles in the department's fleet. Two automobiles have high fuel costs. Craze estimated that the city could save \$3,000 per year by replacing them. She said they would try to get alternative-fuel cars as replacements and that the replacements were in the proposed

budget.

### Animal Control Facility

Off-hours caretaking coverage is needed for the animals. Currently, Craze told council, the animal control officer comes in on weekends or as necessary to care for animals that are the city's temporary responsibility. This places considerable burden on the one animal control position. She thinks funding a half-time animal control officer would be ideal.

Craze described the current temporary location for the animal kennel in Public Works as needing improvements in size and amenities. She said the noise of animals kept there is disruptive to workers. There is also no public access or space for adoption proceedings. Once Public Works renovations begin, she said, this space will not be available at all for animal control use.

Since private kennels would cost more than the impoundment fees generate per animal, she would like the city to construct a simple block building with indoor and outdoor runs, heat and ventilation to serve as a kennel. She proposed a site at the rear of the police station lot, saying its advantages included good access for the public, shade for the animals and availability of utilities and surveillance. The site is flat. Police dogs could also be kept there, Craze suggested.

This project is not listed in the proposed budget for 2004, but Craze said she considers it important to the continued success of the program. She roughly estimated it would require \$100,000. When Mayor Judith Davis questioned where this money would come from, in view of the limitations on funding for all city services, Craze said the animal control facility should have a higher priority than the replacement vehicles, if she had to give up something.

There was discussion about increasing community develop-



Even the "big kids" joined in the activities.

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place a side entry door and for improvements in office space for the Department of Planning and Community Development.

Replacement windows are being proposed in the original portion of the Municipal Building to improve energy efficiency and environmental conditions. Moran explained that this item was carried over from FY 2003.

Other large expenditures include \$90,000 for the skate park, \$98,000 for construction of restrooms at Buddy Attick Park, \$80,000 to replace some of the lockers at the Aquatic and Fit-

ness Center with a type that would last longer, \$50,000 to reorient and refurbish the Northway ball fields after a master plan study to determine community desires for the Northway site, \$46,800 to continue upgrading the city's playgrounds to make them better conform to safety guidelines and \$30,000 for ongoing sidewalk repairs throughout the city.

Moran closed by noting that it is possible, even probable, that not all of the proposed projects will be completed in 2004.

ment fees, which Craze had reviewed in a memo to City Manager Michael McLaughlin dated March 10. In the memo, Craze said the fees appeared to be in line with those charged by nearby jurisdictions, but added that Greenbelt had raised fees in the past to reflect growth in the budget. She suggested that procedure be followed again and recommended fees that would

generate additional revenues estimated at \$65,000 per year. Councilmember Thomas White said it was too soon to raise fees again and Putens agreed. Craze said she thought a case could be made for increasing the fees if necessary, but acknowledged it had only been two years since the last increase.

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*Point of View***Surrender Dorothy: Snow, Nurses and Family Blues**

by Dorothy Sucher

In this issue Dorothy Sucher resumes writing a column of personal commentary she first began 40 years ago. Sucher, a former editor of the *Greenbelt News Review*, has been contributing profiles, reviews and other feature articles to the paper since she joined the staff in 1959, shortly after coming to Greenbelt. She has also taught creative writing and published two mystery novels and a book of personal essays called "The Invisible Garden." She is the "founding mother" of the *Greenbelt Writers Group*. Although for some years she and her husband have divided their time between an apartment in Westchester Towers and an old farmhouse in Vermont where she raises perennials, she still keeps a sharp and affectionate eye on Greenbelt.

Illness is another country, one from which I'm more than happy to say I've just returned. Six weeks ago I had a hip replacement, my second. This time the course of my recovery was far from smooth and an infection made it necessary for me to return to the hospital in Baltimore for what was euphemistically called a "washout" – that is, more surgery. Twenty minutes, the surgeon said, although it turned out that the second operation took two hours.

February's record-breaking snow descended during my time in the hospital and as I hobbled down the halls leaning on my aluminum walker I could hear dire predictions coming from the television sets in all the rooms I passed: 6 inches, 10 inches, 18 inches . . . . Not that I couldn't have heard them in my own room, which I shared with a woman with a knee replacement and the largest family in Baltimore. Waking or sleeping, she kept her TV on at all times, even when talking on the telephone or entertaining her throngs of visitors. As I tried to rest or read they laughed uproariously, trading family gossip and passing crackling bags of potato chips on the other side of the thin curtain. Family togetherness is overrated, I decided.

Not when it came to Joe, though. My husband of 50 years stayed with me the whole time, lurking about the hospital like the Phantom of the Opera and becoming knowledgeable about where to find cans of soda, extra pillows and freezers stocked with ice cream. Food workers from the kitchen brought him extra trays and the nurses adopted him as their pet. ("Psst – there's a couch in the seminar room, nobody uses it after 9 p.m., don't say I told you . . .")

When I was moved to a private room on another floor after my "washout," he slept in chairs or a nest of pillows on the floor. The latter scandalized a queenly young nurse from Malawi and every time she came into my room she would eye the pillows and my husband, shaking her head sadly and saying, "This is not right, sir."

Every eight hours the shifts of the nurses and aides changed. Eventually a large, white-clad angel of mercy with unkempt hair and bad dental work breezed into my room with an armful of linens. She was dynamite. "Why don't they give you a bed?" she demanded. We said we'd been told there were no extra beds.

"Well, how about a mattress off one of those gurneys? They're just lined up in the hall." "Brilliant!" we chorused.

She ducked her head out the door, reported the coast was clear and said, "I can't carry it alone, I need a partner in crime." Joe volunteered, and in moments the

deed was done and the pad (not really a mattress) laid discreetly on the floor behind my bed. He flung himself down on it, reveling in the unaccustomed luxury.

Competition began increasing for hospital extras during the freakish snowstorm, which continued for days. Baltimore was paralyzed. Some of the nurses remained on duty for three days because they couldn't get home or their replacements were unable to come in. As I pushed my walker down the halls I would pass closed doors to which scribbled signs had been taped: "Nurse Sleeping, Do Not Enter." Empty rooms were suddenly plentiful, for elective surgeries had been postponed. Bleary-eyed techs wandered into my room at all hours to draw blood. I showed them where the veins were – by then I was an expert.

From time to time a red-cheeked, booted, bundled-up nurse or tech appeared with a heroic tale of how she had made it – hiked in or shoveled her way down the block to rendezvous with a volunteer in a four-wheel drive vehicle. The hospital was running out of equipment. The kitchen, the laundry, the cleaning crew – all were short-handed. A foxhole mentality developed, shared by staff and patients alike. We were all in this together. As far as I could see, the place was being run entirely by women.

I wondered how I would ever be able to leave the hospital and go home. No way would I let Joe drive us there in the snow. The previous year, after I'd had my first hip replaced, I'd checked out on an April day of such heat it had shattered all records. Our car had overheated and broken down on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and we'd had to face the scary prospect of getting me and my still-fragile new hip home by unknown means. I wasn't eager to repeat this experience.

In fact, all our trips to and from the hospital in Baltimore seemed to be jinxed. One time we plunged into a pothole just this side of the tunnel, had a blowout, and rode through the tunnel on the rim of our wheel. Another time we arrived at the entrance to the hospital only to be waved away by a harassed policeman. A truck had overturned in the driveway and emergency vehicles were everywhere. "Where's another entrance to the hospital?" Joe yelled through the window.

"There isn't any! Move on! Move on!"

We moved on. There isn't any? We stared at each other, aghast.

"That's impossible! Drive around the block!" I said. My husband, who tends to trust authority figures, was skeptical but obeyed. We found another entrance, the one

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sympathetic to the historic preservation of the community.

**VIPs?**

Finfer asked the members of the group who was the most important person in Greenbelt. "Roy Braden" replied Sommers. "He did so much for us." Braden was the first housing manager employed by the Federal Government. He also became the first town manager, appointed by the first town council in 1937.

McFarland then suggested Catherine T. Reed, the first principal at Greenbelt Center School and for whom a county school has been named. Rosenzweig suggested all the community activists, such as his father. Shields proposed his mother and all the other moms who helped to make a community out of the new town while the fathers were at work.

Giese suggested Albert S. "Buddy" Attick, a man who grew up on a farm located on what is now the Golden Triangle, helped build the town for the government, became one of its first police officers and then later became the Public Works Superintendent, retiring after 40 years of service to the city. Davis suggested Eleanor Roosevelt who took a great interest in this community experiment.

**Best Happening?**

Finfer also asked what was the best thing that happened to Greenbelt. Sommers said that it was made a "great place for poor people to hang out." McFarland talked about the school-community center and the openness of the community for the children. "In Washington you had to stay in your own backyard," she said and that prevented kids from making friends with other kids.

Rosenzweig pointed out that the government carefully screened all the applicants for the project and sought out those who were willing to take an active part in the community. The volunteers helped make this a community, he said.

Shields surprised some by saying that the best thing that happened was the building of all the major highways. It made

to the emergency room.

Jinxed or not, I knew we would have to drive home. Finally the snow stopped, the sun came out, the roads were cleared and I was discharged from the hospital with which I'd by now developed a love-hate relationship. This time we reached home without incident.

Weeks of recuperation followed. Fortunately I made the great discovery of a terrific and prolific mystery writer, Michael Connelly. He and a couple of videos of "The Sopranos" taped by friends helped wile away the time until the glorious day when I visited the doctor for my six-week checkup and was told that my X-ray and incision both looked "great!"

Now I could discard the depressing walker for the delightful freedom of a cane (everything is relative). I could have my hair done at Maria's, go swimming, bend down to fasten my shoes. After weeks of dependency, at last I could drive my car.

So I've returned from the country of illness. It's great to be back and like any traveler I have a tale to tell.



**June Finfer and Glory Southwind stand at the entrance to the Greenbelt Museum. The two women were visiting Greenbelt in advance of doing a documentary on the three New Deal green towns.**

Greenbelt an island, he felt, and enabled it to preserve a close-knit community feeling. Of course, he added, the highways also created many other problems for the community.

Giese thought that one good thing was that the residents of the town formed another cooperative and bought most of the original housing. However, selling off the green belt that the residents had owned around the original housing was one of the worst things to happen in the community.

Davis said she moved to Greenbelt East without expecting Greenbelt to be different from other suburban areas. Then she came to the Center to go to the post office. She was amazed. It was like a small town. As she met Greenbelters she noted their willingness to volunteer, to meet people, to know people and to help out. Davis noted the city government's efforts to bring that same sense of community to the other areas of the city.

**What's Important?**

Another question asked was what is important about Greenbelt. Davis pointed out that it was a town of so many firsts – first public swimming pool in the area, first kindergarten in the county, first council-manager community in Maryland, first recreation department in Maryland. "People look to us as a leader in planning and environmental issues," she went on. "It is a sense of community." Also important, she thought, were

the many cooperatives that were formed in the city and which help to bring its residents closer together as a part of the community.

Rosenzweig noted all the green space for kids and playgrounds and ball fields. He said Greenbelt firsts included all-electric kitchens that required the electric company to give lessons to housewives on how to cook on electric stoves. As to the sense of community, he said that everybody knew their neighbors' pay days and when it would be possible to borrow a little sugar or something from them because they had just cashed their paycheck and been to the store.

Shields said that after he got married, he and his wife decided that they wanted the sense of community that Greenbelt offered and they moved back to Greenbelt. They raised their three children here, one of whom still lives in Greenbelt.

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As one can see by the looks on their faces, Brooke Bailey, James Morris and Amy Morris had a great time at the Ringling Bros. Barnum and Bailey Circus. Grandchildren of News Review staffer Judy Bell, the youngsters especially enjoyed being made up as clowns.

## Survey Will Assess Needs Of Seniors for Assistance

by Mary Moien

In February the City of Greenbelt selected Sukol Communications, a consulting firm that specializes in marketing to seniors, to conduct the Needs Assessment for the Assistance-in-Living Program. At the April 14 City Council meeting, Todd Sukol updated the council on its plans and activities related to the assessment.

Sukol described the overall aims of the Assistance-in-Living Program as helping to keep people in their own homes as long as possible, but also "as long as it's safe and appropriate" for them to remain there. The needs assessment will obtain information on the seniors who are living in the city as well as documenting expert input on this topic.

The needs assessment survey is actually five separate surveys that will be conducted during the summer. The first will obtain in-depth information from the elderly who are living in their own homes and who are not receiving any outside services. Another survey will be of seniors who are currently receiving some type of services. A third survey will be of "more active" seniors who are "out and about" and considered to be "pre-need." The last two surveys will be telephone surveys which will cover caregivers and community support organizations.

One of the first actions that Sukol Communications undertook was the formation of a Senior Services Panel to provide input to the project at each step. This panel consists of experts from a number of local and regional organizations including Prince George's County Department of Family Services, Aging Services Division; Greenbelt Adult Care Center; Doctors Hos-

pital; and others. A number of individuals are also on the panel, including local senior advocate Leonie Penney.

The panel had its first meeting in March at which time it provided input to key survey issues and questions. There will be a second meeting to review the survey materials prior to being fielded. A final meeting will be held at the end of the project to review the findings and make program recommendations.

Looking over the list of panel members, Mayor Judith Davis noted the absence of a number of local organizations. She advised Sukol to be sure to contact Green Ridge House, GIVES, Springhill Lake and Greenbriar, where she sees more people now aging in place. She indicated that Greenbelt Homes, Inc. was already involved.

David Moran, assistant to the city manager, indicated that a city tour and introductions to various associations are planned for the Sukol workers. Moran commented that he thinks there is not a large number of older people at Springhill Lake Apartments, but he thinks it desirable to locate seniors in all areas of the city.

Sukol commented that he wants to be sure that residents were well aware of the surveys that were coming up so that there would be wide involvement. Moran indicated that more information will be available closer to the actual survey times. Those interested in volunteering in the effort or those who know of people who should be interviewed (including themselves) or who wanted to speak to the city about the project, could contact the city at 301-474-8000.

## Our Man in Havana

by Bob Snyder

What's it like visiting Cuba for a week while the U.S. was bombing Baghdad? As the only Greenbelter to represent our city at the third annual U.S.-Cuba Sister City Association conference held in Havana from March 30 to April 2, I'd have been delighted to spend a month instead soaking up the flavor of this lively Latin capital. Airport security in Miami under 'Code Orange' was discouraging although, once on board, the flight from there to Havana was only an hour.

The sister city program pairs Washington D.C. with Havana and Baltimore with Matanzas, a city of 140,000 about a 90-minute bus ride from Havana that resembles the small coastal cities of Greece or southern Italy. I joined the Baltimore delegation to spend half our trip in Matanzas. This relationship had its genesis in 1999 after the Orioles hosted the Cuban All-Stars in a series of friendship games at Camden Yards. Cuba won! The U.S.-Cuba Sister Cities Association fosters people-to-people ties to the mutual benefit of both countries.

Two mornings of reports and discussion were followed by a visit to the Salvador Allende School for Comprehensive Secondary Education, a teacher training facility. We also visited the Latin American School of Medical Sciences which hosts about 20 American medical students enrolled to study the Cuban health care system and on their return, explain it to their U.S. peers.

The director of the school said that, unlike the U.S., Cuba sees health care as a humanitarian obligation and a social and state responsibility. Health care is free – including for visitors. College and university education is also free for citizens.

### Old Quarter

During one of our free evenings in Havana, a small group comprising Judy, a high school



Bob Snyder presenting collected donations to a public school in Matanzas, Cuba.

Spanish teacher; Susan, a reporter for the Baltimore Sun; Frank, the Baltimore chapter president; and I took off for the old quarter of Havana early in the evening. After a crowded half-hour bus ride into the city center and pushing our way through crowds of Cubans on their way home from work, we began exploring the narrow streets and occasionally chatting with residents. Around dusk, as we were admiring the late 19th century architecture, art deco buildings and 1950s post modern structures, Judy was suddenly attacked by a tall young man in his teens who attempted to grab her shoulder bag. The blow knocked her to the ground and Frank and I ran over, kicking at the young man as he grappled with Judy to get her bag. He got up and ran off, without the bag, and we rejected pursuit in favor of aiding Judy – who had bumped and grazed her face as she fell. Bystanders rushed to help – many expressing amazement and shock and insisting that there was normally very little crime. New policies permitting foreigners to visit have apparently resulted in occasional instances of petty crime.

Passing motorists took us all to a nearby clinic where Judy was immediately attended to by a nurse and a doctor. They cleaned her up and applied a small dressing. Then we saw at first hand how the health system works. Apart from filling out a

single 4" x 6" card, there were no other formalities. No forms, no passports, no denial of treatment because Judy was foreign and no questions like 'are you insured.' Neither did they treat Judy better because she was American and there was no attempt to extract dollars. Totally free! The staff said they rarely see people injured as a result of crime. Even the prescription was filled at the pharmacy for free.

During our visit, Frank lost a crown from a tooth and needed some dental care. His experience was similar. There was no charge, he waited in line with others – neither ahead nor behind – and got his tooth re-cemented in 30 minutes.

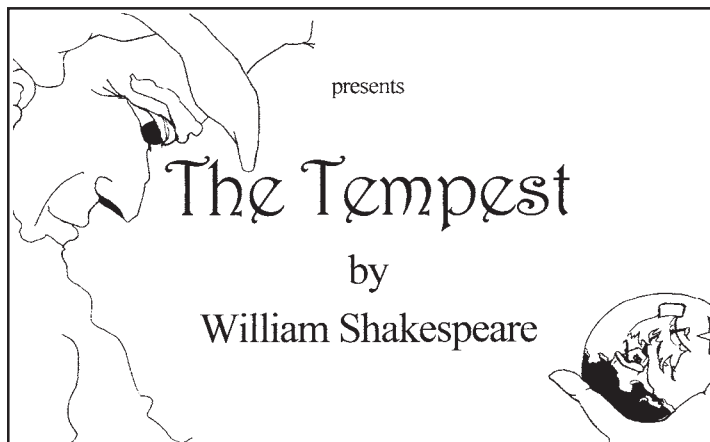
### Other Sites

We visited nearby caves, a pharmacy museum and several other community facilities including the famous Varradero beach where citizens from other countries who do not embargo travel to Cuba are free to vacation. Several visitors from Europe and Canada were worried that our presence presaged U.S.-style development that would despoil the surroundings with high prices and chain restaurants.

We had several opportunities to discuss politics with Cubans in various settings. They were pleased that delegation members were opposed to U.S. actions in Iraq. Delegates were also concerned that recent Bush administration policy proposals would tighten controls on visiting Cuba.

We packed a lot into our week – getting little sleep and sampling all the sights and sounds of the vibrant cities we visited. The Havana skyline, a local baseball game and mango and coffee ice cream served in heavy glass dishes are all part of the memory. And who can forget the joy, song and laughter of the school children at the Matanzas Arts Academy who best illustrated one of Cuba's fondest goals – the eradication of illiteracy.

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