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Izzy Parker Exhibit Will Open At Greenbelt Community Center

by Sandra Lange

The Greenbelt Museum opens its new exhibition on Wednesday, May 14, on the editorial cartoons of the irrepressible Isadore "Izzy" Jack Parker – "The Old Curmudgeon." An opening reception will be held at the Community Center at 6 p.m. It will be followed by a lecture at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Library on "The Undervalued Art of Political Cartooning" by Greg Metcalf. The exhibition and lecture are free. Greenbelters are encouraged to bring their families and friends to show their appreciation for the long cartooning career of Izzy Parker.

Parker, who was born in 1919, grew up in Chicago. He came to the Washington area after working on a Civilian Conservation Corps project. In 1942 he applied for a position with the federal government and landed a messenger job at the Railroad Retirement Board. He also married in that year and bought a row house in Alexandria.

"With a \$6,000 mortgage hanging over my head," Parker exclaimed, "I wanted to move." A friend told him about Greenbelt. In 1944 he and his wife

and young daughter moved into an apartment on Crescent Road. When they had a second daughter, the federal housing managers requested that the family move to a larger house with two bedrooms.

Very soon after arriving in Greenbelt, Parker started volunteering for the Cooperator, the town newspaper. He started out editing copy and writing ads, then later progressed to reporting on city council meetings. From time to time the editor of the Cooperator quit or just didn't show up on Tuesday night, so Parker took over as editor. He was editor of the Cooperator for several months during 1949, 1955 and 1956.

Parker also began his cartooning career with the Cooperator. His cartoons reflected the local controversies. Many of his cartoons satirized the carpooling problems of government workers commuting between Greenbelt and Washington, D.C. In fact, his daughter recently informed him that she found some of his cartoons on the Internet by searching for information on carpools.

Washington Post

In the 1960s he built a house in Berwyn Heights. Again faced with a high mortgage, he worked as a draftsman for an engineering company and looked for ways to earn more money. "I embarked on a plan," he commented, "where I did a cartoon every night on world affairs and mailed it out...to The Washington Post's editor with a letter saying for the next 30 days they would be receiving a cartoon from me and at the end of 30 days I would like to discuss the possibility of working for the Post.

"I did it without hearing from them, yes or no, and after 30 days, I wrote and said the 30 days were up. They called me in and the editor said they'd like to use me. Herb Block [the regular editorial cartoonist] appeared every day except Saturday and Monday and they used to use cartoons from other newspapers. So they used mine on that Saturday..." he related.

Parker's cartoons appeared at least once a week in the Washington Post for about five years

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It Happened in Greenbelt: The Story of Izzy Parker

by Sandra Lange

Izzy Parker, now known to the Greenbelt News Review's readers as the creator of the cartoon "The Old Curmudgeon," began his life in Chicago. Parker, who studied at both the Art Institute of Chicago and Washington's Corcoran School of Art, eventually



I.J. Parker

settled in Greenbelt. In those days Parker wrote movie reviews and city council stories for the Cooperator, which later became the Greenbelt News Review. He also published a cartoon series called "Greenbelt at the Crossroads," which dealt with issues related to the conversion of the housing stock from federal ownership to a cooperative. On several occasions he also served as

editor of the Cooperator.

Parker's full-time job was working as a draftsman in the Naval Hydrographic Office. He commuted to Washington for his federal government job during the day, volunteered for the community newspaper at night

and raised a family.

Then an extraordinary thing happened to Izzy Parker. He was accused of being friendly with communists and was suspended from his Navy Department job along with four other Jewish employees of the Naval Hydrographic Office, all of whom lived in Greenbelt.

See PARKER, page 12

2004 Budget

Public Works Budget – Refuse, Fees Flat, More \$ for Flowers

by Diane Oberg

The Greenbelt Department of Public Works is, depending upon how one calculates it, the second or third largest department in the city. Using the accounting categories in municipal budget reporting, it is the third largest department. Expenditures of \$2.2 million are listed for the department in City Manager Michael P. McLaughlin's proposed budget for fiscal year 2004, which begins July 1.

If programs carried out by public works employees but reported under other accounting categories are counted, including parks, traffic control and the Greenbelt Connection, the department appears to move into second place, with total expenditures of \$3.1 million. (For the rest of this story, however, all references to the public works budget will refer to the accounting category, excluding parks, the Connection and traffic control.)

Public Works

Thanks in part to the unusual winter of 2002-2003, public works has the somewhat dubious distinction of being the account most over budget in the current fiscal year, which ends June 30. At least \$75,000 of the \$168,000 in excess expenditures

was directly due to snow removal costs. The city is working with the Federal Emergency Management Administration to recoup some of the costs of the Washington's Birthday weekend storm. Other major drivers behind this overage were landscaping (\$30,700 over budget), salaries/benefits for the administration account (\$25,900) and equipment maintenance (\$20,200), where fuel and insurance costs were higher than normal.

For the coming fiscal year, McLaughlin is proposing to increase expenditures by 8.8 percent to \$2.2 million. Department staffing will remain the same at 52.7 full-time equivalents, although grade increases are proposed for two positions. A major focus of the department will be to oversee the development of the new public works facility, which is expected to go to bid early this summer. (The cost of designing and building this facility is budgeted under the capital projects budget, not the public works budget.)

The largest increase in the public works budget is in the street maintenance account, where personnel costs account for most of the change, espe-

cially salary for the landscaping crews, which are proposed to increase by \$35,700 (55 percent) and employee benefits will increase by \$31,900 (35 percent). Mother Nature willing, snow removal costs (personnel and chemicals) will return to the levels expected when last year's budget was adopted.

The budget document attributes the high personnel costs for landscaping to "the large increases in landscaping on Hanover Parkway, Mandan Road and Breezewood Drive over the past few years. It also reflects the fact that the crew has been completely staffed."

McLaughlin also proposes a sizeable increase for departmental administration in FY04. Costs in this account would rise by \$57,800 (9 percent) over last year's budget to \$702,400. Nearly all of this increase is attributable to salary and benefits, in part due to the costs associated with renovation of the public works facility. An 11 percent increase is proposed in expenditures for equipment maintenance, with about two-thirds of the increase reflecting non-salary oper-

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Springhill Lake Residents Air Their Safety Concerns

by Anne Sucher

"Either they can't read or they don't know what the word 'loitering' means! I see the signs!" exclaimed a frustrated woman in the auditorium of Springhill Lake Elementary School. One of about 30 people, this woman was attending the latest installment in a series of public forums initiated by Greenbelt's Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC). The meeting took place Tuesday, April 29 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

In addition to the Springhill Lake residents who came to air concerns about their safety in what has become the most crime-ridden region of Greenbelt, were members of the PSAC. Ironically only three members of the committee showed up: Silke Pope, the chair; Sherre Washington and one other. Also attending,

Mayor Judith Davis, along with Ed Putens, councilmember and Connie Harris, staff liaison to the committee. Renee Landen, inspector from the Code Enforcement office for Springhill Lake, was there handing out cards. There was also a young man representing the state of Maryland, but no representatives from the police or fire department as there had been at the Greenbriar meeting on March 19.

Passions High

Over 3,000 flyers were distributed around Springhill Lake to publicize the meeting.

Residents representing a wide cross section of the population – young, old, white, black, Hispanic – wanted to talk to someone who would listen, to some-

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What Goes On

Monday, May 12

7 p.m., Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee, Community Center

7:30 p.m., ACE Student Reception, Municipal Building

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

Wednesday, May 14

7:30 p.m., Council Worksession on Green Ridge House, Green Ridge House

Thursday, May 15

6:30 p.m., GHI Candidates Forum, Municipal Building

7:30 p.m., Community Relations Advisory Board, Municipal Building

7:30 p.m., GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Place

Friday, May 16

7 p.m., "It's Municipal Government," Community Center

Saturday, May 17

10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Pet Expo, Community Center

Sunday, May 18

GHI Community-wide Clean-up

Letters

THANKS

We the members of the Greenbelt Youth Advisory Committee want to thank the community for supporting our endeavors. Our gratitude goes to the center merchants who donated either goods or services to the "Youth Speak-out" this past Saturday. Thanks to Bob Davis at the Greenbelt Co-op, Deion at Dominoes and Joe Natoli at Generous Joes! Also a huge thank you to Hank Irving and the Greenbelt Recreation Department, for pretty much everything.

Kudos to Travis Jolly, Nick Dobson, Phil & Donnie a.k.a. The Band (Adrenalin), for getting us started and wrapping us up. These youths really showed us their community spirit by sharing their newly molded musical talents. They seemed pretty polished performers. The committee especially liked their '70s renditions.

Thanks to Mayor Judith Davis, Councilmember Ed Putens and all the young people who spoke out on issues. Lastly the committee wishes to thank everyone who attended and participated in this year's "Speak Out."

We the committee had fun and believe this is a worthwhile function that we hope gets bigger and better in the years to come. Thanks for letting us serve you, the city of Greenbelt. Our meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, at the Youth Center. The next meeting is May 13. All are welcome to sit in!

Doug Mangum
adult member,
Youth Advisory Committee

THANKS

The rummage sale held to benefit the Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA) on Saturday, May 3 was very successful. Over \$1,000 was raised before expenses. We wish to thank everyone who came to the sale or made a donation to it. We especially want to thank the many volunteers who contributed their time to the sale; without them it would not have been possible. Part of the funds raised will be used to sponsor the June 7 free outdoor concert produced by the New Deal Café in Roosevelt Center as part of the Greenbelt Day weekend arts festival. The festival will be put on by the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts in cooperation with FONDCA, the Greenbelt ARTS Center, GATE (Greenbelt Access Television), the Greenbelt Writers Group and the Old Greenbelt Theatre. We hope to see everyone then!

Barbara Simon,
president, FONDCA
Eileen Peterson,
chair, Rummage Sale

A Review

Choral Society Presents Ryan De Ryke in Concert

by Cynthia Cummings

The Prince George's Choral Society presented a fine night of music May 3 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Greenbelt with a program of Broadway and popular melodies sung by guest baritone Ryan De Ryke. The church's reception hall provided an intimate, café-style setting for the concert, with seating at small round tables and a delicious variety of desserts and coffee from which to choose. The performance, a fund-raiser for the Society, included a silent auction. De Ryke is a personable and entertaining performer. Born in the United States, he has studied music both here and abroad, including the National Conservatory in Luxembourg and the Royal Academy of Music in London. Currently De Ryke lives in Baltimore, where he has been awarded an Artist Diploma scholarship from the Peabody Conservatory of Johns Hopkins University, where he also earned his master's degree.

Accompanied by Diane Kinsley Stelz, pianist for the Choral Society, De Ryke sang three sets, with two brief intermissions. The first set included numbers from American musicals, such as "Some Enchanted Evening" from Rodgers and Hammerstein's South Pacific and "If Ever I Would Leave You" from Lerner and Loewe's Camelot. The second set provided an opportunity for De Ryke to show off his cosmopolitan background, with a European cabaret consisting of several pieces by Kurt Weill and Berthold Brecht, sung in German, and by Jacques Brel, in French. The final set paid homage to one of De Ryke's favorite com-



Prince George's Choral Society features Ryan De Ryke accompanied by pianist Diane Kinsley Stelz.

posers, Stephen Sondheim, including one of his best known, "Send in the Clowns."

Founded in 1962, the Choral Society consists of approximately 35 local singers and is directed by Philip R. Hale. They meet weekly to practice at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. New members are always welcome. The group presents several concerts each year, performing a wide repertoire that includes classical, popular and contemporary music. In addition, the Society also works to advance the careers of young singers such as De Ryke by providing an amenable venue for them to try out some of their favorite pieces.

The next performance of the Prince George's Choral Society will be given on Saturday, May 17 at 8 p.m., at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 6905 Greenbelt Road. The program, "Music Across the Channel," will include Fauré's "Requiem" and Ralph Vaughan Williams' "Five Mystical Songs," once again featuring artist Ryan De Ryke. For information on tickets, call Frank Leonard, 301-538-1532 or email frank_leonard@yahoo.com. For more information about the Choral Society visit their website at <http://www.research.umbc.edu/~k8fc/PGCS>.

Democrats to Hear Legislative Group

A report on the recent session of the Maryland General Assembly, the Annual Legislative Wrap-up, by the 22nd District legislative team will be featured at the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club meeting on Friday, May 16 at 8 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Terrace Room of the Greenbriar Community Building located at the corner of Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway.

For the first time since legislative redistricting in June 2002, Senator Paul Pinsky and Delegates Anne Healey, Tawanna Gaines and Justin Ross will give their personal reports and answer questions, time permitting. The public is invited and members are encouraged to bring guests.

A social hour will follow. Members are asked to bring a des-

sert or snack to share; drinks will be provided. For information, call Bill Hunt at 301-982-0111.

Donations of personal toiletries will be gathered for the Prince George's County Family Crisis Center. The items are needed for use by new clients during emergency intake, especially at night and on weekends.

The club's last meeting of the year will be a picnic at Schrom Hills Park on Saturday, June 14 from 4 to 7 p.m.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

Week of May 9

Bend It Like Beckham
(PG13)

Friday
*5:00, 7:30, 9:50

Saturday
*2:30, *5:00, 7:30, 9:50

Sunday
*2:30, *5:00, 7:30

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The Old Curmudgeon



"I'm used to fear . . . I used to live in
Springhill Lake!"

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Nursery School Holds 5K Run

Greenbelt Nursery School will hold its second annual 5K Run on Saturday, May 17 at 9 a.m., rain or shine, at Lake Artemesia. The course begins at the 94th Aero Squadron Restaurant at College Park. It is a measured loop course, a mostly flat, paved bike path from College Park Airport around the lake. Participants may run or walk as they choose.

Awards will go to the top three male and female runners over-all and also to the top three men and women runners in these age groups: 19 and under; 20 to 29; 30 to 39; 40 to 49; 50 to 59; and 60 and over. Refreshments will be served after the run.

Registration is reduced before May 17 and students pay less than others. The entry form can be obtained from Greenbelt Nursery School at 301-474-5570 or from www.racepacket.com/races/may03/gb.htm.

Greenbelt Nursery School is a nonprofit, parent co-op preschool licensed by the Maryland State Department of Education and accredited by NAEYC's National Academy of Early Childhood Programs. The school offers programs for children age 2 through 4. It is accepting applications for September 2003. For information, call Elaine at 301-474-5570.

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News of Greenbelt Rockets Baseball

by Mike Kerdock

The new Greenbelt Rockets baseball team is for players 13 and under, not 12 and under as reported in last week's News Review.

Regrettably, the previously scheduled Saturday games with Gambrells had to be moved to Sunday at noon. Two good comebacks by the Rockets fell just short in the last inning by the score of 12 to 9 and 13 to 9. The Tuesday game with Annapolis will be rescheduled at a later date.

The team will be back at it on these dates: Saturday, May 10 - 3 p.m., Lake Shore at Greenbelt, doubleheader and Wednesday, May 14 - 6 p.m., Clinton at Greenbelt. No game is scheduled for Saturday, May 17.

At the Library

Children's Programs

Wednesday, May 14, 10:15 and 11 a.m. Cuddletime for ages 12 to 24 months with caregiver.

4 p.m., BooKids. Book discussion for ages 8 to 12.

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

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

Adult Programs

Saturday, May 17, 2 p.m. "Bird: The Music of Charlie Parker." Bassist Joshua Bayer and friends play the greats in this annual performance-lecture series.

In the display case for May is an exhibit on Political Satire and Cartooning, Greenbelt Museum.

Greenbriar Boards To Meet on Tuesday

The Greenbriar Phase III Board of Directors will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 13 at 6 p.m. The combined meeting of the Phase I and II boards will meet on Tuesday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m. The Greenbriar Community Association (GCA) board of directors will meet on Wednesday, May 28 at 6 p.m. All meetings are held in the Commons Room at the Greenbriar Community Building. These meetings are open and all homeowners are welcome to attend their board meeting and the GCA board meeting. For further information call 301-441-1096.

Greenbriar Seniors To Have Luncheon

A luncheon will be held for Greenbriar/Glen Oaks seniors on Tuesday, May 13 at 12:30 p.m. in the Terrace Room at the Greenbriar Community Building. Seniors are welcome to bring a guest. There will be bingo games with prizes. This is a free event but RSVP to Tina at 301-441-1096 ext. 4 by May 12.

Letter Carriers' Food Drive

On Saturday, May 10, the National Association of Letter Carriers in conjunction with the U.S. Postal Service, will be collecting non-perishable food items. Those wishing to contribute may place food items near their mailbox before the carrier arrives to deliver mail. The carrier will take the items back to the post office for delivery to local food banks or pantries. (No glass or perishable items.) Help stamp out hunger.

Community Events

Race Dialogue Set

The Prince George's County Human Relations Commission and the City of Greenbelt will be conducting small group dialogues, known as study circles, on race relations for Greenbelt residents of Springhill Lake on May 13, 15, 20, 22 and 27, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Springhill Lake Recreation Center Club House, 6101 Cherrywood Lane. Discover how to "spring" into change at Springhill Lake.

To get involved and to learn more about study circles in a community contact Tanika C. Greene at 301-883-6170.

Explore Disaster Plans and Coping

Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation by Mae Johnson, a volunteer member of the American Red Cross National Mental Health Disaster team, on Friday, May 16. Johnson will be discussing how older adults can plan ahead and prepare themselves so they may cope better if a disaster occurs. She will be giving information on how and what to prepare for, the supplies needed and the radio stations' special announcements that should be expected.

Johnson has served as a volunteer member of the American Red Cross National Mental Health Disaster team for 25 years.

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

GES Seeks Alumni

Calling all Greenbelt Elementary School alumni. Earn service hours by volunteering time at the upcoming GES Spring Fair, Saturday, May 17, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, contact gespta@ptamail.com or call Diane Siegel at 301-345-7569.

Political Cartooning Lecture at Museum

In conjunction with the Izzy Parker cartoon exhibition, the Greenbelt Museum is sponsoring a lecture on Wednesday, May 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Library, "The Undervalued Art of Political Cartooning." Greg Metcalf, an adjunct professor of art history, American studies and English at the University of Maryland and an award-winning regional editorial cartoonist himself, is the featured speaker. The free lecture is co-sponsored by the Art Gliner for Humor Studies at the University of Maryland.

Metcalf will present an historical illustrated lecture on American editorial cartooning, noting what distinguished early American cartoons and how they have evolved over our nation's history. He will consider the changes brought about by changes in the culture, the technology and the media business.

The lecture will provide a panoramic view of political cartooning from Paul Revere's little known career to the efforts of editorial cartoonists to oppose FDR's New Deal. He will focus on the generalizing effects of newspaper syndication and the re-energized politics that have emerged on the Internet.

Metcalf also teaches Humanities and Media Studies at the Johns Hopkins School of Professional and Business Studies. He often draws cartoons on the blackboard during his classes.

Mamas and Papas Meet for Lunch

The Greenbelt Mamas and Papas will meet on May 14 to make friends with other Greenbelt parents while children play. The group will again meet for lunch on May 28 and a special outing is planned for Friday evening, May 9. To learn more call Melissa Sites at 301-982-9812.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

President Ellie Rimar opened the April 30 meeting.

Bea Bronstein was welcomed back to the club. We wish Brenda Kosisky a speedy recovery after surgery to have a stent implanted.

Congratulations to John Henry and Elaine Jones on their 47th wedding anniversary.

The 50/50 winners were Ken Keeney and Pauline Bordas.

Several bingo games were enjoyed by the members. Many thanks to Generous Joe's for the donation of prizes.

The Golden Age Club yard sale will be held June 7 at the Roosevelt Center. People who have items for sale should bring them to the Community Center for pricing.

The speaker for May 14 will be from Hill Haven in Laurel. May 21 will be the birthday pot luck lunch.

Choral Society To Perform

The Prince George's Choral Society, under the direction of Philip Hall, will perform its last concert of the season on May 17 at 8 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. The program, "Music Across the Channel," includes Faure's Requiem and Ralph Vaughan Williams' Five Mystical Songs, featuring artist baritone Ryan De Ryke. De Ryke has studied in the United States and abroad. His background includes various roles showing display of innovative talent.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church is located at 6905 Greenbelt Road. For information on ticket prices call Frank Leonard, 301-853-5231 or email frank_leonard@yahoo.com.

Folk Nouveau At the New Deal

Izolda and Folk Nouveau will perform at the New Deal Café Saturday, May 10 at 8 p.m. Come listen to songs, tunes and stories influenced by and from around the world. Folk Nouveau music combines the storytelling elements of folk music and the reverence for nature of the Art Nouveau movement with melodic influences that span the earth.

For even more Community Events, see page 5

Greenbelt Baseball

Major League Schedule

Date	Time	Game
Mon., May 12	6:00 p.m.	Giants @ Lions
Tues., May 13	6:00 p.m.	Indians @ Cubs
Wed., May 14	6:00 p.m.	Tigers @ Orioles
Thur., May 15	6:00 p.m.	Athletics @ Cardinals
Fri., May 16	6:00 p.m.	Cubs @ Lions
Fri., May 16	7:00 p.m.*	Orioles @ Giants
Sat., May 17	10:00 a.m.	Athletics @ Tigers
Sat., May 17	1:00 p.m.	Cardinals @ Indians

Major League Standings as of Tuesday 5/06/03

American League	W-L	National League	W-L
Athletics	5 - 0	Indians	5 - 1
Orioles	5 - 1	Cubs	2 - 3
Giants	3 - 3	Cardinals	2 - 4
Tigers	1 - 4	Lions	1 - 7

2003 Machine Pitch Schedule

Date	Time	Visitor vs. Home
Mon., May 12	6:00 p.m.**	Yankees vs. Astros
Wed., May 14	6:00 p.m.**	Rockies vs. Yankees
Fri., May 16	6:00 p.m.**	Astros vs. Rockies
Sat., May 17	11:00 a.m.**	Rain out/Make up
Sun., May 18	1:00 p.m.	All Play/All Star Game

Machine Pitch Standings as of Tuesday 5/06/03

Astros	3 - 1
Rockies	2 - 2
Yankees	2 - 1

All games are played at McDonald Field unless noted. *This game will be played at Braden #2. **These games will be played at Braden #3.

Art Collector Hosts Salon Program

On Friday, May 16, Greenbelt resident Sharon Anderson will invite the public to enjoy a special glimpse of the art collection which she has been developing for more than 30 years. With sponsorship from the Greenbelt Recreation Department, Anderson will host a salon program in her home from 6 to 8 p.m. The program will include an informal presentation by Anderson on the theme "Art for Your Sake: Collecting Art as Healing." Guests will enjoy light refreshments and an opportunity to view and discuss approximately 100 works of art from Anderson's collection, which emphasizes images of the female forms. This program is open to participants ages 18 and up. Advance registration is required through the main office of the Greenbelt Community Center located at 15 Crescent Road. A minimal fee will be charged. For information call 301-397-2208.

Greenbelt Pet Expo Set for May 17

Come hear The Washington Post's "Animal Doctor" Dr. Michael Fox speak at the Greenbelt Pet Expo at noon on May 17 at the Greenbelt Community Center. Fox is a well-known veterinarian, author and founder of an animal sanctuary in India. He'll speak, show slides and sign books.

Other speakers will be Wendy Grooms and Marcie Baier, at 11 a.m. Grooms is an animal massage therapist and Reiki Master and Baier is an acupuncturist who treats animals. They will talk about alternative health care for one's animal friends, as well as demonstrate massage and acupuncture.

Gene Wilson, LCSW-C, will talk about communicating with animals at 2 p.m. She will also read companion animals' feelings, thoughts, health, etc. Bring a canine or a photo of any other species.

The Humane Society of the United States, the nation's largest animal welfare organization, will provide a speaker to discuss the issue of emergency preparedness for animals at 3 p.m. This is a must-hear lecture - so one can be prepared to care for personal animal(s) in the event of a natural or manmade disaster. Every person living with animals will benefit from this informative discussion. Stop by Greenbelt Homes Companion Animal Subcommittee's table and see what an emergency preparedness "kit" contains.

All talks will be in the Community Center.

For more information, call Susie Hall at 301-474-6124.

Celebrate Spring!

Greenbelt Nursery School 5K Run Saturday, May 17 9 am at Lake Artemesia

Advance registration \$20; \$25 on May 17;
Students \$15

To register on line

www.racepacket.com/races/may03/gb.htm

To pick up entry forms, call 301-474-5570.

Packet pickup 8 am Saturday, May 17
at 94th AeroSquadron parking lot, College Park.

For information, call 301-474-5570.

Obituaries

Mary MacQuillan

Mary Frances MacQuillan, 72, of Lakeside Drive died on May 4, 2003, after surgery to correct a double aneurysm.

Born in Oxford, England, she attended the Notre Dame School for Girls in Northampton, England. She worked as a lab technician at the Botanical Laboratory in Oxford.

In 1952 she emigrated to Canada. She and her husband Anthony were married in 1953 in Vancouver. Later they came to this country and she worked as a lab technician at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

The MacQuillans came to Greenbelt in 1965. Mrs. MacQuillan worked for the Prince George's County Board of Education as a teaching aide for the hearing impaired at Center School, Springhill Lake and Thomas Claggett Elementary Schools. She retired about five years ago but continued to substitute in the school system.

She enjoyed reading, water aerobics, swimming, teaching and the love of her family.

She is survived by her husband Anthony (Tony), Greenbelt; son Alan, Eldersburg; daughters Jennifer, Odenton and Andrea, Greenbelt; three grandsons, Nicholas and Wesley MacQuillan, Odenton and Liam MacQuillan, Eldersburg; and sister Kathleen Lettau, Las Vegas. Daughter Theresa MacQuillan preceded her in death.

The family will receive relatives and friends on Friday, May 9 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at St. Hugh's Catholic Church, 135 Crescent Road, where a service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Funds for Johns Hopkins Medicine Heart and Vascular Institute, One Charles Center, 100 N. Charles St., Suite 400, Baltimore, MD 21201.

Ruthlee C. Kolbe

by Sue Krofchik

Twice widowed Ruthlee Kolbe, 84, an original resident of Lakewood since 1959, died April 28, 2003, of kidney failure. She moved to Hillhaven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in July 2001. In better days she described herself as having survived the "Big Four"— heart attack, cancer, stroke and back surgery.

Born in Bayard, W.Va., the third of four girls, Ruthlee lost her father when she was 11. Her mother had no particular job skills and the family struggled during the Great Depression on a small widow's pension from the railroad. Her older sisters were able to go to college and send

money home to help their mother raise Ruthlee and her younger sister. This taught Ruthlee the value of an education, which she made a top priority for her own children.

In 1936, Ruthlee was among the first to graduate from Bayard High School. Previously, Bayard had no high school and students had to cross the Potomac River to attend high school in Maryland. She went on to obtain her R.N. credential from Gallinger Hospital, which later became D.C. General Hospital. Jobs were scarce in W.Va. so she remained in D.C. for work.

Then came World War II. Her sweetheart, Kermit Becker, also a native of W.Va., received notice he was being drafted into the US Army. Just prior to his leaving for active duty, they married. Kermit was killed in North Africa.

Ruthlee then joined the US Army Nurse Corps and was sent to Ft. Meade for "boot camp," learning to march in a line well enough to get to and on the buses. Following boot camp she was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant and stationed at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Later she was promoted to 1st Lieutenant.

At Walter Reed she later took care of General of the Army (5 star) John J. "Blackjack" Pershing of World War I fame. She described him as being as demanding a patient as he was a general on the battlefield. "He was the reason I became an operating room nurse" Ruthlee told close friends. Leaving her shift with the general one day after he apparently gave one too many orders, she saw a flyer on the bulletin board recruiting R.N.s for training as surgical nurses. "I signed up immediately," she said. After World War II, while



working as a school nurse, she met her second husband, Casper Kolbe, through mutual friends. They were married in 1948 and moved to Greenbelt in 1959 when they bought a home on Empire Place when the Lakewood section of Greenbelt was being developed. As the children came, she worked as a private duty nurse, often at night, leaving Casper to watch them so that few baby sitters were needed.

Ruthlee and Casper stressed education and were involved with activities in raising their three children. Ruthlee served as a Cub Scout den mother and Girl Scout assistant troop leader. She also helped Girl Scouts earn "health badges." This required being able to put together a first aid kit and knowing how to apply a triangular bandage. Ruthlee cut up old sheets into triangles and taught the Scouts how to bandage any body part to which a bandage could be applied, exceeding requirements for the badge.

When the children were in school, Ruthlee joined the staff of the now-closed Glenn Dale Hospital as an operating room nurse. When she retired she was the operating room supervisor.

On her daily drive to Glenn Dale Hospital she picked up fellow Greenbelters and hospital staff who lived along Greenbelt Road, often arriving at the hospital with a car full. If you needed a ride, Ruthlee was the one to call.

She retired from Glenn Dale in the late 1970s to spend time with her husband and became a widow again in 1984 after taking care of Casper his last few years. She later said she "outlived them all", all of Casper's and her own siblings. Only a few people know that the intersection of Route 193 and Central Avenue, shown on maps as "Kolbes Corner," was named after Casper's great uncles who long ago owned each of those four corners. Ruthlee was very involved

throughout her Greenbelt years with the Women's Society of Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church. She was a past president of the Greenbelt Golden Age Club and particularly enjoyed going on Club trips, especially the one to Alaska. She was also an active member in the Glenn Dale Seniors, eligible through her husband Casper who originally lived in Glenn Dale. She was very active in the Lakewood Civic Association.

Her children remember that on her 70th birthday she announced to them that from then on she was going to say what she wanted because she had "earned the wisdom to speak out." Ruthlee was strong-willed and could be feisty, but during the funeral service it was noted that page one of her scrapbook of important things contained the following prayer: "Oh Lord, please help me keep my nose out of other people's business."

Funeral services were held on May 2, officiated by Rev. DaeHwa Park, with burial at Washington National Cemetery with military honors.

She is survived by children Ronald (Margaret) Kolbe, Waldorf; Elizabeth (John) Moore, Lanham and Carolyn (Peter) Bray, Dunkirk; and grandchildren, Katharine Kolbe, Keith Moore, Katherine Bray, John Bray and Romell Short.


CROP Church Walk To Raise Funds

by Harriette Phelps

The annual Hyattsville CROP (Church Rural Overseas Program) Walk for Church World Service was held at Lake Artemesia on its usual date, the first Sunday in May. May 4 was perfect walking weather, overcast and not too bad for the over 300 participants from 25 local churches.

Sponsored participants, including children in strollers and several dogs, gathered at 1 p.m. at the Ellen Linson Pool parking lot off Paint Branch Parkway and were encouraged on their way by the Trinity Moravian Church Brass Band. The band continued to serenade the walkers from a lakeside site with inspirational tunes like Onward, Christian Soldiers. Water was available at two locations and everyone looked satisfied as they walked, strolled or ran the 2.5 mile route. Dedication and celebration of the collected contributions will be June 1 at 4 p.m. at Greenbelt Community Church.

The first CROP Walk was started in 1969 for European disaster relief and refugee assistance. Last year the Hyattsville CROP Walk raised over \$32,000 with 25 percent coming back to the local agency, Help By Phone. Each year sees increasing competition for the Holy Sole participant award and Greenbelt Community Church hopes to retain its lead with over 80 walkers. Mowatt Methodist and Greenbelt Baptist also participated.



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40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
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SUNDAY

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

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Volunteers Needed For Senior Survey

Greenbelt volunteers are needed to help conduct surveys in Greenbelt May 14 through June 30. These surveys will determine necessary services and programs enabling seniors to "age in place." By aging in place, seniors remain in their present residence for as long as they desire. The survey results will set priorities for future Greenbelt senior programming.

Volunteers should be at least 50 years old. Training will be provided for the surveyors. Greenbelt residents interested in volunteering or obtaining more information should call Gwen Worley at 301-474-8000.

The Greenbelt senior needs survey is a project of the City of Greenbelt's Assistance in Living Program and funded through the New York-based NORC (Naturally Occurring Retirement Community) Supportive Services Center.

Movie of the Month "The Old Maid"

The Greenbelt Community Center will present a free showing of "The Old Maid" on Monday, May 12 at 1 p.m. This 1939 film with Bette Davis, Miriam Hopkins and George Brent, among others, features two headstrong sisters (Charlotte and Delia) who both love the same no-good man. He dies fighting in the Civil War for the Confederacy, but not before fathering Charlotte's illegitimate child. After Delia is widowed, the two while away their days together as old ladies in a big, ornate mansion arguing over how best to raise the growing girl. This movie is based on Zoe Adkin's adaptation of Edith Wharton's novel.

Labor Day Festival Needs Volunteers

The Labor Day Festival Committee has begun its fundraising activities. Bake sales will be held on the Co-op ramp on selected Saturdays. Chances on a Co-op grocery raffle and Proud-to-Be-American T-shirts will be sold at all bake sales. From now through June, Gianni pizzas, fruitshakes, cookie dough and dessert items can be ordered at bake sales. For information on any of the above, call Patti Brothers at 301-982-2312.

The committee will hold its third meeting on Thursday, May 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the police station. Anyone interested in joining the committee is invited to attend. The planning for this year's festival is proceeding well, but there are still some vacancies on the committee. Being a volunteer does not involve a lot of time, but does offer many rewards. Be a part of this Greenbelt tradition.

Alzheimer's Is Topic At Adult Center

"So What Do We Talk About Now?" is the subject of speaker Sharon Powell on Wednesday, May 14, at the Adult Care Center, 15 Crescent Road. The program from 6:30 to 8 p.m. is sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association and will stress strategies for effective communication to reduce frustration and anxiety.

Powell is co-director of the Memory Clinic, Department of Neurology, Johns Hopkins University.

Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call Darrell Wesley at 301-507-6590.



Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of Ruthlee Kolbe. Our condolences to her family.

Our sympathy to Anthony MacQuillan and family on the death of his wife and their mother, Mary.

Happy 75th birthday to John Henry Jones.

Pet Expo Artwork Wanted for Exhibit

The Greenbelt Pet Expo is looking for artists or anyone who loves their pet to draw, paint or color a picture of their beloved pet(s) - dogs, cats, hamsters, guinea pigs, fish, birds or any type of pet - for the Pet Expo on Saturday, May 17. This artwork will be displayed in the Community Center on that day and should be limited to no larger than 18 by 24 inches. Artwork should be dropped into the box marked "Pet Expo Artwork" outside the Community Center main office. The artists' name, phone number and address should be written on the back of the artwork. Artwork can be picked up after the Expo. For information call Susie Hall at 301-474-6124.

Juneteenth Festival At Greenbelt Park

The Juneteenth Summer Festival is scheduled for Saturday, June 21 from noon to 5 p.m. at Greenbelt Park. Performers for the festival are being sought.

There will be all kinds of activities including hayrides throughout the park and a special appearance by Smokey the Bear.

For more information call Alex Culver at 301-344-3944.

Summer Tutoring At Springhill Lake

by Janet Goldberg

The Greenbelt Recreation Department will again conduct a summer tutoring program at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center starting on Saturday, June 21, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and continuing every Saturday through August 16. The program is for all area students, grades 1 to 12 and will provide tutoring at remedial, review and advanced levels. SAT help will also be provided as needed. The program will be patterned after the Homework and Tutoring Program and the Greenbelt Moving Ahead Program (GMA) held during the school year. Computers will be used where appropriate.

Another reminder article about the summer program will appear in the News Review before June 21.

Greenbelt CARES

The week of April 28, Genevieve Elazier-Harris and Antoinette Tate, the city's Crisis Intervention Counselors (CICs), attended Springfest. CICs had an information table and provided information as needed to both city residents and employees. They also had opportunities to enjoy the activities for the day, including watching the double-dutch show.

During the month of April, on average 14 families were seen for counseling services at CARES and 47 individuals came on a weekly basis. Of those seen, 14 were 18 years of age and younger. Also 81 students participated in tutoring services.

Adult Volunteers Needed at ERHS

Adult volunteers are needed at Eleanor Roosevelt High between now and early June.

Adult volunteers are needed to assist with behind the scenes activities on the day of graduation at the Comcast Center on May 27. Assistance will be needed from 4 to 5:30 pm. To volunteer, call Susan McDonald at 301-614-3450 or via email at susan.mcdonald@pgcps.org.

High School Assessment exams begin on May 19 and last until June 6. ERHS tests over 600 students a day the first week and still holds regular classes. Kathy Hyde, vice principal for testing, needs assistance from now until June 6. Hyde can be reached at 301-513-5400 ext 258 or via email at Kathleen.Hyde@pgcps.org. Activities involve putting stickers on test booklets, boxing up class sets of materials, checking in and verifying the receipt of materials, counting returned test books etc.

Grad Night Help

Eleanor Roosevelt High School will hold its Grad Night party on May 27. The security committee is in need of parents to help make the evening a safe event. A number of parents - especially parents of juniors and seniors - are needed to assist with various activities. The party begins at 10 p.m. at a local, but undisclosed, location and lasts until 5 a.m. Time blocks are available during those hours. To volunteer, contact Corporal David Buerger at 301 397-2288 or email David.Buerger@pgcps.org

Come Hear Bird's Music

On Saturday, May 17 at 2 p.m., the Greenbelt Library will present "Bird: The Music of Charlie Parker." Bassist Joshua Bayer leads a quartet. Experience the music of one of the most influential be-bop artists of all time, from his early association with Miles Davis to the fast bop of his later quartets.

Water Polo Clinic at Aquatics Center

A "Bullish on Water Polo" clinic will be held at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center May 10 from 9 to 11 p.m. Weekly summer water polo starts on Thursday, June 19 from 8 to 10 p.m. in the outdoor pool.



PHOTO BY LARRY HILLIARD

April 12 road trip to University of Maryland for Championship Water Polo - left to right: Nirvan Sengupta, Hanna Bettman, Quilla Otto-Jacobs, Katie Murray, Mark Otto, Kory Otto-Jacobs, Anthony Allen, Harrison Hilliard; not pictured: Larry Hilliard.

Memory Garden Left Unmowed

For readers who have noticed the meadow-like swath of lawn covering parts of the Community Center front yard: pause to enjoy it. Children from the city's afterschool program planted bulbs among the grass in memory of the victims of September 11.



The city staff is leaving the area unmowed to allow the plants to grow. Daffodils have already bloomed.

Right now there are grape hyacinths opening amid lots of naturally-occurring buttercups. There is a bench nearby for viewing enjoyment.

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Also join us on Saturday, June 7 For Early Registration at the Beltway Plaza from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Please bring your child's birth certificate, proof of Greenbelt residency, small photo of your child (that we may keep) and the appropriate sports fees (listed below).

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GHI Annual Meeting & Elections Biographies of Candidates

The following members of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) have consented to run for election to the Board of Directors, Audit Committee and the Nominations and Elections Committee. The elections will be held at the recess of the GHI Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 21 and continuing on Thursday, May 22. Biographies are written by the candidates.

Board of Directors (vote for 5)

Chuck Hess 8E Research Road

A member since 1983, Chuck Hess became active in the affairs of the cooperative in 1984. He has served on the following committees: Architecture and Environment, Finance, Ad Hoc Resales, Investment and Audit.

Hess is currently serving his 12th year as a member of the Board of Directors, six of those as Treasurer. He also serves as Chair of the Investment Committee.

Hess is a C.P.A. He earned his M.S. in taxation from American University.

Julia Eichhorst 3P Research Road

During the early months of 1992, Julia Eichhorst moved to GHI. She was attracted to the small town atmosphere of the community and the amenities that Greenbelt offered.

Eichhorst graduated from Eastern Illinois University with a Bachelor of Science degree. She moved to the D.C. metropolitan area in 1978, taking a position with the Department of Justice.

She is completing her third term on the Board of Directors and second term as president. She is currently on the Marketing and the Member and Community Relations Committees. She serves as the Board liaison to the ad-hoc Education and Newsletter committees and served on the Nominations and Elections and Architecture & Environment committees. She is also a docent at the Greenbelt Museum.

"Living in Greenbelt has provided me an opportunity to be part of a community and become involved. Within GHI, I believe we must plan for the future and be pro-active with our replacement programs and the reserve funding, but we must also be aware of the day-to-day concerns of the members to remain a viable community," she wrote.

The Nominations and Elections Committee is still trying to find candidates for each empty spot on the ballot for next week's election. The deadline for completing the consent form for the Board and Audit Committee is Friday, May 16 at 5 p.m. Members may be nominated from the floor for the N&E Committee election during the annual meeting.

Joyce Abell 1B Research Road

Joyce Abell has lived in GHI for 24 years. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of Greenbelt Homes and the New Deal Café. Since the mid-eighties Abell has served on the Member and Community Relations, Marketing, Pet Subcommittee and chaired both the Resales and Ad Hoc Committee for Deregulation of Electricity. She currently serves on the Finance Committee. Abell was named Outstanding Committee Member 1999-2000.

As a member who spent two years on the GHI Board, eight years in real estate and many volunteer activities, she brings some knowledge and skills that lend themselves to serving another term on the Board. As a Board member she continues to listen to the concerns of all members.

Audit Committee (vote for 3)

Darlene Romanowski 4E Laurel Hill Road

Darlene Romanowski is seeking a position on the Audit Committee so that she can serve the members of Greenbelt Homes and the community. She is presently on the Pet Subcommittee as well as on the Audit Committee. She helps others by caring for pets and house sitting.

Hopi Auerbach 14X Ridge Road

Hopi Auerbach has lived in GHI off-and-on, mostly on, since she was in the second grade in 1962. She served on the N&E Committee about 10 years ago and is now on the Audit Committee. She has an internalized allegiance to cooperative values and makes a good addition to committee members who bring other qualities.

Nominations & Election Committee (vote for 5)

Barry P. Byers 2L Gardenway

Barry P. Byers has lived and worked in Greenbelt since 1980. He has been a member of the GHI co-op family, living on Gardenway for four years. Byers is a police officer for the City of Greenbelt, currently in his 15th year of service. He has been a volunteer firefighter for the Greenbelt Fire Department and has served on several committees both there and with the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #32.

Last year Byers worked as a Federal Air Marshal, traveling often and spending a lot of time away from Greenbelt. He then chose to return to Greenbelt and refocus on his roots. For this reason he wishes to serve on the board of directors. Byers believes in the cooperative community and would strive to see that the quality of life and sense of safety remain high.

Andy Carruthers 2M Gardenway

If elected, Andy Carruthers will serve on the committee for the third year.

Deborah Cooley 1F Plateau Place

Deborah Cooley has lived in GHI for 10 years. She has previously been elected to two terms on the Audit Committee. She is completing her second term on the N&E Committee. Cooley works as an accountant for the U.S. Senate Disbursing Office. She is also a member of GHI's Finance Committee and Pet Subcommittee.

Roger Brown 14M Ridge Road

Roger Brown is married and has lived in Greenbelt for many years. He is retired from the Prince George's County Memorial Library System. Brown would like to get involved with GHI decision-making and enjoys living here.

Elizabeth Wellborn 53G Ridge Road

Elizabeth Wellborn is a retired teacher who has lived in Greenbelt for the past year. She joined the N&E Committee originally as a means of becoming familiar with the election process of GHI. Now she would like to continue on this committee to try and find a way of encouraging more members to run for office.

English Ivy Removal

On Sunday, May 11 between 10 a.m. and noon the GHI Woodlands Committee's English ivy removal project will continue in Parcel V. Meet at the top of the tunnel underpass on Hillside (near 13 Court Hillside). Join to help save the woodlands.

English ivy quiz question – English ivy is a useful landscaping plant because: a) it stops erosion; b) it stabilizes slopes; c) it repels rats and mosquitoes; or d) none of the above. Come on Sunday to find out.

GHI Notes

The Ad-Hoc Education Committee will meet May 14 at 4:15 p.m. in the Conference Room.

The Woodlands Committee will meet May 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

The Board of Directors will meet May 15 at 7:30 p.m.

There will be a Pet Expo on Saturday, May 17 at the Greenbelt Community Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The next Pre-purchase Orientation will be Sunday, May 18 at 11 a.m. in the Board Room.

Candidates' Forum To Be Held by GHI

by Mary Moien

Greenbelt Homes Inc. (GHI) will hold its Candidates' Forum on Thursday evening, May 15 beginning at 6:30 in the city council chambers. Note that the time is 6:30 p.m., not a later time that had been shown in a GHI notice. The forum is expected to last approximately one hour, as it will be followed by a GHI board meeting, back at GHI's offices. Candidates who have filed to run for the board of directors or the audit committee will be available to respond to members' concerns. There is still time to become a candidate.

This year five of the nine GHI board positions and all of the audit committee members will be up for election. The five current board members whose terms are expiring are Joyce Abell, Betty Deitch, Julia Eichhorst, Chuck Hess, and Sue Ready. To date, incumbents Eichhorst, Abell, and Hess have filed to run again. Barry Byers has filed his intention to run as well.

For the Audit Committee where all positions are elected each year, incumbents Hopi Auerbach and Darlene Romanowski have filed. For the Nominations and Elections Committee, Roger Brown and incumbents Andy Carruthers, Deborah Cooley, and Elizabeth Wellborn are candidates.

Although the forum is on May 15, members have until 5 p.m. on Friday May 16 to submit their intent to run for office. Andy Carruthers, chair of the Nominations and Election Committee indicated that candidates are still being sought. Those who have an interest in being a candidate for either the Board of Directors, the Audit Committee or the Nominations and Elections Committee should contact the GHI office immediately or call Carruthers at 301-346-6751.

The annual meeting and election is scheduled for May 21. More information on the meeting will be in next week's News Review.

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 GHI MEMBERS Community Beautification Program

Yards scheduled for inspection the week of May 12th will include the following courts, weather permitting:

- Laurel Hill Road – courts 1 through 15
- Hillside Road – courts 13 and 14

Questions may be directed to Phillip Rondeau at 301-474-4161 ext. 132.

GHI CANDIDATES FORUM New Time: Thursday, May 15, 6:30 pm City Council Chambers in the Municipal Building



Come ask questions, hear candidates and meet GHI leaders.
Call the GHI office at (301) 474-4161 for more information.

Bathrooms for GHI Seniors Approved

by Mary Moien

Last fall the city was awarded a Community Legacy grant in the amount of \$90,000 for three projects. Two of the projects – Greenbelt Theater renovation (\$50,000) and a Roosevelt Center merchant's fund (\$15,000) – were funded directly by the grant. The third project was a matching fund grant to install a number of downstairs bathrooms in Greenbelt Homes Inc. (GHI) houses in conjunction with the city's Assistance in Living program. These funds were to come from the Community Development Administration.

The first two grant agreements were signed in December. However, city staff learned that there were problems with obtaining the \$25,000 for the GHI bathroom project.

At the April 14 city council meeting, councilmembers were informed by memo that the city had been notified that legal complications about the funding had arisen, and that the city would need to reapply for funds in the next fiscal year.

The city sent a letter to Victor L. Hoskins, Secretary, Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, documenting the issues and asking his assistance in resolving the problem. The secretary has contacted the City Manager's office and assured staff that the city would receive the matching funds for the GHI project.

Exchange Students Need Host Families

ASSE International Student Exchange Programs is currently seeking local host families interested in hosting a high school foreign exchange student for the 2003-2004 school year. Students are between the ages of 15 and 18, are well-screened and speak English. Each student is anxious to learn about this country by living as part of an American family and attending the local high school. They come from Scandinavia, Germany, Italy, France, Brazil, Thailand, Australia, New Zealand, Poland, Japan, the Czech and Slovak Republics and the former Soviet Union countries.

Interested families have the opportunity to select the student of their choice from extensive student applications, family photos and biographical essays. Students arrive from their home country shortly before school begins and return at the end of the school year. Each ASSE exchange student is fully insured, brings spending money and shares in household responsibilities.

To share in this opportunity call Greenbelter Darlene Thompson at 301-474-2999 or 1-800-677-2773 or visit www.asse.com.

Celebrate Astronomy Day at Owens Center

The Howard B. Owens Science Center will hold Astronomy Day free of charge on May 10 from 6 to 10 p.m. There will be telescope viewing, weather permitting. Other activities will include planetarium shows, children's activities and door prizes.

For information, call Russell Waugh at 301-918-8750 or reach him at rwaugh@pgcps.org. Visit the Science Center's website at <http://www.greenbeltastro.org>.



City Information

Reception for ACE Students – 7:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

Monday, May 12, 2003 - Municipal Building Council Room COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

- Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) Student Awards
- Legislative Wrap-up – 22nd District Delegation
- Public Works Week - Proclamation
- Police Week and Police Memorial 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 a * will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)

LEGISLATION

OTHER BUSINESS

- U. S. Postal Facility, Ora Glen Drive - Revised Site Plan
- Proposed Change in Zipcar Policy for Green Ridge House
- Proposed City Driveway Apron Policy
- * Partial Permit Release – Greenbelt Lake Village
- * Adoption of Board of Appeals Resolution on Variance Application #03-001-V
- * Reappointments to Advisory Groups

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MEETINGS FOR MAY 12-19

Monday, May 12, 7:30pm, Reception for ACE Students, Municipal Bdg.

Monday, May 12, 8:00pm, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, Municipal Bdg.

Monday, May 12, 7:00pm, Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee, Community Center.

Wednesday, May 14, 7:30pm, BUDGET WORK SESSION, Green Ridge House Budget, at Green Ridge House.

Thursday, May 15, 7:30pm, Community Relations Advisory Board Meeting, Municipal Bdg, Conference Room.

DONATION DROP-OFF

Saturday, May 10th

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Parking lot between the City Office and the Community Center

The American Rescue Workers accepts donations of usable household goods (clothing, furniture, small appliances, curtains, towels, bedding, books, puzzles and toys.)

For further information contact the City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8303.

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GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

Municipal Access: 301-474-8000: Monday, May 12 at 8:00pm "ACE Student Awards-Regular Council Meeting" live Tuesday & Thursday, May 13 & 15, 6pm "Reading is Fundamental" 7:00pm Replay of Council Public Access: 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, May 14 & 16, 7pm "Love Foundation-You Are the Light of the World" 7:30pm GATE Annual Meeting 8:35pm US Navy Band's Harbour Winds Sunday, May 11 at 9am & 6pm "Love Foundation"

CITY POSITIONS

PARK RANGER: \$8.00/hr. Part-time position. Varying daily hours, including weekends. To patrol and inspect parks throughout the City; assist park visitors; enforce rules/regulations to ensure compliance and perform some conservation work such as nature interpretation and educational programs. H.S. diploma or GED; college attendance desirable; some knowledge/experience in park management, natural sciences, public relations or related subjects. Must be 18 years of age with valid driver's license.

CAMP STAFF – The Greenbelt Recreation Department is accepting day camp staff applications for general counselors, therapeutic counselors, and activity instructors (i.e. sports, crafts, movement). \$6-\$7/hr. Camp operates 9:00am – 5:00pm M-F. Must be 18 or have graduated high school to be eligible. Call Nancy at 301-397-2200.

Apply: City of Greenbelt Personnel, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt or call 301-474-1872 for REQUIRED application. EOE

MOSQUITO CONTROL 2003

The Maryland Department of Agriculture will begin the Mosquito Control program with spring larvaciding in April/May. The regular season will begin June 2 and continue into early September. Work may continue late into September if necessary.

The program consists of larvaciding (control of immature stages of the mosquito). Known breeding areas will be checked biweekly and will be treated if necessary. There will be no routine adult control work (spraying) using truck-mounted sprayers. Spraying will only be done in the event of a health emergency or extremely large mosquito adult populations.

The Asian tiger mosquito has become a major problem in this area. Residents are encouraged to reduce backyard breeding of this annoying pest. Mosquitoes can breed in any water-holding container including bird baths, wading pools, pet watering dishes, tin cans, old tires, clogged gutters or flower pots. To prevent mosquito breeding in these areas, water should be changed weekly in bird baths and wading pools, gutters should be cleaned at least twice a year, and other water holding containers should be disposed of or stored upside down.

Informational pamphlets and bookmarks on mosquito control are available at no charge. If you would like to receive these items, please call the Mosquito Control Office at (301) 927-8357.

To report mosquito problems in Greenbelt, please call Public Works at (301) 474-8004.

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POLICE BLOTTER

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

Assault

6000 block Springhill Lane, April 29, 4:38 p.m., a young man was approached by the suspect as he walked along. The suspect and the victim had had a recent argument over the telephone and they began to fight in the parking lot. The suspect produced a knife and stabbed the victim in his side before fleeing on foot. The victim ran home and the suspect was apprehended in the parking lot of Beltway Plaza, where he was arrested and released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system. The victim was taken to Prince George's Community Hospital for treatment.

Robbery

7900 Good Luck Road, April 25, 1:03 a.m., an officer on foot patrol saw what appeared to be a robbery in progress inside the 7-11 store. A man fled the store carrying merchandise he did not pay for and the officer gave chase. The suspect dropped the merchandise and ran across Good Luck Road onto Princess Garden Parkway. During the foot pursuit, which continued onto Greenfield Court, the suspect tried to take a vehicle from a man who had just pulled into a driveway. Unable to do so, he ran into the back yard of a residence. A track was started by a K-9 dog and handler. The suspect was located hiding under a vehicle. He refused to come out as ordered and resisted attempts by an officer to pull him from under the vehicle. He then attempted to flee the scene again and was apprehended by the K-9 dog. The man was found to be in possession of a quantity of crack cocaine and paraphernalia. The suspect was transported to Prince George's General Hospital for treatment of injuries incurred during apprehension and was then released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Burglary

9100 block Edmonston Court, April 19, 9:09 p.m., someone used unknown means to force open a door of a residence, and money was taken.

9300 block Edmonston Road, April 20, 4:12 p.m., someone entered a residence through a window. The residence was ransacked but nothing appeared to have been taken.

Orange Court, April 25, 9:31 p.m., suspects entered a residence, possibly by using a key. The suspects are known to the victim and investigation continues.

9100 block Edmonston Court, April 29, 9:09 p.m., someone used unknown means to tamper with the front door lock and door knob. Entry was not gained.

Drugs

Area of Springhill Lane and Springhill Drive, April 26, 9:31 p.m., an officer observed a young man who seemed to be selling drugs at a bus stop. Upon seeing the officer approach

on foot, the suspect ran. The officer gave chase and saw the suspect, 17, throw baggies of suspected marijuana to the ground. The suspect, a non-resident, was apprehended and released to a relative pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Area of Greenbelt Road and Kenilworth Avenue, May 2, 3:38 a.m., after a traffic stop, an 18-year-old resident was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana paraphernalia. He was released on citation pending trial.

Theft

Concerning a fraud reported April 17, an arrest warrant was obtained charging a 19-year-old resident with theft and unauthorized use of a credit card.

Disorderly Conduct

6460 Capitol Drive, April 27, 1:52 a.m., a non-resident man, 25, was arrested after he tried to start a fight with another patron in the T.G.I. Friday restaurant. The suspect was released on citation.

Vehicle Crime

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a 1984 Chevrolet Monte Carlo two-door, April 26, from the 6100 block of Greenbelt Road, which was recovered April 18 by the owner in the parking lot of the College Park Metro station; a 1990 Nissan 240SX two-door, April 27, from the 5900 block of Cherrywood Lane, which resulted in an arrest warrant for a resident; a 1998 Dodge Neon four-door, April 18, from the 9100 block Springhill Lane, which was recovered the next day by county police in Riverdale; a gold 1990 Nissan Stanza four-door, no tags, April 29, from the 7400 block Morrison Drive; a 1998 Dodge Neon four-door, April 29, from the 6100 block Springhill Drive, which was recovered by county police on May 1 in College Park; a green 2000 Dodge Intrepid four-door, Md. tags KSE445, April 29, from the 8000 block Lakeside Drive.

In the 8700 block of Kenilworth Avenue, on April 25, after a traffic stop, police arrested a non-resident man, 34, and charged him with theft of the license tag after a computer check showed the tag was stolen.

In the 6000 block of Breezewood Drive, on April 27, another arrest was made for a stolen license tag. No details are available.

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

Vandalism to, thefts from, and attempted theft of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 6500 block Capitol Drive (three incidents); 7700 block Hanover Parkway; 8100 block Lakecrest Drive; 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace; 6000 block Springhill Drive; 9000 block Breezewood Terrace; 6400 block Ivy Lane (two incidents); 6900 block Hanover Parkway; 200 block Lakeside Drive.

City Council Honors Four Officers, Chief

by Shirl Hayes

The Greenbelt City Council honored four of Greenbelt's finest during its regular meeting on April 28.

Master Police Officer Seung Lee and three other members of the police department – Master Police Officer Edward Holland, Officer Gordon Rose and Corporal David Buerger (not present) – were recognized for their efforts in apprehending the armed and dangerous suspect of the November 17 stabbing that occurred in Roosevelt Center. Chief James Craze took the podium to describe how during the afternoon of November 19 the suspect was seen carjacking a vehicle from a citizen at the Shell station on Branchville Road.

After a lookout was broadcast, two Greenbelt patrol units saw the suspect and pursued the stolen vehicle at high speed. "During the chase, the perpetrator deliberately crashed into two police cars, two citizen motorists and several parked cars, nearly striking a pedestrian," said Craze.

The police followed the suspect who, according to Craze, drove onto Braden Field and deliberately tried to avoid pursuers by driving through a crowd of 27 schoolchildren from St. Hugh's School. "Only by the grace of God and quick intervention from teachers were none of the children injured," said Craze.

The suspect struck three more police cars which were attempting to block the vehicle from hitting the children. Craze himself rammed the driver side door with his car, attempting to jam it so that the suspect could not get out. At risk to himself MPO Lee approached on foot and fired several rounds into the stolen car.

The suspect was captured without injury to anyone. He was found to have a shotgun, ammunition and a switchblade knife in the car.

After his fellow police officers received their awards, Craze was surprised by Mayor Judith Davis with the award of the Silver Star for his own part in the arrest. This award had been voted for by the entire police force of Greenbelt.

Three new police officers, Tammy Harris, Kelly Lawson and Stephen Cohen, were sworn in by Davis. All three are certified emergency medical technicians as well as volunteer firefighters.

Officer Powers Gets Enforcement Award

Greenbelt Police Officer Jason Powers received an award for aggressive driving reduction efforts on April 22 at a University of Maryland ceremony.

The ceremony recognized individual officers from throughout the Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C. region who actively looked for and stopped aggressive drivers. Powers received the award for leading his police department in stopping violators during the 2002 campaign.

City's Finest Honored



MPO Seung Lee, MPO Edward Holland, Officer Gordon L. Rose and Chief James Craze were recognized for their bravery at the Greenbelt City Council's April 28 regular meeting. See accompanying story on this page for more details.

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Council and Police Debate Collective Bargaining Need

by Virginia Beauchamp

"We didn't cost you any money tonight." The speaker was Craig Rich, president of the Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), at a Greenbelt City Council work session on the budget. Rich, FOP Treasurer Marty Parker and former president John Rogers, who is now first vice president of the Maryland State FOP, represented the group at the meeting on Monday, May 5.

Three items were on the group's agenda: medical benefits for retired members, pay scale revision and collective bargaining. All, as Rich pointed out, are issues for future exploration. The FOP expressed its gratitude to council for the city's adoption last year of the new LEOPS Retirement system, which had not previously been available to municipalities.

According to a letter by Rich in the agenda document: "I have already seen our veteran officers look forward to an anticipated retirement in which they may not have to maintain a second career in order to survive today's economy."

As things turned out, however, the cost to the city of this plan had been underestimated.

Greenbelt had been advised that the accrued liability of the new system would be \$54,000 in addition to the regular premium, City Manager Michael McLaughlin wrote in his letter to council with this year's budget document. The bill, however, when received in February, had been recalculated at \$136,000. McLaughlin said he will be meeting soon with an administrator concerning the city's appeal of this amount.

In light of this fact the FOP representatives were in a conciliatory mood. No one was making waves with new demands.

Collective Bargaining

Council indeed wondered why collective bargaining was even on the agenda. "What would you gain?" asked Councilmember Ed Putens. Councilmembers were especially concerned about not pitting one set of employees against another.

"It's not just a pay issue," Rich answered. "It's deeper than that. It's about establishing working conditions." He acknowledged that there have never been layoffs or cuts in benefits; however, anything was possible in the future with other councils and other administrators in charge.

Ocean City had just signed a collective bargaining agreement with its police force, Rich said. So far it is the only municipality to do so, although the Prince George's County police force and the Maryland National Park Police have such agreements.

Councilmember Tom White, who has served longest on council and has become its unofficial historical memory, said the issue had come up in the past and that council had persuaded the FOP that a collective bargaining movement was not in their best interests. "It casts the city and the organization in an adversarial situation," he said.

Rich said they did not seek binding arbitration but a "meet and confer system." Rogers suggested that an ordinance change would be necessary. "Who would the FOP negotiate for? By rank? Everybody? When

would they negotiate? How would a meeting be initiated? What are the ground rules?"

Mayor Judith Davis reminded the participants that Maryland has a no-strike rule for police officers. "It's against the law." She also suggested that bringing the issue before Greenbelt citizens in a referendum would be ill-timed this fall. Since a city council election is scheduled, the issue could become unnecessarily politicized, she suggested. Also, adding the issue would bring unexpected costs to the city which is already hurting financially.

Throughout the evening discussion had been amicable and exploratory. Several councilmembers expressed their own strong support of union membership, although as Councilmember Alan Turnbull said, in his council position he was "wearing a different hat."

Davis wound up the meeting with an expression of gratitude to the entire FOP membership for their many overtime hours during the period of the recent sniper attacks. It was a great comfort to the community, she said, to have police on duty outside all of the city's schools.

Free Health Talks

Attend a free health education session at Doctors Community Hospital 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month. The next session is May 20. Subjects range from eyes to feet and all areas in between. All sessions are held in the fifth floor meeting room of the ambulatory surgery building.

Parking is well-lit. Call 301-552-5134 for more information.

"Youth Speaks Out" Forum Features Reticent Youths

by Barbara Young

At the May 3 afternoon Youth Forum organized to hear the concerns of young people, the audience in the Center appeared to contain more adults than young people, and the 15 or so young people present did not want to step forward with their concerns.

As at a previous forum, the energetic moderator was Doug Mangum. To warm up the occasion he introduced the "Adrenalin" band (pictured below), led by singer Travis Jolly with Nick, Phil and Donny on drums and guitar. The talented band members played well and Travis Jolly sang well, but despite the urgings of Mangum and Youth Advisory Committee Chair Jessica Mealey, there were still no takers for the microphone.

Mayor Judith Davis was present and she too urged young people to speak up. At the suggestion of Mangum, she outlined the status of the skateboard park which has long been sought by the city's youth. After money was put in the city budget to build the park, she said, problems arose around where it should be built. However, she said, the city is putting in a tem-

porary skate park, which should be ready "before summer."

Mangum put forth his idea of having a "battle of the bands" for high school-age and younger bands and a man spoke on behalf of the water polo organization, urging young people to attend. Recreation Department Director Hank Irving reminded those present of the American Legion scholarship program which currently involves an essay on "What the American Flag Means to Me." He said applications are still available to participate in the essay contest and said the scholarship amounts to \$1,000 per year for four years. High school seniors and college freshmen are both eligible to participate.

Mangum told the audience of an Eleanor Roosevelt High School scholarship in the name of David Craig. He said seniors are eligible to apply. The amount involved is \$1,250 per year for four years. More information can be obtained in the ERHS guidance counselors' office, he said.

Mangum then invited those present to sample the hot dogs prepared at Generous Joe's with accompanying sodas and chips.



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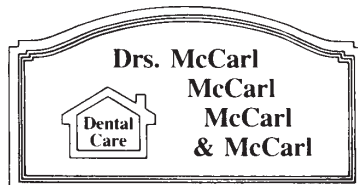
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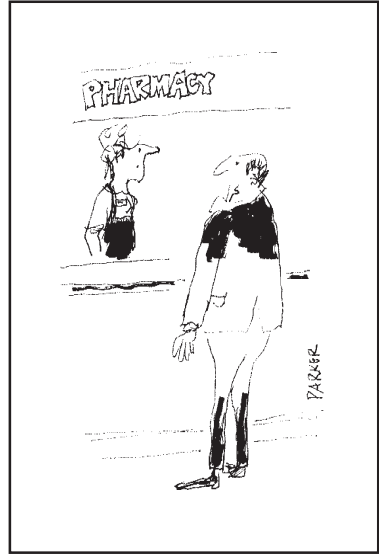
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between 1964 and 1968. The Post stopped printing his cartoons during the time of the Vietnam War when Parker feels his ideas clashed with those of one of the Post's editors.

The road to wealth didn't exactly pan out either as The Washington Post paid him only \$30 for each cartoon they printed. When another newspaper such as the New York Times reprinted one of his cartoons in their Sunday edition, they re-



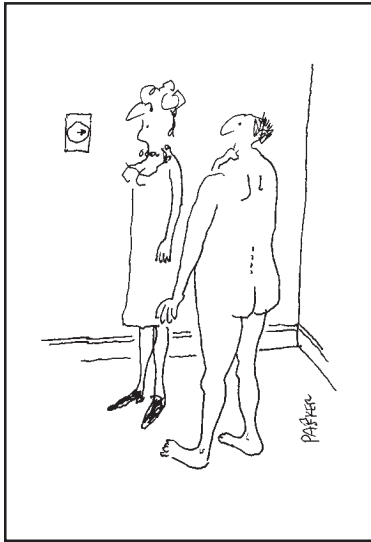
"It's a vicious circle - my blood pressure rises when I see the price of my blood pressure medicine!"

fused to pay him anything. According to Parker, an editor from the Times stated that "they were just expressing the opinion of another newspaper."

Divorce brought Parker back to Greenbelt in the early 1990s. When he retired from his job as chief of the zoning office after a 25-year career with the Maryland-National Park and Planning Commission, Parker resumed his cartooning career with the



"In order to give up cigarettes, I substituted french fries . . ."



"What time is the air-conditioning repairman supposed to come?"

Greenbelt News Review. Readers of the News Review are familiar with the wry humor of "The Old Curmudgeon," whose cartoons appear on the editorial page every week.

Ideas for each cartoon come to him when he goes to the News Review office on Tuesday afternoons and listens to people talk about what is happening in Greenbelt. He draws a cartoon about whatever is the big topic for that week. He marvels at the fact that even though his hand trembles, he usually has no trouble drawing a cartoon. He is also amazed that the News Review receives virtually no letters to the editor regarding his cartoons, either pro or con.

Parker's Style

Parker attributes his cartoon style to his early interest in the paintings of Picasso. He said, "He and I used to draw people with eyes on one side of their head. Or, instead of hair, one of them might have feathers. I tried to exaggerate things and provide a lot of movement. Later on...I knew I had to develop my own style... I came up with this figure - at least, this head which was oddly shaped but was new at the time. I went with that. The rest of the body is in a suit or dressed in an ordinary way...If you notice, the head of the man is never exactly the same. It depends on how my fingers work at the time. But the hardest part of drawing a cartoon is the gag," he observes.

He attributes his sense of humor to his early years when he and his friends attended vaudeville shows at Chicago theaters. He learned all the jokes the comedians told. After each show,

he and his friends regaled each other by retelling the jokes. Sometimes, he shouted out the punch lines during a performance and was summarily ejected from the theater. He also was the youngest of four children and, in order to get attention, he felt he had to do something that the other siblings didn't do. So he learned to draw and to tell jokes.

"You will find that most comedians who are serious about it...have some kind of traumatic childhood," he attests. "This was their way of getting back at society by [using] humor - making fun of important people. I thought that it was ironic too, that after being cleared by the government and leaving the government, I was able to draw cartoons about big shots in the government with impunity," he reflects.

Although his cartoons were never syndicated and didn't bring him a lot of money, Parker feels he has had his 15 minutes of fame. At one point in his life,



"I heard they found some bald eagles!"

he burned all of his original cartoons because "I felt that part of my life was over," he stated.

The museum's exhibition will focus on Parker's early cartoons in the Cooperator that dealt with Greenbelt life under federal government ownership, the cartoons that appeared in the Washington Post focusing on national politics, and his more recent cartoons in the Greenbelt News Review satirizing local events. The exhibit will continue throughout 2003. Museum curators Katie Scott Childress and Jill Parsons St. John are responsible for mounting the exhibition.

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One of the Greenbelters, Abraham Chasanow, hired a lawyer and held a press conference. His story was written up in newspapers nationwide. A movie - "Three Brave Men," starring Ernest Borgnine - was later made about his ordeal.

Parker suffered quietly. The Navy would not divulge the names of his accusers. He would get a hearing, but he would never know exactly what the charges were against him or who had made them. He knew only that they were considered by the government to be reputable people in the community.

Parker tried to figure out what could have led to the charges against him. He remembered the time he was interviewed by the legendary architect Frank Lloyd Wright. Wright offered him a fellowship, but Parker's wife was pregnant and he decided to decline the offer. At the time Wright was considered to be a subversive character in some quarters. Parker conjectured that possibly his brief association with Wright prompted the charge of being a security risk.

Another allegation was that he attended a Brotherhood Week meeting in June or July where he was said to have seconded a motion made by the president of the synagogue recommending the burning of the Bible. Only Brotherhood Week occurred in February and the synagogue president had actually said, "If we can't get along as brothers, you might as well burn the Bible and start all over again." Moreover, Parker did not attend the meeting.

During this same period of time, some very conservative people in Greenbelt were opposed to the formation of a housing cooperative. They thought that people who joined cooperatives were communists. Some people called Greenbelt

"Commiebelt." One of the five suspended Jewish employees of the Navy Department was Mike Salzman, a leader in the formation of the Greenbelt Veterans Housing Corporation and president of the National Association of Housing Cooperatives. Parker also supported the new housing cooperative.

Parker suspects that his position on the Cooperator staff also got him in trouble. When he wrote an editorial stating that it was not in the cooperative spirit for the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion to refuse to loan their bingo equipment to the Jewish Community Center, he earned the ire of the American Legion. No other group had ever been turned down. He received several threatening phone calls warning him against printing the editorial.

Guilt by association instilled fear into many Greenbelt citizens. Some people told Parker that they did not want to put their jobs at risk, so they would no longer associate with him. Others, however, came to his aid and attested to his loyalty when he finally received a hearing 11 months after being suspended.

Parker was exonerated. But he had to work during the 11 months he was unemployed. He sold shoes and did other odd jobs during the holidays, evenings and weekends. Once cleared by the Navy, he was entitled to back pay, minus anything he had earned during his suspension. Thus, his back pay amounted to about \$42, which he says didn't make a dent in his lawyer's fees.

Be sure to visit the Izzy Parker exhibit at the Greenbelt Community Center!

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GHI Community Wide Clean-up
Sunday, May 18

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- Leave your filled bags and any branches you have in your serviceside yard and call 301-474-8004 for pick-up.
- Trash bags for this clean-up day will be available free-of-charge May 18 after 9:00 a.m. from the following Board members:

- Julia Eichhorst, 3-P Research Rd.
- Joyce Abell, 1-B Research Rd.
- Gail Alexanderwicz, 3-N Research Rd.
- Dorothy Lauber, 9-M Ridge Rd.
- Betty Deitch, 3-H Crescent Rd.
- Margaret Hogensen, 53-F Ridge Rd.
- Sheila Alpers, 30-D Ridge Rd.

New Officers on Board



PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

Mayor Judith Davis and Chief James Craze swear in new Greenbelt city police officers from left: Kelly Lawson, Stephen Cohen and Tammy Harris.

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one who might be able to do something.

Passions ran higher at this meeting than at the safety meetings held earlier in Old Greenbelt and Greenbelt East.

Topics raised by the citizens ranged from snow removal policy for tenants to dangling electric wiring in the basement laundry rooms of the apartment buildings to the troublesome gatherings of black males and Hispanic males. Residents complained of experiencing ongoing problems with robbery, break-ins, vandalism and the observed sale and use of illegal drugs. Parents are concerned for their own safety and the safety of their children in this tough environment.

A woman attending the meeting with her two young children, declared, "There is definitely a drug problem within our community." To combat it she puts the incidents she witnesses into writing, including dates and times, and sends her report in to the police. But she feels there isn't enough response, that they just don't care. The same mother finds hypodermic needles on the ground, reports it to the city, but when she comes back two weeks later, the needles are still there.

There were complaints that the Greenbelt Police only patrol the perimeter of the complex. Pope replied regarding the police that, "if they don't see crime when they're cruising, they can't really arrest anyone."

Many people reported that their homes were broken into on a regular basis and sometimes the burglars even made themselves a snack - food was taken out of the refrigerator. One woman said she wanted to buy a video camera for home surveillance - "I told the people that they would see a lot of stuff going on." People in the property management office told her it was written in her lease that she could not install a camera.

Loitering Teens

The mothers fear for their kids, saying there is no supervision at the community center and there are eight-hour parties around cars in the street. Loitering gangs of teenagers were a major and heated topic. "I understand young men need something constructive to do and they're not finding it," said one woman. One man said that in his estimation there are 2,900 youth in this community and a lot of "hardcore idiotic behavior. The kids are running around like roaches." But he believes "more kids are doing the right thing than the wrong thing."

Residents complained buildings are not being well maintained. They are not cleaned and there are dangerous hanging electrical wires in the basement laundry rooms. Kids pull on them and the power goes out. There were also unleashed animals running about.

Residents were urged to report health code violations by calling Code Enforcement at 301-345-5417. Renee Landen, an inspector, said she was happy to come take a report and then issue violation notices. The Code Enforcement Office is part of the Planning and Community Development Department of the City of Greenbelt.

"Beautiful Day"

All the buildings in Springhill Lake are owned by a large property management company called AIMCO, which is ultimately responsible for making repairs to the property. Complaints regarding parking violations on the privately owned streets have to go through AIMCO.

Half the streets in Springhill Lake are owned privately by AIMCO, the other half by the city. This situation also affects snow removal policy. Residents need to know who is responsible for their area.

There were unconfirmed rumors that Springhill Lake may be going condo. At any rate, there will soon be major renovations changing the face of this community. A new community newsletter is slated for quarterly publication.

Safety committee members stated that on the Greenbelt neighborhood improvement team, there is only one person representing Springhill Lake. Citizens are just not that involved for one reason or another, perhaps either fear or apathy. To really make a difference, more residents need to become involved in the way their community is run. There seemed to be confusion about who is responsible for what goes on in the community - the City of Greenbelt, AIMCO or the citizens, perhaps a combination of all three. The more citizens care about what goes on and the more they know their rights, the committee believes, the more responsive landlords and the city are forced to be. To find out more about whom to contact to get involved in the community, visit the City of Greenbelt's Website, www.ci.greenbelt.md.us.

Information gathered at these PSAC meetings will be taken back by the committee to council, which will make program budget decisions based upon that data.

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ating costs, including higher insurance and fuel costs.

Refuse collection ran a slight deficit last year with estimated expenditures of \$509,900 exceeding estimated revenues of \$490,500 by \$19,400. However, this was less than the \$29,900 deficit anticipated in the adopted budget. McLaughlin proposes to hold the line on refuse fees this year, following increases the two previous years. The proposed budget projects a deficit of \$30,900 for the next fiscal year. The refuse collection budget includes some costs, such as operating the city's recycling center, that do not solely benefit city refuse collection customers.

Other Accounts

Although officially accounted for in the "Recreation and Parks" budget, maintaining and operating the city's parks is the responsibility of the public works department. McLaughlin is proposing a 1.3 percent increase in expenditures, to \$821,700 for this account. Expenditures for traffic control (pavement markings) in the public safety budget are proposed to decrease 9.5 percent to \$67,400, nearly identical to the level two years ago.

The Greenbelt Connection's budget (in the Miscellaneous budget category) is proposed to increase 8.1 percent, to \$78,500, with salaries and benefits accounting for the entire increase. Fares (\$1 for children, seniors and those with disabilities, \$1.50 for all others) are projected to cover \$7,000 (8.9 percent) of the total cost of the budgeted expenditures.

Council Review

The Greenbelt City Council reviewed the public works department's budget at an April 23 worksession. Director of Public Works Kenny Hall said that given the city's overall budget situation, the public works budget was designed mostly to maintain existing service. Major objectives for the coming year are renovation and expansion of the public works facility, developing a pilot program to reduce energy consumption in city buildings and continuing to look into alternative fueled vehicles. The city hopes soon to obtain a "fast-fill" facility for compressed natural gas. If successful, McLaughlin expects that the Goddard Space Flight Center will fuel its vehicles at the facility.

Hall told council that among the things that could not be funded in the budget, his top priority would be more people to maintain city facilities. He had asked for a new staffer for half the year, but this request was not funded.

Councilmember Thomas White understood Hall's need for more staff, but said that council's decision last year to fund some positions for the last half of the year, with the expectation that this year's budget would be better, is now making this year's problems worse, as the city must now come up with funds for a full year's salary and benefits for those employees.

The drawings for the new public works facility, Hall said, are now 95 to 98 percent complete. McLaughlin said that he expected the city to seek bids for construction of the facility in about two months. The architect will also create drawings for the lake park restrooms.

The city will employ new, innovative stormwater management devices at the new facility, Phelan told council. There will be three "rain gardens" and a new "storm treat system" supported by the federal Environmental Protection Agency. This latter system, which Phelan called "a rain garden in a can," consists of a nine-foot cylinder with baffles and other materials to slow and filter the water. If this system proves successful, it could be retrofitted to other city facilities, he said.

Refuse Collection

Councilmember Edward Putens had requested that the budget provide for yard waste collection even during weeks with a holiday. This is particularly a problem in November, when in some years, such as 2001, Thanksgiving can be in the week following Veterans' Day, leaving yard waste sitting for three weeks. McLaughlin estimates that picking up yard waste in holiday weeks would cost \$7,500, which he did not include in his proposed budget.

Lake Park

Several lake park items drew council's attention. The frequently broken fountain at the park apparently has generated significant citizen comment to

council members, as at least two asked about it. Hall said that the leaks were mostly due to the poor design of the current fountain. To solve the problem, he plans to replace the fountain with an older style that has proved reliable. The rustic-looking bench near the spillway generated favorable comment from several of those present. Assistant Director Bill Phelan said that the ends of the bench are from a giant oak that died at the Laurel Hill playground. The seat and back were hewn from other trees. Councilmember Alan Turnbull praised the new city playgrounds: "The one at the lake park is a joy," he said.

Council also briefly discussed the presence of beavers at the lake park. Phelan said that he thinks they do as much good as damage. Mayor Judith Davis worried that nearby homeowners may start to complain if the beavers again damage trees on private property. Councilmember Rodney Roberts said that most of the people he's heard from like seeing the beavers.

The department will also develop a tree-planting plan for older sections of the city to maintain and improve the city's tree canopy. Currently 62 percent of the city has a tree canopy, which the budget book describes as "among the best in the region."

Phelan says that in Greenbelt East, in particular, just about every place that can have a street tree does. In contrast, in the older sections, there has never been a consistent plan. City staff, along with the tree committee, will review the skips and develop a plan by the end of the next fiscal year. The plan would be presented to council for approval before implementation.

Greenbelt Connection

One possible budget cut would be to reduce Sunday service on the Greenbelt Connection. Currently the morning runs are very popular with people heading for religious services. Antoinette Conrad says there are only two regular customers on Sunday afternoons. Thus, Hall estimates that roughly \$7,500 could be saved by stopping service at 1 p.m. (Currently the service is available until 4 p.m.).

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, May 15, 2003 7:30 p.m.
GHI BOARD ROOM

GDC Meeting

- Year End Financial Statements
- Schedule Annual Meeting

GHI Key Agenda Items

- Living Trust
- Request for Shed Exception - 2D Southway
- Request for Shed Exception - 9A Laurel Hill
- Access Lane Between 2G-H Eastway
- A & E Committee Report/Recommendations on Rain Barrels
- A & E Committee Recommendations for Rules Governing Shed Height
- Request for Use of Alternate Deck Materials - 6J Plateau Place
- Fee For Service Program Review
- Pipe Relining Procedure
- Tremendous Program
- Emergency Oil Tank Removal Contract - 56 Court, Crescent
- Emergency Underground Utility Contract - 1 Southway - 1st Reading
- Business Insurance Policy Renewal - 1st Reading
- Board Policy on Agenda Items
- Board Self Evaluation

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Arbor, Earth Days Celebrated By City Employees, Volunteers

by Al Geiger

Earth Day, Arbor Day and the Public Works Open House were all held on May 3, delayed a week by weather. The north shore of Greenbelt Lake was the scene of this year's Arbor Day celebration. A dozen or more volunteers, led by the Recycling and Environmental Advisory Committee Chairperson Neil Barnett, planted many varieties of native plants to enlarge and supplement the black-eyed Susans, swamp roses and other vegetation planted at a similar celebration last year. The hardest working "volunteer" was Bill Phelan, assistant director of Public Works, who dug the holes and directed the plantings.

The area has been designated a "Wetlands Education Facility" by the Chesapeake Bay Trust and the shoreline is being changed to a wetlands teaching area. Two interpretive panels have been installed along the stone pathways and viewing areas that explain the native plants and animals that are found there. The panels were dedicated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony by Mayor Judith Davis and Councilmembers Rodney Roberts and Edward Putens.

After the dedication the city officials planted three sycamore trees. Greenbelt has been designated "Tree City USA" by the Arbor Day Foundation for the third straight year. The sycamores were selected because they grow well in wet areas and are reported to be a tree that beavers will not eat. About 130 trees have been planted in Greenbelt this year.

Poster Contest

Posters from a contest with the theme, "Protecting Greenbelt's Future," were on display. The contest, won by Christopher Dotson, was conducted in all of Greenbelt's elementary schools.

Also on display were "hybrid" cars built by Toyota and Nissan. These are powered by a combination of gasoline and electricity and reportedly get between 45 and 55 miles per gallon of gasoline.

Open House

Public Works also had its open house. The greenhouse and nursery tours hosted by Brian Townsend were a main attraction. The plantings and flower gardens all around the city get their start there, saving the city thousands of dollars and ensuring high quality plants.

Ongoing equipment demonstrations and "cherry picker" rides were also featured. Green punch, hot dogs, chips and cookies rounded out the open house.



Designs for an Earth Day T-shirt contest were on display for all to see. The award-winning design was submitted by fourth grader Christopher Dotson.



Mayor Judith Davis (with shovel in hand) and Councilmembers Ed Putens (standing on right) and Rodney Roberts (also standing) join Public Works staff and volunteers as they install native plants and trees on the north shore of Greenbelt Lake as part of Earth Day 2003.



One of many volunteers spreads mulch alongside the new display sign which was unveiled at the celebration.



The cherry picker was one of the most popular pieces of equipment on display at the Public Works Open House also held on May 3.



Kamilah Abdul-Wakil and cousin George Annis climbed onto a tractor. City staff were on hand to both satisfy the children's curiosities and ensure their safety.

Mohammed Gir Is Mayor for 15 Minutes

by Shirl Hayes

Mohammed Gir, fourth grade winner of the Maryland Municipal League sponsored Prince George's County "If I Were Mayor for a Day" essay contest, called the April 28 Greenbelt City Council meeting to order at 8:02 p.m. Mayor Judith Davis introduced him as "Mayor for 15 minutes."

Davis honored not only Gir but also Donnie Moreland and Hawa Jalloh (who was not present), students who also

entered the contest. As their families looked on, the boys were invited to sit at the council table and read their essays. Both families were asked to stand and were applauded for their support of the students.

Gir and Moreland were thanked and presented with the Game of Greenbelt and T-shirts for their participation. Each family had their picture taken with the council members.



Donnie Moreland reads "If I Were Mayor" essay as Mayor for 15 minutes, Mohammed Gir, listens from the Mayor's seat at the April 28 council meeting.



CITY OF GREENBELT NOTICE OF A PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The City Council of the City of Greenbelt proposes to increase real property taxes.

1. For the tax year beginning July 1, 2003, the estimated real property assessable base will increase by 1.5%, from \$1,094,924,416 to \$1,110,868,035.
2. If the City of Greenbelt maintains the current tax rate of \$0.656 per \$100 of assessment, real property tax revenues will increase by 1.5%, resulting in \$104,590 of new real property tax revenues.
3. In order to fully offset the effect of increasing assessments, the real property tax rate should be reduced to \$0.647, the constant yield tax rate.
4. The City is considering not reducing its real property tax rate enough to fully offset increasing assessments. The City proposes to adopt a real property tax rate of \$0.696 per \$100 of assessment. This tax rate is 7.6% higher than the constant yield tax rate and will generate \$544,325 in additional property tax revenues.

A public hearing on the proposed real property tax increase will be held at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27, 2003, in the City Council Room of the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

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